PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

6 NOVEMBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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IAN BYRNE MP VISIT
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Geography students recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Iceland during the half term break, where they had the opportunity to experience some of the world's most remarkable physical landscapes and geological features first-hand. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life, particularly in relation to tectonic activity, volcanic landscapes, glaciation and geothermal processes.

Throughout the four-day visit, the group explored the evacuated town of Grindavík, gaining an insight into the impact of volcanic activity on local communities, before experiencing an impressive lava show. They also climbed a glacier, visited the site of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano and witnessed some spectacular waterfalls, including Seljalandsfoss and Gullfoss.

The students continued their exploration at the Geysir geothermal area, where they observed geothermal activity, and visited Þingvellir National Park to see the dramatic rift valley marking the boundary between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. A visit to the Perlan Museum and its virtual volcanic experience provided further insight into Iceland's geological history, while the hot springs at Gunnuhver offered another opportunity to witness the power of geothermal energy.

The group also enjoyed some time exploring Reykjavík, experiencing Icelandic culture and making the most of their time together outside the classroom.

YEAR 11 & 13 ICELAND TRIP - JOIN IN, WORK HARD

I was delighted to hear such positive reports about the conduct, enthusiasm and engagement of our students throughout the visit. Experiences such as these provide invaluable opportunities to deepen subject knowledge, develop curiosity and build lasting memories with friends and teachers. I would like to thank the staff who organised and accompanied the trip for providing our students with such a wonderful educational experience.







STEDWARD'S GOT TALENT

2026

AUDITIONS BEGIN ON MONDAY 16TH OF NOVEMBER

Please sign up for an audition slot via the form sent to you on edulink

Any question, please ask Miss Wood or Miss McCloskey

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SEC GOT TALENT!

HAVE YOU GOT A TALENT? WE WANT TO SEE IT!

🎤 Singing?
💃 Dancing?
🎸 Playing an instrument?
🎭 Comedy?
🪄 Magic tricks?
🤹 Juggling?
🎙️ Impressions or impersonations?
📖 Poetry or spoken word?
🤸 Gymnastics or acrobatics?

Or something completely different?
Whatever your talent, we want YOU to show it off!
We're looking for a huge variety of acts to take part in this year's St Edward's Got Talent!
Whether you're a solo performer, part of a duo or want to perform with a group of friends, everyone is welcome!
You don't have to be a professional, just bring your enthusiasm, creativity and confidence!

Auditions begin Monday 16 November!

Sign up by Monday 9 November using the form sent to you on Edulink.

For more information, speak to Miss Wood or Miss McCloskey.



FOSEC FOCUS

Bringing our school community together!
There’s lots happening at FOSEC, and we’d love you to get involved!
Whether you’re a familiar face or new to St Edward’s, everyone is welcome.

FOSEC FUNDRAISING RACE NIGHT

Friday 20 November | From 7:00 pm College Refectory
Join us for a fun-filled evening of racing, friendly competition, drinks and snacks — all while supporting our school community!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 FAMILIES!

New to St Edward’s? Race Night is the perfect opportunity to meet other parents and carers, get to know FOSEC and enjoy a great evening together. Come along, have a laugh and get involved in making a difference to school life.
Tickets just £5
· First race at 7:30 pm
· Cash betting – minimum £1
· Drinks, snacks and plenty of fun!
Book your tickets here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/race-night-oct–2026

NEXT FOSEC MEETING

Tuesday 10 November | 7:00 pm
C.I building, North Drive (opposite Runnymede)
Come along, meet other like-minded parents, hear about upcoming events, share ideas and find out how you can support our school.

FOSEC SCHOOL LOTTERY

Play for just £1 per week for a chance to win prizes, including a £25,000 jackpot, while supporting St Edward’s College.
Every ticket helps make a difference to our pupils and school facilities.
Join here: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edwards-college

FOSEC is all about bringing our school community together and helping make St Edward’s an even better place for our pupils.
We’d love to see you at our next meeting or event. Every little bit of support makes a difference!

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MP VISITS COLLEGE - WORK HARD

A huge thank you to Ian Byrne MP for visiting the College this morning to speak with our Government and Politics students and members of our Pupil Parliament. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young Edwardians to hear about his journey into politics, gain an insight into the role of an MP and be inspired to consider how they too can make a difference in public life.





CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION - JOIN IN

Our pupils are invited to get creative and take part in the Archdiocese of Liverpool's annual Christmas Card Competition!

There are two categories, one for primary school pupils and one for secondary school pupils, and there is no limit to the number of entries from each school. We would love to see as many of our young Edwardians as possible getting involved and showcasing their creativity.

The deadline has been extended to 5pm on Wednesday 11 November 2026.

Entries should be emailed to communications@rcaol.org.uk, including the pupil's name, age, year group, school and confirmation of parental or carer permission.

A panel of judges will select a shortlist, which will then be shared on the Archdiocese's social media channels. The winning design in each category will be the entry receiving the most comments.

We encourage our pupils to take part and look forward to seeing their wonderful Christmas creations!

Archdiocese of Liverpool

FOOTBALL NEWS - JOIN IN

Well done to our Year 7 & 8 A and B Girls Football teams who both made it to the quarter finals of the LSSP competition today. We are proud of you all for your skill, effort and teamwork. POT: Connie H & Grace S



RUGBY NEWS - JOIN IN

Congratulations to our U14 Rugby team on a performance of the season beating Ormskirk Grammar and progressing to the next round of the Lancashire Cup. So many outstanding individual performances and connectedness from the whole team. POM: Sonny H, BOM: Rory R, FOM, Bobby B. Well done boys.



CROSS-COUNTRY NEWS - JOIN IN

Mr Henderson reports

It's been two weeks and I think all who stood toe-to-toe against the elements at Calderstones on 21 October have now finally recovered. What foul weather it was. An almost freezing temperature was accompanied by storm-like winds and lashing rain. We arrived earlier than usual and suffered for our promptitude. The trees offered no succour and it was with heavy hearts (and clothing) that we stood waiting for the races to start – with the hope that they would end quickly. More than one voice was raised demanding that the whole event be cancelled. Out came the refrain, "cross-country is never cancelled". Quod erat demonstrandum, malheureusement.

The final results have still not been posted by the organisers and your writer's ageing brain cannot remember exactly where each of our valiant runners finished (the fact that he is busy running between the start and run-in during races means that, while he can count them all out, he is never in the position to count them all in). However, I do know that Louie B and Reuben A (Year 7) did us proud and that, strictly following coach's orders, our Year 7 boys ran their hearts out to push back the finishing places of our competitors. I had told our Year 7 team that while only the first four of our runners count for points, the others have a vital job to do in doing their best to ensure the athletes from other schools finish as far behind as possible. I am so proud to say that from my aforementioned position on the run-in, I am able to confirm that each of our lads kept to the tactics and ran like the wind (geddit?) at the end of the race. Hats off to them.

With regard to our Year 7 Boys team, I genuinely feel we have a good chance of winning the competition this year. If I may go back 52 years to when I started racing for SEC, I remember our coach, Mr. Miles, telling us that St. Anselm's always wins the cross-country league; it has carried on this way ever since. I have great respect for our former brother-school and am genuinely pleased when I see one of their boys winning cup races (not the league ones, obviously!) but it has been a dream of mine to end their domination (if only for just one year) and get our Edwardian hands on the league title. Before the race at Calderstones, we were a mere five points behind that great school. I can't remember our ever having being so close to them. We have a very strong team this year (more of that later) and we can run with hope in our hearts. Hard work is to be done on the training field but I can guarantee that the battling instincts of our boys will ensure we fight to the end.

CROSS-COUNTRY NEWS - JOIN IN

As for the other teams, the Year 7 Girls saw another fine performance by Ada C. She is a star in the making. Jasmine B (Year 8) continues to improve and ran well in her race. Max M (Senior Boys) improved on his previous race so well done to him. Incidentally, Max is in Year 10 yet has to compete against boys (and men) from Years 11 to 13 so it is to his credit that he is mixing it with them. It has to be added that Max actually 'wins' the race against fellow Year 10 boys. He is the best in Merseyside for his age.

On Wednesday of this week we took a Years 7/8 Boys team of six (plus one) to the Regional Final of the ESAA Cross-Country Cup. This is the first time we have had a team progress to the Final. Mr. N.Buckton kindly drove us to the beautiful village of Sedbergh, nestled in the south-east of the Lake District. In contrast to the howling gale of Calderstones, we were welcomed by blue skies, relatively warm temperature and the most stunning backdrop to a cross-country race you could ever imagine. Autumn in the Lake District is a sight to behold.

I said that we took a 'plus one'; this is because we had an official team of six but I wanted to take a sub just in case anyone was unable to run. My, how I got that right! Let me explain: I had picked 2 boys from Year 7 (Louie B and Reuben A) and, logically given that they are older, 4 from Year 8 (Jenson D, Sam S, Daniel C-F and Noah P). Louie was our top finished followed by Reuben then Jenson but, and here's the thing, the extra, Alfie S from Year 7, came next. What about that? It turns out that our sub showed me how much potential he had and reinforced how much depth we have in our Year 7 team. I'm getting more and more confident about beating St. Anselm's!

Unfortunately, our lads didn't manage to get through to the next round of the Cup but we can hold our spikes up high and say we are the 11th-best Year 7/8 Boys team in the North West. Only 10 other schools can better that. I thank our gallant lads for their efforts, their company and their great behaviour. Hats off to them.

Anyway, Bronze Medal this week goes to Max M for improving so much in the Calderstones race. Silver goes to Louie B for two great performances in the last two races. Gold Medal goes to Bobby B for showing great Edwardian values in the Calderstones races. Firstly, he volunteered to take one for the team by volunteering to run for the Senior team (he's still in Year 9) then, believe it or not, he ran in his real race! Beyond the call of duty, Bobby! Thank you and well done. Cross-country training takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and all are welcome. It is never cancelled – not even Storm Boelo can stop us!

MOVEMBER - TREAT OTHERS WELL

Throughout November, members of staff will be taking part in Movember by growing moustaches and starting conversations that can help change lives. Movember is a global charity that raises awareness and funds to support men's mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

By taking part, we hope to encourage open and positive conversations about health and wellbeing while raising money for an incredibly important cause. We are proud to support Movember and the work it does to improve and save lives.

As part of our awareness campaign, next week all students will attend a special assembly focusing on men's mental health, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. These topics will be presented in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner; however, we recognise that some students may find aspects of the content upsetting or emotionally challenging.

If you have any concerns about your child attending the assembly, or if there are personal circumstances that we should be aware of, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance, who will be happy to discuss the support available.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to raise awareness of these important issues.If you would like to donate please see the link below to the St Edwards College Team page.

SUPPORT US!

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How Movember raises awareness of men's health

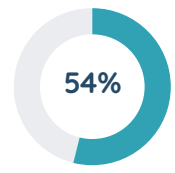


Movember started in Melbourne, Australia, in 2003, when a small group of friends decided to bring back the moustache and use it to get people talking about men's health, starting with prostate cancer. The first 30 participants, known as 'Mo Bros', grew moustaches throughout November to raise awareness and funds. It's since grown into a worldwide movement.

Men's health statistics in the UK



Around **57,900 new cases** of prostate cancer are diagnosed in the UK each year



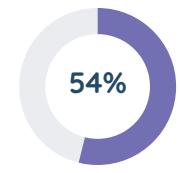
Prostate cancer has **risen 54% since the early 1990s**, and is projected to rise a further 14% between 2024–26 and 2038–40

3.9x

Men live **3.9 fewer years** than women on average



Men are around **3x times** more likely to die by suicide than women



54% of men haven't sought medical help for a health concern in the past three years

How to get involved in Movember

Grow a Mo (moustache) for the month

Set a personal Movember challenge - giving up something, aiming for 10k steps a day, or £1 a day towards a men's health charity

Take on the Movember Move challenge, running or walking 60km over the month (60km for the 60 men lost to suicide each hour)

Encourage donations for your Movember challenge

Host a 'Mo-moment' fundraising event with colleagues

How to stay motivated during Movember

Share your story

Remember your why

Collaborate with others

Set a personal goal

Get competitive

Prioritise self-care



Sources

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Support Your Mate

Supporting a mate



If you are worried about someone, the approach matters more than finding the right words.

Ask twice. “I’m fine” is a reflex, not an answer, and “no, but really, how are you doing?” gets past it more often than people expect

Do something alongside them rather than arranging a serious conversation, since side by side is easier than face to face

Be specific about what you have noticed, which is harder to deflect than a general question

Let silences run rather than filling them

Do not try to fix it. Listening is doing something, even when it does not feel like it

Follow up a few days later, because the second time you ask carries more weight than the first

If you are genuinely worried about their safety, say so directly, ask the question plainly, and involve an MHFA, a counsellor or their GP rather than carrying it by yourself

You are not expected to have all the answers. Helping someone connect with an MHFA, a counsellor or their GP can make a real difference.

YEAR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE - WORK HARD

We recently sent a letter to Year 11 parents about the upcoming Mock exams through EduLink. We kindly ask that parents remind their children of the exam dates and encourage them to seek assistance from teachers if they are having difficulties with any particular subject.

Year 11 Exam Timetable November 2026

	Session 1 **9:00am**	**Session 2** **11:30am**
Mon 23rd November	Biology GCSE (1 hour 15 min) Combined Sci Biology (1 hour)	Geography Paper 1: Physical Geography (1 hour 30 min)
Tues 24th November	Maths Paper 1: Non Calculator (1 hour 30 min)	History: Elizabeth & Cold War (1 hour 50 min)
Wed 25th November	Chemistry GCSE (1 hour 15 min) Combined Sci Chemistry (1 hour)	Spanish/ French Listening (1 hour)
Thurs 26th November	English Literature: A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and Unseen Poetry (2 hours 30 min)	PE Paper 1 (1 hour 15 min)
Friday 27th November	Art (2 hours)	Spanish/ French Reading (1 hour)
Monday 30th November	Maths Paper 2: Calculator (1 hour 30 min)	Geography Paper 2: Human Geography (1 hour 30 min)
Tuesday 1st December	RE: Judaism (1 hour)	PE Paper 2 (1 hour 15 min) Design Technology (1 hour 30 min)
Wednesday 2nd December	English Language: Fiction Comprehension and Creative Writing (1 hour 45 min)	Spanish/ French Writing (1 hour 20 min)
Thursday 3rd December	Hospitality & Catering (1 hour 30 min) Music (1 hour 30 min)	Computer Science: Computer Systems (1 hour 30 min)
Friday 4th December	Physics GCSE (1 hour 15 min) Combined Sci Physics (1 hour)	Art (3 hours)

WHAT'S ON IN LIVERPOOL?

Liverpool's festive season will officially begin when the Christmas lights are switched on across the next seven days.
Liverpool ONE will light up from Friday 6 November and lights in other areas in the city centre will come alive from Thursday 12 November. Over £1.2m has been invested into the decorations over the past five years through Liverpool Business Improvement District.

BID teams are busy at work in the run up to the switch on, making sure lights are twinkling and installed. The lights cover the city centre, from the Waterfront, through Lord Street, Church Street, Lime Street, St George's Quarter, Bold Street, Hardman Street Hope Street and, for the first time this year, up to Myrtle Street.

Liverpool BID is supporting Liverpool ONE's Christmas Toy Parade on Saturday 14 November, this year extending it out onto Church Street. The parade is produced by Walk the Plank, one of the UK's leading creators of outdoor arts.

BID will also support Royal Liverpool Albert Dock and the Lantern Company with a series of workshops as part of their animation.
Throughout the festive period there will be toy drop off points for donations to Alder hey Children's Hospital/ They will be at Citadines Hotel on Church Street, City Square, Tithebarn Street, Castle Chambers and 43 Castle Street.

Source: The Guide Liverpool



COMING UP

Next week our pupils have a busy schedule such as sports fixtures and Edmund Rice Inductions and Sixth Form trips.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,

Lee Fabia

Principal