



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

23 OCTOBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

START OF TERM
WED 4 NOV, 08.40

IAN BYRNE MP VISIT
FRI 6 NOV



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families to St Edward's College and give them an insight into the opportunities and experiences available within our Sixth Form.

Our Year 12 students did a fantastic job leading guided tours around the College, showcasing our facilities and sharing their own experiences of Sixth Form life. Visitors also had the opportunity to meet our dedicated subject teachers and current Sixth Form students, learn more about our A Level courses and discover what makes our Sixth Form such a special place to learn, grow and prepare for the future.



SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHT! - KING LEAR TRIP

Our Sixth Form students recently travelled to Manchester to watch King Lear at the Royal Exchange Theatre, bringing their A Level English Literature studies beyond the classroom and onto the stage.

Experiencing Shakespeare's tragedy as a live performance gave students the opportunity to explore the play's powerful themes of power, family, betrayal, loyalty and human nature, while seeing how actors, direction, staging, lighting and sound can shape an audience's interpretation of the text.



FOSEC FOCUS

Friends of St Edward’s College

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



BE PROUD • JOIN IN • GROW IN FAITH • TREAT PEOPLE WELL • WORK HARD

UP NEXT: FOSEC FUNDRAISING RACE NIGHT

Friday 20 November 2026 • 7pm

College Refectory | First race at 7.30pm

Tickets: £5 each — book online: zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/race-night-oct-2026

Bring cash if you’d like to place a bet (minimum £1).

Reasonably priced bar and snacks. Giddy up!



TRY THE SCHOOL LOTTERY

Just £1 per ticket, with weekly winners, cash prizes and bonus draws.

Every ticket helps raise funds for the school.

Join here: yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edwards-college

GET INVOLVED

FOSECeventshelpfundthe extras that make our children’s school experience special.

Please join us at our next meeting: 3 November

Location: The CI Club | Time: 7pm

Thank you for supporting our school community.

BEST PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN MERSEYSIDE - BE PROUD

We are delighted that St Edward's College has been recognised in the Liverpool Echo's list of Merseyside's best-performing secondary schools, reflecting the academic achievements of pupils across the region.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work, determination and ambition of our pupils, alongside the dedication and expertise of our teaching staff, who work tirelessly to help every young Edwardian fulfil their potential.

[Read the article here](#)



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The best performing secondary schools in Merseyside 2026 ranked

The best performing secondary schools for GCSE results have been revealed for 2026, with new data published by the Department for Education

PUPIL PARLIAMENT - BE PROUD, TREAT OTHERS WELL

Our Pupil Parliament met with the Principal this week to discuss positive changes they would like to put forward to improve College life.

Giving our pupils a voice empowers them to share ideas, represent their peers and take an active role in shaping their community. These experiences also develop valuable real-world skills in communication, leadership, teamwork and responsible decision-making.

We are proud to see our young Edwardians putting their ideas forward and helping make a positive difference!



HANDWRITING CERTIFICATES - WORK HARD

A huge well done to our pupils who have received certificates for completing their Handwriting Interventions!

In an increasingly digital world, clear and confident handwriting remains an important skill in supporting communication and organisation.



EDWARDIAN SPIRIT AWARD - BE PROUD

Congratulations to Mrs Garner, who has been awarded the Edwardian Spirit Award for this half term!

"Mrs Garner truly embodies the Edwardian Spirit through her kindness, positivity and unwavering willingness to support others. As our Recruitment Administrator, she approaches every task with efficiency, care and attention to detail, while also taking on a wide range of additional administrative responsibilities to help ensure the smooth running of the College.

Always approachable and ready to lend a hand, Mrs Garner goes above and beyond to support both colleagues and the wider College community. No matter how busy she may be, she is always happy to help with a smile, bringing a warmth and positivity that can brighten anyone's day. Her reliability, dedication and willingness to go the extra mile make a real difference to those around her.

Mrs Garner is a valued and much-appreciated member of our College community, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her as a colleague. She is thoroughly deserving of the Edwardian Spirit Award, recognising the kindness, commitment and genuine care she demonstrates every day."



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)

CROSS-COUNTRY NEWS - JOIN IN

Mr Henderson reports

This is a report from 9 October but I especially wanted it to be printed despite its being two weeks old as it has news of a new idea that I wrote about in last week's report. You may have wondered what the medals were that I gave out – well, they are explained at the end of the article.

There has been no time to write this week's report as I have just got back from the latest race and have not had time to digest the results. A full write-up will appear in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, I would like to formally welcome the new members of our club who joined this Monday. They are: Antonio C, Dougie H, Louie O, Penelope R, Dylan F (all Yr 8), Frankie H, Jonny Mcl (Yr 7) and Dylan F (Yr 9). All are most welcome and I do hope they enjoy coming running and, it is hoped, getting fitter. Anyway, on to the report from a fortnight ago:

Another great week of hard work by our students to report. Friday started us off with a relay session around the rugby pitch. Some very good training was seen and I hereby write my appreciation of the work of Connie H and Reuben A (both Year 7). Connie just seemed to volunteer for every team and ran so many legs while Reuben showed us his class by leading each time he ran.

On Monday we welcomed our latest new member, Lily G (Year 7), of whom more later. We welcomed back Adriana A-T, Abigail G and Rion M (all Year 8). It is so heartening when 'old' runners return home. A welcome (at least by me) was also given to the dreaded 400m reps. The hardest session, the best outcome. Justification for this form of torture is when an athlete tells you after the ordeal that they felt so much stronger than the last time they did it, a week ago. It would take up too much of the reader's time if I were to mention every runner who trained well, but special mention in despatches is hereby made of Oliver B, Louie B (Yr 7) and the aforementioned Lily G. Lily looks to have seriously good potential.

Wednesday brought us two new members in Harlow D and Theodor S – both Year 7. As for the session, I tried a variation of the 400m rep session; I split the runners into teams of three. This saved them having to run round the track so many times but, and here's the key, they were forced to run faster on each leg lest they let down their team-mates. Such were their efforts that we just had two legs each before changing the session and reverting to a pyramid session. It was great to see so many people staying till the end of the session. Mental fortitude is all-important in running and this was demonstrated by our athletes' willingness to go the distance. Special mention to Zach B (Yr 9), Mikey D and Lottie W (Yr 7) who all stood out.

CROSS-COUNTRY NEWS - JOIN IN

I have decided to start a virtual award each week for our runners. Virtual medals will be awarded to those whose work and effort have stood out. As I often write in these reports, winning is not just about crossing the line first. If it weren't, then these virtual awards would simply go to our star athletes, week after week. Instead, our awards will go to those who win their own personal battles. I say to our athletes that if you make progress in your running by, for example, running faster, getting fitter, overcoming a fear of running, reaching a personal milestone or simply making the session better for everyone else, your effort will be recognised.

So, this week's Bronze Medal goes to Harlow D who just never gave up on Wednesday despite it being her first session and despite having a slight injury. Well done, Harlow and hope you're back training next week.

Silver Medal: Connie H for just running and running and filling in when team members drop out. A most professional athlete.

Gold Medal: Miles D-C. MDC is just getting better and better. If I may be permitted to go off-track for a moment, I often tell our runners that when watching people run you can see a lot better than the runner himself/herself exactly where they may be going wrong. This enables you to suggest adjustments to their gait/running style. Our athletes will thus hear me saying when they are going past me "Relax your shoulders" or "Don't look round. Keep your head still. Don't waste energy" or "Lower your arms" or "Keep your elbows in" etc. Conversely, a coach can also see how well an athlete is running. You can see how strong they look, how easily they are running and, in races, you can spot if they are going to overtake a runner who may well be quite a distance ahead. On Monday and Wednesday, MDC just looked so strong in his reps. I, the coach, just got a feeling of confidence in him. He just looked in control of his running. It was plain to see that this young man has reached a level where he is now a consummate athlete. He will only get better and, in Timeform parlance, he is "one to watch". Hats off, MDC.

Cross-country training takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Oh! And is never cancelled.



WHAT'S ON IN LIVERPOOL?



River of Light - the iconic light art festival - will return to the streets of Liverpool this autumn under the theme of 'Together'.

Between 23 October - 1 November, tens of thousands of visitors will once again explore the city and experience the giant outdoor art gallery, which has become a staple of Liverpool's annual events calendar since 2018.

This year's trail is set to be bigger and better than ever as River of Light partners with Liverpool ABID to expand into new locations. Artworks will move beyond the waterfront and spread across the city centre, with new sites including Williamson Square and St Pauls Square.

All artworks commissioned for 2026 will use light to bring people together in a joyful way, and details of the first three artworks have now been unveiled - all of which are European or UK premieres. The wider programme of artworks will be announced in the coming weeks.



COMING UP

Next half term I look forward to welcoming back Ian Byrne MP to speak to our Year 13 Politics students and our Pupil Parliament.

Wishing you all a restful half term break,

Lee Fabia

Principal