



PARENTS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 12 ASSESSMENT WEEK
W/C 28 SEP

BBC BITESIZE EVENT
FRI 2 OCT



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have continued the morning Principal's breakfasts with Year 7 pupils, welcoming them into my office during form time. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know our newest Edwardians and hear about their experiences as they settle into College life.

Already they are beginning to understand our expectations, embrace our mantras and, importantly, discover what it means to be part of the St Edward's community. When I asked them what they value most about their time here, their answers were particularly encouraging. They spoke about how much they enjoy coming to school, how **safe** they feel and, perhaps most importantly, how they already feel that they belong.

For our youngest Edwardians to have such a strong sense of belonging so early in their journey is something we should all be incredibly proud of. It is a wonderful reflection of the welcoming and supportive community that we strive to create for every pupil.



PROTECTING OUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY ONLINE



As technology continues to evolve, including the rapid growth of artificial intelligence, we are reviewing how we use our school websites and social media accounts to help protect the privacy and digital footprint of our pupils and staff.

Over the coming weeks, you may notice some changes to the photographs and content we share. We will continue to celebrate the learning, achievements, enrichment opportunities and special moments that make our College community so special, but we will be more mindful of how individual pupils are identified and represented online.

As part of this approach, photographs featuring pupils will increasingly be 'faceless'. This may include photographs where faces are obscured, as well as more scenic, candid or wider shots rather than direct portraits.

We know how much parents and carers enjoy seeing what happens at St Edward's, and we want to continue sharing the fantastic experiences and achievements of our pupils. These changes are simply part of our ongoing safeguarding practice as the digital landscape continues to develop.

The dignity, wellbeing and protection of every child are at the heart of everything we do. This reflects our Catholic ethos and our Edmund Rice commitment to ensuring every child is known, valued, respected and protected.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we navigate the changing digital landscape together. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the wonderful things happening across our College community.



SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHT! - MISS MCCANN FEATURES IN EP 2 OF PURPLEPOD

Sixth Form students Will, Haben, and Arren host a student podcast called **The PurplePod**, where they share stories, experiences, and everything that makes life at St. Edward's College special.

In episode 2, the team chats with Miss McCann to discover her journey before embarking on her teaching career.

[Click here to watch the episode](#)





FOSEC FOCUS

We are always looking at ways of raising funds, with the help of our parents, to benefit our pupils and students. We are busy supporting with the preparations for the Old Edwardians Dinner on the 3 October. FOSEC activities will include a race night, our very popular afternoon tea (just before Mother's Day) our family barbecue event and more. Dates for these events will be confirmed soon we hope we can count on your support and see you We want to take this opportunity to draw attention to the Match funding schemes and how a little bit of your time could double the funds we raise.

We would like to draw your attention to another important way you can support your children's time at St Edward's College. If you work for organisation that has a Match Fund policy, money that we raise in FOSEC could be matched by your employer. Banks, Building Societies, supermarkets and large corporations, often offer these schemes, and employees are usually given the opportunity to Match Fund once a year without any cost to themselves. Match Fund schemes are not exclusive to major corporate giants, independent companies often offer their employees the chance to raise funds for charitable giving.

As a registered charity, we would be very grateful if you could see if your employer has a Match funding scheme in place This could really be a valuable benefit for all our pupils and students.

If you are able to help in this way. Please contact Liz Murphy FOSEC chair by email at elizabeth.murphy@sky.com

A remind that our next meeting is Wednesday 7 October at 7:15 pm at the Cl.
Everybody is welcome.

We also look forward to welcoming parents to our FOSEC recruitment event on Tuesday 29 September in school.

Thank you for your support, we really appreciate it.

OLD EDWARDIANS' DINNER

This year, our annual Old Edwardians' Dinner will take place on Saturday 3 October, at 6pm.

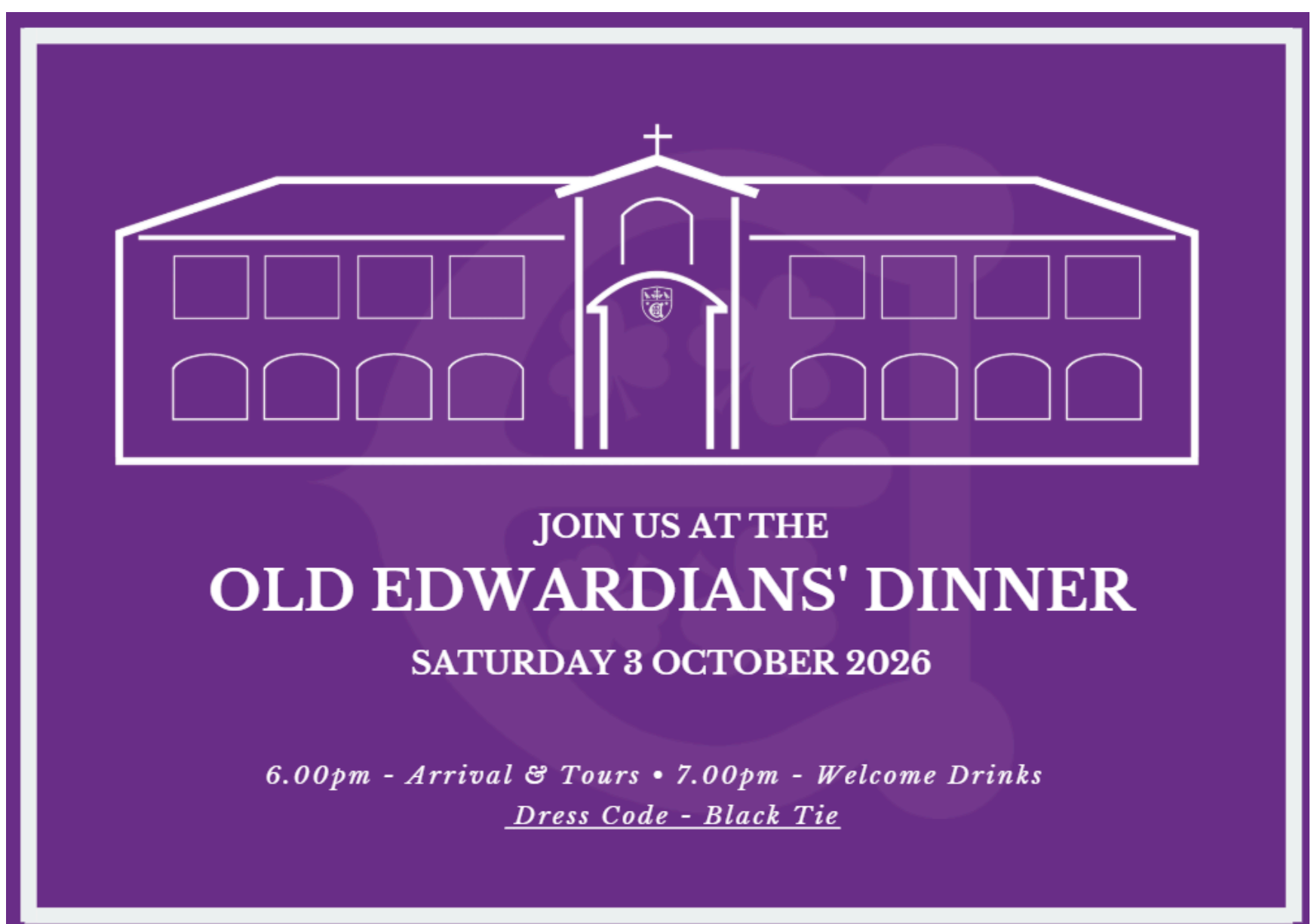
We look forward to welcoming many Old Edwardians back to celebrate the shared history of St Edward's College and the remarkable former pupils who contribute to its legacy.

We would like to invite Old Edwardians to join us for this year's dinner! Link to purchase tickets below.

Auction Prizes

The proceeds from the dinner will directly support the purchase of equipment for extracurricular activities, improving facilities for our pupils, and much more. We kindly request parents to consider donating items for the evening's auction. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to provide an auction prize, please reach out to Mr Cammayo via email at spencer.cammayo@st-edwards.co.uk



PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

OE AMY CADDICK SPEAKS TO STUDENTS ABOUT WORKING AT BAE SYSTEMS - BE PROUD, WORK HARD

We welcomed back OE Amy Caddick to St Edward's to speak with our Sixth Form students about her career journey and her experiences since leaving the College.

Amy currently works as an Aerospace Engineer at BAE Systems and shared valuable insights into her career path, the opportunities available within the industry and her experiences working in the aerospace sector.

It was fantastic to see our students engaged and inspired by Amy's talk, and we hope her story encourages them to consider the many exciting career paths available to them in the future.

A huge thank you to Amy for giving up her time to return to St Edward's and share her experiences with the next generation of Edwardians.



YEAR 12 CHARISM DAY - GROW IN FAITH

On Friday 18 September the whole of Year 12 was welcomed to College for a new 'Charism day' with the aim of getting to know each other and the unique charism of the school. The day was themed around 'Edmund Rices advice to 'Let the good seed grow' and began with a key note address from Roisin Maguire, director of Edmund Rice England. This was followed by a paired walk and a varied carousel of workshops offered by staff themed around wellbeing, team building, prayer and the opportunities offered through the Edmund Rice network. Small groups were welcomed by Ann Nicholl's into the Edmund Rice cottage on the College Site. Students really made the most of the day and were very positive about the experience.



OE TALKS TO YEAR 9 ABOUT LIVERPOOL'S HISTORY - BE PROUD, WORK HARD

We were delighted to welcome OE Fran D'Arcy back to St Edward's this week to speak with our Year 9 pupils about Liverpool and its connections to colonialism.

It was a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore the history of our city from different perspectives, ask questions and deepen their understanding beyond the classroom.

Thank you to Fran for sharing your knowledge and helping our pupils engage with this important aspect of Liverpool's history.



RUGBY NEWS - JOIN IN

Well done to our Year 8-10 rugby squads last weekend vs St Ambrose College (B teams). All squads played brilliantly despite the adverse weather.

Year 8 won

FOTM Aithan J

BOTM Arthur B

POTM Oran O

Year 9 won

FOTM:James T

BOTM:Fraser M

MOTM:Octavio G

Year 10 won

FOTM: Shea H

BOTM: Treasure O

MOTM: Nico C



CROSS-COUNTRY - JOIN IN

Mr Henderson reports...

What a week we've had. Last Friday brought the first 'cross-country' weather of the season, putting my maxim of "cross-country is never cancelled" to the test. Such was the torrent that fell from the sky, I decided to train indoors in the Sports Hall. Such was the torrent of complaints from our runners, they demanded they train outdoors. Who was I to complain? Hats off to the 17 athletes. Incidentally, it was a baptism of rain for our latest recruit, Anna K (Year 7).

Monday brought a host of new members and former members. Ethan Z, Liusith DA, Mikey D, Rafferty B, Caelan W (all Year 7), Zuhra T (Year 12), Darcie and Evie KW (Year 8) are all most welcome newbies. Anna R and Mathilde M (Year 8) are the returnees. Great to have them all in our rapidly-growing club. This day was the final training day before the first race of the season.....

Wednesday started with rain but the clouds disappeared in time for the eagerly-awaited race. Camp Hill was our destination; the very same Camp Hill that strikes fear into the heart of every runner who has ever run there. For weeks we have been training uphill at school but nothing can prepare you for that almost virtual cliff-face at the end of each race (and for the older runners, twice in each race). Even walking up the hill from Hillfoot Avenue as we made our way to the starting area was enough to tire you out; running up it at the end of a long race when your lungs are gasping for air and the muscles in your legs are starved of oxygen? For the brave. Our teams, as ever, were a credit to our school. The Senior Boys was down to 3 runners (four are needed to score points) so Pedro A (Year 9) kindly volunteered to move up a year and distance to bail us out. Thank you so much, Pedro. True Edwardian values from him. He put himself out to help others – and even said he'd be willing to do it anytime. As for the race, our other athletes, Max M, Frank S and Callum E ran superbly and have put us in silver medal position.

Unfortunately, we were unable to put out a Senior Girls team. Julia H (Year 10), however, has so much enthusiasm and dedication that she volunteered to race – even though she was fully aware her finishing position would count for nought. I assured her there was no need to put herself through the agony of running up that hill although I advised her that she could use the race (as I now say in time-honoured fashion) as a "posh training run". Julia ignored that advice and treated the race respectfully by actually competing! She finished a most respectable 16th. The 8/9 Boys ran superbly. Top-placed was Jenson D, closely followed by James T, Sam S and Noah Potts. Their efforts have secured us in second position in the league table.

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As for the 8/9 Girls, it's a tough year for our two stars from last season (Jasmine B and Marion McC) as they are now having to race against girls a year older than they. That said, our two ladies still managed to help their team to a current fourth position. Lottie R (Year 8) and Anna H (Year 9) were our other points scorers.

The new Year 7 Girls team finished fifth. Ada C, Connie H, Sarah W and Summer H bagged the points for us. My thanks go to Lottie W and Ruby E who volunteered at the last minute to race when they found out I was finding it hard to get the requisite four girls to compete. I do hope they enjoyed the experience.

Our Year 7 Boys are the heroes of the day. They finished in second place, a mere 5 points behind the annual winners, St. Anselm's. Louie B, Reuben A, Alfie S and Emile C were the top four. These are the boys I mentioned last week in the Newsletter; their hard work paid off and they are to be saluted. So proud of them. Am most excited about the rest of the season.

As I often say, winners are not just the people who cross the line first. Winners are those who battle against nerves, anxiety, fear of losing and, in many cases, fear of making a fool of themselves ("I don't want to come last, sir" is the refrain). Just reaching the start line is a victory, I tell them. All I ask is they do themselves justice. They just need to give their best. I cannot ask for more than that. Two who deserve special mention today are MDC and Jennifer F (Year 8). Miles has come on leaps and bounds this last month. He ran his best ever race on Wednesday. He is always there at training and very often stays behind to run with me. What a star. Jennifer represented SEC for the first time and was brilliant. She is another who is there every session just quietly going about her work with ne'er a word of complaint. A dream trainee. I was delighted to see her finish so strongly the other day. She fully deserves the success that will surely come her way. Personal results such as these two wonderful human beings had this week make all the slogging around muddy fields, all the muscle fatigue, all the pain worth the while. Hats off to you – and to all who ceaselessly strive to improve.

As ever, the atmosphere and behaviour of our students was impeccable. We are so fortunate at SEC to have such marvellous students. Hats off to them.



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

Today, our Year 7 students are exploring the two cathedrals in our city. This visit plays a significant role in the spiritual life of the College and reflects our journey as young Edwardians.

This evening, around 100 students will attend a performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth. It's truly inspiring to see our students engage with great literature and support the arts beyond the classroom.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Lee Fabia

Principal