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On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 40 excited students boarded a coach to London for a 2 day

residential with the Music Department. After a windy and wet picnic in Hyde Park we embarked on a sightseeing tour of the capital. We saw Hyde Park and Park Lane, Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square and Westminster. We then went on foot to see Shakespeare's Globe Theatre before heading over the Thames on the Millennium footbridge – the one used in the Harry Potter film. After sitting on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral we headed to the Tate Modern where pupils enjoyed the swing installation.



## SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

Dinner was at the world famous Hard Rock Café where pupils not only enjoyed some long awaited food and drinks but also appreciated the memorabilia and music in the restaurant itself. After dinner we headed to the West End and the New London Theatre in Drury Lane. We watched the spectacular musical 'School of Rock' and everyone was blown away by the incredible children in the cast playing instruments and singing on stage.



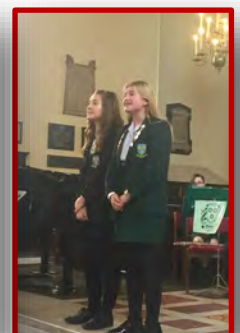
**'It was a really enjoyable trip which gave us lots of exciting opportunities and experiences.'**



After a good night's sleep (!) and a hearty breakfast, we headed back to Central London on Thursday morning to St Paul's Church in Covent Garden. St Paul's is also known as 'The Actors Church' as it has a long tradition of holding concerts and theatrical events as well as daily services. After setting up, pupils rehearsed with a professional musician who currently works in the band at The Lion King in London. He really encouraged the pupils with their performances giving lots of helpful, musical advice. After lunch in the sunshine in the grounds of the church, the pupils performed a concert.

The church is a major tourist attraction so we performed to an international audience and received many compliments on the standard of the performance and the enthusiasm and good behaviour of the pupils. The school choir and band performed along with the flute and brass ensemble and various soloists showcasing music that spanned almost 300 years.

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part, I could not be more proud of you and look forward to doing another trip in the future!

**Mrs Stevenson**



## HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS

It has been a fantastic start after the summer break with the St Edmund's family continuing to grow. We welcomed Year 7 who have settled quickly into the routines of 'big school' and achieved their first spiritual award in an uplifting retreat. We have also received many comments about how smart they look in the new uniform.

It has been great to see students using the new block with the most up to date ICT and technology equipment available. We have also completed our summer improvement programme of: two new science labs, three refurbished classrooms, new external doors programme to main entrance/gym initiated and a refurbished hall. This is on top of our normal school maintenance programme. The school site and learning environment is looking incredible. Governors and myself are thankful to all those who contribute to the Governors Building Fund.

As you may have heard, students last year achieved incredible results. Despite new, tougher Maths and English GCSE's, our students continued to be hugely successful and have all secured places on their desired courses/apprenticeships. Once again St Edmund's is the **TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL** in Portsmouth and Hampshire. The current **DFE school performance tables place the school ranked as 94th out of 6480 schools**. An incredible achievement which reflects the hard work of students and staff. As well as the support of parents, Governors and the St Edmund's wider family. Our prayers to God were certainly answered last year. That said, this year we face an even greater challenge with the introduction of new GCSE's in the majority of other subjects. Students and staff are once again faced with limited support and no clear assessment (grade) boundaries for examinations. I cannot imagine being happy taking a test (ie driving test) and not knowing what an acceptable pass mark will be until eight weeks later when my mark has been compared with others so that only a certain number of individuals pass. However, this is the reality of our examination process at the moment.

Positively, Year 11 and Year 10 have stepped up to the challenge and are working extremely hard in all of their lessons. The high content of GCSE subjects now means that Year 11 students have to be disciplined and use holiday time as revision opportunities throughout the year.

As you will see from the newsletter, we have already had a huge number of trips and activities this half term. We continue to offer students unique opportunities such as fencing and sailing.

It was also great to see so many students attend the London Music tour/trip and represent the school at a performance at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden.

Finally, thank you to parents for their continued support in terms of uniform, standards and expectations. Please remember that we do not allow grade 1 haircuts and no jewellery (except for a crucifix, watch and a pair of stud earrings) can be worn in school.

Have a restful half term.

God Bless



Mr S Graham  
Headteacher



### Restart a Heart Day

On the 16th October, our Year 8 students received CPR training as part of a Europe wide initiative called 'Restart a Heart'. Local provider PETA Training and Consultancy came in for the day and trained all of our Year 8 students. This campaign aims to train



150,000 young people in the UK in CPR to try and stop people being afraid of delivering this life saving treatment.

Mrs Axton



Our new school year began full of enthusiasm, excitement and celebration as once again St Edmund's achieved fantastic results in the GCSE examinations. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces of the students on their first day back, especially our Year 7 students eager to begin secondary school.



Each term the Chaplaincy Team and St Vincent De Paul group choose a spiritual focus and over the past two years this has been taken from

the Beatitudes. The Beatitude for this term has been: **'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'** (Matthew 5:3). As a school we reflected upon what might this Beatitude mean and how can we live out this blessed attitude. We asked ourselves, is my attitude in life, **'I do not need anyone else'** or is it **'Together we can do it'**? This Beatitude is saying **'Together we can do it'** and is reflected in our School Mission Statement: **'I can do all things with the help of God who strengthens me.'**



We looked at how we could practically live out this Beatitude. We felt that by looking at our own gifts and limitations, by turning to God each day and asking Him to be there with us in our daily living and by supporting one another, reflected the attitude of 'being poor in spirit'. For if we live in this way we recognise our need for God and other people in our lives. Our Vincent De Paul Group and Chaplaincy Team have been looking at various activities which will enable us to further live out this Beatitude during the year.

At the start of this term our Year 7 students had a wonderful experience of having a Retreat Day at St John's Cathedral with their Tutors which was led by Chaplain Fiona, Mr Maguire and Fr. Ansel. The day consisted of a Cathedral quiz, a number of workshops, a picnic in Victoria Park and concluded with Mass. It was a wonderful day full of laughter, reflection and a beautiful, uplifting Mass. A very positive way for our Year 7 students to begin their school journey here at St. Edmund's school. Fr. Ansel came into school and blessed our newly refurbished science rooms and then joined the Science Department at break for morning tea.



On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our school's Open Evening which was very well attended. It was amazing to see so many of our students taking ownership of their school and being very enthusiastic and confident in showing parents and prospective students the amazing education at St. Edmund's. At St. Edmund's we are very proud of the outstanding level of both spiritual and academic education provided for our young people.

October is celebrated as the month of Harvest and we have been collecting non-perishable foods in order to give to a local Church who then distribute to those in need. October is traditionally when the Church places more emphasis on Mary and the Rosary. Every Tuesday lunchtime a group of students have been saying the Rosary in the chapel and many students have been attending. We will soon be preparing for our Christmas Carol Service which takes place in St John's Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. We are looking forward to St Edmund's day and preparing for the celebration of our Feast over the coming weeks. St Edmund, pray for us. Amen

Fiona, Chaplain



# CHAPLAINCY







It is with a great pleasure that I am writing my first ever newsletter article for my new Year 7 year group as there is so much I would like to share with you already! It has been a busy but impressive first term as we have completed our first 7 weeks as Year 7 secondary school students! I am so proud of each and everyone of you and the transition that you have made from primary school to secondary school – it is never an easy experience, but it has been such an enjoyable experience for me to see you all rise to the new challenges that being at secondary school holds. In just a few weeks you have achieved so much and are getting involved at every level. Having spent two days in school in July for transition and getting used to navigating their way around the building, the year group started in September already having made some new friends and having had a flavour of some of their new subjects.



Pupils have been working really hard on gaining merits from their teachers to complete their Superstar Starter cards. A huge number of students have now achieved their Superstar Starter Certificate, and are now competing with each other to reach their milestones for the Key Stage 3 rewards. Every 5 merits achieved, the pupils have to log their tutor sticker codes onto the “mystickers” website. These rewards include a pastoral leader’s certificate, then the yellow achievement badge and the third being a non-school uniform day.

A big “well done” to the following:

**1<sup>st</sup> Milestone = 20 Merits – Ebenezer Abraha, Tyler Birch, Anna-May Lines & Ainsley David.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Milestone = 40 Merits – Jenevieve Anderson & Freddie Jeacock**



This first half term held an extremely important event for us in the form of our Year 7 Retreat. As part of our way of introducing pupils to the spiritual life of St Edmund’s, Fiona, our Chaplain, organised a wonderful day retreat to St. John’s Cathedral for the pupils and their tutors. The weather was fine and we were able to have a picnic lunch and some fun in Victoria Park, a quiz around the Cathedral, as well as participating in team building activities to help everyone get to know each other. The day ended with a special Mass which involved a number of pupils who read, offered gifts and took part as altar servers. Each student received a retreat day



badge at the very end of our first Mass altogether. The students are all now working towards their spiritual badge and have to complete a number of activities by the end of the year to be awarded this in one of the Celebration Assemblies.

Following our Retreat I would like to say a huge thank you to Chaplain Fiona and Mr Maguire for organising and delivering the day for us, to parents and visitors that joined us for Mass, and finally to our Chaplaincy Captains, readers and altar servers from each tutor group that assisted with the day and particularly in their important roles during Mass: **Ebenezer Abraha, Bethany Holloway, Amber O’Shea, Edward Holgate, Jennifer Motunbo, Seamus Aitken, Bailey Birchall, Keira Carnall, Zak Glanville, Rose Hall, Molly Willis, Eric Palacz, Leo Parkes, Jeslin Thomas, Jack Merritt, Lucia McGhee.**



As it is my very first newsletter I would like to remind all parents and pupils to follow our school policies at all times. This applies to attendance, punctuality, behaviour, uniform and homework deadlines. Please do encourage your children to be consistent with their homework, as little and often during the whole term will provide us with significantly better results than a night before rushed piece of homework. I would like to thank you all for your on-going support with all of the above events and activities that have taken place so far. Wishing you all a very happy, safe and restful half term. **Miss E Johnson, Head of Learning Year 11**



# YEAR 7





# YEAR 8



**"Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success."**

**Swami Sivananda**

Welcome to Year 8! A new academic year has started and I was very pleased to see the year group again at the start of term assembly. They looked smart, some sun-kissed and ready for the challenges of Year 8. They have successfully made the transition from Year 7 to Year 8, not being the youngest in the school anymore and I have been very proud to see random acts of kindness to the new Year 7s as they wandered around lost at the start of term.

Many students have already given up their time and volunteered to help out at the School's Open Evening for prospective pupils, helping out in departments whether demonstrating in PE or showing off their ICT skills. They have already shown community spirit which is part of our focus this year. The pupils will be working towards gaining points towards their Community Badge in the final Celebration Assembly and so through the year they need to be getting their cards signed when they contribute in four categories: Community Involvement in School, Charity Fundraising, Community Involvement outside School and Club Activities. Year 8 take on the role of office runners for the whole year and this will contribute towards their badge.

Over 70 students from the year group went to the Isle of Wight for a Geography fieldtrip. The weather was mixed but was good enough to enable them to study coastal features near Sandown as well as being able to spend time together.

Attendance has steadily improved from a poor start, with big congratulations to **8 Damien** for having the best attendance since the start of term. It is very important that students attend school every day so that they don't miss valuable lessons otherwise absence of course hinders their progress. They get rewarded in a sweet way (!) if their tutor group comes top every half term.

Fiona, our Chaplain has presented to the students in assembly about the requirements for this year's Chaplaincy Badge which they can work towards, their blazers will soon be full of colour. I am so pleased that many students have volunteered to be part of the Chaplaincy Team.

In March 2018, Year 8s will hold a party for Senior Citizens and it is their job over the next few weeks to arrange fund raising to support this event. Please support your children in helping them to think of new and interesting ways to raise money.

I look forward to seeing the year group grow in confidence, maturity and resilience this year, showing how well they can work in lessons, making good progress, staying smart with the correct uniform and coming into school every day! There are a lot of exciting opportunities awaiting them this year – not to be missed. Keep up the good work!

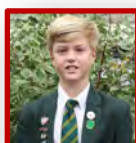
**Ms Jerrard. Head of Learning. Year 8**



Miss Hammond's maths class competed in two Sumdog competitions where they were expected to answer mathematical questions on a range of topics to gain points as part of the competition. Firstly, students competed in a National competition for a week against 3,349 other classes finishing 40<sup>th</sup> which we were all very pleased with. Students then competed in a competition just for Portsmouth schools. This was against 102 other classes with Miss Hammond's class finishing in **4th place**.

This was an amazing achievement for the students as they could only compete at home during their own time.

There were some students who amazed me with their competitive nature and desire to win: **James Guy, Austin Dilger, Nvar Ismail, Finn O'Reilly, Maureen Tagum, Madeha Zaman, Aaron Lumabas, Kaiwan Sabir, Radeyah Siddiquir and Jedidiah Tchuigoua**. I am so proud of all the students for their efforts and the teamwork they demonstrated. Students really enjoyed taking part in this and we hope to compete again next year.



**"I enjoyed playing against my classmates." – Finn O'Reilly**

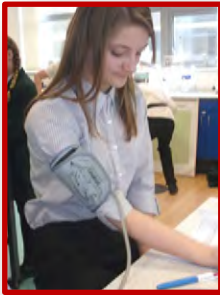
**"It was fun and challenging!" – Alexia Romaniuc**



**"I liked how all the games were maths related and how it was made fun and enjoyable." – Annika Asuncion**







As I begin writing this newsletter, it is hard to believe that the new term has begun and that we are on the final phase of the Key Stage 3 journey. All too soon we will be looking at options and what GCSE's to take, as well as focusing on the future and all it has to offer.... But before we do that let's just stop and reflect on the first half term of Year 9!

Our word of the term is Organisation, please do keep it in mind throughout your whole St Edmunds journey, but also life in general. Trust me, things will be much easier if you are well organised, punctual and work hard at all times!



We had a very good start back into school following the Summer Break: great attendance, super smart uniform and a positive attitude, what else one can I ask for? I would like therefore to start by saying a huge thank you to all Year 9 pupils who helped out during our Open Evening this term. As per usual I was not short of volunteers and the feedback I have received about our pupils was .... Amazing! (Yes I know, my favourite word).



Secondly, I would also like to thank you for all the generous contributions to the Harvest collection, as usual your generosity, caring attitude and willingness to share and help was outstanding.



Although only 7 weeks into the new school Year, we have already launched the Faith and Football Enterprise Challenge. As I said during our assembly, life is all about opportunities and you making the most of them. In St Edmund' School you have plenty of those on a daily basis. This one is very special, not only because you can represent the school and compete against other schools from across the city, but also there is a possibility of winning the trip of a lifetime to India! I have very high hopes for you Year 9s for the following reasons: You are incredibly gifted, talented, driven and passionate about everything you do! So good luck!



I am also aware that a lot of you took part in different extracurricular activities this term: Music residential trip to London, Life Lab trip with the Science Department, RAF STEM morning in school, Spelling Bee Competition, as well as many sporting events. A huge well done to all of you for the excellent behaviour and making those events enjoyable for all!

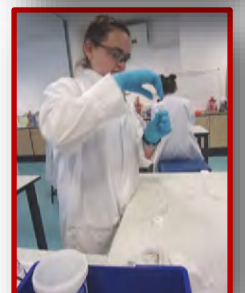


I am very excited about the forthcoming term, following your Attainment 1 analysis and our Parents Evening in December, we will be thinking very seriously about the Options Pathways and choices. Please do remember the Head teacher's assembly about our expectations, completion of homework, work ethics etc, so that you would not lose the privilege of choosing the Options you want to follow.



As you have worked very hard this term I would like to wish you all a restful half term break, as usual keep safe, especially over the Halloween festivities. I am looking forward already to seeing you all in November.

**Mrs T Feliks-Matthews, Head of Learning Year 9**



# YEAR 9





Firstly, a warm welcome back to both our Year 10 students and their families. I hope you all had a pleasant and restful Summer break. It feels incredibly strange to be writing this knowing that our Year group are now Key Stage 4. This feeling was reinforced when I saw our Year group on their first day back looking absolutely brilliant in their new black KS4 school uniform. The year ahead will be much tougher for our pupils, but I have no doubt that each of them is prepared for the challenges of GCSE level work and look forward to watching them grow and develop even more throughout the school year.

Year 10 kicked off a day earlier for those who were lucky enough to be selected as Peer Mentors and Peer Mentor Leaders. With the arrival of our new Year 7 cohort our Year 10's came in on September 4<sup>th</sup>



to help ease those transition fears and assist new pupils around the site. Those involved did an absolutely flawless job in making those first few days at secondary school easier for our Year 7's and were a shining example of our spiritual and community ethos within school. Well done and thank you to each and every one of you involved. The very same Peer Mentors were also a fantastic help for the Year 11 information evening, trying their hand at some of the expected roles for prefects already! Well done and thank you to each and every one of you involved.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September we hosted our Year 10 information evening where Parents and Carers were given an opportunity to come and learn about the pathway through GCSE that our pupils will be taking through each of the core Subjects of English, Math, Science and R.E. The evening was a great success with a huge turnout, so once again thank you to all staff and parents involved. These events are vital in providing both pupils, and parents with the information required to put our pupils in the best possible position to achieve.



Our Year 10 pupils have now moved away from their reward milestones of Key Stage 3 and instead look forward to collecting commendations from their Teachers and Tutors. These commendations enable pupils who have collected 30 or more to apply to be a Prefect later in the year, alongside some brilliant rewards and badges to add to their collection. I have been marvelling at the amount of commendations we have collected so far and a huge well done goes out to

**Keira Poolman, Josh Ford, Daisy Leake, and Leigh**

**Anne Leonardia** who at the time of writing had passed 30 commendations! Well done!



I would like to take the time to remind all Parents and Carers that our first parents evening for Year 10 will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, the first week back after half term. For pupils to succeed it is vital that the school – parent partnership is strong. I encourage everybody to come along and discuss how your son/daughter is progressing through their first half term of GCSE work. Pupils have received their appointment sheets and are required to make appointments on your behalf. Please bring a copy of this sheet to the parents evening to avoid confusion over times and Teachers. The evening will run from 4pm until 6.30pm and we advise a small 5-minute gap between each appointments to allow for movement around the hall.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents evening, please remember that the first day back at school is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Have a great half term break. **Mr J Brown, Head of Learning Year 10**



# YEAR 10







# YEAR 11



Our final year and what a busy start it has been! During our first half term back with Year 11, we have again been proud of the commitment to learning and school life that our students have displayed. We are pleased to see the year group shouldering the responsibilities of being the top tier of the school and growing into mature young adults.

We have been incredibly busy with our events this term including a fantastic post 16 evening that gave pupils the opportunity to meet representatives from numerous colleges, universities and



apprenticeships and ask questions about their next chapter after St Edmunds. A special thank you to all parents and guardians who also attended this event. Additionally, we'd like to express our gratitude to Mrs Halford and Mr Wilkinson for all their work to organise this fantastic evening.

Furthermore, our congratulations and thanks goes to all prefects and Year 11 students who helped out during our successful open evening! Many staff and visitors commented on how mature and helpful our Year 11 prefects had been throughout the evening. Well done all



involved! The nominations for the weekly ACD awards highlight the Achievement, Commitment and Dedication of our students. These nominations come directly from the class teachers to acknowledge and reward the everyday efforts of the year group. This half term's winner were: for perseverance and hard work in English: **Leah Kimber and Caleb Eades**; for great work in French: **Cheryl-Ann Tendayi and Heiken Bautista**; **Molly Brown and Julia Krumina** for fantastic effort shown completing their homework in Maths and **Nana Owusu-Brobbey** for continued hard work in English and Science.



Our nominations this term were:

**All GCSE Fine Art Pupils** - for all your hard work over the summer holiday and for an excellent start on your mock exam preparation. **Oscar Lake, Patrick Brown, Lauren Cox and Amy Dapson** for their work on the latest edition of The Eagle. **Ellie Mae Howlett, Rosie McEvoy and Darcy Godley** for successfully completing their first strand of their Leisure and Tourism Controlled Assessment on time.



**Royton D'Costa and Charlie Booker** for keeping calm and helping a friend. **Hannah Egan & Melissa Lathom-Smith** for consistent focus and hard work resulting in excellent notes to support their revision for the GCSEs.



**Arlene Pereira, Lauren Cox, Krishna Aquino, Ila Pescott, Alyce Wilkinson, Millie Richards, Heiken Bautista, Vanessa Edosa and**

**Davina Edosa** for continually working hard in English.

**Hanein Osman and Keara Luke, Florence Ewins and Tasnim El Jabir**- all for working extremely hard and producing excellent work on rearranging formulae in maths. **Holly Champney, Francesca Johns, Tillie Lamb-Symon, Joe Quinlan, Rosie Winter, Rwdyn Nujoom, Hannah Egan** for fantastic work and effort shown in RE. **Tania Hakimi and Ben Page** for excellent effort in French. **Krishna Aquino, Rwdyn Nujoom and Adrian Ploskonka** for hard work and focus in their graphics lessons and catch up.



Overall Year 11 have made a fantastic start to what is our most important and is sure to be our busiest year! We look forward to supporting you as you work hard during the build up to final deadlines and exams.



**Congratulations on a strong start to your GCSE year! Miss Evans and Miss Howard, Heads of Learning Year 11**



## YEAR 7 REPORTER

My first day at St Edmund's was amazing! At first I thought that I wasn't going to fit in to the school. You had to make sure your uniform was perfect and had to move from one class to the other. By the second day, I fitted in to St Edmunds perfectly.

My favourite food from the canteen so far is the spicy Mexican chicken, it is so yummy and delicious, plus it is healthy. My favourite teacher is Miss Swarbrick because she is the kindest teacher in the school. There are so many clubs to choose from and the ones I am currently attending are cheerleading and swimming. Swimming takes place on Wednesdays and Fridays where I can practice my back stroke and diving and Thursday is cheerleading. It is so much fun doing these clubs afterschool.

One of my favourite subjects is Maths because it is fun to learn and you get to do your homework online through a site called My Maths and you have your own personal username and password. Secondary school is different from primary school because there are more classrooms and there are stairs, lots of stairs to get to your class (trust me they are so tiring to climb)! You cannot be late, if you are and you do not have a note you may get a DT (detention), so I always make sure I arrive on time.

There is always homework to do every week and it is set every 2 weeks. The homework is always fun to do and the reason why you get the homework is to see if you understand the work you do in class.

Overall, my time at St Edmund's so far has been a great experience and I am looking forward to see what the future holds.

**Peace Adeleke**

## Pupils Use Video for Revision Guidance

'Year 11 are currently working hard in terms of revision for end of term assessments. In 11m1, pupils were tasked with creating revision videos for Pride and Prejudice. Whilst the majority of pupils kept the task pretty straight forward, with key quotes and narration, Lauren Cox, Olivia Moran and Amy Dapson took things a step further....

The girls were very shy at first about what they were up to, but upon showing the rest of the class on Monday it was apparent they had began channelling their inner Regency era lady and mixed her up with a healthy dose of modern sass. The girls had written a 3 minute rap about Pride and Prejudice, and had spent the weekend filming a video of them performing it in Eastney. What was even more alarming was the fact they had done it in full early 19th century outfits ; Olivia with her dress, Amy pure in white, whilst Lauren dressed as both Mr Darcy and Mr Bingley.

Although it might have looked like they were skylarking about, they included a lot of quotes and references to the attitudes towards women in their rap - all presented in a fun but informative way. Hopefully re-watching the video in the weeks and days before their exams will help them to achieve the outstanding results we are accustomed to at St Edmund's.'

**Well done girls! Mr J Were**



## QA Hospital Open Day

Queen Alexandra Hospital had an Open day of which four of our Year 9 pupils attended. They got to experience and try out some of the current technology, surgical equipment used within key hole surgery, equipment used in gastro endoscopy and even got to try out some hospital food. Pupils really enjoyed the day and would have liked to do more. The staff at QA were very impressed with their high aspirations of wanting to be future surgeons.

**Miss J Bruce**



# NEWS





# ENGLISH



## 2 Sentence Horror Stories by Miss Howard's Year 9 English class.



The door was ajar, awaiting my fear. In that moment I couldn't decide what was better; a horrific end or an endless horror. **Lydia and Daisy**

Each day a part of her dies. At least, that's what she says from within her grave. **Loui and Georgina**



There was a doll in my room that only appeared at night. The same one that will always be in my nightmares. **Victoria and Aoife**

I feel like someone's following me yet when I turn around, no one's there. Could this be the presence of my missing mother? **Daisy and Issy**



If mysteries are often fake, why do people believe in them? Well, if I told you that my mother died 50 years ago today but this morning they found her sitting next to her grave, alive, would you believe me? **Eloise and Lateefa**



I was enjoying music in my car, travelling along the old road to pick up my son, as I reached to change station, I heard my son say from the backseat "daddy, I don't like your music" but when I turned around no one was there. **Olivia and Sharon.**



I saw a pale faced girl across the road. When I turned around, the girl was breathing on my face. **Aaron and John**

My only child crawled into bed with me, crying she couldn't sleep. A tiny hand touched my shoulder and twiddled my hair, a tiny voice whispering "can I get in too?" **Katie and Summer**



I was in my cellar when I heard the scream, a high-pitched ghostly scream. As I turned around, I felt a stone cold hand clutch my shoulder. **Ross and Elia**



My best friend and I had been talking in the dark for five minutes. I checked the date on my phone; it was a year to the day that I had seen my friend buried. **Chloe and Molly-Anne**



I fell to my knees in utter disbelief. As I looked down at the body beside me, the voices finally stopped... **Avril and Larissa**



Swiping through my phone, photos I'd never seen before appeared. They came in pairs, an empty room then the murder scene but the last one was my bedroom... **Aysha and Bethryn**







For our GCSE Geography course we had to go on a day's fieldwork around Portsmouth. Our investigation was into how an increase in students affects land use in Portsmouth. For example, two new halls of residence have already been built within the last year, all near our school! We had to collect three types of evidence and information. First we collected the Student Pedestrian count where we had to count the amount of students at The



Hard, Commercial Road and Guildhall Walk. Then we had to ask the students of Portsmouth Questionnaires on their opinion on the increase in student. Some came up with some interesting results. Finally, we had to record what the land and building in these places were being used for, which we would later compare to previous records on Google Earth. On the whole it was a very interesting day where we learned lots about our city.

Joe

## ISLE OF WIGHT



We left School and walked to the train station where we caught the train to the harbour. From there, it was onto the ferry and over to Ryde. Once we docked, we then caught another train to Sandown.

The beach was beautiful. One of our tasks was to measure the tide and then hike up the headland to a monument which left some of us quite breathless! We then had another 5 mile hike from Sandown to Brading. I really enjoyed my day on the Isle of Wight and would love to go back and explore some more.

Annika



I had an amazing time during the Isle of Wight trip on Thursday 5th October! The day was packed full of all sorts of Geographical activities and amazing sights. Who knew the headland at Sandown could have three different types of rock? I do now! After all the beach activities we climbed to a monument which was located at the top of the headland. Along the way and at the top, the views were quite simply breath-taking. It was the best days hiking I have ever done in a while!



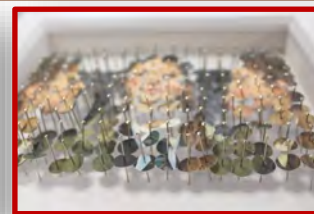
Maureen



# GEOGRAPHY







## GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY

Final Piece from Georgina McNally Year 11 leaver. Georgina took 10 hours producing these outstanding pieces of work, to watch her painstakingly cut out and pin each individual piece was amazing. I am so proud of them all they all did amazingly well.



**Samuel**

# Our New Year 10 PHOTOGRAPHERS



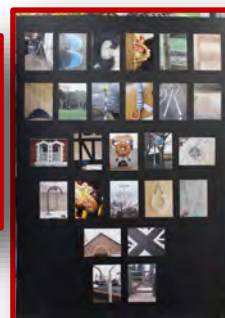
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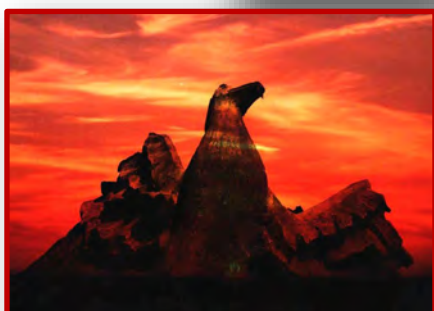
**Emily**



**Molly**



**Owen**



Experimenting with Photoshop, A school landmark. A beautiful image, wish we really did get sunsets like this!



**Francesca**



**Maisie**



Excellent photo of our gorgeous bespoke school gates. What a beautiful blue sky!



Photo taken by Francesca during her Mock Exam Photo Shoot. Here she captured the reflections of the sky in a building, stunning photo.



Worms Eye View of the Lipstick Tower taken by Elouise during her Mock Exam Photo Shoot, a beautiful shot.



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# BALLOON POPPING



Albany



Hussan

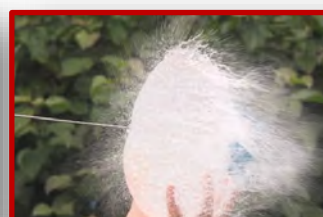


Alex



Rosie

Two fabulous shots from Albany, couldn't resist showing Rosie's expression as she popped the water balloon, huge thank you to Rosie for not minding me using this photo, one of my favourite shots from the practical. To capture such a perfect sphere is outstanding, well done.



End of year 10 Mock exam, pupils releasing some energy and on a more serious note capturing movement. What a shot Rosie!!



Christine



## STRAWBERRY DROP!



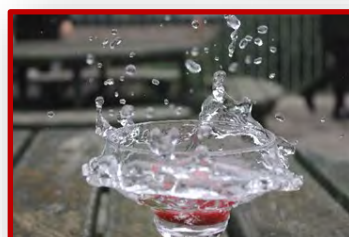
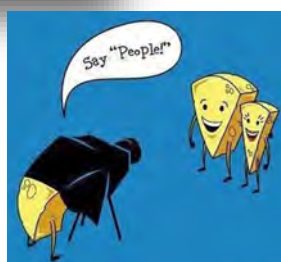
Another fun practical lesson pupils experimenting with shutter speeds and movement, by dropping strawberries into glasses filled with water. Pupils had amazing results!



Joseph



Photo taken by Darcie during a practical using toast and alphabet spaghetti.



Alex



Mitchell

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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Within the PE department so far this term, there have already been many opportunities to participate in either the vast variety of extracurricular clubs or to represent the school in fixtures or indeed both.

In recent week's boys football have played in numerous competitions with considerable levels of performance displayed, however they haven't had much luck with results. The year 9 and 10 boys played admirably in their under 15's cup and the year 7's match against King Richards, both unfortunately lost on penalties. Finally we narrowly lost the under 13s Hampshire Cup to Swanmore, with a nip and tuck score of 3-2. A huge well done to all those involved, in particular: **Zahid Alam** (year 10), **Luka Daly** (year 8) and **Jake Clark** (year 7). So keep attending after school football training as there are still many more fixtures to come.



In girls football similar results as the under 13s lost their first game to Bishops Luffa. On the other hand, a great achievement as the under 16's have already progressed to the Portsmouth Cup semi-finals. A brilliant turn out at training so far as Miss Evans looks forward to all future fixtures.



## CAPTAINS CORNER

Remember to pick up your half colour forms from the stand, which can be found as you enter the Sports hall.

Year 7 inter tutor has been running for 7 weeks now and all three sports captains have seen a huge level of commitment. Remember to bring trainers and keep checking fixture dates in both tutor rooms and the sports captain board in the sports hall.

Each captain runs a club which we would love to see as many of you attend as possible:



**Joe – Lacrosse, Monday after school**

**Holly – Badminton,**

**Friday after school**

**Hettie – Dodgeball,**

**Wednesday after**

**school and Cheerleading,**

**Thursday after school (girls only).**



Staff vs. Pupil matches only 20p to come along and support the year 11s!!

A tremendous well done to the 4 table tennis teams as the year 7,8,9,10 and 11 girls and boys have qualified through to the county finals on..... The rugby team had their first game of the season, a strong effort all round with great potential shown for future fixtures.

Club numbers have been exceptional especially at Dodgeball with a regular turnout of 30+ each week from all years. Miss Bruce is particularly pleased with the high turnout to year 8+ as well as year 7 recreational swim, which



**DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE DUBAI NETBALL  
AND CRICKET TRIP IN OCTOBER 2018!**



## Autumnwatch

D8 has had its very own Autumn watch. I have watched chicks go from little bundles of feathers to fully fledged beautiful pigeons, who I am very happy to say visit daily.

Mrs James



Two Babies Feeding.



Growing up fast.



Smile! Fledging and growing fast.



Branching and stretching.



Both back for a visit.

## YEAR 7 REPORTER

Yesterday, Thursday 12th October, at approximately 1:15pm, Year 7 student- Emmanuel Ige was interviewed. He quoted, "When I first came into this school, I was worried that I wouldn't fit in. But as I got to know more people, I was soon used to being in St Edmund's."

When he was asked what he most liked about this school, he informed us that he liked: the clubs, the lessons and the teachers. Emmanuel has noticed that secondary is different from primary school seeing as you must be organised and in primary school everything you need for school is provided for you. His favourite subjects are Mathematics and Physical Education.



Emmanuel's favourite food from the canteen, is 'The Chicken Joey' and his favourite drink is flavoured water "Forest Fruit". Mr. Bonken and Mr. Maguire are two of his favourite teachers. The clubs Emmanuel attends are: Swimming, Football, Dodgeball, Rugby and Basketball, he loves sport.

Emmanuel said, "If I could change anything in this school, it would be the amount of homework we get," but it remains unknown if he would increase the amounts of homework or reduce the amount of homework.

Emmanuel Ige

## Friends of St Edmund's (FOSE)

The Friends of St Edmund's are a group of parents and staff who support the school throughout the year, by fundraising and helping at events. We sell refreshments at Parent's Evenings and help at the school's summer performances, the Year7/8 Christmas disco, sports day and we even run a Valentine's Day service! We would love your help at the odd event or at our half termly meetings. Just e-mail: [friendsofstedmunds@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofstedmunds@hotmail.com) or look out from texts via the school. We look forward to meeting you!

Rachel Milne, Chair Person



**HELP US SUPPORT  
THE SCHOOL &  
YOUR CHILD.**

## How can you help to support us?

Attend our meetings.

Join our monthly numbers club, the last 4 winners were: *Ben Johnson, Samantha Steger-Lewis, Mr Graham & Mrs Leibrick!*

Buy a flash lottery ticket at Parents Evenings.

Join easy fundraising on line:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

## What we have achieved:

New benches.

Table Tennis tables.

Cash loaders.

Free fruit and bottled water at Sports Day.

Successful Year 7/8 Christmas Disco.

# NEWS



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