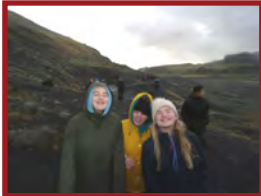




# NEWSLETTER

*Caelum Dives Ingređi*

St Edmund's Catholic School



Iceland was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget! There were so many exciting geographical features to see from glaciers, to waterfalls and the Blue Lagoon. Furthermore, the teachers made the experience amazing as well as our tour guide who gave us a real insight to what an Icelandic lifestyle is really like. Despite the ever so cold weather and often being soaked by the rain, this did not dampen the wonderful time that we were all able to experience. I highly recommend the trip!!





# Headteacher's Address

Advent has begun and with that the hectic Christmas season. Daily life at St Edmund's continues to be filled with learning, opportunities, celebration and hard work. All wrapped up in our journey to Holiness.

I have been blessed to see some amazing homework this term which has reflected a huge array of skills, effort and support from home. As a parent myself, I know that getting our children to do their homework can at times be a monumental task. However, talking with the students when I see their homework, they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are all proud of their achievements. My thanks to parents for your continued incredible support.

Throughout this half term I have been observing teaching and learning across the school. I continue to be inspired by the range of activities and variety of learning opportunities combined with young people who are focussed, engaged and trying their hardest. It is truly a gift from God to be part of the St Edmund's family.

We celebrated the end of this journey at the Leavers Certificate Evening on Thursday 29th November. It was great to see former students, hear about the next steps in their life journey and celebrate their amazing results from last summer. Several special awards were given out, including the new Mrs Thompson Love of Literature award, sponsored by Mrs Thompson's family. This is a beautiful memory of Mrs Thompson and all who endeavoured to achieve whilst learning English here at St Edmund's.

I would like to congratulate Year 7 as they approach the end of their first term. They have settled in well to our family life. Now that they are in the St Edmund's way, we will focus on pushing harder on their progress and learning next term. Some students are still adapting to the demands of big school in things such as completing homework. I have been impressed in the variety of ways tutor groups have raised money for their spiritual icons. These will be blessed next term and be part of their journey to Holiness over the next five years.

Spirituality continues to be at the soul of our family life. St Edmund's day was amazing with two wonderful assemblies. As always, our young people pray beautifully; this was especially evident during the recent reconciliation services.

The last few weeks will be busy for all of us as we head towards the feast of Christmas. I am sure we will all remember to keep the Christ in Christmas. Advent is a time of renewal for all of us when we ask God to forgive us and start again. As Pope John Paul II once remarked; "Advent is a time to strengthen our commitment to our Christian faith." It is a good chance to share his love in our thoughts, words and actions.

I wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Mr S Graham  
Headteacher



'Encouraging one another on our journey to Holiness' is our spiritual focus for our school year. We have seen this lived out practically in so many ways. To be 'Holy' is Charity lived to the full; being charitable in our thoughts, words and actions. This we strive to do each day in St Edmund's School.

Since September we have collected food harvest for people who need support in our local area. We have raised money for CAFOD in order to help the many people devastated by the tsunami in Indonesia. During Advent each Tutor group filled Christmas sacks to give to a local charity who will distribute to people in our city, in order that they too may have a good Christmas.



Our Year 7 Tutor Groups have been organising various fund raising events, in order to raise money for their class icon which will then be placed in their Tutor Room prayer corner.

All Year 7 Tutor Groups have had their Tutor Mass. Each group prepared a beautiful liturgy; very prayerful and joy-filled. Next Term Year 8 Tutor groups will be preparing and having their Tutor Mass at lunchtime.



Our Year 9 Tutor Groups have been leading the Angelus and in so doing offered prayers for various people and events. Our students have been excitedly practising for our school Carol and end of term Emmanuel Services. We have also been preparing our hearts for Jesus' coming with our Advent Reconciliation Services.

Our St Vincent De Paul group have been a real agent for enabling the spirituality within the school by meeting each week and helping to prepare some assemblies, liturgies, organising fundraising and actively praying as a group. They are very much a beacon of light within the school. Our Chaplaincy Team meetings have been vibrant and have come up with prayers and activities for walking together on our faith journey.

Our Rosary group invited some of St John's primary students to Rosary workshops in our school chapel. Next year some of our St Vincent De Paul group will be going to visit St Swithun's Mini Vinnies in order to share that journey of faith together.



Our Tutor Prayer, times of reflection, assemblies, Tutor Masses, Rosary Group, Angelus prayer, Reconciliation Services, various fund raising events, our wonderful Carol Service and Fun Emmanuel Celebrations at the end of the year, have all enabled us on our faith journey to try to be the best people we can be and encourage others to be the same. We are blessed with the faith, enthusiasm and joy that permeates our school community.

In January we will be having a week of Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer, where staff and students from St Edmund's, St John's and St Swithun's Schools will join together in prayer. Wishing you all the peace and joy of Christ this Christmas. May 2019 bring you many graces and blessings. **Fiona, Chaplain**



# CHAPLAINCY





It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our first term here at St Edmunds, and what a term it has been, full of laughter, learning, excitement and new experiences.

Following on from a good start, in January the spotlight will be on year 7 to ensure the standards of behaviour and learning are being maintained. Year 7 classes will be visited by members of the management team and any children off task or not engaging in the learning may be removed from their lesson or given an appropriate sanction.

We recently had a workshop on the issues around dropping litter. The children loved the interactive performance the 'Bin It' team performed. I feel these messages are so important for our children to understand.

I would like to draw your attention to the importance of keeping a check on your child's phone. Unfortunately we have had a lot of unkind behaviour through social media apps. I am sure you will fully support me and the school that this is inappropriate and needs to be stopped. As parents/carers I urge you to regularly check your child's phone and put on the necessary parental controls. There are a number of websites you can visit to show you how to protect your child when using a phone. If you are unsure please get in contact with me and I will direct you to the right information.



Over the term year 7 attendance has been up and down, this is still a massive focus for our year group. I would like all of Year 7 to be an ATTENDANCE HERO: **Here, Everyday, Ready to learn, On time.**

I am so proud of the achievements the year 7 children have had this term, I have given out multiple certificates, badges and non-uniform day treats that they have been awarded for their merits.

I know you have recently received their first Progress Review, I hope you are as proud of your children as I am. Thank you to those that attended the information evening, if however you couldn't make it and would like more information a booklet on the presentation will be sent home with your child. I am also happy for you to contact me regarding any concerns or queries.



In preparation for Remembrance week, the year 7 children made poppy wreaths in their tutor groups that were displayed for all the year group assemblies that week. Well done year 7; an amazing mark of respect. One of our pupils was lucky enough to have an unbelievable experience. He currently plays for the Reading United under 12's football team and has to train 3-4 times a week and plays matches most weekends. I can vouch for his football skills whilst being on lunch duty daily on the Astro pitch! The Reading team travelled to Belgium to have first-hand experience of life in the Flanders Field trenches and having to eat a typical World War lunch whilst being in one. The team managed to find the memorial stone of former Reading FC player Private J W Huggins. The trip ended with a football tournament in memory of the 'Game of Truce', which happened to mark the end of the First World War.



This term we have embraced the faith of the school and each tutor group have taken part in a Tutor Mass, which the children and tutors have thoroughly enjoyed, thank you to our Chaplain Fiona. I am so looking forward to seeing all of the Year 7's at the Christmas Carol concert on the 17th December, it will be a magical way to end our first term.

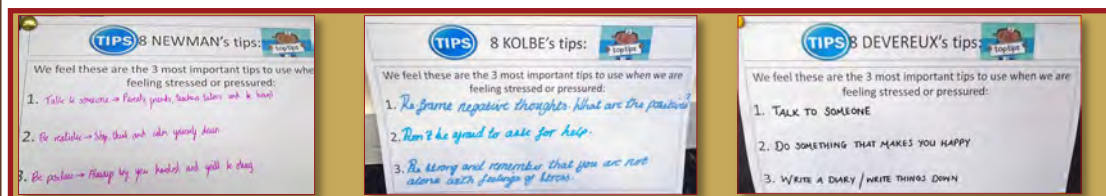
Thank you all for your support and communication, working in partnership will enable your children to reach their full potential and have a happy and rewarding year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Mrs Brand, Head of Learning Year 7**



# YEAR 7

Even though we are only a third of the way through the school year, this term has already seen Year 8 pupils attending and taking part in a huge amount of trips and events, inside and outside of school. A personal favourite of mine was PSHE day and St Edmunds Day on 16<sup>th</sup> November. We attended a very special Mass to celebrate St Edmunds Day, followed by Doughnuts at break time as part of the feast day! PSHE day sessions then focused on developing our understanding and knowledge of jobs and careers within the working world, as well as identifying key strategies and tips to help us manage our stress and wellbeing. Here are some of my favourite tips that tutor groups came up with:



# top PSHE TIPS DAY



A small group of year 8 boys also attended a Boys Dance Platform performance and workshop in a professional venue at the University of Chichester. The group performed in front of an audience of other all-male dance companies from other schools in the County, and did a fantastic job! Well done!

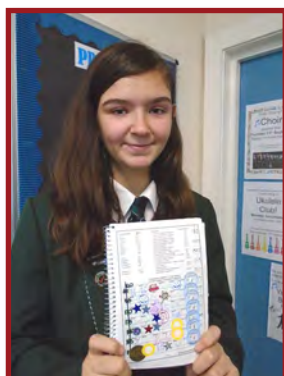
Let's talk merits! Pupils are still currently gaining merits in and outside of lessons from their teachers. The year group are currently competing in a tutor group competition to see

which tutor group can log the most merits over a period of time. The prize ... A tutor group afternoon at the cinema! Deadline to log all your merits is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January – which tutor group will be enjoying their prize?!

I look forward to welcoming you all back to St Edmunds in 2019 following your Christmas holidays. We have many more events to look forward to, including Celebration Assembly where we will be celebrating as a year group and rewarding pupils within the year group for effort and achievement within each individual subject!

I would like to thank you all for your on-going support so far in Year 8. Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

**Miss E Johnson, Head of Learning – Year 8**



# YEAR 8



Nearly Christmas!

We are drawing to the end of the longest term of the academic year and I am so pleased to see some real positive changes in many pupils in year 9. Along with growing in height, they are growing in maturity and have shown me how, with hard work, many have made great progress from Year 8 already. I have seen acts of kindness and care, many cheering me up with their humour and smiles.



So what has been going on? There have been a number of events this half term that students in Year 9 have been involved in.

In November we held our first PSHE day, when all the pupils were off timetable. They had a roundabout of lessons and activities on body image, smoking and drugs before heading down to the Cathedral for our St Edmund's Day Mass, a really lovely service, with Year 9 pupils taking part in the choir and reading.



Year 9 pupils have had a slow start with logging their rewards this year but some pupils have been storming ahead. I would like to congratulate Jordan his 2<sup>nd</sup> milestone, Martyna her 4<sup>th</sup> milestone, Adam his 5<sup>th</sup>, Euan, Bercem, Towhidhur and Lauren their 6<sup>th</sup> milestones, Lila, Jodie, Ben S, Emma, Aneena and Cerys their 7<sup>th</sup> milestones, Edina her 9<sup>th</sup> milestone and Toby his 10<sup>th</sup>. Pupils need to be very proud of their achievements in class and when they are rewarded for their hard work it is great for me to be able to praise them and give them their certificates and various rewards.

Over the coming year, students will be taking part in assemblies on various themes. I want to thank 9 Devereux and Kolbe for leading the assembly on Remembrance, it was very moving. Well done to those who had the courage to read out in front of the whole year group. 9 Teresa encouraged us all to be kind to each other with a lovely assembly on random acts of kindness. I am really looking forward to seeing what talents the other tutor groups will show us.



A lot of year 9 students went with the science department to Southampton Hospital to have a day in their Life Lab. They had a great "medical" day. A couple of year 9 students, Giulia and Danny sang with some of the choir at Westminster to celebrate the 100 years of Women's Suffrage, I watched the video and despite the weather they sang beautifully outside.



At the start of next term on the 24<sup>th</sup> January there will be an Options Evening for parents and students. Students should be thinking now of possible courses that they might like to study at college and what GCSEs they may need to take to be able to get onto those courses. The pupils have been focusing on careers and pathways in their tutor time during morning registration, and attending Options Showcases put on by the various option subjects to have a flavour of what they would be studying if they chose that subject.



**We are all ordinary.  
We are all boring.  
We are all spectacular.  
We are all shy.  
We are all bold.  
We are all heroes.  
We are all helpless.  
It just depends on the day"**  
**Brad Meltzer"**

As we head towards the shortest day of the year, dark evenings, and Christmas holidays, I hope that all students keep safe and have a really wonderful break. I look forward to seeing you in January refreshed and ready to put your New Year resolutions into practice, which of course will be to work hard and be the best that you can be!

**Ms Jerrard, Head of Learning Year 9**



**YEAR 9**





As part of our Remembrance, Romero created a wreath in honour of servicemen and women, and in particular for Kenzie's Great Grandfather. He shared a photo and a fascinating story about how his Great Grandfather, Angus Scott, liberated a Belgian village that was under Nazi control. He also brought in a flask that the soldiers would use to carry their water.

On Remembrance Sunday, he laid a wreath on behalf of the Children whose parents are serving in the Armed forces. Thank you for also representing St Edmund's and looking so smart in your uniform.



**Remembrance Day**  
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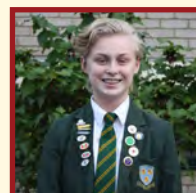
# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S OTHELLO

Back in the summer term, auditions took place for the 2018 Shakespeare's School Festival performance of 'Othello'. As always, the standard was extremely high making it very difficult to cast. We always aim to make our Shakespeare School's Festival performances very ensemble based, meaning that every cast member is just as important, and that everyone has a significant role to play. The cast rehearsed with commitment every Tuesday and Thursday in preparation for their big performance, along with 3 other local schools, on 6<sup>th</sup> November. On the day, the cast shone and they did St Edmund's proud. They were very professional and performed with enthusiasm. I am very proud of each and every one of them, and they should be extremely proud of themselves too.

**Mrs Deacon**



"We took part in this year's Shakespeare School's Festival performance of 'Othello'. It was such an enjoyable experience and it enhanced our English Knowledge. The rehearsals enable us to meet lots of new people and it was a fun thing to do after school. We even performed in a professional theatre (The New Theatre Royal) which was a brilliant experience. We learnt key things we have to do onstage to make our performance more effective. We would definitely take part in this again and would highly recommend auditioning next year."



Pupils enjoyed a tour round the Houses of Parliament and sang songs in Parliament Square to commemorate 100 years since the Suffragettes won the right for women to vote.



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**NEWS**





Another term, another newsletter. As the first term of year 10 is over, I must say, I am very pleased with a very positive start, and a smooth transition to KS4! Let me explain why.

Our first Parents Evening took place on 8<sup>th</sup> December with a record breaking attendance of 92 %. My sincere thanks go to all parents and pupils who attended. This just goes to show what a great year group I have: mature, responsible and highly motivated, what else could one wish for? As it was an extremely busy evening, with lots of conversations with your teachers, I

hope you took on board all of the teachers comments, and know exactly what to do in the forthcoming months. Remember our second Year 10 Parents Evening is going to take place on 25 April 2019.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 11 prefect team who helped out on the night with registration and hosting the event.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November the school celebrated St Edmunds Day alongside the PSHE Day. The day consisted of St Edmund's Mass in the Cathedral for P1 and P2, followed by gifts of doughnuts for all year groups! During the second part of the day, PSHE focus was on preparation for exams, stress management, coping techniques and mental health. I know these topics may not be everyone's favourite, but I do hope that you all learnt something. Judging by the feedback forms you have provided me with, the sessions delivered by The Samaritans was especially very well received, and a vast majority of students found it very useful.

At the beginning of November, we also focused on Work Experience with our introductory sessions and application process. Both evenings were very well attended, therefore thank you to all pupils and parents who came on the night. Allocation of places is currently in process and I'm excited to see what pupils will be getting up to at the end of the summer term 2019!

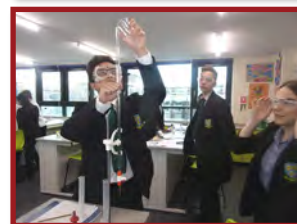
Year 10 Triple Science pupils had their first taste of real GCSE exams whilst sitting their mocks during December, alongside some BTEC PE pupils. I have to say, that I am extremely proud of everyone who sat these exams because their behaviour was impeccable, and the preparation pupils have made have been incredible. After Christmas Year 10 are right back to it with an English Literature mock on January 7<sup>th</sup>. I would like to believe that both parents and pupils have been given plenty of information regarding the early entry and mocks during our Information Evening, however if in any doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the English Department, myself, or your child's tutor.

Finally, as you are aware your hard work, commitment, perseverance does not go unnoticed in St Edmund's school, and is always rewarded in one way or another. We have our commendation system in place on a daily basis, treats for attendance and other achievements, but the one I always get very excited about, or even emotional at times, is our Celebration Assembly. There is so much talent in our year group that it is truly amazing to see so many of you coming up on the stage to collect your rewards. In January we are going to host our first KS4 Celebration Assembly - The Eddies, and I cannot wait to see you all there.

I do hope you have all enjoyed our St Edmund's Mass, Christmas Carol concert, as well as our special Christmas production! Thank you to all of the students who supported those AMAZING events, and parents who were able to attend.

After a term of hard work, comes time for rest. Please do enjoy your break, however do not forget about the forthcoming mocks!

I hope you have a very restful Christmas break and enjoy the time spent with your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019!



***Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!***

**Mrs T Feliks Matthews - Head of Learning Year 10**



**YEAR 10**





It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at St Edmund's, especially in Year 11! As we say goodbye for the holidays, it is a great time to reflect on this term and how far we've come. Year 11 is a challenging time for all involved, but I am confident that we will prevail. Testament to this is the attitude shown towards our Mock exams, our revision sessions and the school community in general.



Pupils have been hard at work throughout this term with assessments forming a large part of their timetable. Practical exams such as Textiles and PE Sports Leaders took place earlier than most, with our Mock Exams starting on December 4<sup>th</sup> through until our final week where Year 11 were on study leave. I am eagerly awaiting the results and look forward to celebrating with our attainment and progress data mid-January.



We have a lot to celebrate this term with success in all areas, including sporting events such as table tennis, badminton and basketball. Congratulations to **everyone** for all their hard work. We also have a large number of pupils who have already attended college interviews and have provisional places locked in pending exam results! This has been accompanied by some fantastic Post 16 focussed events organised by Mrs Halford such as: the Mock Interview day on November 16<sup>th</sup> and our Apprenticeship workshop on December 4<sup>th</sup>.



Many thanks to everyone who attended our first parents evening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November this term. It was delightful to see lots of parents and children leaving with smiles on their faces and clear goals and targets for their GCSE's. A reminder that our second parents evening is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of February. This will be the final opportunity to gain more knowledge of where your child is before the final push towards their exams.

A big thank you to all our prefects who have been helping out with the school and the community. We've had some fantastic events led and assisted by prefects including Christmas carol service, multiple parent's evenings, information and option evenings, assemblies, services and even the Year 7 and 8 Christmas disco! As a thank you we had a special Prefect Christmas lunch on December 19<sup>th</sup> before concluding the year with our staff/pupil Christmas performances on the final day of school in 2018.

I look forward to sharing more cheer and joy with you next year when we return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We have a lot to look forward to including our final Celebration Assembly on January 18<sup>th</sup> which all parents are welcome to join. We also have the 4<sup>th</sup> event in our staff vs student's competition (3-0 to Teachers currently!), Year 11 photographs and finally the first wave of prom invites! Have a lovely break, see you in the new year!

**Mr Brown, Head of learning, Year 11.**



**YEAR 11**





# YEAR 7 & 8 DISCO



## Welcome to All Our New Students

I can hardly believe that a term has passed already! I have given out all the Independent Challenge Booklets. Please complete and return them so that you can be given an 'Eagle' badge. If you get stuck or are unsure pop into the LLRC, so I can help you. Congratulations to all of you, who have already received their badges.

## Literature Quiz 2019

We've already begun preparing for the Lit. Quiz 2019. We will be going to Fratton Park on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January and pitting our book knowledge against the rest of the Secondary Schools in Portsmouth. The pupils also get a fantastic opportunity to meet four authors. This year it will be Andy Briggs, Helen Dennis, Ali Sparkes and Alex Wheatle. Why not give one of their books a read?



'For the Lit Quiz we are doing lots to prepare. For some time now, we've been reading the four books and trying out our book knowledge with quizzes. I've even won some of the quizzes.'

**Good luck to everybody involved in the Lit. Quiz 2019.**



## EBook Loaning Scheme

Don't forget that you can download a book for free using the School Library Service Ebook Lending Service. If you've forgotten your Ebook Username and Password, pop in and see me to get it. It is easy to access. Go to the school website page, click on 'Pupils', then click 'Free Ebook Lending Scheme'. This is a great way to continue reading, when libraries are closed over the Christmas Holiday.

## Reading Week

The pupils were able to read for ten minutes at the start of every lesson. The purpose is to promote reading across the curriculum and that reading is a life skill. We read every day of our lives. Below is a sample of what some of the young people said about 'Reading Week':



'I really enjoyed the week because it gave me an opportunity to read more. It gave me extra time to catch up, when I couldn't read the day before. It also made me finish my book and start a new one.'

'Reading Week was a nice fun week because there were lots of activities going on in the library, such as making bookmarks. It also gave me the chance to read some books, which I had, but had not read yet. As I am somebody who doesn't read very much, I had the chance to read and learn new words that I hadn't come across before. It was also lovely to be able to read in peace and quiet.'



## LLRC Clubs

Just a quick reminder, don't forget to join the variety of clubs on offer!

**Monday: 3pm-3.45pm Book Club**

**Wednesday: 3pm-4pm Homework Club**

**Thursday: Lunch time- Dr Who Club**

**3pm-3.45pm Star Maths Club (invitation only)**

**3pm-4pm Fish Tank Club**

I would like to wish you a wonderful holiday relaxing with a good book and a very Happy New Year!

**Mrs Edwards, Librarian**



# LLRC





The students have taken to the new subject of Engineering Design incredibly well and have just completed the first rotation of the subject.



Year 7 and 8 have had their first rotation and have produced some great decorative items for themselves and others. The foundation project is designed to encourage students to use a range of workshop tools and equipment whilst learning about the health and safety implications that are involved.

Congratulations to the students who have all produced some lovely examples that demonstrate a high level of accuracy and skill.



Some of the students were able to use Computer Aided Design or Sticky Vinyl to enhance their ideas.



The Year 9's were encouraged to look at existing children's puzzles and, following on from research and sketching ideas, produce a prototype for a new puzzle design.

The students embraced the challenge and have produced prototypes that demonstrate a wide range of ideas.

All of the students' designs encouraged the development of fine motor skills but some helped to promote healthy food choices and one helped children to understand more about



our bodies. It has been an exciting to see how the students have adapted to the new subject and am looking forward to seeing how the remaining KS3 students do in the following groups.



# ENGINEERING



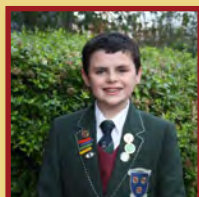
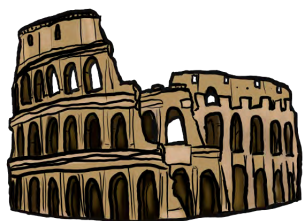
This year at History Club we've looked at lots of topics from Roman and Greek Gods to World War One. We even made Ancient Egyptian funeral masks and mummified someone which was really fun!



We commemorated World War One by making our own memorial posters to remember all of those who fought for us. We also researched our families to see how our own ancestors contributed to the war and then we wrote these names on poppies which we put on display in K Block.



We also have been presenting our own sessions on whatever period of history we enjoy the most and presented these to History Club. Topics have been on anything from the Roman Empire to tanks!



In History club we get to do lots of fun activities that are all to do with History.

For example: we mummified one of our club members! Well we didn't actually mummify him like the ancient Egyptians, but we wrapped him in in in the same style as a mummy using toilet roll as bandages.

Don't worry the toilet roll was clean of course!

We also looked at the Romans and made helmets that the Roman soldiers wore and created a memorial to commemorate the soldiers who died in World War 1 & 2.

I would recommend this club to anyone who is interested in History.



# HISTORY





### Not enough time for breakfast in the morning?

We have recently secured funding from the National School Breakfast Programme for free bagels and porridge every morning for students who miss breakfast from Monday 14th January 2019.

As you know, breakfast is the most important meal as it sets you up for the rest of the day. Studies have shown that it is important to eat something nutritious in the morning to re-fuel for the busy day ahead.

Bagels and porridge will be available from 8.00 am - 8.25 am everyday in the school canteen.

### Well done to year 11 for producing wonderful work for the art mock exam.



We had a good result in the table tennis this month. After winning the Portsmouth schools tournament our KS3 boys and KS4 boys and girls team went through to the county finals in Southampton.

After playing against tough opposition with some very close games being decided on overall points and some matches won, the KS4 boys managed to progress through to the next round ahead of Westgate School who had previously won the past 2 years.



The KS4 girls also had tough opposition but due to some extremely high quality play managed to win meaning they go through to the next stage as well. This carries on the success of last year where they also won at this stage. The next stage takes place in January with the teams travelling to London to compete. Well done!

**Mr Potts**

## Music

Well done to the following students who have recently passed their music exams. Isabel - Grade 2 flute - merit; Jemma - Grade 2 clarinet - pass; Jevin - grade 2 violin - pass; William - Grade 4 trumpet - merit & Aidan - Grade 3 piano - merit. You are all amazing, keep up the good work!

**Mrs Stevenson**



# NEWS



### Sports Captain Update

Another amazing term for Sporting Success! We are glad to say that the Year 7 Boys Football Team have made it to the Portsmouth Cup finals. We wish them the best of luck for their upcoming game. On that note, the U13s Girls Football team have had a recent victory against Trafalgar's Girls football team winning 3 - 0. Well done girls!

We would also like to share this incredible achievement. Since September we have had over 3,500 attendees to our extra-curricular activities. Badminton club has become very popular with each week being full which is fantastic to see. What is also great is to see so many staff joining in the fun.

We have now finished our Year 7 & 8 Inter-tutor fixtures and we would like to thank and congratulate all those who participated and we look forward to next term when we welcome Year 9 to take part in the Inter-tutor games.

Well done to the following tutor groups for being the overall winners:

**7 Kolbe - Football**

**8 Stein - Football**



**7 Teresa - Dodgeball**

**8 John Paul - Dodgeball**



Congratulations to Liam and Shannon who both have recently excelled in their outside school hobbies.

Liam took part in the Pete Waterfield Diving competition in November and placed 4th overall. Shannon took part in a Dancing Competition and came 1st and 5th in the Solo U16 Starter Freestyle.

If any student has excelled in any area with outside school activities or hobbies and would like to be mentioned in the Newsletter, please email:

[nwhite@saintedmunds.org.uk](mailto:nwhite@saintedmunds.org.uk)



### Past Pupil Success

Mr Graham received an email from a past student informing us of his success after leaving the school in July 2017 and he would like to share this fantastic achievement with you.

In April this year, I reached my goal of selection to the British Shooting GB Target Sprint squad. Being in the GB squad now means I have the opportunity to compete abroad. This June saw the start of my international competitions, where in Italy I made the finals and placed ninth, ahead of the rest of my team mates. In June I will be travelling to additional competitions in Germany and the Netherlands, culminating with the World Championships in South Korea in September.

Target Sprint is the internationally recognised air rifle discipline that combines running with target shooting. Competitors run 400 m then shoot 5 targets with an air rifle from a distance of 10 m. They then run again, shoot and then finish with one more 400 m lap. The sport is hoping that Target Sprints is introduced into the 2024 Olympics and my ultimate goal is to be part of the first GB team to compete in the Olympics when it is introduced.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to yourself and the rest of the staff at St Edmund's who helped shape me into the hard working and focused person I am today. As I am sure you can imagine, in order to compete at this level, it takes many hours of training and discipline and I believe that St Edmund's gave me the tools I needed to achieve what I have as well as the confidence to believe that anything is possible.

James Baxter



**TEAM GB**



# NEWS



Well done 7 Romero who raised over £50 with their sweet sale in aid of their tutor icon (profit to Centrepont homeless kids' charity).



### Should my Child attend school?

We recently had a small outbreak of Impetigo in school. Please can I remind parents that once the student has started treatment they can attend school as normal and follow good hygiene practice ie: keep hands washed.

The guidance the school follows is from Public Health England and called Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings. If you are ever in doubt as to whether your child can be at school when ill, please refer to this document: [www.gov.uk/phe](http://www.gov.uk/phe) or contact the school.

Mrs C Axton

### EXAMINATIONS REMINDER - New Year

**Year 10 - English Lit Mock exam - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**Year 11 - Child Development exam - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### Diary 2019

Celebration Assemblies held in January are to celebrate pupil's successes so far this year.

Prizes will be given for Achievement and Effort in all subjects. There will also be prizes for pupil's contributions to the wider school such as Chaplaincy, Library and tutor group.

Parents are invited to come and be part of the celebrations.

**Year 7 Celebration Assembly - Monday 14th January**  
**Year 8 Celebration Assembly - Tuesday 15th January**  
**Year 9 Celebration Assembly - Wednesday 16th January**  
**Year 10 Celebration Assembly - Thursday 17th January**  
**Year 11 Celebration Assembly - Friday 18th January**

**All assemblies start at 8.30 am - 10.00 am**

If you wish to attend an assembly please contact the school reception by Thursday 10th January so that we know numbers.

**Year 9 INSPIRE Event Portsmouth guildhall - Wednesday 23rd January - 1.30 - 3.00 pm**

**Year 9 Options Market-Thursdays 24th January - 4.30 - 6.30 pm**

**Year 9 Imperial War Museum Trip - Tuesday 29th January**

**Portsmouth Lit Quiz - Thursday 31st January**

**Year 11 Photographs**

**Year 11 Parents Evening - Thursday 7th February**

**Year 10 Retreat - Friday 10th February**

**Year 7 & 8 Smashed' Theatre Production - Wednesday 13th February**

All dates correct at time of print, may be subject to change.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Monday 7th January 2019

### WEEK B



The staff, Governors and students  
wish you all a  
very merry Christmas  
& a happy & peaceful  
New Year!  
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