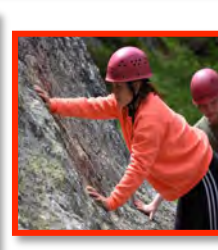


The Italy school trip is an experience we will definitely not forget. We did so many activities such as abseiling, rock climbing, high ropes, hill walk (beautiful scenery), paddle boarding, white water rafting (definitely the highlight of the week) and many more. Each day was packed full of new challenges and experiences, teaching us new skills along the way. We were lucky to have an amazing team of acorn staff (a-corners) and teachers and not forgetting the angelic students that made the trip so memorable...

The journey took a total of EIGHTEEN AND A HALF HOURS! but was the perfect opportunity to take mugshots :) with everybody's "beautiful" sleeping faces, awkward positions and Luke stealing everyone's pillows! When we arrived, we were allocated to our assigned tents. We will never forget Marvin, Gerald, Larry and Justin and all of the other frogs and lizards snooping around the tents. There was even a slug hanging from the ceiling of one of them.



The mornings were early and a little nippy. Breakfast was supposed to be at 8am although it never arrived until 20 past. After breakfast, we headed off to our activities for the day. Everyday we did fantastic activities, and we also got some free time. Overall, the trip was definitely worth going on and was an experience of a lifetime.
Sophia and Nicole.



NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS

As we approach the last few days of this academic year, I cannot help but feel a sense of pride and joy at all that our children have achieved. This has been reflected in the amazing reward assemblies which have taken place over the last few days. To see so many students nominated for their effort and achievement demonstrates the hard work that has taken place throughout the year. This final newsletter of the year also celebrates many of the talents and extra-curricular events within the St Edmund's family.

The school show this year was once again spectacular with some star worthy performances. It was great to see so many students involved and clearly enjoying themselves.

St Edmund's continues to have great sporting success including recent victories in the Portsmouth Sailing Regatta where we were overall winners. The Sports Personality of the Year Award was another brilliant event, where the skills, talent, achievement and teamwork of students shone through. Congratulations to all students who won awards/nominations.

We have had some wonderful spiritual retreats this half term in Years 8 and 10. A great combination of reflectiveness, prayer and inspiration in two completely contrasting experiences. We cannot underestimate these opportunities to fill our children with the holy spirit and the chance to be close to God.

Finally I would like to thank parents for their support this year with all the 'behind the scenes' work. It continues to be a privilege to be part of helping our children to grow up and develop. My thanks also to staff throughout the school who work tirelessly to ensure that all the children have the best education and opportunities at all times.

We wish the following staff well who are leaving us at the end of the year; Ms Jerrard, Mrs Buckeridge, Mr Williams, Miss Bailly, Mr Miller, and Mr Brown.

As we have a bigger Year 7 joining us next year (the school is now full to capacity), we have thirteen new teachers starting in September. This will ensure that we can maintain the quality of education and provision for all of our students. When students return in September we will have completed our summer work programme. This will include the refurbishment of all of the swimming pool changing rooms, a science laboratory and the ground floor of the Kelly block (3 classrooms). As well as new artificial grass and seating area and student walkways.

I hope you all have a restful summer and I look forward to students return in September. Good luck to Year 11 who have left us and we pray that they will continue 'to do all things with the help of God who strengthens me.'
God bless,

Mr S Graham
Headteacher



#GOFISH

Congratulations to our 9 students who recently completed their Cyber Ambassador training as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Cyber Ambassador Scheme. A Cyber Ambassador is a person who will act as a point of contact for other students on cyber issues and pass on their learning and offer helpful support to their peers.

Well done:

**Freddie, Tabitha, Lauren,
Katy, Aidan, Tamar,
Shaneia, Georgia and
Lila .**



It has been a wonderful year with many blessings as we have lived out our spiritual focus of 'Encouraging one another on our journey to Holiness'. We had our Year 7 Retreat Days and Tutor Masses, our 'Week of Adoration and Prayer', our 'Random Acts of Kindness' month for staff as well as various fundraising for a number of charities. We celebrated the Feast of St Edmund, our school patron, at two school Masses in St John's Cathedral and our Christmas Carol Service. Each year we have our school Emmanuel Services and we put on a fantastic Nativity Show. We enacted 'The Stations of the Cross' at St Mary's and had a beautiful service where we were awarded the first stage of The Romero Award, for social justice. Our Reconciliation Services took place during Advent and Lent and everyone



had time to stop and reflect upon their lives. Year 9 had a Vocation morning, Year 10 had an opportunity to attend a residential Retreat at Kintbury and also a small group of students went to Wembley for the youth gathering, 'Flame'.



This term Year 8 completed their Tutor Masses and also had a Retreat at Park Place; two wonderful days with much fun and reflection. The students in Year 8 also raised money for Bamenda and a guest speaker, Sylvia Foster, came into

assembly to talk about Bamenda and to receive a check for a school we are twinned with in Bamenda. Our Staff had the opportunity of a Retreat, where they had time to rest, reflect and re-energise. Year 10 had a morning Retreat where we invited a guest speaker, Chris Lubbe, who came to talk about his life and working as a bodyguard for Nelson Mandela. It was an amazing morning for all who listened to Chris; a powerful, inspirational speaker.



Our Vincent De Paul Group have worked very hard this year. They are a joyous, faith-filled group who help to plan many of the spiritual activities within our school and a total joy to work with.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all staff and students as we have journeyed together and supported one another through the various spiritual activities and events within our school. We are indeed a blessed school, full of gifted and beautiful people. This year has been an amazing year to see students and staff embracing our spiritual focus and truly, **'Encouraging one another on our journey to Holiness'**. 'Holiness' is charity and thinking of others. It is about working together to be the best person we can possibly be and enabling others to do the same.



Enjoy your summer; rest, relax, have fun and I look forward to our journey next September. The theme for our next spiritual year is 'POP'. We have a number of exciting activities and spiritual events planned, so watch this space...

Many thanks and wishing you all many blessings.
Fiona, Chaplain



CHAPLAINCY



Wow, I can't believe we are at the end of our first year together, Year 7 has flown by. I have so many lovely memories and have been very proud of how the children have grown and matured throughout the year. We have a busy week ahead with Celebration Assembly, Reward trip, Sports Day and then we end the academic year with our whole school Mass.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking 44 year 7 children for a Discover sailing session at the Andrew Simpson Centre, which is down the Eastern Road. We all had a great day, the children were commented on for their politeness, respect and behaviour. The morning session was lacking wind but the children still got the most out of it, even if they did have to use paddles! By the afternoon the wind along the shore had picked up. There were some that ended up in the water, mainly on purpose! It was great fun and a well organised day by the instructors at the centre.



I have been very impressed by the activities the children are involved in outside of school. I have mentioned some before and in this Newsletter I would like to say a massive well done to some others.



Megan and Willow have recently been accepted to the English Youth Ballet and will be performing at the Kings Theatre in a production of Cinderella in Hollywood. Willow has also been accepted to the Birmingham Royal Ballet, where she will perform Swan Lake Dreams. Well done girls, what an achievement.



Sticking with the achievement theme, we also have Joe who has been to the Southern Regional Championships for Karate, where he won a silver medal, having had to fight a black belt 14 year old, who is in the England team. Well done Joe, we are super proud of you.



I am amazed at my year group, each and every one of them has a talent, some we know about, some we have yet to discover. Please let me know of any achievements outside of school your children have so we can showcase them.

Year 7 pupils are continuing with designing and building robots in after school sessions. The pupils have each got their own robot and have been learning to program, design and build bases for their robotic monstrosities, the pupils are about half way through and should be completed by Christmas this year!



**May God's blessing go with us today,
At the end of this school year we pray.
That you keep us safe and give us rest
So we start again renewed and refreshed.
Full of health, full of fun
Ready to come and learn again.**

**May God's blessing go with us today,
As we begin our school holiday.
Give your peace and your joy,
To every girl and every boy.
Help the teachers to enjoy the break,
and prepare and plan for the new intake.**

**May God's blessings await us next year,
To embrace each new challenge
without fear.
Fill this school with your love,
and guide our hearts from above.
Full of faith, full of hope,
full of joy, and full of love.**

This term we have had our 2nd PSHE day, where we had lessons delivered by our tutors on first aid, social media, risky behaviour and resilience. We also had outside speakers delivering a road safety lesson. All the children enjoyed the day and learnt some useful life skills.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in September, ready to start our year 8 journey.

Mrs Brand, Head of Learning, Year 7



YEAR 7





Well here we are – at the end of Year 8! Two years at St Edmunds has flown by, and as we prepare for our 6 weeks off, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed, before we enter Year 9 and all the exciting next steps!

This half term has potentially been the busiest of the Year – none of this “winding down” for Year 8! I had the absolute joy of taking a small select group of Year 8 pupils to the Portsmouth Book Awards event at the Historic Dockyard. By only attending the final I wasn’t actually aware until I went of the huge amount of work

that had already been put into the events by our pupils. They had read a total of 5 books, in order to vote for their favourite and give a variety of reasoning for their vote. Their votes were collated with all other schools taking part, building towards the Awards event where the winning book was revealed, along with a motivating speech by the winning author herself! The pupils received a copy of the winning novel and had their own personal copy signed. It was such a fantastic event and I was so proud of all the work put in by the Year 8 pupils.

I also need to say a huge congratulations to all the pupils in the year group that performed in this years School Production of Sister Act! It is so incredible to see the pupils up on stage doing what they love to do – very different to seeing them sitting behind a desk in their lessons! The pupils were so professional, and it is clear the huge amount of work that had gone into preparing for such a fantastic show! Well done to the following pupils that were involved, either through performing or part of the technical team: **Ebenezer, Forest, Paige, Isabelle, Tilly, Molly, Amie, Tayla, Ingrid, Kimberley, Asia, Fausta, Victoria, Ethan, Alex, Enzo & Bailey.**



We have built towards the end of this half term with a variety of whole year group events such as PSHE Day and our Year 8 Retreat to Park Place. These were such special opportunities for us to spend time as a year group, out of lesson context to really learn about the wider world as well as spend time reflecting as individuals.



As the end of term nears we obviously experience our usual end of term events such as our July Celebration Assembly, celebrating the huge successes of such a number of individuals within the year group, our Year 8 Reward Trip to Chessington as well as Sports Day! Such a fantastic final end to the Year as Year 8! I wish you all a wonderful, restful and safe summer and look forward to seeing all the pupils when we return on Thursday 5th September. Pupils will be in tutor time registration at 8.25am, with a special start of year assembly at 8.50am.

Best wishes, **Mrs Were, Head of Leaning Year 8**



YEAR 8



On the 4th of July the PE Department hosted the annual Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

The occasion recognised and celebrated all the extra curriculum accomplishments achieved this year, with pupils voting for all award nominations themselves. The awards consisted of; most improved player/performer, most committed player, unsung hero award, coach's player of the year, game/performance of the season, best newcomer, club/team of the year, overseas tournament awards, PE departments unsung heroes and Sports Personality of the Year. The nominations for Sports Personality of the Year consisted of ten pupils; Owen, Louie, Oliver, Georgina, Isabella, Fred, Ava, Anton, Olivia & Franco.

1st Place- Olivia 2nd Place- Georgina 3rd Place- Oliver

The evening was made extra special by our special guests who helped present the awards this year; professional footballers Sam Magri and Nathan Ashmore (also ex St Edmunds pupils) as well as our previous sports captains, Olivia Campion, Joe Hunter, Henrietta Glass and Francesca Glass. Furthermore, our entertainment acts including a fantastic gymnastic routine performed by Claudia and Annie and a street dance performance by Kian, added more excitement and celebration to the evening. A massive congratulations to all nominees and winners this year!

Most Improved Player/Performer:

1st Place- **Pearl** 2nd Place- **Louie**
3rd Place- **Nvar**



Most Committed Player/Performer:

1st Place- **Alfred** 2nd Place- **Jacob**
3rd Place- **Olivia**

Canoe Lake Tennis Awards:

Most Improved Player - **Jionghao**
Most Committed Player - **Meta**
Best Newcomer Award - **Chloe**
Unsung Hero - **Oliver**

Coaches Player of the Year Award:

1st Place- **Austin** 2nd Place- **Kyla**
3rd Place- **Alex**

Game/Performance of the season:

1st Place- **Jermaine** 2nd Place- **Claudia**
3rd Place- **Oliver**

Best Newcomer of the Year:

1st Place- **Chloe** 2nd Place- **Tabitha**
3rd Place- **Tobias**



Club/Team of the Year Award:

1st Place - **Year 7 Boys Football Team**
2nd Place - **Swim Gala**
3rd Place - **U16 Girls Badminton Team**

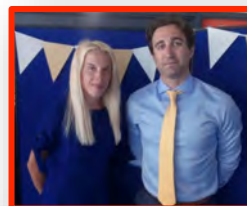
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PE Departments Unsung Hero's Award:

Rebecca - Handball
Owen - Water Polo and Sports Captain
Leigh-Anne - Netball, Frisbee, Rounders and Sports Captain
Alex - Handball
Rohan - Football and Sports Captain
Ava - Dodgeball
Julia - Netball
Ainhua - Netball

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**SPORTS PERSONALITY
OF THE YEAR 2019**





It is with a heavy heart that I write my final summer newsletter. Over the last ten years the range of activities and events that I have covered has been huge, and it always delights me to discover out what the students have been up to. This term has been an extremely busy term for Year 9. We have had SATs Exams, many trips and finally our Celebration Assembly.

I want to start by congratulating the Year group on the maturity and dedication they showed towards their SATs exams. I have had many teachers and tutors say how well they thought the Year group had coped with them and how well they have all done. Congratulations Year 9, I know you will do very well in your GCSE exams, as this is your preparation!



Students attended Portsmouth College for a "Young Innovators Hub" with Mrs Scriven. Toby, William, Lila, Nicole, Maureen, Austin, Johann, Sophia, Aneena and Kenny. William showed great leadership skills with our school beating Mayfield in the completion. Well done all who participated.



Not only have the Year group competed in events this term they have also continued to show their charitable side with Erin, Nicole, Pearl, Charlotte and Ruby all baking delicious cakes and raising £90 for the RSPCA. Mr Wilkinson particularly liked the lemon drizzle cake, finishing off the last slice with some help from Mr Brown. We have also had a busy term with many individual achievements in the Year group. Georgia has continued to write some fantastic pieces for the Eagle this term and I hope she continues to share her wealth of knowledge in Year 10. Sport's personality of the Year Awards also saw our Year group striving not just academically but in the sporting world. It was delightful to see so many talented sports people in Year 9 being recognised for their accomplishments.

Our Celebration Assembly was an amazing event with performances from Kenny, Shannon, Sophie and the Year 9 Band. I would like to congratulate all the winners, especially Lila, Fiona & Tabitha for the 2nd & 3rd Highest PQ's and Annika who once again came 1st in the Year group.

I would like to thank every single pupil for being who they are. Their individuality, sense of humour, wisdom, intelligence, skills and talents never fail to amaze me. It is these personal qualities that made it so hard for me to make the decision to move on in my career. I will always keep in touch with the school and track their progress through to year 11, as I'm sure they will excel in their GCSEs. They are a wonderful year group. I would also like to thank my amazing tutor team for their continual hard work and vigilance with their tutor groups. Their care for their pupils is unwavering. I know that they will continue making sure that they are on track in terms of attendance, revision classes, and doing what it takes to succeed. I am leaving the Year Group in the very capable hands of Miss Hammond who is the most organised person I know! As Miss Hammond has been with us since Year 7, I am extremely confident that she will competently lead the Year group through the waters of Key Stage 4 and through to the GCSEs. Good luck year 9, I will surely miss you.

Ms Jerrard. Head of Learning Year 9.



YEAR 9



It is with a huge mixture of feelings, that I am writing this last newsletter of Year 10, pride, joy and somewhat exhaustion! I'm not quite sure where to begin, as not only have we had a busy year, but this term has been absolutely packed with events: College Taster trips, The School Show, whole Year Retreat, Thorpe Park trip, Celebration Assembly, GCSEs, mocks, Sports Personality and the Prefect interview process.



I would like to begin with huge congratulations to our new Prefect Team, and the new Head Boy- Philip, and Head Girl- Louise. The whole process has been long and tiring for all, however I must say, I am incredibly proud of the immense maturity you have shown during the whole thing. The standard this year was very high, and I could have easily given the top jobs to the vast majority to those who have applied, not only on the basis of your fantastic presentations and interviews, but first and foremost, on



how you have been as individuals during your time in St Edmund's. You can be very proud of yourselves, I certainly am!

This term has been crazy busy with our taster day college trips etc, but also due to the huge number of mock exams you had to complete. Whilst the behaviour and attitude was great, there were far too many pupils who were late, or unprepared. Top organisation and punctuality makes a huge difference to the whole process, especially your mind-set and calmness, prior to entering the exam hall. Please do bear this in mind for next year! Thank you to All pupils who were here every day, on time and fully prepared.

On Wednesday 10 July we had a great pleasure of hosting our motivational speaker Chris Lubbe during our Year 10 Retreat. For those of you who have never heard of Chris, he has had many highlights in his career, but the one everyone always talks about, is being Nelson Mandela's bodyguard. I would like to think that all pupils appreciated our special guest, as well as Fiona's beautiful meditation! You have all worked really hard this year, and this is just to say thank you for all the efforts. My special thanks go to Mr Graham and Fiona for allowing this to happen.

On Thursday 11th July the whole year had our last Year 10 Celebration Assembly –The Eddies. A huge well done to all who were nominated, and an even bigger well done to pupils who manage to bring home an award and trophy as a reminder for all your hard work. Great event as always!

The 12th July and our Reward trip to Thorpe park. Year 10 pupils who met the trip criteria throughout the whole year, had an opportunity to enjoy themselves. A fun day for all the thrill seekers! It was a lovely way to round off the academic year, before the majority of Year 10 head into their work experience week. Such a large number of Year 10's have been accepted on placements for work experience this year! A huge thank you has to go out to both Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Halford for all their hard work sorting it out for you. Work experience is a phenomenal opportunity for pupils to see what life after school and post 16 is like. It provides the pupils with a vast array of unique opportunities in their chosen area, and may even lead to some useful networking or future work!

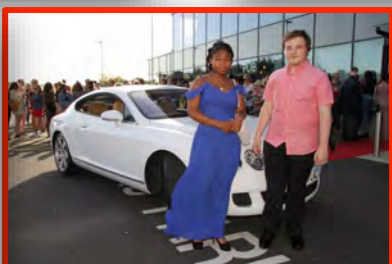
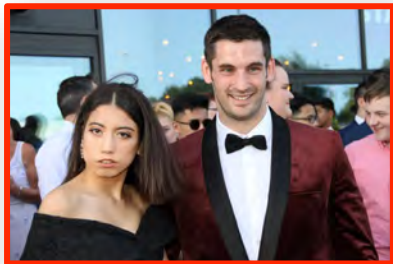
Busy couple of weeks, busy term, very busy year! I am very excited about the next year but also, just like the majority of you, a little bit apprehensive. You will be fine Year 10, as you are a very hard working year group! I will support you as much as I can throughout the final stage of your journey, I promise. Have a great summer Year 10s! Enjoy but stay safe! See you all in September!

Mrs T Feliks-Matthews, Head of Learning Year 10



YEAR 10





LEAVERS BALL





Congratulations to Marci who was the only Portsmouth pupil chosen to take part in the junior section at the recent Maths Challenge at Southampton University.



Well done to Liam who competed in Plymouth recently at the National Skills final and came 9th in his age group. He is doing extremely well in his

chosen sport and we wish him good luck in future competitions.



Well done to Ruby on her recent tour to Holland with Portsmouth football club.



The team were entered into the Jacada Sports Tournament and Ruby represented the Pompey Women's U15's. They won every single game they played and became overall Champions of the tournament. This is a fantastic achievement for Ruby, keep up the good work!



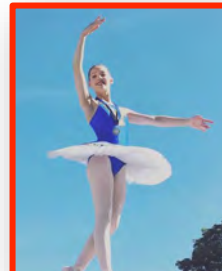
Well done to Emmanuel who recently took his Grade 4 guitar exam. He achieved 89% in the exam and achieved a distinction.



Congratulations to Willow who has been successful in not 1 but 2 professional Ballet auditions and who also recently won a gold medal for her ballet solo.

The first successful audition was to perform for the English Youth Ballet at the Kings Theatre where she has also been selected to dance for a scholarship place.

The second successful Audition was for The Birmingham Royal Ballet! Willow will be performing as a Swan in 'Swan Lake' at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton in February 2020. This is such a fantastic achievement as Willow works tirelessly to fulfil her Dreams.



BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET



Paige has been competing in the British Shooting National Series events in Target Sprint which is an air rifle discipline where athletes run 400m, shoot 5 knockdown targets, repeat and finish by running a further 400m. In the first competition she ranked as second place and in a further competition achieved two Bronze medals. Paige has also recently won the Midlands Youth Women Champion title and the Gold medal. Well done!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



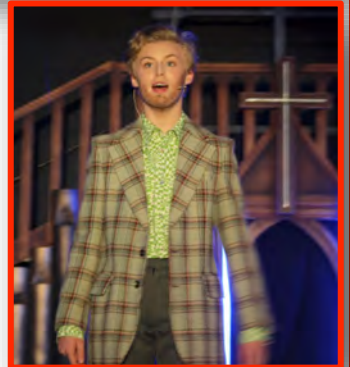


On February 15th 2019, over a hundred eager pupils gathered in the Drama classroom to find out what this year's School Production was going to be, and that was when the excitement began. Auditions quickly followed and we soon had our fabulous cast of over 50 talented and enthusiastic superstars.



After many months of rehearsals, including weekends, show week was finally upon us...and what a week it turned out to be. The cast were absolutely fantastic; they put in 100% every night giving each audience a performance to remember. They all acted like professionals onstage and they did themselves, and the Performing Arts department, proud. Our leading lady Jade, who played the character Deloris, was utterly amazing. She wowed the audiences with her powerful and soulful voice and her sassy personality. Lydia, who played Mother Superior, did a brilliant job of capturing the serious, serene nature of the character and she again captivated the audience with her beautiful voice. Dovydas, who played Monsignor, had a very amusing demeanour which perfectly contrasted to Mother Superior. The nuns worked so well as a collective, creating a

mixture of comedy and emotion, and the volume of their voices together when they sang was unbelievable. The thugs did a great job of creating comedy for the audience through their constant mishaps, and Danny, who played Curtis, captured the character's bravado perfectly. Euan, who played Eddie, performed really well to show the character's good nature and he always had the audience on his side. Finally, the chorus did a great job of adding to the story playing a range of different characters throughout.



Well done to everyone involved – you were fabulous! Same time again next year!

Mrs Deacon



PERFORMING ARTS





Barcelona Trip

Personally, as soon as we were told about this trip, our decision to go was inevitable! Barcelona was one of the best trips I have experienced in all the trips I have attended with the PE department.



It started with the hotel. We arrived on the first night which was truly an outstanding area with a one minute walk to the beach. The hotel was nice and had a great food selection for dinner and breakfast. The pool was nice and we were able to swim in it.



Two of the days started with a training session, football was with West Ham coaches which were very helpful and helped improve the team as individuals and together. The netball team also had experienced coaches. We had a football tournament in which the boys in Year 9 and 10 came second in the higher cup.

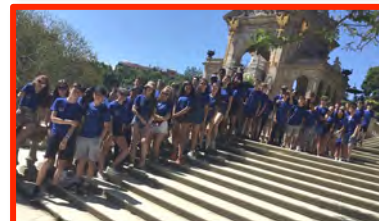


Working as a team during the netball days made our team closer and also helped us gain a better understanding of a sport we all enjoy whilst watching each other improve. An amazing part of the trip was definitely winning our tournament because it meant that all our hard work had paid off and we could represent St Edmund's as winners! However the laughs and good times spent with other pupils of the school ultimately made the trip; even the 20 hour coach journeys were fun! Other than the days spent training and competing for netball, we also visited Barcelona and the Camp Nou football stadium, both of which were informative and everyone was full of smiles. The Nou camp

was amazing to see and the large capacity it holds. Another fantastic sight was all the trophies they have achieved throughout the many years.

Spending the nights in a lovely hotel room with friends was such a laugh and even the early mornings were bearable knowing we had such a good day ahead. The only complaint we would make was how quickly the week went and how much we all want to go back! Other than that, we couldn't fault the Barcelona trip and I know for a fact that it benefitted our teams confidence massively meaning we are able to play more effectively in upcoming tournaments. Overall the trip was very fun and relaxing to enjoy, which we would recommend for others to attend in the following years.

Georgina & Oliver, Sports Captains.



Congratulations to everyone who was invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo Maths Challenge.

Our students were among 8,400 students across the country to be invited. Well done to Milli who achieved a Gold award and congratulations to Sullivan who not only achieved a Gold award, he was also 'Best in School' and went on to the next Junior Kangaroo Challenge competition.

You should all be very proud of yourselves for this fantastic achievement.

Mr Sankar



NEWS



Perform At The Festival 2019.



Three pupils from St Edmund's were winners in the 'Perform At The Festival' competition. The pupils had to perform a piece of music in front of a panel of judges undergoing two rounds of auditions. Mel, Giulia and Lydia were all successful in their auditions. The prize was a solo spot to perform at Portsmouth Guildhall as part of the Portsmouth School's Music Festival. Giulia and Lydia also secured an extra spot performing a second time at the acoustic showcase! Incredible performances from all three - well done!

Mrs Stevenson



Royal Navy Catering Team

Recently we had some members of the Royal Navy Catering team visit some enthusiastic GCSE Food and Nutrition students to give a demonstration and to help inspire the students for a career in catering.



When the Royal Navy came into school I found it so fascinating as I learned many different cooking techniques that will help me in my

Food and Nutrition GCSE. I learnt that there are so many different areas you can pursue in the food industry and it's not just one job title. The tips they gave us were useful to help you make our dishes look more professional, and how to make our dishes more appealing.



NEWS



¡Hola a todos! Bonjour!

My name is Sharon and I am one of the MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) subject prefect. I have been asked to let you know a little bit about me and how I became an MFL prefect and about some of the many different and exciting opportunities arising in MFL.



Firstly, let me tell you that my time at St Edmund's has helped me discover the love I have for languages and other cultures, I truly believe that the love I have for Spanish has benefited me in numerous ways but most importantly in confidence. The only word I knew in Spanish was "hello" yet after trying my best in the subject, I decided to take it for my GCSEs and I am considering taking it for my A-levels.

Being an MFL prefect means that I have specific duties to do such as supporting the Department on Open Days and Options evenings, promoting Languages and being involved in future MFL interviews and MFL prefect interviews; but also supporting new projects that will include many of you becoming Language Ambassadors so watch out for more info in September!!



MFL can help in many situations and it is really important in these modern days and this is why I feel honoured to be an MFL prefect.

Our Year 7 French students have been corresponding with French pen pals this year from a secondary school called Le Collège Jacques Granchet which is based in the centre of France (Felletin). Here is what they thought:



So far we have written three letters both in English and in French. This has really helped with our understanding of the French language and also helped us with our written work. It was great telling them all about Portsmouth and seeing how life is different it was in France.



It has been such a joy to receive and write letters to the school in France. We are very thankful for the opportunity and cannot wait for other chances of 'Pathways to Success'. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.



Outstanding Year 7 French/Spanish Homework:



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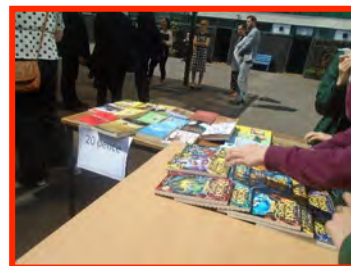


Book and Cake Sale

Huge thank you to everybody for supporting this event. During 'Reading Week' we held a Book and Cake sale, raising money for the LLRC. We managed to raise over £207, which is incredible!! There wasn't one cake or book left either! Darcy & Ana



On a bright, sunny Thursday 23rd of June, the library put on a cake and book sale to fundraise for the library refurbishment. Both at break and lunch, the fantastic Mrs. Edwards and her library helpers sold delicious cakes and many books, most of which were generously donated by staff and students. We asked some students what they thought of it:



"There were affordable prices and the library team did a fantastic job of putting it on. It was very popular because of this and I hope a lot of money was raised, because it was great!"

"I liked the fact that there was a wide range of books for sale, so there was something for everyone. Mrs. Edwards was really good at organizing everyone and the result was brilliant!"



The Raffle

Mr Candy won the raffle but he kindly let it be re-drawn. The winner of the huge box of book goodies was Annagail. Congratulations!

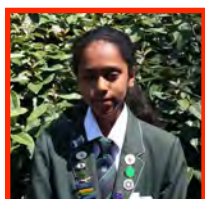
'I was really surprised that I won the raffle. It was really fun and it had a lots of things in the box. Such as books, pens, a mug and bookmarks of different styles. I liked reading all the books. They were all fun.'



Winning book!

SLS Portsmouth Book Award 2019 – Celebration Event

On the 12th June a group of pupils went to Action Stations at the Historic Dockyard, to find out which book won the coveted title. All the pupils were very excited and the tension mounted. The overall winning book was 'Boy 87' By Elle Fountain, her debut novel. It is about the struggles of being a refugee and the risks they are prepared to take and why. This book narrowly beat Nicky Singer's book 'The Survival Game' by only three votes!! Why not read one of the books yourself over the summer holiday.



Read what a Pupil Judge had to say about the event. *'The Book Awards were a lot of fun. We went to Action Stations and had a go at some of the activities there. Mrs Edwards had arranged for us all to get a signed copy of the winning book. This was my favourite, book out of the four I had read. I liked it because it was very emotional.'*

Have a great summer chilling out with a fantastic book or books!! Visit your Public Library, you can not only borrow books, but download music, comics and magazines all for free!! Mrs J Edwards, Librarian



LLRC SUMMER NEWS

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Have a GREAT Summer, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in September.



School Uniform Opening Times

Monday 26th August 2019 (CLOSED as Bank Holiday).
Tuesday 27th August 2019 (CLOSED).
Wednesday 28th August 2019: 9.30am - 1pm (School Hall).
Thursday 29th August 2019: 9am – 1pm (School Hall).
Friday 30th August 2019: 9am – 1pm (School Hall).
Monday 2nd September 2019 (CLOSED).
Tuesday 3rd September 2019: 9am – 12noon (School Reception).

School Uniform



The school accepts payment via cheque (payable to 'St Edmund's Catholic School', PDQ or cash. Payment cannot be made through Parent Pay. Alternatively, please visit our dual supplier PA School & Sportswear, Tangier Rd, Copnor, PO3 6RB.

Please note that the school ties and school PE socks can only be purchased through the school.

Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September are both INSET DAYS

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Year 7 arrive at 08.20 and line up as for assembly

Year 11 to arrive at 09.30 and line up as for assembly

Thursday 5th September 2019: All Years

All years arrive at 8.20 am.

Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 attend registration.

Year 8 Line up for Assembly.

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