

Newsletter

HALF TERM EDITION | OCTOBER 2020



"I can do all things with the help of God who strengthens me."

**St Edmund's
Catholic School**

St Edmund's Catholic School student wins first prize in My Dog sighs creative Competition run by Highbury college.

Young artists were asked to create a piece on the theme of recycling for a sustainable future. Georgia, who was inspired by climate change activist Greta Thunberg, won this year's coveted prize; a £50 Amazon gift voucher and a selection of official My Dog Sighs merchandise.

Georgia said: "I couldn't wait to tell my friends and family and I was delighted to have won, thank you so much to Highbury College."

She also went on to say: "My piece was based on Greta Thunberg who has inspired young people to protect their planet by maintaining a sustainable lifestyle by recycling. For example, working to prevent the greenhouse effect taking place through the emissions that capitalist companies produce when manufacturing their product, and this is why I used recyclable materials to promote this."

This is the second year that the college's Creative Academy have run this competition and teamed up with students from all over Portsmouth and Hampshire who submitted their art designs.



Photograph courtesy of Highbury College

Well done Georgia, you are an inspiration to us all in the fight to raise awareness of global sustainability and recycling.



SUSTAINABILITY



IMPORTANT DATES

November

Mon 2nd: Back to School Week: A
Tues 3rd: Year 7 CAT tests begin

Mon 9th: Anti-bullying Week
KS3 Catenian Speaking Competition

Tue 10th: KS4 Catenian Speaking Competition

Wed 11th: Armistice Day

Fri 13th: Year 11 Drama GCSE devised Performance

Mon 16th: **St Edmund's Day**

Thurs 26th: Year 11 Parents Evening

Mon 30th: Year 9 Retreat all week (in school)

Thurs 3rd: Year 9 Parents Evening

December

Mon 7th: Year 9 Retreat all week (in school)

Tues 15th: Christmas Lunch

Fri 18th: Emmanuel Service
Christmas Jumper Day
End of term

January 2021

Mon 4th: INSET DAY

Tues 5th: Back to School
Year 10 English Lit
Exam 8.30 am

Please note:

Any events in school are held within the Government's social distancing and school attendance guidelines.

All events are subject to change as the school will follow guidance issued by the Government in light of the Covid 19

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It has been wonderful that we have been able to have all of our children return to a 'near normal St Edmund's.' Students and staff have adapted well upon returning with a brand new building, new one way systems and a host of Covid related changes; there was much to take in, especially considering the majority of students have not been in school since March.

Students have been able to resume all of their normal subjects with high levels of engagement and lots of practical activities to support learning. They are working really hard, with increased time in lessons and a new adapted curriculum to ensure all appropriate skills and knowledge are covered. Staff have also had to be flexible and have industriously risen to the challenges of new structures and routines. For example: the continued cleaning between groups and having to cover 3 hours of breaks/lunches each day represents a huge daily operation. This requires a large amount of conformity and support from students. Even moving around the school must be as controlled as possible. We have had to utilise a zero tolerance approach when students have deliberately broken the rules they have been given. This has unfortunately lead to a number of exclusions and individuals having to work from home. Although school exclusion figures have risen they are still much lower than local/national figures, which is a great reflection upon the students themselves. Despite these exceptional circumstances we continue with our goals of providing our children with a safe, stimulating and happy learning environment surrounded by faith. This is clearly visible within the students when watching them play/socialise at break and their actual work in class during my daily classroom visits. This is also reflected in the high levels of attendance achieved this half term. As always, St Edmund's is considerably above both local and national levels. Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.

As you will be aware; like other schools, we have not been immune to Covid. We have had 2 students/staff test positive, lots of individuals isolating, family members testing positive and a massive number of negative test results where individuals have flu/temperatures/colds/other illnesses. Fortunately we have only required one year group to isolate and were able to continue learning live and online. Positively, all have made a full recovery no matter what the illness. Looking ahead to next half term we can expect the same pattern and the need to be adaptable. We will continue to review events and look at ways in which we can ensure that our children do not miss out. One example being the trial of a virtual parents evening for Year 11 with new software we have purchased.

Where there are confirmed Covid cases we will always communicate with individuals identified as at risk (because of contact) and inform them of the requirement to self isolate. Whilst we are always able to deliver live learning when students are at home, our preference will always be to have students in school and have normal class lessons/experiences.

Seeing Year 7 participate in their first Retreat (although in school) has been truly uplifting. Their prayers, participation, meditation and excitement of a relationship with God is wonderful to witness. They are sights of hope and love to fill the world and shine bright as members of the St Edmund's family. I have also seen some amazing pieces of homework this half term which will contribute to the attainment progress and outcomes achieved by individuals. Many students have already received certificates/badges which we are all very proud of. Our plans are already underway for celebration assemblies and further public recognition of individuals.

Finally, thank you to those parents who have downloaded the MyEd app. This will be the main vehicle, along with the school website, to communicate quickly with parents/carers. This is particularly important at the moment when circumstances can change very rapidly. One such sudden change may be the compulsory requirement for students and staff to wear face masks in all corridors and indoor spaces. This is currently optional, however, should Portsmouth be moved up a 'Covid tier' by the Government then this would be required at short notice and will be a non-negotiable part of attending school. I would recommend that this becomes part of general equipment that students bring.

Over the half term we will consistently clean and maintain the school site. Should any families be impacted by Covid or experience other similar problems please email:

covid@saintedmunds.org.uk

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to students returning on Monday 2nd November.

God bless



Mr S Graham



HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS

Pompey Pirates



Several pupils in Years 7 and 8 have been taking part in an exciting opportunity at the Omega Centre in Somerstown. They have signed up to sail away with the 'Pompey Pirates', an initiative run by the University of Portsmouth to help pupils improve their literacy. Pupils will be given the opportunity to write a book, create a radio play AND star in a film, all of which will be made available in the community.

Year 7 pupil and pirate Zack said 'I love being in the Pompey Pirates. It is really good fun and I can't wait to make a book with the others'. Cousins Roman and Harrison also talked about what a great time they had had, and how 'the ship is amazing - it really makes me feel like a pirate on the seven seas'.

However, the best reaction so far has come from Kimathi in Year 8, who upon finding out that he would be doing all of these exciting challenges asked 'Will I become rich?!' I just hope Kimathi decides to share his gold with me!' - Mr Were



Debate club is a useful and fun club to be part of, that is exclusively for Year 10 students this year.

To start the debate, Mrs Tuffnell issues us with a statement, and we start our debate. At the end we have to choose whether we support or disagree with the statement. Most of us find that as the debate goes on, we change our minds regularly depending on the opposition's argument and whether they manage to convince you to their way of thinking.

The debate ends when there is an overall majority. Debate club is held in Room 213 between 3.10 and 4, Week A with Miss Tuffnell. Any Year 10 students are welcome to attend.



CHAPLAINCY

We came back in September to a beautifully renovated Chapel. On the website you will see that the virtual tour attests to the colourful, vibrant Chapel that is so much at the heart of our school. A welcoming, warm place, open to all.

The first meeting that took place in the Chapel was the new Year 7 Chaplaincy Reps who enthusiastically took on their role to represent their Tutor Group. They were all presented with their Chaplaincy Badges.

Our St Vincent De Paul group have always been a group of joyful students and fantastic at getting the task done; they are the powerhouse behind our spirituality program that we choose for our school each year. As you are aware we launched our two-year program last year, 'POP', 'Power of Prayer'. The program is about creating space for prayer to take place in our everyday lives within school. Our school does this so well, through our assemblies and Tutor Prayer.

Our St Vincent De Paul group used to meet as a whole group and included students from all year groups. Now, due to COVID and having students remain in their bubbles, means we meet 5 times in the week, with each year group meeting separately. It is amazing as the energy in each group is tangible. At the moment all year groups are looking at which fundraising project we will do as a school for Christmas.

Some of the opportunities for prayer this term have included our Year 7 Retreats which have taken place in school. The theme of 'Pilgrimage' and 'Pop' through various workshops were enjoyed by the Year 7 Tutor Groups. Their enthusiasm, sense of fun, participation, prayerfulness and sense of community was so apparent throughout their Retreat experience.

Our school is always so good at supporting fundraising events. Our students contributed generously to our Harvest appeal. Thank you to all parents and students who supported the appeal.

Our non-school uniform day enabled us to raise funds for CAFOD a charity which supports, amongst many other things, families overseas who are struggling because of COVID. Some of the money also went to the St Vincent De Paul Society to help with the homeless.

Next term we will be having our Year 7 Tutor Masses, Year 9 Retreat Days, Christmas fundraising project and many more opportunities, when we can take time for reflection and 'POP', the 'Power of Prayer' in our everyday lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the Chaplaincy and the spirituality within our school. I would like to conclude with a prayer for all of us at this time. May and October are the months when we traditionally remember and especially pray to Mary. Let us join together in saying the Hail Mary...



Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen



"I absolutely loved my first retreat. It was nice to have time to think quietly and to learn more about what our faith means to us."

I felt relaxed and calm afterwards and it was nice to walk around the school and see all of the religious and special places that we have. It was really nice to get to know Fiona, we are very lucky to have such a lovely Chaplain."



In this month of October, we ask Mary to be with us. Through her intercession, let us pray for one another and for all those who may need our prayers at this time. We remember all those who are suffering because of COVID e.g., the sick, the unemployed, those struggling financially, emotionally and mentally. Mary, be with all of us at this time. Enable us to support one another and be a sign of hope for each other.
Amen

God Bless,
Fiona, Chaplain



Year 7 Mrs Feliks-Matthews



Well.... We did it! We made it to St Edmund's after a long period of time without attending school on daily basis, in the most unprecedented of times, and after very different transition experience than usual! We have completed our first term, a very successful one too!

Let me start by saying Year 7s, you have had an absolutely superb start to your secondary school education, and I am very proud of you all, considering the vast majority of the year group only spent their first full day with us in September.

Their approach to secondary school has been tenacious and full of enthusiasm! Although the process of transition can be very tricky for some, it has been lovely to see students across the school going above and beyond to offer support and guidance to those, who have needed it most. Let's be honest, finding our way around a school has been a huge challenge not only for our lovely year 7s, but also for all staff, who also had to get used to the new one-way system around the site, as well as the new timings of lessons and breaks!

Just like my previous year group, leavers 2020, my current Year 7s are full of different gifts and talents, but most of all, enthusiasm! This is exactly what I like to see, because it shows that they are trying really hard to settle, fit in, and embrace the opportunities given to them on daily basis. Keep it up Year 7s! I must say, Fiona, our Chaplain has been absolutely overwhelmed with the response to her Chaplaincy Team appeal, not mentioning Ms Slight, who had well over 90 volunteers for her Guinea Pig club! Thank you to all pupils for their enthusiasm and willingness to help out!

I have also been incredibly impressed with year 7 attendance this term. Especially now, when the weather has changed so drastically, Year 7s deserve a recognition and words of praise for their amazing attendance. Granted, when it comes to illness, I do not think we have ever lived in more unsettled times than present, however with your immense support, we all started to nurture our children into responsible, resilient young people. Thank you to All Parents/Carers for sending your children to school, despite of all that goes around. Attendance is absolutely paramount to our children education and success in the future, so long may it last!

Another thing I have felt immensely proud of in Year 7 is the students approach to Homework. This has been a shock to the system for some, but a vast majority of students got used to completing their homework to a very high standard and handing it on time! I would like to remind all year 7s to use the Library Homework Club every Thursday 3-4pm. Remember, like with everything in life: there are actions and consequences. If you do not complete your homework by the deadline given, there will be a detention set by your class teacher.

Finally, I would like to express how much I have enjoyed getting to know my Year 7s on daily basis. You are all absolutely lovely and superbly polite. Love your jokes, your impeccable manners and lovely comments you make to your friends and members of staff.

Wishing you All a restful and safe half term!





Year 8 Miss Holt

Year 8 students have settled back into life at St Edmund's exceptionally well and have shown great enthusiasm and desire to pick up where they left off. It saddened me greatly that they lost out on such a huge chunk of Year 7 but I have been so impressed with their attitude and tenacity throughout – very proud!

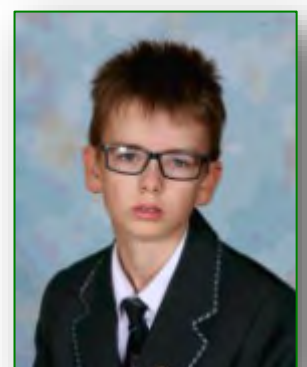
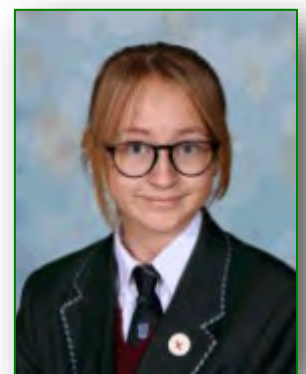
Covid 19 restrictions have meant that we have not been able to do some of the things we had planned to in this first half of the autumn term. It has been nice though to just allow students to settle back into school life and re-establish relationships with their peers and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you and congratulate Xander in our year group for his Taekwondo achievements. He recently competed in two international competition's and achieved silver medals in both, representing Great Britain - AMAZING!

The standard of Homework has always been very high for our year group. There have already been some fantastic pieces produced by year 8 students this half term. On this page are just a few to mention (there were many more)!

I look forward to acknowledging the efforts and achievements in Year 8 so far this term in our additional Celebration assembly that will take place on the 10th November. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, parents will not be able to attend this time; but I will ensure I take lots of pictures and update you in the next Newsletter.

Thank you as ever for all of your support. Have a happy and safe Half term.



Portsmouth School Library Service Book Award 2020

Well we were all set to go to the Central Library to discuss the books we thought should win this year and vote on our favourite when Covid-19 struck. Sadly this meant that the event was cancelled!! However, that didn't stop our very keen group of 18 students though. No way were they not going to vote on their favourite book, especially after reading all four books! Therefore, we had a Virtual Vote across the schools in Portsmouth. Drum roll please for the winning book of 2020..... 'Beauty Sleep' by Kathryn Evans.



Why not read the Shortlisted books and see which one is your favourite?



The student judges this year were: Christian, Ethan, Milli, Zak, Anna-May, Jacob, Jennifer, Alexander, Bethany, Marinela, Hannah, Tania, Rahwa, Deshna, Dulcie, Juliet, Julia, Charlotte. Well done everybody! You all did a fantastic job.



School Library Service 2020 Reading Champion

Every year the School Library Service chooses a 'Reading Champion'. This is based upon a person who is enthusiastic about literature and oozes a love of reading. This year one of our students was chosen to be 'The Reading Champion for 2020'. Congratulations, you should be extremely proud of yourself, along with all our amazing student judges! This is what she had to say about the Portsmouth Book Award:



'The PBA was super fun! We read four books and had to vote for the book we most preferred. It was interesting seeing and hearing peoples different view points about the books. I was really pleased that 'Beauty Sleep' won.' Here she is pictured with her certificate and prizes. Including a signed copy of 'Beauty Sleep' by Kathryn Evans

Year 7

A huge welcome to all the new Year 7 students. They have all had their LLRC introductions now. Please encourage them to read every day, as it is important to keep the skill and habit of reading going. If you see them reading or they are sharing a book with you, please can you sign their Reading Log on page 20 of their planners. Thank you!



They also need a book as part of their school equipment. If they forget their book, they can borrow one from the library. Borrowing from the library goes towards their Literacy Badge, as well as coming to Book Club on a Thursday after school.

Homework Club is on a Thursday after school for Year 7. This is a great chance for them to complete their homework tasks, using all the resources the LLRC has on offer. So please encourage them to come along. It finishes at 3.55pm. Happy Reading and I hope everybody enjoyed 'Reading Week'.

Mrs J Edwards, LLRC Manager

Welcome back to the new school year! For some of year groups, this might have been a stressful start with GCSE's, mock exams or it could be you're new to the school. If you're feeling stressed or upset, the Trinity is open to anyone for a chat or a relax. Unfortunately, with Coronavirus there are set times but Miss Yung in the Trinity is still there for you if you need it. Please refer to the Trinity opening hours if you would like to pop in, the poster is displayed in your form rooms!



Recently in the Trinity, we've had Mrs Rendle's dogs Cooper and Lola in for year 7 & 8 lunchtime. If you would like to sign up for half term, the sheets are outside the Trinity!

We've also had board games and other fun activities, such as meditation, colouring and homework help. If you need a place to go if you need someone to talk to or to just relax and take time to yourself, we are located above student services. It has been a challenge coming back for many pupils, but the Trinity is here to support well-being for everyone at St Edmund's.



There are also ambassadors around the school from year 10 and 11, so when everything is normal you can chat with one of us too. Hope the first half term or even new school has been great!

Sky – Trinity Ambassador.



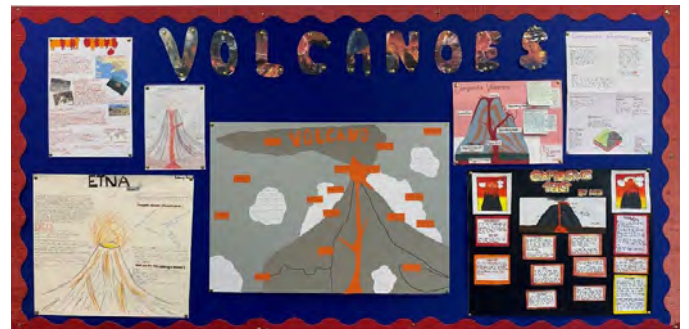
Year 9 have been learning all about the natural hazards in the World. Here are some of their thoughts on the subject and the OUTSTANDING homework that has been created.

There are many things I really like about the topic, natural hazards, that we are currently reviewing in Geography. It is one of my favourite things to research as I find it extremely interesting for example the extend of how large and destructive volcanoes and earthquakes can be, how they happen and much more.

Currently, in our topic we are focusing on volcanoes and different types of plate boundaries they sit on. In class we've learnt many about the different types of plate boundaries such as: destructive plate boundaries, constructive plate boundaries, conservative plate boundaries and Collision boundaries.



In my opinion this is very interesting and important as it expands your knowledge about the earth. There are lots of other things I thought were really interesting such as the ring of fire and the amount of volcano's that were actually sitting around it. It was really fun to learn about all the famous volcanoes around the world, their past eruptions and the current state they are in. It was also very interesting to learn about the layers of the earth and I was amazed at how the earth's crust only takes up 1% of the Earth!



In Geography we are learning about volcanoes. There are many different types of volcanoes such as stratovolcanoes, shield volcanoes and dome volcanoes. All volcanoes have a certain build. Each volcano has a: magma chamber and a main vent which is where the magma comes out of and becomes lava. Some volcanoes have a secondary cone, which is another exit for magma. Depending on the type of volcano, the lava can move slowly or quickly as well as be explosive or non explosive. Volcanoes usually form near plate boundaries. There are also 4 layers of the Earth: the crust which takes up 1% of the Earths volume, mantle which is 84% and the inner and out core which make up 15% together!



Year 9 Mrs Brand



What a start to year 9, not as we would have expected this time last year and we have all had our ups and downs but one thing remains the same; the friendships, support and family life at St Edmunds. Year 9 have come back and settled well and have brought with them great enthusiasm and motivation for learning, which is lovely to see. I have had excellent reports from teachers across a variety of subjects.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 the children missed out on some year 8 events, particularly their Retreat and Summer term Celebration Assembly. Due to this we are going to have a retreat for them in school during November, this will be done a tutor group at a time and will be in our lovely newly decorated chapel, I know Chaplain Fiona is very much looking forward to this, as am I. We are also going to hold an extra Celebration Assembly in November where we can reward the children for their efforts and achievements this half term, unfortunately due to restrictions we won't be able to invite parents this time.

Year 9 of course will be choosing their option choices this year after Christmas, don't worry though, they will get plenty of information and guidance along the way. It is an exciting time for them as they can pick new subjects that they are interested in as well as the core subjects. The important thing for them is choosing what they want to do, not just choosing a subject because their friend is!

A quick reminder about how important it is to ensure your child comes to school every day, this is an important year for their learning. If your child is ill, please make sure you report it in the correct way.

We have a new messaging App, MyED, which is a great way to find out everything you need to about the school or your child, from letters, access to ParentPay, to notifications of detentions etc. I myself use it and find it a great source of information. I have seen some amazing pieces of homework this term, it really shows the continued effort the children put into their time here at St Edmunds.

I thank you as parents/carers for your continued support in these difficult times and wish you and your families to stay safe and healthy.

At this time

Dear Lord,

At this time of pandemic,

*Let us foster respect and solidarity with others,
especially those who are weak or poor.*

*Let us remain calm and ignore
unsubstantiated rumours.*

Let us take advantage of living together as a family.

Let us attend to moments of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope.

Amen.





Year 10 Mrs Were

Welcome to our first newsletter article of the year! A very different start to the school year where we are currently all getting used to our new normal. But I do just want to start by mentioning how proud I am of all our Year 10s. After facing an unfortunate gap in our school life the year group has returned with maturity, resilience and a refreshed energy for school. It is wonderful to see the year group back together again, and I have been really impressed so far with how the pupils have approached their Key Stage 4 subjects.

Saying that, a reminder that every single lesson, piece of classwork, homework and in class assessment counts! We cannot guarantee that we will not have to use teacher predictions and teacher assessments again in the future so we need to ensure we give ourselves the best possible opportunity for success.

The big change for Year 10 has been ... COMMENDATIONS!

Commendations for Year 10 and 11 replace the mystickers merits and rewards from last year. Commendations will be handed out during lessons/tutor and can be achieved for:

During Lessons:

Exceptional effort in lesson. Helping others in their learning.

Good results in assessment, classwork or homework.

Completing practical work to a high standard.

Tutor Time:

Supporting tutor activities e.g. register carrying/reading prayers.

Support of other pupils within the tutor.

Volunteering. Showing initiative/enthusiasm.

Excellent attendance. Excellent punctuality.

Commendations in year 10 and 11 are **EXTREMELY** important!

Commendations go towards:

Your place on the reward trip at the end of year 10,

Being considered for and becoming a PREFECT (a minimum of 30 commendations), And your place at PROM in Year 11.

A huge congratulations go to the below pupils from each tutor group for achieving the highest number of commendations in Year 10 so far this half term:

Damien: Awet, Rella & Bethany

Devereux: Emmanuel, Jessica & Katie

JohnPaul: Alex, Jennifer & Ozan

Kolbe: Joseph, Nadia & Terri

Newman: Zak, Ethan & Tayla

Romero: Thomas, Jack, Jeneivieve & Stella-Ann

Stein: Sullivan, Paige, George & Leanne

Teresa: Layton, Mia, Giancarlo & Alex

And AN EXTRA SPECIAL mention to the below individuals who have already achieved their Bronze Commendation award and badge, reaching 30+ commendations: Terri, Zak, Joseph, Emmanuel, Nadia & Sullivan.



LOCKDOWN PHOTOMENTARY

Year 10 & 11 students were set a photography task of documenting their isolation lockdown experiences through photographs. They have really amazed me with the photography and editing skills that they completed at home.

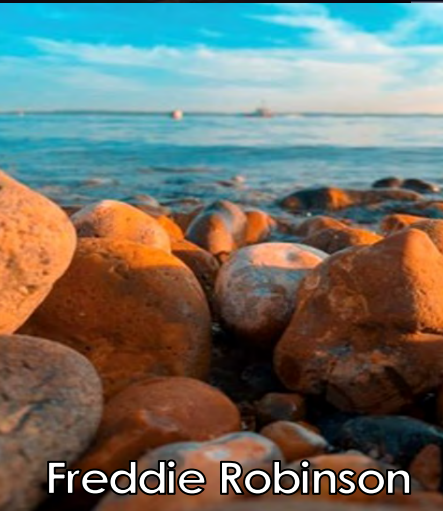
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Freddie Robinson



Julia Fordymacka



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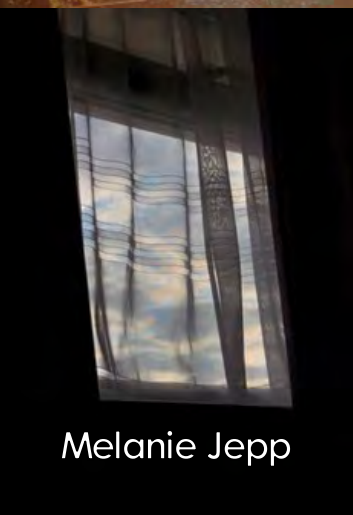
Poppy Smith



Sarah Marszalek Denofrio



William Ibba



Melanie Jepp



Lylee May Spicer



Lucia Griffiths



Cherry Clements

Erin Hathi



Diana Shpega



Megan Brushwood



Esme Long



Karolina Hynek



Aaron Lumabas

Abbi Williams Morgan

The food photos were amazing and reminded me of the M&S adverts!

Safin Ali



Ruby Gwilliam



Year 11 Miss Hammond



WOW! What a busy half term this has been. It has been a very crazy 8 weeks! Year 11 came back on the 2nd September which seems almost a lifetime ago now. They looked taller (well most did) and more mature and looked very smart in their uniform. I cannot believe we are on the final year of their journey here at St Edmund's. I remember them when they were much smaller and a little quieter all those years ago!

The term started off very calmly it seemed, with Year 11 taking all the changes in their stride. We had a different timetable and longer days but they seemed to take to it like ducks to water. However, we sadly had to pause learning at school for 2 weeks due to a positive Covid result which was inevitable at some stage. The students once again rose to a different challenge of online lessons, probably relieved to finish at 3 each day rather than 4! It is always difficult to adapt and change but I am very impressed by the constant resilience and maturity that the year group continue to show.

We have not had any Year group events this half term as the focus has been on students and their lessons, and also many restrictions in place, but we have managed to have talks from various colleges both virtually and in person which I hope the students have found useful. They need to get applications for colleges ready by Christmas with at least 2 applications made.

As we move towards the Christmas term Year 11 will have another busy half term with more college talks and also the final applications being made for these. They also have mock exams before Christmas which will be very important as this will play a big part in centre assessed grades should we go into another lockdown situation. Some students will also have re-take exams and Language exams which they will have to spend time preparing for.

I hope Year 11 use their October Half Term to have a break but also ensure they are up to date with all their work ready to hit the ground running for their final Christmas term here at St Edmund's. I hope you all stay safe and look after yourself and look forward to seeing you back in November!



Sports Corner

Our Year 8 students displayed fantastic creativity during their Outdoor Adventure Activities lessons.

Not only did they have fun creating and navigating the system themselves they also created a cave system for their peers to follow.



OUTDOORS INDOORS!

What a busy return to school it has been and it is no different for PE and clubs. With a full timetable of clubs it has been fantastic to see so many appearances - over 570 in two and a half weeks!

A special mention to year 7 who have understood the clubs system and turn up every Friday for their clubs to the extent where 50% of the year group attended in one day! Remember you need to complete two sessions of clubs to complete your homework and don't leave it to the last minute!

With the new system you have one day of clubs a week for your year group so get organised! Why not try something new! As a department we look forward to seeing you at clubs soon.

Mr Poxton & Miss Bruce



Netball Club -

"We have both developed our skills in passing. We love Netball club as we are learning quicker than usual because its very individualised and one-to-one. We are pushed to our limit but both really enjoy it"

Hollie and Mwimba



Football Club -

"Its a nice opportunity to play more football and test our ability. We come to the club to improve and have fun with our friends and a nice way to get away from the stresses of school". Maddie Kay and El Hadji



Dodgeball Club -

"Its great fun, and nice to have the chance to play as I'm not a fan of football so having an alternative is nice. Enjoy playing it and more fun than lessons. Lots of people attend and its high intensity. We both love dodging hits and then hitting opponents".

Max and Julie

Swimming Club -

"Its nice in swimming to try different things than we would in lessons. You get a sense of freedom and its super fun.

Constantly with friends trying to improve aspects of swimming such as diving. Its a really nice way to exercise and better than running! Using floats to relax in the deep end is nice and water polo is fun".

Sophia, Robbie, Antonelia and Kirsty.





POLITE NOTICE

Dear Parents/Carers,
When you are dropping off or Picking up your child at school, please can you not park on the zig zag markings.
It is not only illegal, but dangerous To All students entering and leaving the School site.
Thank you for your support.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION FOLDER ONLY £2.50

You can purchase a folder through ParentPay and will be distributed when certificates are presented next year. The folders are optional, however, they are a great way of presenting certificates to future



We have had a fantastic take up for music lessons this year with 80 pupils now receiving lessons.

Students must remember to check their timetables each week and to make sure they are on time and don't miss a lesson. Students should also regularly check their school emails for any information or updates.

Payment for lessons in the Spring term is due by Friday 4th December 2020.

All Parents/Carers whose children access music lessons are required to complete an online form. These are available on the Music Department page of the website. Payments are to be made via ParentPay. If a student decides they no longer want to continue with lessons, please complete the form and choose this option.

<https://www.saintedmunds.org.uk/departments/music-dept/music>

If any student wished to start lessons in the Spring term please speak to Mrs Stevenson by the end of November.



Headphones are now a compulsory piece of equipment for use in Music Lessons. If a student does not have headphones or need a new pair they can be purchased for £1.50 through ParentPay and will be delivered to their tutor via the register. Headphones can be kept safely in school with their music teacher should they not want to take them home.

TRINITY DROP IN HOURS

The new social distancing rules mean that students in different years are not allowed to mix in the Trinity Suite.

As you have staggered lunch and break times, these are the designated days for different year groups.

You can come in if you have an issue, would like to talk or even just to sit and catch up on work.

MONDAY WEEK A: YR 8 & YR 9 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

TUESDAY WEEK A: YR10 & YR11 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

WEDNESDAY WEEK A: YR 8 & YR 9 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

THURSDAY WEEK A: YR10 & Y11 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

FRIDAY WEEK A: YR 8 & YR 9 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

MONDAY WEEK B: YR 10 & YR 11 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

TUESDAY WEEK B: YR 8 & YR 9 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

WEDNESDAY WEEK B: YR 10 & YR 11 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

THURSDAY WEEK B: YR 8 & YR 9 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

FRIDAY WEEK B: YR 10 & YR 11 - BREAK AND LUNCH TIME

YEAR 7 WELCOME AT BREAK AND LUNCH TIME ALL WEEK

IF YOU HAVE A SERIOUS ISSUE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, PLEASE KNOCK AND I WILL COME OUT AND TALK WITH YOU. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE GO SPEAK TO YOUR HEAD OF YEAR!

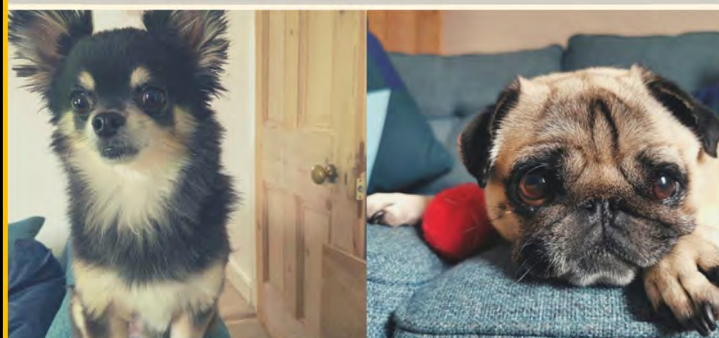


MEET LOLA AND COOPER IN THE TRINITY

EVERY WEDNESDAY WEEK A

OPEN TO YEAR 7 & 8

FROM 12:25 - 13.25



Sign up sheets are outside the Trinity.

10 students per year group, first come first serve basis!

DOG RULES

1. YOU MUST PET THE DOGS NICELY - BE GENTLE & DO NOT MAKE THE DOGS FEEL STRESSED
2. DO NOT PULL THEIR TAILS/EARS
3. YOU MUST NOT ACTIVELY FEED THE DOGS FOOD
4. YOU MUST NOT SHOUT, SCREAM OR TALK ABOVE NORMAL NOISE LEVEL
5. YOU MUST EQUALLY SHARE THE DOGS & NOT KEEP THEM FROM OTHER PEOPLE
6. YOU MUST LISTEN TO MISS YUNG AT ALL TIMES IF SHE INSTRUCTS YOU TO PUT THEM DOWN OR BE GENTLE