



Once again Year 8 students have surpassed all expectations by organising, co-ordinating and fund raising for our Annual Senior Citizens Party. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, especially the beautiful cakes supplied by Mrs Brown (Mr Brown, Head of Learning of Year 10s mum) and the entertainment from not only the students, but staff as well. A big thank you to Mrs Feliks-Matthews for all her help and to the Community Captains. The afternoon was a great success and we are looking forward to seeing what Year 7 can organise next year!



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mr S Graham BSc, NPQH



Tel: 02392 823766





## Headteacher's Address

Although a short half term, we have once again 'packed in' a huge amount of learning experiences and opportunities across the school. Even in this final week there are lots of new experiences including our new cheerleaders in their first competition, a ski trip and our first whole school visit to St Mary's Church in Fratton to celebrate the Stations of the Cross.

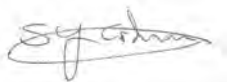
I have once again seen some fabulous pieces of homework where students and their families have gone above and beyond. It is this approach which makes St Edmund's so special; we all offer more in our support, education, care and interactions each day as part of our learning.

This is the heart of our 'family' approach to all that we hope to achieve together. Staff this half term have given many additional hours to support students in Year 10 & 11 as they prepare for their GCSE courses. Students themselves are working incredibly hard in lessons and should be proud of the young adults they have become. There will be additional revision sessions over the Easter holiday as we head into our final preparations. The new examinations which will be in all subjects for the first time this year are tougher, longer and more testing than ever before. This year they will bring some additional problems for the school in accommodating the extra timings and venues required. For example; this year there are a few days where students will sit three exams on the same day and the majority will take two papers a day. The impact of the exams (whilst manageable on the whole), has meant that we will need to finish early on Wednesday 23rd May. This is as a result of requiring multiple venues, an exact afternoon start time set by the examination board and the impact upon the canteen.

These challenges will remain for all our children in the coming years and we must have faith in accepting that God has a plan for us all. For those who embrace faith, there is always the hope that our lives will be transferred. No matter what the personal or societal challenge. As we celebrate Easter and the risen Christ, he brings to us the gift of Peace. St Paul reminds us that his gift of Peace grants understanding and provides an anchor which steadies our lives and gives us the strength to continue our own spiritual journey.

I would like to thank all parents, governors, staff and 'friends' of St Edmund's who help give that strength and support each day, which we perhaps take for granted at times. Over the Easter break we will be carrying out further improvements. The boys swimming pool changing room is being completely refurbished. This will take the entire two weeks to complete and is obviously a costly project. All of the changing rooms/toilets have been highlighted by students as areas to improve.

May I pray that we experience the gift of Easter Peace that the risen Christ bestows upon us and that the hope he inspires guides us for this year and beyond.  
Happy Easter to you all,



Mr S Graham, Headteacher



### Faith and Football Enterprise Challenge 2018 Cascades Trading Day

For Goodness Bakes are one of the 3 teams taking part this year. They are selling a selection of homemade gluten free and vegan cakes. The sales manager Joseph Champion (9 Devereux) was particularly pleased to hear positive feedback that their cakes are "light and fluffy". The Managing Director Caitlin Jones (9 Damien) said that "it was a thoroughly enjoyable day and a great way to get their products to the general public". One member of the public was so impressed by this group that she decided to email St Edmund's to let us know: *"I was in Commercial Road on Saturday when your students had their stalls selling all kinds of wonderful things ..but I was most impressed with the vegan and gluten free cake stall (For Goodness Bakes). I bought a slice of the banana cake ..it was lovely ..what an excellent idea it was to do gluten free...also the students were very polite ...made my day ..thank you"* Karin Dixon



This term much of the spiritual focus has been on Lent and therefore preparing ourselves for the wonderful Easter Season.



**Pope Francis said:**

***'At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart'***



This term we had our Reconciliation Services; a time for everyone to stop and reflect upon our own lives to see where we have been a positive influence in the lives of others and also a chance to reflect upon where we need to say sorry and ask for pardon and forgiveness.

During the Reconciliation Services we heard how Pope Francis has asked everyone to 'Share the journey'; to walk with and pray for migrants and refugees who are suffering and are on the move. War, persecution, natural disaster and poverty force millions of people from their homes. Inspired by Pope Francis, we thought to unite our own journey and the people in Portsmouth who may be struggling due to homelessness, unemployment or health people on the move. We decided we would show this unity when we walked to St Mary's we prayed for all our needs, the needs of Portsmouth and the world. On arriving at the church journeys with the journey of Jesus' last few hours on earth through our staff and student **'The Stations of the Cross'**. Jesus showed us throughout his time on earth how much he us to hope and to a realisation that he is with us on our journey; through the joys and liturgy was prayerful and inspiring and enabled us to prepare for Easter.

Our Year 8 Tutor masses have been very enjoyable as the students have been so enthusiastic during the preparation and so we have had beautiful lunchtime masses.

Year 11 have been organising their Leavers Mass which will be taking place on May 4th. A group of students gathered to prepare the liturgy for their last St Edmund's Mass. I am sure it will be a wonderful celebration as the songs, readings, and ideas that they all chose reflect their spiritual journey while at St Edmund's.

***"The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."*** —

***Basil C. Hume***

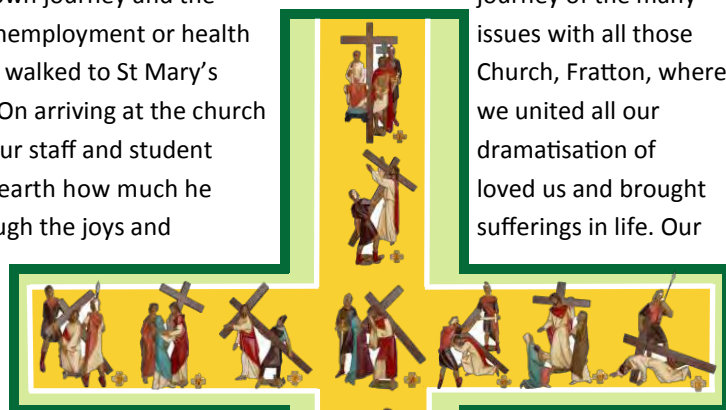
Wishing you all a wonderful Easter filled with many graces and blessings.

**Fiona, Chaplain**

***"Jesus said to her. I am the resurrection and the life.***

***He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."***

***John 11:25 - 26***



journey of the many issues with all those Church, Fratton, where we united all our dramatisation of loved us and brought sufferings in life. Our

**Alleluia**

**Alleluia**

**Alleluia**

**He is RISEN**



**CHAPLAINCY**





Another half term has flown by! And even the snow hasn't stopped the busyness of the build up to our Easter break.

This half term saw a fantastic assembly delivered to the year group by 7 Romero looking at "first impressions". Some really important points were outlined and demonstrated to the year group on the importance of first impressions and how we come across to our family, our teachers, our friends, visitors, as well as people that we don't know.

When we return after Easter we will be celebrating our next round of Personal Quality scores countdown across the year group! Personal Quality scores are given to each pupil for criteria such as being prepared for learning, effort, homework and behaviour. Scores are given for each between a 4 for outstanding, and a 1 for unsatisfactory. These scores in each subject are added together to provide an overall total, and put into numerical order creating a ranking system. I look forward to revealing the countdown and displaying this countdown on our year 7 noticeboard after the Easter break to give the year group a real competitive streak as we build up to the final Attainment point in the year

I have also been amazed this term by the talent from a number of year 7 pupils that performed in A Chance To Dance 2018, this years dance show. It was so lovely to see pupils performing on stage to a sell out audience, demonstrating their skills and talents and doing what they love! Congratulations to the following pupils, I look forward to seeing many more performances:



Ashleigh, Dalia, Oran, Jenevieve, Terri, Scarlet, Eva, David, Pedro, Emily, Sam, Harvey, Nicole, Isabelle, Emmanuel, Tayla, Stella-Ann, Gio, William, Emmanuel, Kate, Grace, Cassandra, Megan, Alexander, Violet and Mia.

I wish you all a happy, safe and restful break, well deserved after such a successful term. On our return this will see us experience our final term of year 7 – another busy one as we build towards the end of the year and a very exciting reward trip for many pupils in year 7!



Miss E Johnson, Head of Learning



YEAR 7





The school grounds look lovely at this time of year, as all the flower boxes seem to be teeming with daffodils. It makes me feel hopeful for some warmer days. With just one more term left of being in Year 8, I am proud of all that the pupils are packing into their time.

The main focus this half term was the wonderful Senior Citizens Party, to which guests from the local parish churches were invited to attend for an afternoon of food and entertainment. There was a planning committee who helped on the day and organised the preparation beforehand. 8 John Paul won the competition for the theme for the day which was tropical. Orange and yellow colours seemed to be everywhere. The food was prepared and served by the Year 8 pupils who also worked hard in the kitchen preparing and serving tea and coffee, juice and squash. A big thank you goes to Danny and Amelie who organised the entertainment for me, giving us a lovely mix of dance, singing and piano playing all starting off with the school choir. Aiden was a life saver on the tech desk too. A big thank you goes to Mr Burns, our Site Manager, who led the singing without much notice! Danny also hosted the bingo which was a great success. I want to join with the sentiments on the many letters and cards that I have received from the guests, in saying how wonderful the Year 8 pupils were in their kindness and politeness to our elderly friends. Those who volunteered for the day will be able to count this towards their Community badge.



The Attainment 2 data has been now been gathered and I wanted to praise the following pupils who have come top in their Personal Qualities for behaviour, progress, effort, homework and being prepared for learning. Maureen has come top for the first time, with Annika and Toby in second place and Lila and Annena in third place. Congratulations must also go to Madeha who is the first pupil to achieve the tenth milestone! Austin, Maciej and Toby have all gained the ninth and earned themselves either a free slice of pizza, a wrap or a queue buster ticket.



We have a very talented year group as many Year 8 students took part in the Performing Arts day and also a lovely group of girls were Involved in the Dance evening. This week we have had the Soundsational Event in the Guildhall in which

many Year 8s were involved. I was really impressed with Lana who dressed up as the Mad Hatter for World Book day and won a prize. We have talent in sport too with Lily winning a team gold in the British Gymnastics Championships.



We will now look forward to the summer term and all the events that we have in store for Year 8. It always seems busy! The students need to keep up their attendance to be able to attend the Reward Trip in July and not get more than 6 detentions. They are working very hard but must remember to keep focused on their work and not get distracted or distract others.

Have a Happy Easter everyone, have a break and get ready for the summer term.

**Ms H Jerrard Head of Learning**



# YEAR 8





As we are approaching yet another end of term, and the forthcoming Easter Celebrations, I am filled with a nostalgia whilst thinking about the final stretch of Key Stage 3 for Year 9! Our Options Assembly, Options Market, Subject showcases, interviews and then collecting the Options choices forms, made me realise more than ever, that KS3 journey is coming to an end and that Year 9 are about to enter even more important phase of their life, KS4.

Our Year group started off this half term with the annual Reconciliation Service. As usual beautifully attended and participated by all students. The very mature and respectful side of the Year group, when taking part in our spiritual events is always a pleasure to witness.



**LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!**

Personally, I would also like to thank the whole Year group and the staff for the generosity shown in supporting the '**Let the Children live**' charity, which I have chosen this year as part of my Lenten journey. I am very, very grateful for all your contributions! Thank you again.



Year 9 have taken part in a variety of trips and events this half term including sailing with the Portsmouth Sailing Trust, a Year 9 Dance Workshop and Dance Show (A Chance to Dance). Unfortunately I missed the show due to not being well, however I have heard that the following individuals were absolutely outstanding: **Daisy, Summer, Reubin, Nina, Tigist, Shannon, Jessica, Kelly, Aya, Michelle and Maisie.**



A huge congratulations to our badminton players for representing the school on county level: Bethryn, Lily, and Daisy! Well done!

I am already very excited to see so many of my gifted and talented Year 9s in this year's school production, the School of Rock! As every year, this is the highlight of my social calendar and I cannot wait to see it!

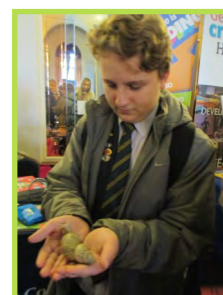


Well done to Louise, who won a prize during the Get Inspired Portsmouth 2018 Day for her outstanding participation during the event.



With all that in mind, I wanted to say both well done and thank you to those involved for all their hard work and contribution to St Edmund's life so far.

Finally, as summer term approaches Year 9 will be having a drive on attendance to put us in the best possible position for the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4. Please do not forget, that in order for you to get the best GCSE results ever, you need to be in school every day and on time. We are an outstanding school, with outstanding teaching and learning and GCSE results! None of this however is possible if you do not attend!



I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that should a pupil be absent from school, it must be reported daily by 9.00 am to the school's absence line on 02392 823766 option 1, and a note with supporting medical evidence must be provided on return to school. Lots to look forward to next term: PSHE day 3, Reward Trip to Chessington, Celebration Assembly, Sports day, but for now....

Have a great Easter!

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



**YEAR 9**



I am always amazed at how quickly our terms seem to roll around and this second term coming to an end is no different. Year 10 are stepping up to the mark and have been incredibly active in their pursuit for great GCSE grades. As always our term has been packed with activities, revision sessions, performances, celebrations, spiritual events and more.

Year 10 celebrated their reconciliation services on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Every pupil who attended was asked to place the name of somebody close to them on a paper foot, which formed part of our whole school banners taken to St Mary's Church for our final end of term service. A special thank you to Fiona, our school chaplain for all the hard work she puts into every event.



On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> March a large number of Year 10's performed in A Chance to Dance and I have to say I am very impressed with some of their performances. These performances go towards their final GCSE grade and it was fantastic to see some brilliant group choreography. Well done to: **Liliana, Alba, Imen, Kerry, Luiz, Charlotte, Abigail, Farzana, Luke, Daisy, Chloe, Charlotte, Libby, Jessica, Cheyenne, Jabri, Nicole & Connie.**

The performances didn't stop there as on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March all Year 10 pupils were

treated to a Drama production by the Solomon theatre company which focussed around choices. The play discussed post 16 options and the dilemmas that many young people will be facing before they leave school. Feedback from both the performers and the Southern

Universities Network who funded the event was phenomenal saying that Year 10 were impeccably behaved, respectful and engaged throughout.



Year 10 are fully embracing the lead up to their English GCSE early entry with multiple revision sessions taking place across both Week A and B. Could I take this time to remind parents that we encourage all pupils to attend these sessions as it is incredibly valuable to ensure the best possible results for your child. Information will be sent home regularly via text/letters and available on the school website regarding revision sessions, including those available to Year 10 over the Easter Holiday. Please note that the GCSE exams for English take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



Triple Science GCSE takes place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Several Year 10 students were involved in the BBC School Report on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. It was great to be interviewed and the students put a great deal of time and effort into preparing the questions and recording the sessions.

Finally, Year 10 have started their prefect application process following our assembly on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils have been tasked with completing an application form, along with gathering 4 staff references to put their names forward. Deadline for the base prefect application is Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Those pupils who wish to apply for Head Boy/Girl, or a Senior prefect role including academic, community or sports captains will need to also complete a covering letter along with their application and this is due in to me by Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Good luck to you all! Have a Happy and hopefully warmer Easter and see you all in the summer term!

**Mr J Brown, Head of Learning.**



# YEAR 10





Year 11 are facing their final run up to the exams and the end of their time at St Edmund's; and they are certainly making the most of it!

As time draws on so many are stepping up to the plate and impressing us with their drive to achieve. The new after school revision timetable has been embraced by so many of the students who are taking full advantage of extra time with their teachers to prepare as the exam season approaches. In addition, a large number of students are having Maths and English revision in the mornings. We know this will support them in their own efforts and give them every chance of success in the summer exams and beyond.

To balance their hard work, we will also be starting a Year 11 lunchtime swim and a lunchtime meditation in the chapel. Remember Year Eleven, you must take time for yourselves even during this very busy and important time. It is essential to rest and to recharge so that your mind and body are fit for the exams. So many of you are already very resilient and developing this important life skill will compliment all successes on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.



As usual and despite a short half term, Year 11 have been busy. The Leavers' Ball Committee have been busy with their fundraising efforts, holding a number of activities including a bake sale. (Miss Howard was very happy to be introduced to carrot cake muffins!) The prefects have continued to be dedicated to their duties and have remained committed to looking after younger students. By the time this newsletter goes to press, the annual Prefect Quiz will have taken place and the winners will have been announced. But the question on everyone's lips (not a hyperbole) is...will it be Miss Evans' or Miss Howard's team who lifts the trophy this year?

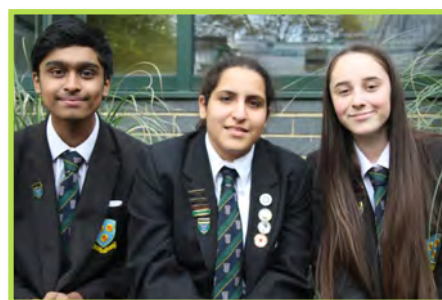
A HUGE well done to all the BTEC Dance students who performed in the dance show. Pupils showed a real commitment to their studies and performed fantastically on the night. Additionally, a big well done to all pupils taking part in the recent GCSE Moderation days. Pupils have been working incredibly hard to show their best practical performances during these days and we wish them all the best of luck for their future moderation days too.



In other extra-curricular events the year group have also been extremely busy. Amy, as the Media Subject Prefect, directed a BBC School Report with an interview by award winning author, Kieran Larwood. This is now live on the school website on the BBC School Report page.

Each and every day you make us proud, Year 11. Your dedication to your education always impresses us. But what we are most proud of is the way that you look after each other, no matter what. We do see the small things, such as listening to a friend who needs it or bringing in a large tub of Pringles, just so that you can share them and show that you care. It is the students who make St Edmund's special. So keep working hard and in the words of the song (commendation for anyone who can name the artist) '*keep keepin' on!*'.

Have a great Easter, remember your revision, and see you all next term! **Miss Howard & Miss Evans Heads of Learning**

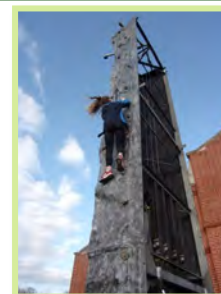


# YEAR 11





# MEET THE MARINES



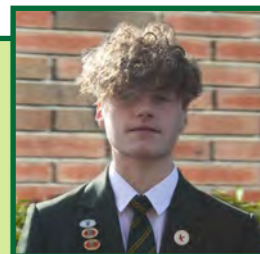
On a very cold day in February, eleven Year 9 students braved the elements and headed down to HMS Excellent for a fun filled, but physically exhausting day with the Marines. The Students had a fabulous time using climbing walls and learning about the roles, expectations and what it takes to become a Marine. Although it was extremely cold, the Rib Boat ride on the Solent was white knuckle and exhilarating. Well done to Lydia, Daniel, Louise, Oliver, Grace, Marcel, Caitlin, Dovydas, Bethryn, Leo, Finlay and Lily for your excellent behaviour and participation. I hope you have all thawed out!

**Mrs Halford**



'Despite the cold; the day was an exciting and informative experience. It taught me that life in the Marines is both elite and physically challenging.'

'I learnt that it is not just about physical fitness to be in the Royal Marines but teamwork. This trip proved to be a real benefit and insight for me as I want to be a Royal Marine Commando.'



'It was great to have the opportunity to experience something that very few young people get to see, an in sight into the Royal Marines. It was a very rewarding but challenging day, especially the weather! I would recommend anyone to give it a go.'



'A once in a lifetime experience! The Rib Boat ride was exhilarating and the rock climbing was physically and mentally challenging. Thank you to Mrs Halford for supplying us with hot chocolate, I think we would have frozen from the inside out if it wasn't for that!'



## NEWS







On Wednesday 14th March, St. Edmund's Music Department took part in the annual Portsmouth Music Hub event - 'Soundsational'! We were lucky enough to watch all of the performances from other schools across Portsmouth, ranging from small rock bands to large groups of musical cast performers.

Our Flute group performed 'Pizzicato Polka' by Leo Delibes and Brass band performed 'Ragtime Rondo' arr. Ramskill. School band then played a challenging arrangement of 'Sir Duke' by Stevie Wonder - it sounded fantastic!!



## PORTSMOUTH MUSIC HUB

# SOUNDSATIONAL



The Choir took part in the massed choir finale, singing 'If only you would listen' from the musical *School of Rock*, 'How far I'll go' from *Moana* and 'Walking on sunshine' by Katrina and the Waves. I was completely blown away by the amazing sound the singers made. Everyone worked so hard in rehearsal and the performance was superb!

A big thank you to all staff members who gave up their time to help on the day and to all of our talented pupils for their commitment to and hard-work in rehearsals and the fantastic final performance! Mrs Deal



# SOUNDSATIONAL





## Fairtrade News



Year 7 pupils were very helpful in raising awareness of 'Fairtrade Fortnight' by selling some homemade cakes and sweets in the playground. Leyton did a brilliant impression of a market seller, calling out to the pupils to buy his wares! Mia and Jack also helped in raising £25.00 to send to Fair trade. Mr Poxton and the PE department have benefited through the Fairtrade stall in the staffroom by purchasing Fairtrade footballs and cheerleading uniforms. We are pleased to send a cheque for £100.00 to the Fairtrade Foundation. Thank you for all your support.

Mrs C. Esmaili



The 6th of February 2018 was a very important date as it marked 100 years since Parliament passed a law which allowed some women and all men to vote for the first time:

## The 1918 Representation of the People Act.



Ten Year 9 students were invited by Councillor Donna Jones, Leader of Portsmouth City Council, to join a short ceremony that took place at Hertha Ayrton Way, The Hard Interchange to mark this event. This ceremony included an unveiling of a plaque in dedication of Hertha Ayrton who was born in Portsea and who is regarded as one of the most foremost female scientists in history.

Well done to Abigail, Larissa, Loui, Jerika, Carys, Julia, Ainhua, Annalise, Dulce and Natalia, who represented St Edmund's beautifully on what was a very, very cold day.



Well done to our small ensemble flute group who recently received a highly commended award and trophy. Mr Allen, the Adjudicator commented '**you work well together - maintain that spirit and attempt even more repertoire.**'

The girls said: '*We really enjoy playing the flute together as a group and to witness other students excellent performances is always a great experience.*'

Well done Caitlin, Lydia, Emily, Martha and Isabel.



Well done Lily who was awarded a Gold Medal in a Team Gym gymnastics competition that took place in Bracknell last month. It is great to see our students achieving not only in school but also in outside activities.



Well done also goes to Liam who recently won medals in a diving competition at Southampton Quays. Liam was awarded a Silver medal in the 1 metre dive and Bronze in the 3 metre dive. With these wins it means he can now move on to county level competitions. We wish you all the best!



# NEWS

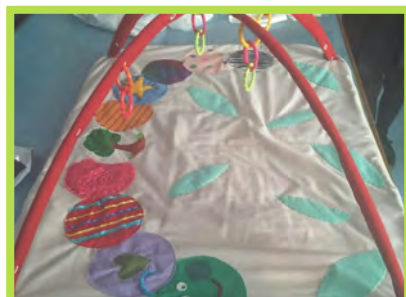






Year 11 have been working extremely hard on their final product. Here are some of their examples. They follow the following briefs:

- ◆ Products that follow the natural world.
- ◆ Products from Asian cultures.
- ◆ An educational babies product.
- ◆ Children's clothing based on 'All things bright and beautiful' or 'Winter wonderland'.



These products were made by the following Year 11 pupils:

Vanessa,  
Alyce, Katie,  
Millie, Jess,  
Frankie, Emma,  
Harriet, Olivia  
and  
Brenda .



# TEXTILES



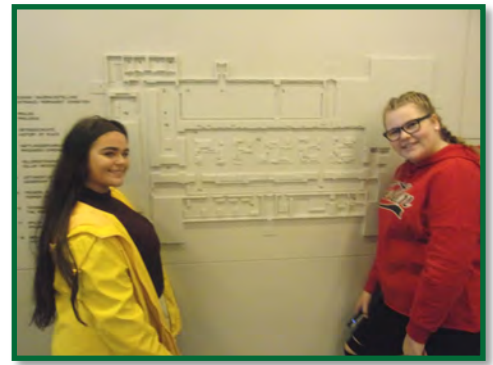




### I Miss Berlin!!

In October we went on an exciting adventure to Berlin. We visited lots of places such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Topography of Terror Museum and the East Side gallery. A particularly interesting aspect of our visit to Berlin was our trip to Sachsenhausen. This was an SS training concentration camp during WWII. It was especially interesting to see evidence of modern day antisemitism in the form of one of the barracks that had recently been destroyed. After the Russians liberated

the camp they created a monument to political prisoners (Socialists and Communists). It was interesting to see this legacy of the Cold War still standing here. We also learned that the camp was used after WWII by the Soviets to house political prisoners ('enemies of the state').



We also visited a museum about life in East Germany during the Cold War. This revealed some interesting information such as the fact that students were humiliated at school if their family's political views did not coincide with that of the Communists.



We learnt about some of the more daring escape attempts by those attempting to reach the more prosperous West over the Berlin Wall.



However, it was interesting to note that some people remember their time in the East very positively – which is not the impression we are always left with today. This was an experience we will never forget. Holly



Six groups from History Club have entered a national competition run by myepicera, explaining what happened in their favourite period of history and why they enjoy studying their chosen period. Each group needed to come up with an interesting way of teaching others about their favourite event and entries ranged from poems and raps to role plays and presentations. They covered a broad range of topics such as the Battle of Hastings, Black Death, Japanese Shogun Era, World War 2, The Troubles and even the 80's! All groups that entered have the chance of winning their chance to film a six-part mini-series on their favourite part of history with the help of myepicera. Good luck to all the groups who entered!



# HISTORY COMPETITION



# HISTORY



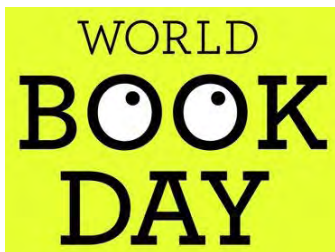




## Reading Week 26th February - 2nd March 2018

We began the week with everybody reading for ten minutes at the start of every lesson. Many pupils really enthused about the books they were reading and having a chance to catch up on reading, as they normally don't have the time.

We also had several competitions taking place during the week. The first being 'Guess the Book Titles from Emoji's'. Everybody found this a challenge and nobody managed to get them all correct. However, the winner for this competition was Estelle in Year 7 who managed to solve an amazing 17 out of 20! Well done. Have a go yourself. Can you name the book title?



### World Book Day



The 'Beast from the East' wasn't going to stop us celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Both pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. It gave everybody the opportunity to talk about books. Many were surprised that 'Wizard of Oz' was originally a book, before being made into a film. Winner of the 'Spot the Characters Around School' was Maciej in Year 8. He managed to spot an amazing 33 out of 51 characters! Well done.

It was extremely difficult to choose the winners of the 'Best Dressed Book Characters', as everybody looked so amazing. However, they were the following:

**In Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cameron (Year 7) and Lana (Year 8)**

Highly Commended were: Ebenezer & Efrem (Year 7), Jordan & Agata (Year 8). All the pupils who took part received a small prize.



Well done everybody, you all looked fantastic! Also, a huge thank you to everybody who helped you look so great! Here are a few comments the pupils made about the day:

*"On World Book Day, my friends and I dressed up as characters from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. I was the Mad Hatter. In my opinion, it was a good day."* Lana

*"I dressed up as Alice and my friend Mylenna dressed as the White Rabbit. It was a fantastic day as we got to dress up as our favourite characters and participate in lots of activities."* Agata



Instead of chocolate for Easter this year, why not give the gift of a good book? **Happy Easter, Mrs J Edwards LLRC Co-ordinator**



# LLRC







### Model Students

Year 7 have been making model houses in class. They have used their own homes, local architecture and the work of some well-known architects to influence their designs. Here you can see some of their creations and a model village which was fun to arrange. Well done to all pupils who completed their house.



**Brilliant Brothers:** The talented Villamor Brothers with the very professional architectural models they both made when they were in year 7.

### Year 10 Graphic Design Work

Using experimental collage techniques and photoshop skills year 10 have produced some interesting images.

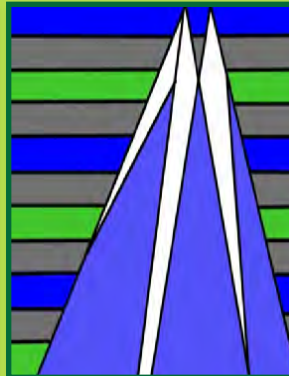
**'Every moment'**



**'Confusion'**



**'Abstract Mountains'**



**Oliver**



**Le Jia**



**Emily**

I chose the question 'make a pop-up book' because it was aimed for young children and I wanted to go for a very fun creative



theme. Initially I thought that this task would be very simple, however I soon found that, even to get a simplistic look, it was a very complex process and I wasn't expecting the patience and commitment required to get a professional looking outcome. I spent 5 lessons cutting out blades of grass and drawing cartoon characters. The time and effort was definitely worth it. I am hoping for an A-A\*.

**Simarun**

I always had the idea of making a military themed activity pack from the beginning so it was easy to plan what I wanted to do.

As the course progressed the pressure built up and we had lots to do in a very short period of time. However every time I completed a task it was very rewarding and satisfying so it was worth putting in the effort in and after school hours. If there was one thing I would improve on it would definitely be going to more catch ups to allow me to have more revision time.

**Sam**

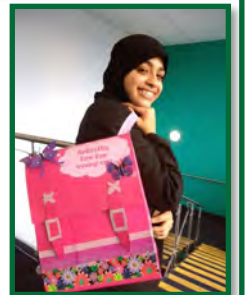


Over the past year, with my commitments and efforts, I have finally made a product that I am so proud of. I had to make the lid for the box for about 4 times until finally I have managed to make one that fits the box. I can say that I have learnt a lot of new skills that I never knew about. But the most important lesson that I have learnt is to never give up. If you set yourself a target don't ever think that you cannot reach that target, because if you believe that you can then you will.

**Rwdyn**

If I was to say what the favourite aspect about my packaging is, it would be the vampire teeth; I feel that it brings the whole design together. Creating it took a lot of time, I had to attend many hours catch ups in order to finish my packaging but it was all worth it. Some of my peers had doubts about the idea of my packaging but when they saw it was finished they were widely impressed.

**Steve**



# GRAPHICS







**ST EDMUND'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**SAVE A  
DATE!**

THE NEXT GENERATION

# **SCHOOL of ROCK**

THE MUSICAL



**WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE  
THURSDAY 21ST JUNE  
FRIDAY 22ND JUNE  
SATURDAY 23RD JUNE  
2018**

**MORE INFORMATION ON WHEN AND WHERE TO BUY TICKETS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE AFTER EASTER.**



BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE WRITTEN BY MIKE WEBB

MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER LYRICS BY GLENN SLATER SCRIPT BY JULIAN FELLOWES

© 2016 RUG LTD

**DIARY**

**BACK TO SCHOOL - MONDAY 16th APRIL - WEEK A**

FRIDAY 27th APRIL - SPRING SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 3RD MAY - YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

FRIDAY 4TH MAY - YEAR 11 LEAVERS MASS

FRIDAY 11th MAY - YEAR 11 LEAVERS TEA

**DATES**



## **NOTICEBOARD**



Please note: any link/advert contained in this Newsletter does not imply a recommendation.

St Edmund's Catholic School accepts no liability for any linked sites.