

Friends of St Ed's

NEWSLETTER

Autumn term I

Dear friends and family of St Ed's,

I do hope you are all thriving as we head into Autumn and the long sunny days become a distant memory! It is so lovely to see all of your wonderful children, looking so smart and aspirational. Year 7 have settled in extremely well; it is a joy to walk around the school and see all the smiles and the laughter and the summer stories being shared. As you'll see from the picture we managed to avoid the "biblical" rains to profile our brilliant Senior Prefect team! They will play such an integral part in shaping our Catholic mission - to CARE, following in the footsteps of Christ. As always, it's a fully packed term and I hope to see you all soon as we work together with high expectations, warm hearts and Christ at the centre. God Bless.



Congratulations to our new senior prefect team

(from left to right Ema Narmontaite, Gabryela Filip, Maggie Hazeldine, Harriet Deadman, Sophie Mussa)

Key dates this half term

September

- 24th - Open morning - 9am - 10.30am
- 25th - Whole school settling in evening
- 26th - MacMillan Coffee Morning - 8.45am - 10.30am

October

- 2nd - Open Evening - 6pm - 8pm
- 3rd - Lower school St Francis of Assisi feast day mass
- 6th - Yr13/11 two week assessment window
- 7th - Open morning - 9am - 10.30am
- 8th - Ben Davis author visit
- 16th - Year 7 welcome disco - 5.30pm - 7pm
- 21st - Year 8 mass
- 23rd - Half term ends at 3pm

Parent partnership event

Parents are warmly invited into the academy to join our
MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26th September

8.45am - 10.30am



Students will also be able to get involved in the cake sale at specific times throughout the day.

We would also love to see all students wearing clothes to represent a country from Europe, instead of their uniform on the day, and encourage a minimum donation of £1 or a donation of your choice payable on Arbor Pay.

All donations will go to Macmillan Cancer Support

Further information is available in a letter sent to all parents/carers on the Arbor app.

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

WHAT IS THE SALT AND ICE CHALLENGE?

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top of it for as long as possible. This creates a chemical reaction, rapidly lowering the temperature and causing cryogenic (cold) burns, similar to frostbite. A particular danger of this challenge is that the extreme cold from the ice and salt mixture numbs the skin, masking the pain and making it difficult for the person to realise the extent of the damage they are causing. By the time they feel pain, significant tissue damage has often already occurred. The 'Salt and Ice Challenge' can cause second or third degree burns that may require skin grafts as well as leaving permanent scars.

TREATMENT

Immediate First Aid Advice

- Cool the affected area under lukewarm running water for at least 10 minutes.
- Do not apply ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.
- Cover with clean cling film or smooth plastic.
- Seek medical attention for deep, blistered, or extensive burns.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO TALK TO THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VIRAL SOCIAL MEDIA TRENDS. PLEASE EMPHASISE THAT NO AMOUNT OF SOCIAL MEDIA "LIKES" OR PEER PRESSURE ARE WORTH THE RISK OF A PERMANENT INJURY.

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EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

We have a large number of clubs available each night of the week. From Eco club to chess to basketball - please encourage your child to attend at least one club a week.

‘Use your God-given gifts to serve others’
1Peter 4:10

To view the list of available activities, please click the link below

<https://www.stedmundscloud.co.uk/afterschool-enrichment-activities-2/>

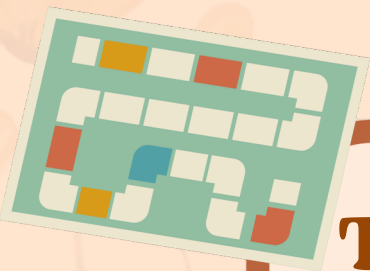


Do you want to level up your October Half term break?

GAME & CHATSE

Dodge the Gloomy weather and dive into a session of games and chill times with the Wolverhampton Reflexions Team.

Play some of your favourite board games whilst making new friends and having a laugh! A cosy, feel good way to brighten up the chilly season!



**Tuesday 28th October
Wolverhampton Art
Gallery**

2:00pm - 4:00pm



For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net or feel free to pop in!

St Edmund's Catholic Academy

To Love and Serve the Lord

Chaplaincy in Autumn Term 1 2025

Liturgical Dates

Friday 5th September **Year 12**

Welcome Mass - 9am

Sunday 7th September -

Canonisation of Carlo

Acutis - St Michael's

Church, Penn 9pm

Wednesday 24th September -

Feast of our Lady of

Walsingham Saturday 27th

September **Memorial of St**

Vincent de Paul Tuesday 30th

September **Memorial of St**

Jerome Thursday 2nd October

Memorial of the Holy

Guardian Angels Saturday

4th October **Memorial of St**

Francis of Assisi Tuesday 7th

October **Memorial of Our**

Lady of the Rosary Thursday

9th October **Feast of St John**

Henry Newman

We are in **Ordinary Time**
Our Gospel Values for this half-term are

Faithfulness and Honesty

Welcome Fr Gerry

We welcome to our St Edmund's family, Fr Gerry Bowen as our new priest chaplain. Fr Gerry was ordained to the sacred priesthood this July and has been appointed as assistant priest at Blessed Carlo Acutis parish here in Wolverhampton. Please keep Fr Gerry in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry. Please pray also for Fr Alex as he begins his first parish priest appointment at St John Vianney parish in Coventry.

Livestreamed Mass and Adoration

Weekly mass taking place every Monday in the Chapel at 1:15pm and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday at 12:45pm will now be livestreamed for parents or carers. Follow this link to tune in: <https://www.stedmundscloud.co.uk/livemass/>

St Ed's Larder

The Larder is available to any families in need of supplies. To access, drop into school with a shopping bag or send us an email. You can also make cash donations for our termly food deliveries to our most at risk families via Parent Pay. We will then do the shopping on your behalf.

Mass of Welcome for Year 12

On Friday 5th September we will be welcoming our new year 12 to the St Edmund's family in a formal, liturgical way through the celebration of Mass. This will take place in the arena at 2pm so, if you are free at that point, please do join us for this joyful celebration.

Mass of Welcome for Year 7

On Friday 19th September we will be welcoming our new year 7 to the St Edmund's family in a formal, liturgical way through the celebration of Mass. This will take place in the arena at 9am so, if you are free at that point, please do join us for this joyful celebration.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary will begin on Wednesday 1st October and, as usual, we will be praying one decade of this beautiful prayer each day in chapel, using the varied languages spoken by our students and staff. These will be at 1:15pm each day - ALL are welcome.

**Spirit of God, descend
on me this day. Grant
me the Spirit of joy to lift
me, the Spirit of hope to
inspire me, the Spirit of
love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to
enlighten my path.**

**"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due
season we will reap, if we do not give up."**

Galatians 6:9