Friends of St Ed's

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term I

A New Academic Year - Welcome!

We welcome back our families after the Summer break to what has been a very busy half term. A special welcome to “first-time” parents at St. Edmund’s, we are delighted to have you as part of our community.

Thanks to all who attended our settling in evening, to meet form tutors and address any concerns. It was great to see so many parents there, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Remember that form tutors and pastoral leads are always available should you have any concerns or questions about your child’s time in school. Please phone the school on 01902 558888 or email the relevant pastoral lead - details on the school website: who to contact



A Cause for Celebration

Results at both GCSE/Level 2 and A Level/Level 3 qualifications were the best ever, this Summer, reflecting the dedication of both students and staff







Key Dates for Next Half Term

November 2026

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day - School Closed
Monday 16th - Friday 20th November - Yr 11/13 Mock Exams
Wednesday 18th November - Parent Partnership Event
Tuesday 24th November - Flu spray catch up session - Years 7 to 11
Monday 30th November - INSET Day - School Closed

December 2026

Tuesday 1st December - St Edmund's Feast Day Mass
Friday 4th December - Family Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8th December - Candlelight Carol Service
Wednesday 9th December - Christmas lunch served
Thursday 10th December - Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th December - Stars of St Edmund's Event
Friday 18th December - Advent Liturgy and Early Closure

Parent Partnership Event

All parents, carers, grandparents etc welcome

Our next parent partnership event will be on

Wednesday 18th November

9:00am - 10:30am



Join other parents and staff for a hot drink, a sample of the food available to students at break times and an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas on how to improve the St Edmund's community.

To reserve a place, please email Mrs Wilcox: swilcox@stedmunds.org

Focus on Extra-Curricular Enrichment Activities

Did you know there are over 30 different clubs run by staff after school?

From Minecraft to Musical, Crochet to Chess, Dance to Debate, Football to Food, Gymnastics to Gardening and everything in between, we aim to provide each student with something that they can enjoy, whilst building friendships with others who share their interests.

Attending a club improves key skills such as communication, team building, leadership, problem solving and creativity.

We believe that school days are about so much more than lessons and academic progress, and we love to share our interests and hobbies with young people.

Where possible, please encourage your child to attend at least one activity per week to develop their independence, confidence and interpersonal skills.

And if you think we are missing something, please let us know and we will try to plug the gap!

A full list of our current programme is on our website:

After School Enrichment

















Option for the Poor
Catholic Social Teaching

Each year the academy community focuses on one area of Catholic Social Teaching (CST).
Our strand for this year is:

Option for the Poor



There are a number of ways that we will be doing this:

- there will be a focus in lessons, where appropriate
- staff teams will set themselves a CST target for the year
- through our fundraising charities
- through working with local charities

More information about Option for the Poor can be found here:
CAFOD: Option for the Poor

If you have any other suggestions of how we can promote this area of CST in the academy, please let us know.





Eco Club and Catholic Social Teaching in Action

Earlier in the term, Eco Club joined forces with students in Year 12 to complete a sponsored litter pick for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

Collecting 20 bags of rubbish from Compton Park and surrounding area, they exemplified last year's strand (Care for Creation) whilst raising funds related to this year's strand of Option for the Poor.



Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP

We are delighted to have been successful in our bid for a fully funded place on the Accelerator Programme with Skills Builder Partnership.

Skills Builder Partnership is a global movement of employers, educators, and impact organisations working together to ensure that one day, everyone builds the essential skills to succeed.

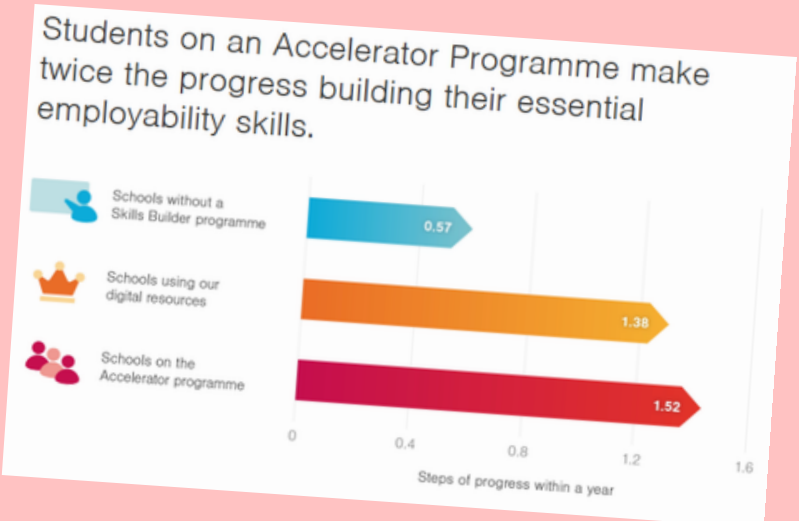
The Skills Builder program is a research-based programme designed to support young people in developing essential skills for life.

We will be launching the programme with students next half-term with a focus on Collaboration: Leadership and Teamwork

More details about the programme and how you can support as parents will be shared in the next newsletter







SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

PARENTS AND CARERS: FREE CATCH22 WEBINARS

Catch22 are hosting online awareness sessions for parents and carers.

Knife Crime Awareness - Friday 30 October 3pm-4.15pm

Topics include:

- Understanding knife crime
- The impact of knife crime on young people and their families
- Types of weapons most commonly carried
- How and where knives may be obtained
- Factors that heighten knife crime and serious youth violence in communities

Book here

County Lines Awareness - Tuesday 27 October • 10:00am–11:45am

Topics include:

- County lines, child criminal exploitation and financial exploitation
- How grooming, coercion and exploitation can develop over time
- The personal, relational and contextual factors that may increase vulnerability or be exploited by others
- The National Referral Mechanism
- Psychological impacts, social media and debt bondage

Book here

BASE 25

Base 25's Wellbeing Hub provides a safe, welcoming and accessible space for young people aged under 25. The Hub offers advice and guidance around wellbeing, access to emotional support and opportunities to develop confidence, coping strategies and resilience. Its open-access approach means a young person does not need to wait for a formal assessment or professional referral before making contact. They can attend for early support, talk through concerns and receive guidance within a supportive environment.

Opening times

Monday 4pm–8pm
Wednesday 4pm–8pm
Friday 9am–12pm
Saturday 12pm–4pm

https://base25.org/

Half Term Holiday Well-Being Support from Reflexions

Spooky Steps Wellbeing Walk

Black Country Healthc
NHS Foundation T

Join us at Bantock Park for a calming and fun Wellbeing walk designed for children, young people and families. We will explore the 5 ways to well being in a natural environment and look at ways that we can help our physical and mental health.

Bantock Park
29th October 12:00-13:00pm



WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES.

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

- This is a weather dependent activity, please ensure appropriate clothing for outdoor conditions
- There are no public toilets on the route. However there are public toilets located in other areas of the park.
- This walk should take around 60 minutes depending on the abilities of the group. It is mostly on wide pathways and the open grass area.
- Staff will be identifiable at the meeting point with NHS lanyards, name badges and high visibility jackets.

SIGN UP TO THE EVENT IS REQUIRED PLEASE CONTACT

BCHFT.REFLEXIONS@NHS.NET

Half Term Holiday Well-Being Support from Reflexions

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Join us for...

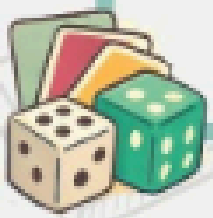
GAME & CHILL

Join the Reflexions team for a fun day where children, young people and families can enjoy their favourite board games together – a chance to make friends, connect and share laughs in a relaxed, supportive space.

Parents to accompany children under 13 years old



Wolverhampton Art Gallery
Lichfield St,
Wolverhampton WV1 1DU



DATE:

10:30 - 16:00 - 28th October 2026

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

Have Your Say - Information from Reflexions

NHS
Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

DO YOU WANT TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

MENTAL HEALTH YOUTH AMBASSADORS



- Activities
- Crafts
- Snacks

HELP US SHAPE OUR SERVICE AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS!
AGE 11 (YEAR 7) TO 18!

MEETING ON

Meet and Greet CAMHS Staff

Tuesday 27th October

Website Ideas

1:00pm - 2:00pm

The Gem Centre, Neachells Lane
Wednesfield Wolverhampton, WV11 3PG

For more information or to register your interest please contact:
01922 607 400 or email
bchft.blackcountrycypf.coproduction@nhs.net

Liturgical Calendar - Autumn Term One

St Edmund's Catholic Academy

To Love and Serve the Lord

Chaplaincy in Autumn Term 1 2026

We are in ***Ordinary Time***

Our Gospel Values for this half-term are

Faithfulness and Honesty

Liturgical Dates

Friday 11th September
Year 12 Welcome Mass - 9am
Monday 14th September
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday 25th September -
Year7 Welcome Mass
Tuesday 29th September
Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday 30th September
Memorial of St Jerome
Monday 5th October (transferred from 4th)
Memorial of St Francis of Assisi - Lower School Patron
Wednesday 7th October
Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday 9th October
Feast of St John Henry Newman
Monday 12th October
Feast of St Carlo Acutis - Year 8 Mass

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.

Welcome back, one and all!

We welcome to our St Edmund's family, all our new year 7's, and all our returning staff and students. We also give a warm welcome to all our new staff who are now part of our wonderful St Edmund's family - it's good to have you here!

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 Friday11th 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 9am so, if you are free at that point, please do join us for this joyful celebration.

Mass of Welcome for Year 7

On Friday 25th 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.

"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

Liturgical Calendar - Autumn Term Two

Catholic Academy

To Love and Serve the Lord

Chaplaincy in Autumn Term 2 2026

We are in **Ordinary Time** moving into **Advent** from 29th November

Our Gospel Values for this half-term are

Dignity and Compassion

Liturgical Dates

Sunday 1st November
Solemnity of All Saints
Monday 2nd November
All Souls
Saturday 21st November
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 22d November
Solemnity of Christ the King - National Youth Sunday
Sunday 29th November
First Sunday of Advent
Monday 30th November
Feast of St Andrew
Tuesday 1st December
Celebration of the Feast of St Edmund Campion - Patron of our Academy
Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 8th December
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM and St Edmund's Candlelight Carol Service - St Michael's Catholic Church, Penn
Sunday 13th December
Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday
Sunday 20th December
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal rest, grant unto them,O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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November - Month of the Holy Souls

The Catholic Church designates November as a special month, to pray for and remember those who have died. The month begins with the feast of All Saints (Nov 1), and the feast of the Holy Souls (Nov 2), but we continue to pray for our lost loved ones all through the month. There will be opportunities to do this in Chapel, in tutor time and in Celebrations of the Word.

St Edmund's Feast Day Masses

On Tuesday 1st December we will be celebrating our patronal feast day, St Edmund Campion, Priest and Martyr. We will , as usual celebrate these in the sports hall with Fr Gerry, our priest chaplain. Our wonderful academy choir will lead us in our praise of God through singing.

"The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them."

The Book of Wisdom 3:1