St Edward's Catholic Academy

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July 2022 Newsletter

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday. Thank you for all your good wishes, cards and gifts; as always your generosity is very much appreciated, thank you.

This has been our first full year since we finished in July 2019 and the world does seem quite a different place. The children are definitely ready for a well earned break. We look forward to seeing you all back refreshed and raring to go on **Tuesday 6th September**. We have also included a separate newsletter with some helpful information on for you during the holiday period.

Kind regards, J McQuillan

Year Six - Class of 2022

It is always a sad time of year when we say farewell to our Year Six pupils and their families. We are very privileged to have known the majority of our Year Six pupils from when they joined St Edward's in Reception Class. It has been a pleasure to watch them develop and flourish into the young people they have become.

We have the majority of our pupils moving onto Blessed Robert Sutton. Some other pupils will be joining The Pingle Academy, Granville Sports College and Paulet High School and we wish them all well as they move on to the next step of their journey.

Well done to all Year Six pupils for the excellent end of term play, 'Swad's Got Talent'. It was amazing and really did make us laugh, especially once we worked out who all the different characters were. It was so lovely to see so many of our parents, carers, grandparents and relatives at school to watch this also.

Our Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' Mass were also wonderful events to celebrate the end of the children's time here at St Edward's. Thank you to all pupils and parents who attended these special celebrations.

On behalf of the staff and pupils may we wish all our Year Six pupils every success with their future plans. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on at secondary school and beyond.

Key Stage 2 SATs Results 2022				
SUBJECT	Expected	Expected	Greater Depth	Greater Depth
	School	National	School	National
Reading	90%	74%	42%	NOT
Writing	81%	69%	29%	YET
Maths	81%	71%	39%	AVAILABLE
SPAG	87%	72%	45%	ABLE

All data is provisional. We are however, delighted with these results for our Y6 children. They have all worked incredibly hard and have been ably supported and prepared by Mr Cassidy and Mrs Herring. Well done everyone!

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Uniform

THIS WILL BE RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED NEXT YEAR.

We urge all parents to support the wearing of St Edward's school uniform. The wearing of uniform brings advantages for our pupils and for you, the parents and carers. Summer uniform may be worn after the Summer holidays if preferred, up to Autumn half term in October. The list is also available on our website.

Winter Uniform: (May be worn from September) Girls:

- Plain white blouse (not fitted)
- Black/silver school tie
- Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress, or pleated culottes
- Black or grey tailored school trousers (no jean or canvas style)
- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt (school crest optional)
- White or grey socks or grey or black tights

Boys:

- White shirt
- Black/silver school tie
- Black/grey tailored school trousers (no jeans or canvas style)
- Royal blue jumper or sweatshirt (school crest optional)
- Grey or black socks.

Both boys and girls should wear sensible black footwear. Trainers, fashion shoes with heels or long legboots are not permitted.

PE Kit for all pupils.

- White tee shirt and royal blue or navy shorts.
- Plain navy blue joggers and hoodie (NO LOGOS PERMITTED).

PE kit will be brought in to school next year and be kept in a named PE bag in the cloakroom. Children will need the joggers and hoodie during the colder months but we advise buying it now while it is readily available in the shops.

ALL ITEMS WORN IN SCHOOL SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Appearance

Besides the uniform as stated previously there are rules regarding appearance that we require all pupils to adhere to. Again, these will be strictly enforced from September.

NO extreme hairstyles

Hair of shoulder length or longer MUST be tied back

Earrings - plain studs only are allowed. These MUST be removed for PE and swimming. Staff are not allowed to remove them and they cannot be taped over. If your child is having their ears pierced, this must be completed in the first week or so of the summer holidays so that the earrings are ready to be removed for PE on return to school. PE is a statutory requirement of the curriculum and every child is expected to fully participate. Thank you for your support and cooperation in upholding our smart appearance at St Edward's.

Trips for 2022/2023

We already have some exciting trips booked for next year and wanted to give you as much notice as possible about these. With the rising cost of fuel and rise in the cost of living, trip costs have increased significantly. We also appreciate how difficult it is for families and therefore want you to be able to plan in advance. If you are having difficulty making any payments please speak to Mrs McQuillan or Mrs Methven in confidence. For all trips we ask for voluntary donations but the trips will not be able to run if we do not receive enough payments. More information will be provided in September to each year group.

Y6 - 5th December 2022 - Trip to Houses of Parliament, London. Cost £44.75

Y5 - 2022– 2023 Day trip to be confirmed. December 2023 (when they will be Y6) 3 day residential to Lea Green

Y4 - 19th-21st April 2023 Residential trip to Foundation Matters, Stenson Derby £126.50

Day trips for all other year groups (YR to Y3) to be confirmed. The cost will be capped and will not exceed £35. We will aim to keep costs as low as possible.

Dinner Money

From 6th September the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). All pupils in Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal each day and therefore do not need to pay. All payments for dinners (Y3 to Y6) must be made on School Money and must always **be paid for in advance.** We have had an increasing number of dinners taken that have not been paid for on time. Any dinner arrears which have been accrued or any outstanding payments will be passed on to our Finance Team at the Trust for them to pursue payment. We will accept cash payments also for outstanding debt if these are brought to the school office.

Please remember that if you have recently had a change in your circumstances you may be eligible to claim for Free School Meals. More information can be found by clicking <u>here</u>. Please do enquire at the school office and we would be happy to advise you. You can also apply online, the form is short and quick to complete. Please click <u>here</u>.

Or you can call the local authority where staff are always happy to help:

Andy Burton Tel: 01629 536481 or 07812 475250 Monday to Friday

Sue Upton Tel: 01629 535743 Wednesday (pm), Thursday and Friday

Breakfast Club

From 6th September the cost per child for Breakfast Club will be £3. There will no longer be a discounted rate for siblings. We have considered this carefully and think this is the fairest way to keep costs as low as possible for everyone. As you will appreciate our running costs have increased. We want to continue to offer this provision as it supports so many of our parents but cannot run it at a loss.

From 6th September we will be accepting Child Care vouchers for Breakfast Club and we hope that this will help some of our working parents. Please contact the school office for more information.



Holidays in Term Time

Please remember to check our term dates carefully; please click <u>here</u> to view them on our website. Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Leave of absence may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. INSET days are also specific to our school so please do not assume our dates will be the same as other schools.

