

# St Edward's School Newsletter

## Headteacher update

We are a week into our new break and lunch time arrangements, and following some initial teething problems, processes are going more smoothly.

Supervision is now better concentrated and resourced, both indoors and outdoors, and as a result student safety has increased. The lunch queuing time has significantly reduced, and we have more improvements planned so that students do not spend their lunchtime queuing for food. Thank you to Mrs Lord and the Catering Team for working on these improvements, and to staff and students for their co-operation as we have made adjustments. We will continue to monitor and review these processes so that we can ensure that we meet safeguarding requirements, and improve students' school experience.

*Mr M Antram  
Headteacher*

## Science at St Edwards

When a student's work is marked, they are given written feedback by their teacher. Students then spend time G.R.A.F.Ting (General Response And Feedback Time) where they respond to feedback and develop their understanding further. In science we try and encourage students to do this frequently by issuing a "Target

Achieved" stamp for every time they do this successfully. For every 5 stamps a student earns, they are rewarded with a small prize and a raffle ticket. In the first term, students showed an overwhelmingly positive response to this and over 150 tickets were collected, eagerly anticipating the chance of scooping the prizes in the Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4 end of term prize draw. I am pleased to announce that the winners, each awarded a £10 Amazon voucher were...

- Izzy Orme – Year 7
- Mia Lloyd – Year 9
- Noah Falconer – Year 9
- Patryk Halikowski – Year 10
- Harrison Moors – Year 11
- Harrison Glover – Year 11

Well done to all for engaging so well with your targets and striving to do all you can to improve your learning. All raffle tickets won already plus any gathered in the next term, will go into the next prize draw just before the Easter holidays. Good Luck and keep collecting your target achieved stamps!

*Mr S Dell  
Assistant Subject Leader for  
Science*

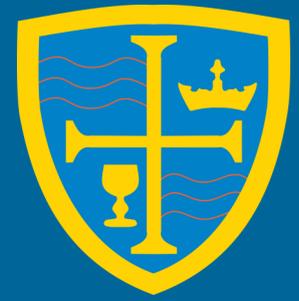


## Year 9 Netball Triumph

A huge well done to the Year 9A Netball Team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Poole and East Dorset Schools Netball League.

Their hard work, commitment and dedication to training has been superb and they thoroughly deserve their medals.

Keep up the outstanding work ladies.



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**SAVE the DATE**  
**Safer Internet Day**  
**2017 | Tuesday**  
7 February  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)

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**Cyber Security - an introduction  
for families**

Learn how to become more Cyber secure alongside your children in a simple and fun workshop

**Tuesday 7 February**  
**4.30–5.30pm**  
**Poole Central Library**

We will explore the meaning of cyber security, best practice for using passwords, and have fun with a Cyber Quiz. Join us and your whole family can look forward to a Cyber Secure future!  
Find out more at [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

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Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult

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St Edward's is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and we are writing to remind you that we expect students' attendance to be **above 95%** - this is in line with government and Poole's expectations. We will also work with any students and their families who drop **below 90%** attendance as this is the threshold for Persistent Absence as set out by the government.

Thank you to all of those families who have been working hard to ensure their child's attendance is as high as it can be. Thank you for getting these important habits established as it will make a positive difference in their future.

There is real link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**Why is 95% attendance so important?**

Regular and punctual attendance at school is crucial to both academic and social development, which will improve the life chances of children.

**How can we help?**

One of the ways to ensure good attendance is to raise students' awareness of what their attendance actually is and educating them on how important it is. We are doing this in several ways;

- Reports home will have attendance printed on them along with the school target so students can see where they are in relation to this target.
- Tutors will share attendance with the students regularly
- Students will have assemblies on the importance of attendance and how it can affect their achievement.
- Students above 97% will be celebrated and receive letters home congratulating them on their good

attendance.

- Students whose attendance drops will be informed by letter if they are nearing one of the thresholds of 95% or 90%.

- Students deemed to be Persistently Absent (below 90%) will be informed by letter and supported by working with the

Assistant Headteacher and Poole Borough's School Attendance Worker to bring about improvements.

If you need any help or advise, do please get in contact.

*Mr Bousfield*  
*Assistant Headteacher*

Attendance During one School Year	Equals Days absent per year	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Which means this number of school hours missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons	50 Hours
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons	100 Hours
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons	150 Hours
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons	200 Hours



*Ticket Prices*  
*Students £12.50*  
*Adults £3.50*

**An Evening of Gymnastics & Dance!!**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**7:00pm in the Main Hall**



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## Design and Technology Futures

**All of Year 9, and Year 10, 11 and Sixth form Technology Students**

You are warmly invited to the Technology Department

on  
**Monday 6th February**  
From 6-7.30 pm

To join us and other Design and Technology Practitioners to discuss first hand some of the Technology pathways open to you.

Guests will include-

Sean Forryan ( Former student –studying Architecture at BU)  
Ben Clarke Former Student and apprentice ambassador  
Becky Clarke (Former Student) Graphic Design  
Robin Greenwood, instrument Maker  
Cobhams Ultra Electronics Graduates and Apprentices  
BU representatives  
Food and Nutrition links and catering College representatives.  
Textile links,

**Before you choose your options, opt for this event to be further informed of vocational pathways in Design and Technology**