



1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite all students to take part in a non-uniform day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking students to donate £1 to take part, with the money raised going towards our two year building project.

Since the start of the year we have made several exciting changes to our school. We have created a wonderful space for Drama and Dance where the old gym once was. This has also created a fantastic teaching space upstairs for Drama theory. We have redesigned our MFL department, creating a new languages suite which is light, bright and allows for easier teaching collaborations. We have also been able to create a new Chapel, which will fit a whole class. This space is proving incredibly popular as a place for peace and reflection in an otherwise busy and bustling school.

For the next phase of our building project we have some exciting plans to expand our school dining area. As a result of some additional funding for buildings we could have an opportunity to finally develop a part of the school that was originally built when the school had only around 500 or so students in 1963. This expansion would enable students to enjoy their lunch in a more comfortable and spacious environment. It will also mean that the whole lunchtime experience will be smoother, faster and more enjoyable. We are also looking to increase the number of our bike sheds, which will hopefully encourage more of our students to cycle to school.

We recently sent home information about how you or your business can help us to develop our facilities and resources for our students. Thank you to various parents and carers who have already responded. We need help if we are going to be able to make this vision a reality.

We would also like to take this opportunity to support Megan Morley, who is a member of Youth Parliament for Poole; who has asked for a non-uniform day. Megan will be attending the Youth Parliament on the same day and will be discussing the top ten youth issues that schools across the UK, including St Edward's, have identified. Megan will be travelling to London to attend the Youth Parliament House of Commons and we hope she has a fantastic time.

We look forward to sharing updates on both our exciting building project and how Megan was able to share the voice of the youth for St Edward's, in our Christmas newsletter later this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram  
Headteacher