

St Edward's School Newsletter

Teaching and Learning

We are really proud of our dedicated and committed teaching staff at St Edward's who do not stand still, and who are always reflecting on how to become better teachers to further support their students. Some of our teachers have attended National Education Conferences including the recent summit held at Bryanston in June. This event boasted many of the leading researchers and professors in education speaking on a range of topics, including developing long term memory, improving boys' achievement, learning from other world cultures, challenging and supporting the most able, designing a curriculum to support the new A Level and GCSE courses and the future of education, to name just a few. We have also had teachers presenting at these conferences themselves as well as sharing all this good practice here amongst our staff. St Edward's is a vibrant teaching community with teaching staff who are always willing to learn and to engage with the latest educational practice. I know our students will reap the benefits of this.

Learning Outside the Classroom

We recognise that the learning that takes place outside the classroom is a really important factor of enriching our students' learning

experience and helping them to apply their skills, knowledge and understanding to different contexts. We have continued to work hard to create opportunities for our students beyond the classroom. For example, as part of their Building Learning Power programme, all of our Year 7 students took part in the Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge scheme last term with each student being given £10 and issued with the challenge to use it to make a profit. This led to some very creative planning, resourcing, marketing and selling with most of our groups securing a good return for their investment.

This month our Year 8 students visited St George's, our local Anglican Church, in order to explore and engage in Christian worship, whilst some of our Musicians and Artists have been taking part in the Caro Project celebrating the work of Sir Anthony Caro's 'Sea Music' sculpture on Poole Quay and teaming up with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and artists Olivia Bax and Neil Ayling.

Our GCSE and A Level students have attended Geography and Science lectures and master classes whilst our Year 10 students have recently returned from the World War One Battlefields to learn more about the experience of fighting in the Great War. These are all wonderful opportunities to help support and enrich our students' learning, and

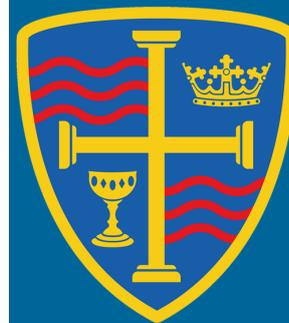
these are only a small sample of what has taken place over the last few months. We will continue to develop and expand on this programme of events for next year.

Parent View

In our recent Parent View surveys, 96% of parents agreed that their child made good progress in their lessons whilst 95% thought that they were well taught. We are really pleased with this response and it fits with our own evaluation of the high quality teaching and learning in the school and that of Ofsted who visited us recently. However, despite re-launching our Home Learning provision earlier this year, this is taking a little longer to embed. Although 87% of our parents commented that their child received homework that was appropriate we will be continuing to work on this area over the next year reviewing our provision and ensuring that it is contributing effectively to student learning, and that our students are engaging with it fully.

Public Examinations

The examination series for 2017 is at an end and we wait with great anticipation with our students for the results of their hard work, in August. We believe that the vast majority of the learning is secured



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Term dates
2017-2018

Autumn Term

4th September – 20th October 2017

30th October – 15th December 2017

Spring Term

2nd January – 9th February 2018

19th February – 29th March 2018

Summer Term

16th April – 25th May 2018

4th June – 25th July 2018

in the timetabled lessons, but we have continued to support the students with revision classes in all subject areas, some of which began after Christmas; and these have taken place before and after school as well as during the Easter and Whitsun holidays. To support our Year 11 students on the day of their exam we introduced a breakfast club where they could congregate in the canteen, eat their breakfast together and receive last minute tips and reassurance from their teachers. Well done to all of our examination students, enjoy your holiday and we look forward to celebrating with you in the summer.



Social Media

We now have our St Edward's Facebook page up and running. Please search for [St Edward's School](#) on Facebook and "like" our page. The link to the official School page is now on our website too.

Our House

Rehearsals are well underway and the 'Our House' team are very excited to announce that tickets for the musical will be available from the Finance Office from Monday 26th June 2017. Adult tickets are £5 and child tickets are £3 for all dates, Tuesday 17th October, Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7pm. Remember to get your tickets soon to secure your seat for what will be an amazing show!

French Exchange

This June saw yet another very successful French exchange taking place. After our visit in France in March, it was our turn to play host here, in Poole. The French students have discovered our beautiful area with a day trip to the New Forest where their efforts walking were rewarded with a delicious cream tea. On Monday both English and French students enjoyed a day trip to

Salisbury and Stonehenge to learn about our British history. Tuesday saw our French group visiting Bath and its famous Roman Bath, Royal Crescent and Circus.

The group met for the last time very early in the morning of Thursday 15th June. It was easy to see how many students had really made the most of their exchange, both in terms of their use of the French language and sheer enjoyment. This was an excellent opportunity for them and Mr El Yauti and I would like to thank all of the families involved for their efforts and continued support. We are looking forward to running more exchanges to France next year!

À l'année prochaine!

County Athletics Championships

On Saturday 10th June 10 students from St Edward's qualified for the Dorset Athletics County Championships held at Kings Park. All students that competed were absolutely fantastic and should be very proud of their achievements. A special mention must go to Ella Ruby, who was 3rd in the 75m Hurdles, Oliver Cooper who won the Discus and so was crowned County Champion and Poppy Laidlaw who won the Long Jump and was also crowned County Champion. Both Oliver and Poppy now qualify for the South West Championships, which is such a fantastic achievement, good luck with this event!

U14 Girls Rounder's PEDDSA Tournament

On Tuesday 6th June St Edward's held the U14 Girls PEDDSA Rounder's Tournament for all of the local schools. Despite the horrendous weather the St Edward's students produced some fantastic performances and the U14A team have qualified for the Dorset School Games finals on Wednesday 28th June at Bryanston. All of the girls from the A and B teams demonstrated great skill but also great sportsmanship. A special mention must go to Charlotte Turner and Isobel Harding for absolutely exceptional performances throughout the afternoon. We wish the U14A team the best of luck at Bryanston later on in the month.

St Edwards's Summer Fayre

We had a fantastic Summer Fayre last weekend and would like to Thank all of the people who helped make this possible.

We managed to raise a very good amount for the School Association and will share this information in our Summer Newsletter.