



St Edmund's
Catholic School
specialist college for the performing arts

May 2009

MESSAGE FROM MR ATKIN

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the London Marathon. After much training and a lot of support, I managed to complete it in a respectable 5 hours 53 minutes and raised a whopping £2000 for Children with Leukemia.

EXAMINATIONS

Best wishes go to the students in years 11, 12 and 13 as they tackle their examinations. They have been advised about various techniques for effective revision and retention of knowledge, they now have to put these skills into practice.

I would ask all parents to offer strong support for their children through encouragement, helping if asked and making plenty of tea. We cannot take the exams for them but we can do a great deal by being sensitive to their needs even if that means letting them get on with the work. Don't be surprised to hear that they need a break at times and that on occasions they need to reward their industry with a night out away from study.

Important things to remember for the students are:

- Believe in being successful, negativity is damaging.
- Eat Healthily
- Drink plenty of fluids, especially water.
- Have early nights during the examination period.
- Don't work (or pretend to work) to convince others
- Work for your own success.

LEAVERS MASS : 15TH MAY - YEAR 11

We will be celebrating academic achievement and the Year 11's future at the Leavers Mass on Friday 15th May at 11.00am. All Year 11 and their parents are invited.

VARIETY SHOW

Friday 5th June 2009 at 7.30pm - £5.00

Tickets are available from the BEC Box Office

Come along for an evening of entertainment.

What will the teachers be dancing to this year?

Students are now rehearsing for the multi-culture around the world theme. We are looking at the Olympic and Paralympics values and applying them to the teaching that is taking place for the Variety Show. It promises to be an exciting event that will highlight the multi talents of the students.

MESSAGE FROM MR REED

I would like to extend my thanks for the very warm welcome I have received from everyone here at St Edmund's, I feel I have already been accepted and included into the school community.

Schools, families and communities must work hard in supporting each other for mutual benefit. To this end, I am very much looking forward to being part of a fully Extended School that the whole community can use and feel a part of.

Whilst I am not seeking to make unnecessary changes, I will always welcome and respond to ideas for improvement from parents, students and staff.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A Uniform helps create a sense of community and belonging, as well as instilling an understanding of discipline that is essential in a successful learning environment. Please help us support this by ensuring:

- Blue shirts must be worn tucked in, fully buttoned up and with a tie (school jumper optional)
- White polo shirts have the bottom 2 buttons fastened (school jumper optional)
- 1 pair of earrings for girls, none for boys and no other piercings.
- No make-up, no nail varnish
- No Trainers

It is extremely important that we get the basics right. If we can manage that, then everything else becomes that little bit easier!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

A Reed

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

All pupils going on the Italian music trip need to make sure they attend all their rehearsals every week – even through the exam period.

Please note that the Summer Concert has been postponed until the 8th July 2009. Tickets are available from the BEC Box Office.



NEW INTAKE INDUCTION EVENINGS

As part of their Induction to St Edmund's, Intake pupils and their parents are invited to an Induction Evening in June to meet the Head of Year and Form Tutor.

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| Frank/Romero | Monday 8th June |
| Curie/Mandela | Wednesday 10th June |
| Teresa/Kolbe | Monday 15th June |

FILM CLUB

On Friday 24th April the Film Club celebrated its first birthday. To celebrate, a star studded event was held at the House of Lords in London. The event was a chance for 'star clubs' around the country to discuss their successes so far. Bradley Evans in Year 11 gave an impromptu speech to distinguished guests around him including big names in the film industry such as the directors Sir Alan Parker, Hugh Hudson and Beeban Kidron, Bradley impressed with a confident and at times witty speech in which he discussed his most influential film. Bradley, who wants to be a film director, cited Martin Scorsese's Gangs of New York as the film that 'changed his life' and ultimately made him make this decision. "After watching the making of the film which showed the film sets and how the director was able to create such a powerful piece of film I immediately decided this was for me." Film Club has opened many doors for Bradley and he hopes the experience will give him a vital foot in the door for work experience over the summer holiday.

TANZANIA SPECTACULAR

Charity Auction Night

On Friday 12th June at 7.30pm, let your blood boil with excitement at our Charity Auction.

Bring your friends and family, and try your luck bidding against others for the many sought after items.

Join the fun, show your support! Tickets available from the BEC Box Office: 'Cheap as chips!'

Sponsor the T09 Challengers!

If you would like to sponsor any of the T09 Challengers, you can do so via www.bmycharity.com/T09.

St Edmunds Community Symphonic Wind Band Summer Festival of Music

Saturday 13th June in the New Eden Theatre
at 7.30pm
Tickets £7 from the BEC Box Office

TERM 2009-10

Term 1

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| Start of Term | Thursday 3rd September (Year 7, 10 & 6th Form) Friday 4th September (Whole school) |
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| End of Term | Friday 23rd October |
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Break: Monday 25th October - Friday 30th October

Term 2

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| Start of Term | Monday 2nd November |
| End of Term | Friday 18th December |

Break: Monday 21st December—Friday 1st January
INSET DAY: Monday 16th November

Term 3

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| Start of Term | Monday 4th January |
| End of Term | Friday 12th February |

Break: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Term 4

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| Start of Term | Monday 22nd February |
| End of Term | Wednesday 31st March |

INSET DAY: Thursday 1st April
Good Friday : Friday 2nd April

Break: Monday 5th April - Friday 16th April

Term 5

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| Start of Term | Monday 19th April |
| End of Term | Friday 28th May |

Break: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Term 6

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| Start of Term | Monday 7th June |
| End of Term | Tuesday 20th July |

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

A big thank you to all parents who kindly donated their empty biscuit and sweet tins to Food Technology. Please keep them coming in as they are always used. Thanks again.

Mrs H Rowarth

ICT DEPARTMENT

If pupils have any issues with the ICT exam revision, please contact Mr Graham by email and he will reply as soon as possible.

email: dgraham@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch.uk

CARMEL CENTRE

Visit the Carmel Centre's new website and join its e-mailing list: www.carmelcentredover.com