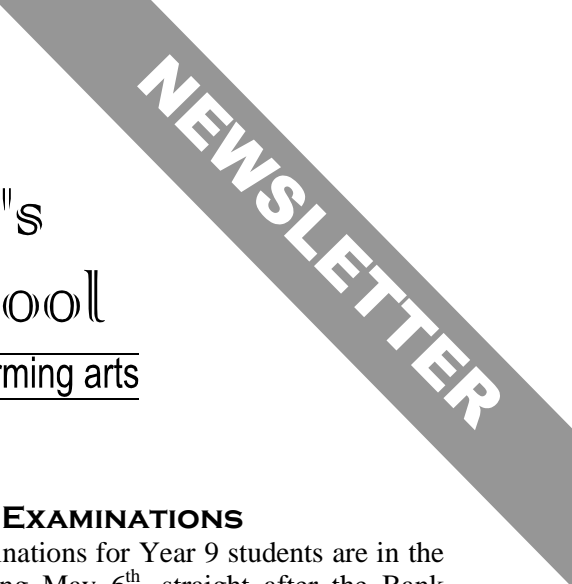




St Edmund's
Catholic School
specialist college for the performing arts



March 2008

MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

EASTER JOY

It was the first time I have ever been at school throughout Holy week including Maundy Thursday. The earliest Easter in my life time. To fit in with the idea of six relatively similar terms in a year we also find ourselves back immediately after Easter Monday, I am delighted that as a Catholic school we could share the story of the Passion of Christ in so much detail during Holy Week and now today share the wonder of the Risen Christ in our lives.

UNIFORM

As with last year, the white polo shirt with St Edmund's logo may be worn after the School Spring Holiday (Monday 21st April). During the colder weather I have been disappointed with the number of students wearing hooded tops or non-uniform coats. I am also disappointed that students seem to want to adapt the uniform, adding black jumpers. I would ask all parents to support the school uniform policy.

EXAMINATIONS

The SATs examinations for Year 9 students are in the week commencing May 6th, straight after the Bank Holiday. Students have already started preparation for these vital examinations. Year 11 students (and some in Year 10) start the final GCSE examinations across a wide range of subjects from 15th May, although they have practicals, orals, moderator visits etc before this. (Some in the arts have already taken place) Year 12 and 13 students face the AS and A2 examinations or vocational equivalent and some have to complete portfolios of evidence which are exceedingly detailed as part of their assessment. This time can be very stressful for the youngsters concerned.

We supply students with revision guides, structured revision programmes in class and often abundant examples of past papers for them to tackle. During the holiday however some students can become anxious and I would ask parents to be as understanding as possible. There are many websites which offer support for students like BBC bitesize for example.

The hard work over the Spring holiday and the following weeks will all be worthwhile and I look forward to the results being published in August. I am convinced that this year we have youngsters who are prepared to work that little bit harder to achieve their potential.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd April - **Year 9 Subject Consultation**
Friday 4th April - Friday 18th April: **Spring Holiday**
Saturday 10 May - **New Intake Induction Morning**
Thursday 22nd May - **Year 8 Subject Consultations**
Friday 23rd May - Monday 2nd June: **Half Term**

CONSIDERATE PARKING

We have had several complaints about cars parking outside the school gates sometimes with all four wheels on the pavement. This is extremely dangerous for pedestrians. Recently a lady had to walk into the road and just missed being hit by a car. We appreciate that parents want to drop their children off at the school gate in the morning, but please be considerate of pedestrians.

WINE & WISDOM
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - 7.30PM
We will be holding another
Wine & Wisdom on Friday 4th April.
Tables for 6 - 8 people : £2.00 per person
Bring your own drink & nibbles
To book a table
telephone 01304 201551

FSE 200 CLUB

Please can I encourage you to join the 200 club. Each entry is as little as £1.00 a month paid annually.

On joining, each member is awarded their own individual number, which is entered into cash prize draw across the year. Please contact Mrs Castle in the school office for details.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Payments are due for the Watersports Trip, Year 7 & 8 and Year 11 ski trip. Please hand all payments into the school office.



TERM DATES

Term 4

Start of Term Monday 25th February
End of Term Friday 4th April

Break: Monday 7th April - Friday - 18th April

Good Friday - Friday 21st March

Easter Monday - Monday 24th March

INSET DAY : Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th April

Term 5

Start of Term Monday 21st April
End of Term Friday 23rd May

Break: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Term 6

Start of Term Monday 2nd June
End of Term Friday 18th July

INSET DAY : Monday 21st July

TERM 2008-09

Term 1

Start of Term Wednesday 3rd September
End of Term Friday 24th October

Break: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Term 2

Start of Term Monday 3rd November
End of Term Friday 19th December

Break: Monday 22nd December—Friday 2nd January

INSET DAY:Monday 17th November