



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

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**UNIFORM**

Coats and jackets should be **plain and either dark blue or black**. Hooded tops ('hoodies') and tracksuit tops are **not** suitable for school wear. Trousers should be uniform trousers without large buckles and belts, they should fit so that shirts can be tucked in and whilst a slight bootleg style is acceptable, wide bottoms and hems that trail on the floor, looking very scruffy, are most definitely not acceptable

Training shoes and shoes with high heels are not acceptable for general wear around the school. If your child has an injury where the doctor has recommended that they wear training shoes would you please telephone the school to inform us as they will not be able to go onto the playground for health and safety reasons.

School rules regarding make up and jewellery are that they are not allowed. Girls are allowed to wear one pair of earrings; nose studs are certainly not acceptable. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.

**WINE 'N' WISDOM**

Come along on Friday 13th March for a night of intellectual competition, as we battle to see which team walks off with the St Edmund's Wine 'n' Wisdom Trophy for 2009. To book a table please contact the School Office. Tables of 6-8 contestants, all ages, £2.00 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. The battle commences at 7.30pm.

**CHILDREN WITH LEUKAEMIA LONDON MARATHON 2009**

I have decided to put my body through the torment of over 26 miles at the London Marathon on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009. I am running in aid of 'Children with Leukaemia' as this disease has affected those close to me at various times of my life. One of my best friends at school lost his big sister, my cousin Siobhan won her battle having been diagnosed as a young child and Jake Owen who sadly died last year was the second student to die of Leukaemia during my teaching career. If you would like to sponsor me for this then you can use the following website and follow the links: [www.bmycharity.com/chrisatkin](http://www.bmycharity.com/chrisatkin) (this was misprinted on the last newsletter) Many Thanks  
Mr Atkin

**LENT**

Ash Wednesday (25th February) is the start of Lent. During this period of preparation for the commemoration of Christ's suffering, Death and Glorious Resurrection we are encouraged to share in the trials of Jesus' passion. As active Christians we are called to charitable giving, acts of fasting or abstinence and prayer.

Youngsters usually turn to giving up chocolate and adults to giving up any of their vices, but we should plough back what we make in financial gains into charitable giving to ensure success; pray always.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE - SNOW**

Thank you to all parents for their patience and support in dealing with the difficult weather conditions on Monday 2nd February which resulted in the school closing. Let us hope we don't have any more snow this year.

**KIRKLAND ROWLAND SURVEY**

This survey was carried out during SLR day. 191 Questionnaires were returned, representing 22.7% of parents. The survey results reveal that the school has reason to be happy with most of its activities.

With regards to academic subjects parents are most happy with the Music, Citizenship and PSHE. With regard to non-academic areas, parents are most happy with Community Spirit, Developing moral values and Social health education.

The survey indicated that parents rated the performance in Mathematics to be the most improved out of all subjects.

**SMOKING**

We have had an increase in the numbers of students reported to be smoking on site. We are aware of the problem and are currently reviewing our policies and options with the KCC legal department, amongst others. In the meantime, can I ask that you to speak with your children on the health implications of smoking and inform them that it is illegal to smoke on the school site. We will send out a letter with our findings as soon as possible.



## SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a lot second hand school uniform for sale at a very cheap price. Items include school fleeces, jumpers and school shirts. If interested please contact Mr Devine for more information

## ROTARY CHEF COMPETITION

Congratulations to both Hannah Mills and Shanelle Fakley for their outstanding performance at the Duke of York School. It was a long day and both students works really hard to produce stunning, healthy and economical main courses and desserts.

It was a tough competition with our Year 9's being up against Year 11 and Year 13 students who gained 1st and 2nd place. We were very proud to see Hannah achieve 3rd place and receive a chef's jacket and hat.

Mrs H Rowarth

## SAINSBURY ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers. Vouchers will be available from 11th February. Please send any vouchers into the school office

## ACADEMIC MENTORING YEAR 10 & 11

In Year 11 we have a successful academic mentoring scheme. Each student has a mentor and they meet at least 5 times a year. During this meeting they discuss progress based on a 'traffic light' report. This report tracks the students progress throughout the year. A copy of the report is kept by the student. Targets for improvement are discussed during each meeting and recorded in the yellow 'learning goals' pages which are in the back of the students diary.

This process is to be extended into year 10 from March. We have decided to start with Maths sets 1, 2 & 3 as they are going to sit their GCSE examinations in Maths in June this year.

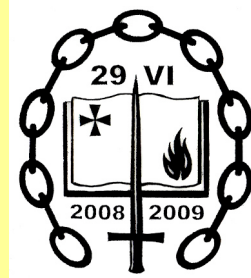
We would like to encourage parents to ask their child to see these reports. It is a very good indicator of progress. We would also ask you to look in your child's diary to see what targets for improvement have been recorded.

We are committed to offering the maximum support possible to achieve the highest possible standards for all our students. We would especially ask the parents of year 11 students to take this interest as it is by working together that we achieve the best results.

## INDOOR BOOT FAIR

Our next Boot Fair will be on Saturday 28th February between 9.00am and 12.00pm. To book a table please contact Mrs Castle in the school office on 01304 201551.

**A Community Talk**  
**by Fr Dominic Rolls**  
Lecturer of Sacred Scripture  
St John's Seminary, Wonersh



# "Life of St Paul"



**Sunday 8th February**  
**6.30pm**  
**in the Carmel Centre**