Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy

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THE ARROW

YOUR HALF TERMLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
FROM ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH CATHOLIC ACADEMY









TRANSITION & TRIUMPHS!

It has been another busy and successful start to the year. We were delighted to welcome hundreds of families to our Open Evening, showcasing the outstanding opportunities and strong sense of community that make Saint Edmund Arrowsmith such a special place to learn and grow. Our talented STEM Champions have continued to excel, securing victory in a recent competition and demonstrating the innovation, teamwork and problem-solving skills we are so proud of. We have also enjoyed supporting our new Year 7 students as they settle confidently into secondary school life through a successful transition programme. Alongside this, pupils have embraced opportunities to shape the future of our school through the development of our Pupil Leadership Team, ensuring that student voice remains at the heart of all we do.

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We are called to serve with Love, Inspiration, Empowerment and Joy



Headteacher's Message – Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. There is lots for you to read as we've had an extremely busy half term. The first half term of a new academic year sets the tone for the year ahead, and it has been wonderful to see such a positive start across our school community. There is lots to celebrate and many people to thank for their support.

Our pupils have settled back into school life really well and have quickly re-established the routines and habits that help them to succeed. In particular, our Year 7 pupils have made a fantastic start to their secondary school journey. They have embraced every opportunity, settled into lessons quickly, and become valued members of our school community in a remarkably short time. It's wonderful to see their excitement to get to their lessons. We were immensely proud of our Year 11 leavers and the incredible examination results they achieved this summer. Their hard work, resilience and determination were rewarded with some outstanding outcomes, and we look forward to celebrating their success formally at our Prize Giving Evening on 3rd December.

This year, we have welcomed several new members of staff to our school family: Mr El-Agaty, Mr Byrne Davie, Mr Oakes, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Speer. They have all settled in extremely well and are already having a positive impact on the experiences and achievements of our pupils. We are delighted to have them as part of our team.
It has certainly been an eventful first half term. Our Open Evening was one of the busiest we have ever hosted, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to the more than 100 pupils who volunteered to support the event. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, and many visiting parents commented on how polite, confident and welcoming they were. Their enthusiasm and pride in their school shone through and made a lasting impression on our visitors.

There have also been many enrichment opportunities for pupils already this year. Our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic team-building day at the Dam, helping them strengthen friendships and develop confidence. Year 11 pupils attended a performance of Macbeth to support their English Literature studies, while numerous visits to local colleges, alongside talks delivered in school, have helped our older pupils begin planning and preparing for their next steps beyond school.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our parents at our parent events– Y11 prepare to perform evening; Y10 step up to GCSE and Y7 settling in evening. It is through working together that we can support your child to become the best version of themselves.

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support in ensuring that pupils attend school regularly and on time. Attendance continues to improve significantly meaning that your child is able to learn.

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in academic success, and it is encouraging to see so many pupils embracing our attendance initiatives. The Friday attendance rewards, including the ever-popular Just Eat vouchers, have been particularly well received!

I would also like to thank parents for ensuring that pupils come to school each day in the correct uniform, ready to learn. Our pupils look incredibly smart and take great pride in representing our school. These high standards contribute greatly to the positive learning environment we strive to maintain.

Finally, thank you for supporting our new mobile phone policy. The phone pouches have been working extremely well, helping pupils to focus fully on learning and social interactions without the distractions that phones can sometimes bring. While some pupils were initially reluctant, the vast majority have since reported that they actually enjoy having a break from their devices during the school day.
As we approach the end of the half term, I would like to thank all our pupils, staff and families for their continued commitment and support. Together, we have made an excellent start to the year, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve in the months ahead.

Mrs McKenna
Headteacher

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy

SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Well done to all of our sports teams and clubs – #UpTheEddies!

New Kit

The new academic year also means the start of the new football season for our school teams. This year the Academy were delighted to receive a generous donation of two sets of football shirts from AH Knight - www.ahkgroup.com - a locally based business who are a leading providers of inspection and analysis for the metals, minerals, solid fuels and agricultural industries. The first outing for the kit saw our Year 7 team visit Lord Derby for a local derby. The Academy would like to thank AH Knight for their generosity and commitment to the Academy and our local community.





Primary Cross Country

The Academy have been hosting our local Primary schools for their annual Knowsley School Sport Partnership (KSSP) cross-country races. The events have been a pleasure to host and showcased some excellent performances. Well done to all the schools and pupils involved and thank you to KSSP for organising the event.

Year 9 Boys Victory over Kirkby High

An outstanding performance vs Kirkby High! Our Year 9 boys won 5-2 – an impressive FOUR goals from Sonny and one from George. The team represented our school phenomenally as always. Congratulations to the boys and also Mr El-Agaty on managing his first game for The Eddies and getting a win on his debut!





Merseyside Cup – Girls & Year 11 Boys Football

The U13 girls team played their first competitive game of the season by hosting Upton Hall (Wirral) in the first round of the Merseyside Cup. Though we lost the game the girls played with great determination and enthusiasm in their first fixture together. Thank you to Mrs Ross for coaching the team and of course our student leaders Evie and Bella from Year 9. Evie's performance as assistant referee was exemplary!

The Year 11 boys team also played in the first round of the Merseyside Cup in a closely fought game at Liverpool College. In a game which could have gone either way we sadly lost the tie 3-1. Thank you to Mr Hughes for leading the team.

Keep up to date with us

Keep up to date with all our trips, events, progress, sports achievements and more via our Instagram: @SaintEdmundArrowsmithCA

Cronton Cup Competition

A group of our Year 10 students recently represented Saint Edmund Arrowsmith at the inaugural Cronton Cup Competition at Cronton Sixth Form College. The event brought together students from schools across the north west to compete in a range of STEM, Humanities and Sport challenges, earning points for their school in the hope of taking home the prestigious Cronton Cup trophy. Throughout the day, our students demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and enthusiasm, embracing every challenge they were presented with. Staff at Cronton praised our students for their positive attitude, engagement and exemplary behaviour, commenting on how well they represented the school. Our STEM ambassadors won the cup and were rewarded with Heads Tea, where they met with Mrs McKenna to feed back and enjoy some treats together!











Girls in STEM Challenge – Cronton College



A group of our Year 9 students attended a fantastic Girls in STEM Challenge at Cronton Sixth Form College, where they worked alongside industry professionals including architects, surveyors and site managers to design and build their own eco-classroom. Throughout the day, students developed their teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills while learning about the wide range of careers available within the built environment sector. They impressed industry experts with their creativity, enthusiasm and professionalism.

Gold Readers

Gold Readers of the Term!
A huge congratulations to **Joshua, Liam and Jesse**, who are our **Gold Readers** this term!



Through their commitment to reading, they have read and reviewed a fantastic range of books and have earned the prestigious Gold Reader award.

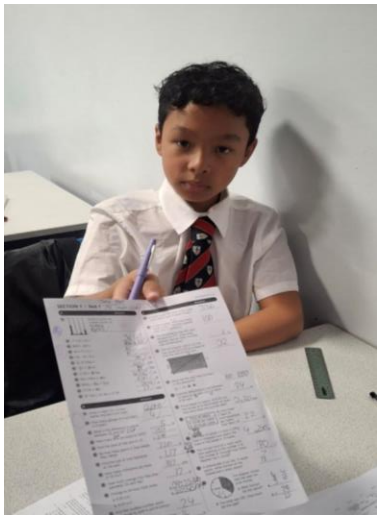
To become a Gold Reader on Sparx Reader, students must consistently go above and beyond their reading homework by earning **at least 100 Sparx Reader Points (SRP) above their target in four of their last six homework tasks**. This demonstrates sustained effort, excellent reading habits and areal love of books.

Well done to Joshua, Liam and Jesse for setting such a fantastic example.

If you would like to earn Gold Reader status, keep reading regularly, complete your homework on time and challenge yourself to go beyond your weekly target. You could be our next Gold Reader!

Read more. Review more. Become a Gold Reader!

Mathletes Club



Our KS3 Mathletes Club has had a fantastic start to the year. The club is well attended, and students have shown great enthusiasm and engagement in tackling challenging mathematical problems. They are developing their problem-solving skills, thinking deeply about different approaches, and applying their mathematical knowledge to questions in a variety of contexts.
We are looking forward to the many exciting maths competitions that students will have the opportunity to take part in throughout the year. We are also excited about a planned summer term trip, where students will have the chance to see how mathematics is used in real-world situations beyond the classroom.

Beyond The Bell

Following our successful **Beyond the Bell** event on Monday 17th September, it has been fantastic to see so many students embracing the wide range of enrichment opportunities available across the school. Our enrichment programme continues to go from strength to strength, with students developing new skills, building confidence, making friendships and discovering interests beyond the classroom.

This half term, students have enjoyed a diverse range of activities including sport, music, drama, coding, art, gardening, reading, chess, sign language, baking, chaplaincy, Dungeons & Dragons and many more. Whether representing the school on the sports field, performing in music and drama clubs, tackling mathematical challenges or simply trying something new, our students have demonstrated enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

Participation helps students to broaden their experiences, improve wellbeing, develop leadership skills and create lasting memories. Research consistently shows that involvement in extra-curricular activities can have a positive impact on confidence, attendance, resilience and academic achievement.

As we look ahead to next half term, we encourage all parents and carers to support their child in continuing to attend enrichment activities or to explore a new club for the first time. With opportunities available every day of the week, there really is something for everyone. Regular attendance not only allows students to develop their skills but also helps them build meaningful relationships and become fully involved in school life.

Please take some time to discuss the enrichment timetable with your child and encourage them to make the most of the opportunities on offer. Whether it is joining a sports team, learning a new skill, expressing creativity or contributing to the wider community, enrichment is a fantastic way for students to grow both personally and academically. (timetable next page)

Good things happen beyond the bell. Let's continue to inspire our young people to discover, develop and achieve throughout the year.

All Aboard Youth Rowing



This year, a group of ten Year 8 students have been selected to take part in the **All Aboard Youth Rowing** programme at **Runcorn Rowing Club**. Every Friday afternoon, students will develop valuable life skills including **teamwork, communication, resilience and leadership** through the exciting sport of rowing.

Throughout the year, students will learn how to row together effectively in a **quad**, working as a team to keep the boat moving smoothly and efficiently. They will also have the opportunity to take turns as the **cox**, learning how to navigate the boat, give clear instructions and motivate their crew.

As their skills and confidence grow, students will represent the school in competitions later in the year, racing against other schools from across the north west. We are excited to see our young rowers develop both on and off the water and wish them every success in this fantastic opportunity.





BE CURIOUS
BE KIND
BE BRAVE
BELONG

ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

DISCOVER • DEVELOP • ACHIEVE

Try something new this term!

There's something for everyone!

Join a club, learn a new skill, meet new friends and make the most of your school experience.

MONDAY

New week New possibilities!

Club	Venue	Lead
Knitting/Crochet Club (Lunchtime)	Chapel	Ms Rigby
Girls Gym / Dance Club / Social Club	PE Gym / Drama Studio	Zarina Khan Adele Johnson
Lego Club	Thrive	Tracy Cargill
Dungeons and Dragons (A&C)	TBC	Mr Smith
Year 7 Football	All Weather Pitch	Hayden Baines-Hughes
All Years Netball	Sports Facilities	ARO
Mathletes (KS3)	S30	Olumide Olugbemi / Tayla Rickett
Drama Club	Drama Studio	Mr Jones and Mr Oakes
Coding Club	IT	Mr Smith
Axiom Maths (Invite only) Y7/8	TBC	Mrs O'Neil

TUESDAY

Get involved! Make a difference!

Club	Venue	Lead
Chaplaincy Team (Lunchtime)	Chapel	Ms Rigby
Everton in the Community Football	Astro	Everton in the Community

SAME PASSION A BRIGHTER YOU

WEDNESDAY

Skills today Brighter tomorrow!

Club	Venue	Lead
Sign Language Club (Lunchtime)	Chapel	Melanie Singleton
Chinese Club	F44	Harriet Kennett
Student Band	Music Rooms	Daniel Jones
Chess Club	Thrive	Natalie O'Neill
Mathletes (KS4)	S30	Olumide Olugbemi / Tayla Rickett
Art Club	F11	Paul Halliday
Gym Club	Gym	Mr Spillane
Choir	Music Dept	Mr Smith
Youth SVP	Chapel	Ms Rigby
KS3 Book Club	Student Support	Carol Huyton
Cooking/Baking	Food Tech Room	Mrs Baker
Year 8 Football	Sports Facilities	MLO
Fixtures / Match Days	Sports Facilities	PE Department

THURSDAY

Explore. Create. Belong.

Club	Venue	Lead
Chaplaincy Team (Lunchtime)	Chapel	Ms Rigby
Sewing Club	Technology Warehouse	Roxie Mealey
Dungeons and Dragons (B&D)	TBC	Mr Smith
KS3 Girls Football	Sports Facilities	ARO & AMC
Book Club (fortnightly)	TBC	Mrs Rickett
Gardening Club	Memorial Garden	Ms Rigby
Axiom Maths (Invite only) Y7/8	TBC	Mrs O'Neil

FRIDAY

Finish the week with purpose!

Club	Venue	Lead
Film and Faith Club (Lunchtime)	Chapel	Ms Rigby
Axiom Maths (Invite only) Y9	TBC	Mrs O'Neil

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN HERE





Scan for more info

Build confidence
Learn new skills
Make new friends
Support your wellbeing
Enhance your future opportunities

See the club leader for more information or simply come along and get involved.

Scan for more info

A BRIGHTER BOLDER YOU

YEAR 11 MINI MOCKS

We are really pleased with the positive start Year 11students have made to their mini mock examinations in English and Maths. These assessments gave students valuable experience of working in the hall under full exam conditions, helping them to develop resilience, strengthen exam technique and build confidence ahead of their GCSEs.

We were particularly impressed by the maturity and commitment shown by many students. As they continue their preparation, we encourage them to attempt every question, stay focused throughout exams and use marks as a guide to the level of detail required in their answers.

Be Ready for Success

Students can maximise their chances of success by:

- Attending school every day
- Being punctual to lessons
- Completing all homework
- Practising with past papers
- Using recommended revision websites and resources
- Following a regular revision routine
- Being organised and fully equipped



An Incredible First Half Term!

What an incredible first half term it has been at Saint Edmund Arrowsmith!

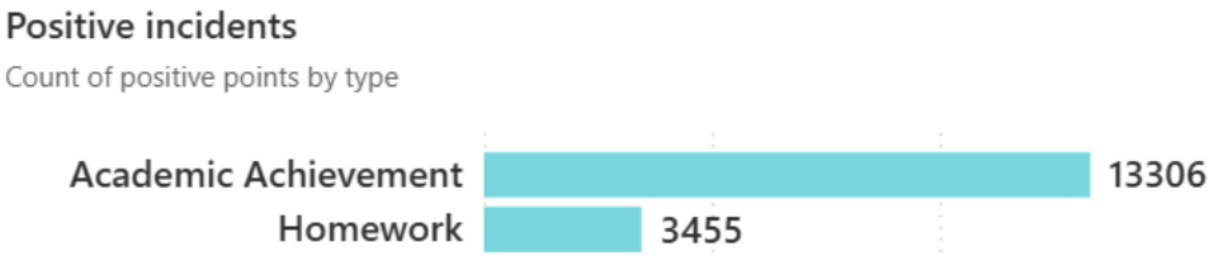
Together, our students have achieved **13,306 Academic Achievement points** and an impressive **3,455 Homework points**, resulting in **nearly 17,000 positive points** this half term. These fantastic figures reflect the hard work, commitment, and positive attitudes that we are seeing across the school every day.

We are continuing to move in the right direction as a school community. Students are showing increased engagement in lessons, working hard to improve their progress, and demonstrating a positive attitude to learning. It is clear that pupils at SEACA want to be the very best version of themselves and are embracing every opportunity to succeed.

We know that this culture of effort, resilience, and engagement pays off. Our examination results last summer demonstrated the significant improvements we have made together, proving that high expectations, excellent attendance, positive behaviour, and a strong attitude to learning lead to success. Every positive point awarded represents a student making the right choice, striving to improve, and contributing to our thriving school community.
As the well-known proverb says, **"It takes a village to raise a child."**

Our success is only possible because of the collective efforts of our students, staff, parents, carers, and the wider community. Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people flourish both academically and personally.

We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved so far. Nearly **17,000 positive points in just one half term** is a remarkable accomplishment and demonstrates the positive culture we are building together. We look forward to continuing this momentum after the break and ensuring every student has the opportunity to be the very best version of themselves.



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Students' Recommended Reads This Half Term!

Looking for your next great book? Our students have been sharing their favourite reads, and we've put together a fantastic collection of recommended books for everyone to enjoy. This half term, why not take some time to relax, explore new worlds, and discover exciting characters through reading? Whether you enjoy adventure, mystery, fantasy, sport, or real-life stories, there's a book waiting for you.

⭐ **Challenge yourself this half term:** Log on to **Sparx Reader** and choose one of the student-recommended books. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each day can help improve your vocabulary, confidence, and reading skills while allowing you to enjoy a great story.

How to Log on to Sparx Reader Using Microsoft

1. Visit **sparxreader.com**.
2. Click **Log In**.
3. Select **Continue with Microsoft**.

This half term, make reading part of your daily routine. Explore the books recommended by your peers, collect SparxReader points, and discover a new favourite story.

Happy Reading from the Literacy Team! 📚✨



Meet Our Year 11 Pupil Leadership Team

We are delighted to introduce our Year 11 Pupil Leadership Team for 2026-27. Selected for their commitment, responsibility and dedication to school life, these students will play an important role in representing the views of their peers, supporting school events and acting as positive role models within our community. We look forward to seeing the impact they will make throughout the year as they help to uphold the values and ethos of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy.



Introducing:

Head Pupils – Harrison & Sharon
Deputy Head Pupils – Faith & Jacob
Year 11 Pupil Leaders – Niamh, Sedem, Kudsai & Artur

Our Year 11 Pupil Leadership Team recently undertook one of their first and most important responsibilities as school leaders: selecting pupil representatives from each year group to help shape and strengthen student voice across the academy.
Following an application and interview process, the Year 11 leaders met with aspiring Pupil Leaders from Years 7 to 10, taking the lead in assessing candidates' communication skills, commitment to school life, and enthusiasm for making a positive difference within our community. The interviews provided younger students with an opportunity to demonstrate their leadership potential and share their ideas for improving the school experience for their peers.
After careful consideration, the Year 11 team selected a group of outstanding students who will now join the wider Pupil Leadership Team. These representatives will work alongside the senior pupil leaders throughout the year, helping to gather feedback from their year groups, contribute to school improvement initiatives, support academy events, and champion the views of their fellow students. This process not only highlighted the impressive leadership qualities of the applicants but also demonstrated the professionalism, maturity, and dedication shown by our Year 11 Pupil Leaders as they carried out their roles. We congratulate all students who applied and look forward to seeing our newly appointed Pupil Leaders make a valuable contribution to school life in the months ahead.

Introducing: Louie, Harlowe, David, Taya, James, Angela, Charlie, Sandriya & James



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YEAR 7 LORD DERBY ESTATE VISITS

In September, all our Year 7 pupils visited 'The Dam' on the Lord Derby Estate as part of their induction programme and Key Stage 3 PE curriculum. They took part in a series of activities each day with form groups attending together so they can build relationships as well as developing new skills. They tried canoeing, archery, bushcraft and team building with the support of the excellent staff from the Merseyside Youth Association. MYA WEBSITE

The pupils were a credit to the Academy and shown resilience and enthusiasm towards all the activities. Most importantly they all had fun in an incredible environment. Thanks to all the staff who supported and attended throughout the week.



















This half-term has been very busy for our Chaplaincy teams, and we are excited to develop our team!

We have welcomed Year 7 members to the team who are keen to start leading in Celebration of the Word. Our existing members of the team have been helping them to feel welcome and sharing their wisdom and experience.

Planning Celebration of the Word

The Year 8 Chaplaincy team prepared and planned their first Celebration of the Word of the year and shared ideas of how we can put our faith into action. Year 8 also lead Morning prayer every Friday before school at 8.25am. Each week students participate in Celebration of the Word, where we listen to the Gospel or reading from the Sunday readings and help apply them to our daily lives.

Enrichment Opportunities

There are a range of enrichment opportunities within Chaplaincy. On Mondays, our students have begun to share a different culture each week, this is helping us to learn more about different languages, food and traditions. On Thursdays we have Gardening Club so that our pupils can be involved in looking after the Memorial Garden. This club helps them to learn about their environment and show care for creation. On Fridays we have started our Film and Faith Club and have started watching and discussing 'The Chosen', a drama about the life of Jesus. Our Year 9 Chaplaincy team enjoy lively discussion about philosophy and the bible. We have a lot to offer in the Chaplaincy team and if any students wish to join then they can see Ms Rigby in the chapel at break or lunch.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We were delighted to host a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school, and it was a great event that brought together students, staff and parents. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and supported our Coffee Morning for all those affected by cancer. We are pleased to announce we have raised **£165.**



The Thrive area was buzzing with a fantastic atmosphere all morning, helped by our wonderful chaplaincy teams in Years 8 and 9. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school, and our students thoroughly enjoyed chatting and sharing the experience with them. On Monday 28th September we held a cake sale for our students so that they could join in and support this wonderful charity.





OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening was a tremendous success, with hundreds of prospective students and their families visiting our school. The building was buzzing throughout the evening as Year 5 and Year 6 pupils explored departments, met staff and students, and experienced the warm and welcoming atmosphere that makes our school community so special.

A special thank you must go to our pupil ambassadors, whose enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment to the school were evident throughout the evening. They represented our school exceptionally well, guiding visitors, answering questions and helping to make the event such a memorable success.





















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TRANSITION – Y6 SATURDAY SCHOOL

In October, we welcomed some Year 6 students to experience a day with us and see all that our school has to offer.

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 6 pupils to our recent **Saturday School sessions**. Following the success of our Open Evening, the sessions provided additional opportunities for pupils to experience life at Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, meet staff and begin building confidence ahead of their transition to secondary school.

Throughout the sessions, pupils took part in a range of engaging activities designed to develop new skills, encourage teamwork and introduce them to different curriculum areas. The enthusiasm, positivity and commitment shown by all participants was wonderful to see.













Year 11 Post-16 Assemblies

Over the past few weeks, our Year 11 students have taken part in a series of informative Post-16 assemblies, helping them to explore the exciting opportunities available as they begin planning their next steps after GCSEs.

We were delighted to welcome representatives from local post 16 providers: Cronton Sixth Form College, Riverside College, Carmel College, St Helens College and Knowsley Community College, who shared valuable information about their courses, facilities, enrichment opportunities and progression routes. Students gained a greater understanding of the wide range of academic, vocational and technical pathways available to them and were encouraged to consider how their interests, strengths and future ambitions can influence their Post-16 choices.

These assemblies form part of our careers programme and support students in making informed decisions about their future education, training and career pathways. We would like to thank all of our visiting providers for giving our students an insight into the many opportunities available across the region.

We encourage Year 11 students and their families to attend upcoming open evenings and taster events to explore these options further and find the setting that is right for them.

Year 7 Welcome Mass & Settling In Evening

We were delighted to welcome our Year 7 students and their families to our annual **Welcome** Mass. This special celebration provided an opportunity for our newest students to come together in faith as they begin their journey at Saint Edmund Arrowsmith. The Mass was a wonderful occasion, bringing families, staff and students together as one school community. Through prayer and reflection, we gave thanks for the start of the new academic year and asked for God's guidance and blessings on all our Year 7 students as they settle into secondary school life.

Year 10 "Step Up" & Work Experience Launch Night

Our Year 10 students recently attended a **Work Experience Assembly** to launch this year's programme and begin preparing for their placement experiences. The assembly highlighted the importance of work experience in developing employability skills, increasing confidence and helping students explore potential career pathways.

We were also pleased to welcome parents and carers to our **Work Experience Information Meeting**, where details of the programme, important deadlines and support available throughout the process were shared. The session provided an opportunity for families to ask questions and learn how they can help their child make the most of this valuable experience.

Work experience is a key part of our careers programme, enabling students to develop essential workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and professionalism. We look forward to hearing about the wide range of experiences our Year 10 students will undertake and the skills they will gain along the way.







MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

ChatHealth Knowsley is a confidential text messaging service where young people can get advice on a range of health and wellbeing issues, including anxiety, exam stress, relationships, bullying, friendships, mental health, sleeping, and self-harm. The Chat Health text number operates Monday-Friday from 9am until 5pm. Messages will be responded to within 24 hours during this period. Outside these hours, service users will receive a 'bounce back' text message indicating that they will receive a response when the line re-opens.
The text number for Knowsley is: 07312 263254
Further information can be found by following the link: ChatHealthKnowsley

Liverpool CAHMS website which has links to many other providers who can offer advice and guidance: LiverpoolCAMHS

More emotional wellbeing support:
https://www.kooth.com/
https://www.mind.org.uk/
https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/

Safeguarding & Wellbeing Contacts

Who to contact if you have a safeguarding concern over half term:
For a child in Knowsley - Knowsley MASH - 0151 443 2600
If a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the Emergency Services on 999. If it is not an emergency, you can contact Merseyside Police on 101.
If you are a child/parent and you would like to access help or support, please consider the following services who may be able to support whilst school are closed:
Childline | Tel: 0800 1111 – Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help.
Zuntold - Your online mental wellbeing community. Free, safe and anonymous support.
NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000 - If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact our professional counsellors for help, advice and support.
QWELL - Free, safe and anonymous mental wellbeing support for adults across the UK
CEOP Safety Centre - If you have experienced online sexual abuse or you're worried this is happening to someone you know, let them know safely and securely.

Food Support

We understand that for some families, the school holidays can be a difficult time, with the additional pressures of food costs and the absences of school meals. No one should have to worry about how they'll provide for their family, and support is available. Local food banks and community services are here to help anyone in need, offering a safe, welcome space and access to essential items. Below are details of local food banks and social supermarkets, should you or someone you know need a little extra support over the holidays.

Knowsley Foodbank
Unit E, Beckett Close, L33 7XS

Trussell Trust Foodbank (St Helens)
Atherton Street, St Helens, WA10 2DT

Incredible Edibles
Huyton, L16 3NA

Kirkby Social Supermarket
Old Hall Lane, Kirkby, L32 5TH

Prescot & Whiston Social Supermarket
Old Colliery Road, Whiston, L35 3SX


FOLLOW THE
FIREWORK CODE
MERSEYSIDE
FIRE & RESCUE
SERVICE
DOs
• Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
• Keep fireworks in a closed box
• Follow the instructions on each firework
• Light them at arm's length, using a taper
• Stand well back
• Always supervise children around fireworks
• Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
• Keep pets indoors
DON'Ts
• Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
• Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
• Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
• Never give sparklers to a child under five
• Don't let fireworks off after 11pm
WHEELIE BIN?
TAKE IT IN!
STOP YOUR BINS BEING SET ON FIRE
DID YOU KNOW? Wheelie bins can become easy targets over the bonfire period. Keep your bins safe, secure and, if possible, away from windows, doors and fences.
Only put your bin out on collection day and bring it back in IMMEDIATELY.

DON'T LET THE FUN BACKFIRE THIS HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE



You can help to reduce the number of incidents by NEVER giving combustible materials to anyone, especially young people. Make sure your wheelie bin is not accessible to others & ensure any flammable material is kept out of sight.

Remember, Halloween costumes can easily catch fire from naked flames such as candles, fires, lighters & matches. Keep children wearing costumes away from naked flames & other heat sources.

Check your local authority's website for organised firework displays in your area.



BONFIRES are only allowed on private land with the owner's permission and MUST be supervised by an adult at ALL TIMES.

TOP TIP
Keep water handy and ensure the fire is completely out before leaving.

REMEMBER: If a fire engine is called out to a deliberate bonfire, wheelie bin fire or rubbish fire, this may delay our response to other incidents.

IN AN EMERGENCY, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DIAL 999.

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Twitter.com/merseyfire
Instagram.com/mersey_fire

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
www.merseyfire.gov.uk


Our Place Foodbank
Merseyside Youth Association
MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION
OUR PLACE
MY PLACE, YOUR PLACE, OUR PLACE
MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION
Our Place.
Your Foodbank.
WEDNESDAY'S
11:00 - 14:00
MYA Our Place, Longview Drive,
Huyton, L36 6EG
Knowsley's first Young Persons Foodbank!
If you are under 30 and struggling, we can help!
Come down to the Our Place Foodbank every Wednesday and we will be able to provide you with a parcel, no matter your circumstances.
Hygiene products are available, please speak to a member of staff for more details.
If you would like any more information, please scan the QR code below and get in touch!
Noodles
PICKLES
CHOCO BAR
potato
JUICE
100%
Candy
SCAN ME

LOURDES 2027

We are called to serve with Love, Inspiration, Empowerment and Joy



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy

ATTENDANCE

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Attendance matters



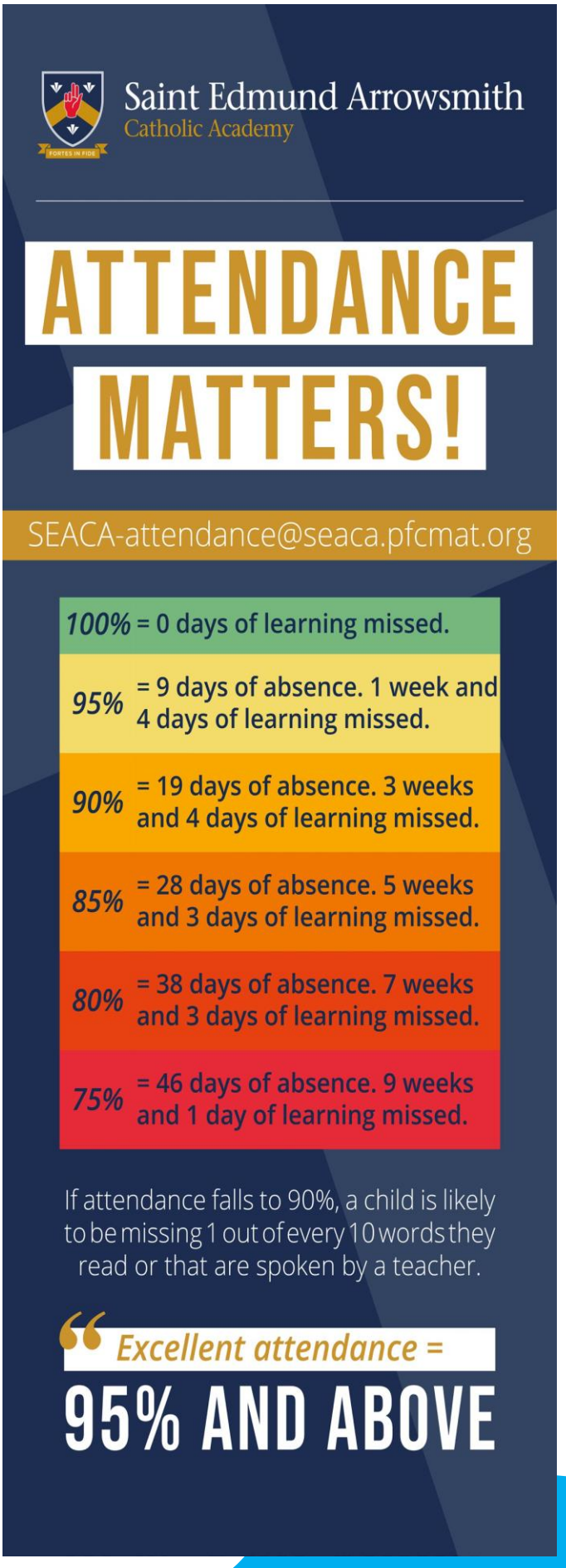
We place a strong emphasis on good punctuality & attendance, supporting students by:

- Informing families by automated text, if their child arrives late.
- Awarding points for punctually.
- Senior staff on duty outside the school gates each morning.
- Staff duty at lesson change-over.
- We email attendance records home to help parents monitor lateness.
- Exploring any possible pastoral reasons for lateness to school and/or lessons and providing appropriate support as required.
- Addressing issues of poor time -keeping with individual students and their parents/carers.

Parents can support punctuality by:

- Ensuring that their children get up in plenty of time to be ready and prepared for school.
- Discussing lateness to ensure this does not become a habit.
- Monitoring their child's attendance record and looking for patterns of lateness.
- Taking a proactive approach and communicating with the school if you have any concerns regarding your child's punctuality.

If you require any support, please contact the Attendance Team on:
0151 477 8770 - option 1
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Attendance Rewards

This half term our Attendance Team has been delighted to recognise and reward students who have demonstrated excellent commitment to being in school every day. Throughout Half Term 1, pupils with 100% weekly attendance were entered into a range of prize draws, with rewards including Just Eat vouchers, JD Sports vouchers, doughnuts and Halloween-themed treats.
Each week, students from Years 7 to 11 were selected as attendance winners, celebrating their dedication and positive approach to school.

The attendance rewards programme has been a fantastic way to recognise the effort pupils make to attend school consistently. We are proud of all students who achieved 100% attendance during the half term and thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring students arrive at school every day, ready to learn

We look forward to continuing our attendance rewards throughout the year and celebrating even more success in the coming half term. Remember: every day counts!

Remember, if students have any ideas for rewards, please share them with us!

If you require any support regarding attendance, please contact the team on SEACA-Attendance@Seaca.pfcmat.org

