



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

Another year has flown by and it's time once again for my traditional end of year letter.

I hope that your son or daughter has experienced a successful school year; enjoyed friendships, made good progress and seized the many opportunities for personal growth that St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School offers.

As we approach the end of term, I would just like to highlight a couple of important pieces of information.

Staff Changes

Mrs Richardson will join our English Department along with Miss Newman and Mr Sergison will join our Maths Department. We are all looking forward to working with our new colleagues from September.

Staff leaving us at the end of this year are Mr Wilson (English) and Mr Standish (Science). We thank them all for their service to the school and wish them every success in their future careers.

Our Directors of Learning will move with their year groups: Mrs Chadwick moves to Y8, Mrs Alvarado moves to Y9, Mr Reardon moves to Y10 and Mr Halliwell moves to Y11. However, there will be a change to Y7 as Mrs Westwell is currently on maternity leave, Miss Hall will be DoL for Y7.

End of Term

School will finish early on the last day: **Friday 18 July 2025 at 12.10pm**. There will be no lunch service on this day, however, free school meals will be provided on request. The break-time service will be available as normal.

The bus services running at this earlier finish time are: -

▪ 1 x 950 (Vision) ▪ 1 x 951 (Vision)	▪ 1 x 954 (Vision to Westleigh, Smiths Lane) ▪ 1 x 603 (Vision)	▪ 1 x 652 (Vision) ▪ 1 x 655 (MandD to Newton)
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School Uniform Donations

We continue to accept donations of good quality unwanted uniform items, particularly KS3 sizes. Please feel free to drop these off in school between now and the end of term. All donated uniform items are sent to **AIM NORTHWEST**, this organisation provides donated items of school uniform to families.

Please contact them directly (01942 918448) Leigh Spinners Mill, Leigh, WN7 2LB: Website:

[AIM Northwest | Domestic abuse helpline](#)

Also, the **Diamond Community Support Centre**, on Grey Road, Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9QW accepts donations of school uniform which they distribute to families in need. They are open 10.30am – 3.00pm every week day except Thursday.

School Uniform

We have made some minor tweaks to our uniform code; below shoulder length hair must be tied up in practical subjects **only** and the minimum length of hair must be no less than a **number 2** blade (**skin fades are not allowed**). Tights under skirts are **optional**. In light of The Childrens' Wellbeing and Schools Bill currently going through parliament we should be in a position to consult with you about our school uniform in September/October, considering the recommendations that come from this Bill.

Could I ask that parents/carers please ensure that pupils **conform to our school uniform rules when the children return to school in September**. Unfortunately, a small number of pupils return to school with inappropriate haircuts/ false nails/piercings, etc and it is a really poor way to start the year for the children as they receive sanctions straight away. These issues are very easily avoided, please support us by ensuring your child conforms to our uniform rules on their return.

School Street

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who are supporting our procedures for school street, there is no doubt it is making Rookery Avenue a safer environment for our pupils to come into school. Could I just remind the very small number of parents continuing to drop your child off on Vicarage Road, **please don't** as this creates a dangerous situation, both for you as the driver and for the child you are dropping off.

September 2025 - Return to School

School will reopen for pupils on **Tuesday 2 September 2025** - (Monday 1 Sept is an INSET day for staff).

Finally, whenever I get the opportunity, I tell everyone how proud I am of our amazing pupils – and yet again they have been superb throughout the year, with many fantastic achievements (please see our website [St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School](#) and Twitter feed @SEACHS1961).

Whenever I get the opportunity, I tell people that it is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of our school and I must comment that pupil behaviour and attitudes have been exemplary in this term. Examples of students activities this year include: -

- * *Young Reporter success*
- * *Many sporting successes, with pupils representing the school superbly*
- * *Y8 & Y9 football teams won the Wigan Schools Leagues*
- * *SEA were crowned Wigan Schools Athletics champions*
- * *Students showed interest and reverence during our St's Peter and Paul Mass*
- * *Music, Dance and Drama students excelled in our Summer Showcase*
- * *Year 11 pupils had a fantastic night at their Leavers' Ball last Friday night. The speeches by our outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl, Khaya and Mihaela really summed up the tremendous spirit in the year group and the outstanding young adults that they have developed into.*
- * *Tomorrow we are about to celebrate their successes on Review Day!*

As ever, your support is hugely appreciated and on behalf of the whole school community, we wish you all a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher