



July 2026

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 Shaw will join our Maths Department, **Miss Chew** will join our RE department and **Mr Cooper** will join our Drama Department. We are all looking forward to working with our new colleagues from September.

Staff leaving us at the end of this year are **Mrs Melling** (Head of Drama), **Mr Mazaleem** (Science), **Mr Sergison** (Maths), **Mrs Feeney** (English) and **Mrs Nuttall** (Art). We thank them all for their service to the school and wish them every success in their future careers. We would also like to thank **Mrs O'Grady** (Maths) who is retiring after 16 years at the school, and finally, **Mrs Cole** (formerly Miss Robinson) who is retiring after 25 fantastic years of service to the school – we all wish them both a long and happy retirement!

Our Directors of Learning will move with their year groups: **Mrs Chadwick** moves to **Y9**, **Mrs Alvarado** moves to **Y10**, **Mr Reardon** moves to **Y11**. Our newly appointed Associate Assistant Headteacher, **Mrs Westwell** will take charge of **Years 7 & 8**. Huge thank you to **Miss Hall** for looking after our current Year 7's so well during Mrs Westwell's maternity leave and another huge thank you to **Mr Halliwell**, who has stepped down from his role as a Director of Learning after taking through 4 year groups over 20 years! What an incredible achievement!

End of Term

School will finish early on the last day: **Friday 17 July 2026 at 12.00pm**. 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: –

▪ 950 (Vision)	▪ 954 (Vision to Westleigh, Smiths Lane)	▪ 1 x 654 (N-I-W)
▪ 951 (Vision)	▪ 953 (Winstanley)	▪ 1 x 655 (MandD to Newton)
▪ 952 (Pemb/Gars)		

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](#)

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 2026 - Return to School

School will reopen for pupils on **Wednesday 2 September 2026** - (Tuesday 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 our BlueSky feed @seawigan.bsky.social

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: -

- *Y10 students writing excellent articles as part of the Young Reporters Scheme*
- *Many sporting successes, with pupils from all year groups representing the school superbly*
- *Y8 & Y9 football teams won the Wigan Schools Leagues*
- *Music and Drama students are about to perform in our Summer Showcase*
- *Together in Music Concert at St John Rigby – we have some very talented students!*
- *Sister Act Jr, the Musical – what a show stopping success!*
- *MFL Festival – celebrating Spanish & French Culture with food and music*
- *Y8 girls become the Northwest Cyber First Champions!*
- *Incredible trips abroad to New York, Paris, Barcelona*
- *Inter-school DARTS competition for staff and students ... in one!*
- *An excellent Review Day where we were able to celebrate student success with parents/carers!*
- *Students showing interest and reverence throughout the year at church and at school events, such as St's Peter and Paul Mass*
- *Y11 pupils had a fantastic night at their Leavers' Ball. The speeches by the outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl, Joshua and Eve really summed up the tremendous spirit in the year group and the outstanding young adults that they have developed into.*

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