



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

I am delighted to announce that from 1 September 2024, Miss Lovatt will be our new Head of Physical Education. Mr Wright, Mr Standish and Miss Marsden will join our Science Department; Mr Gornall will join Technology, Mr Wilson will join English and Miss Bourg-Olivier will join RE. Some students will remember Mr Valentine and we are delighted that he is returning to us in the Maths/Computing Departments. We are all looking forward to working with our new colleagues from September.

Staff leaving us at the end of this year are Mrs Fox (English), Mr Bhatti (Science), Mr Ryder (Computer Science), Miss Challoner (English) and Miss Boucher (Art/Cover). 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 in Y8- Y9: Mrs Alvarado moves to Y8, Mr Reardon moves to Y9 and Mr Halliwell moves to Y10. However, there will be a change to Y7 and Y11. Mrs Westwell will remain with Y11 and Mrs Chadwick will move from Y10 to Y7.

End of Term

We will be finishing early on the last day: **Friday 19 July 2024 at 12.10pm**. There will be no lunch service on this day, however, free school meals will be provided on request. Please follow the link and complete it by Thursday 18 July 2024 <https://forms.office.com/e/mKc9iw8jKZ> The break-time service will be available as normal.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 x 950 (Vision) ▪ 1 x 951 (Vision) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 x 954 (Vision to Westleigh, Smiths Lane) ▪ 1 x 603 (Vision) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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](#)

School Uniform

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 2024 - Return to School

School will open for pupils on Tuesday 3 September 2024 - (Monday 2 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 chance I tell people that it is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of our school and I must comment on how pupil behaviour and attitudes have been exemplary in this term; pupils took part in sports days with enthusiasm; we have had many sporting successes with pupils representing the school superbly; they showed interest and reverence during our Sts Peter and Paul Mass; excelled in our Summer Showcase; celebrated their successes on Review Day and the Year 11 pupils had a fantastic night at their Leavers' Ball last Friday night. The speeches by our outgoing Head Boy and Girl, William and Poppy 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



M J DUMICAN
Headteacher