

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Newsletter

2019

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Another fantastic year at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, I am so proud of the efforts of our school community!

This is always the time of year when we celebrate and rejoice all the amazing achievements of our Year 11 pupils as they leave us to start the next chapter of their lives whilst at the same time preparing and welcoming our new Year 6 pupils to the school. I always feel a little sad that our fantastic pupils are leaving us having grown into such outstanding young people, having given so much to making our school what it is, but at the same time excited at what the future holds for them. We had a brilliant Leavers' Mass, Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' Prom, which will hopefully hold many memories that will last a lifetime. I am incredibly proud of the 'Class of 2019' and I wish them every success in the future.

Our three-day induction programme for our Year 6 pupils went incredibly well, our new pupils have certainly impressed us with their attitudes and desire to do well when they join us in September. Let's Sing on Tuesday was absolutely superb! We already have a very strong musical tradition in our school and the pupils joining us will certainly add to this, they were brilliant, as were our own choirs!

This term has been fantastic in many ways, but the thing that really stands out for me is the tremendous efforts our pupils have put into all aspects of school life, they have truly shined their lights very brightly!

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for your unflinching support and generosity of spirit. It is our partnership and common purpose that makes our school such a special place. On behalf of the governors, staff and pupils, I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Mr Dunican

SPECTACULAR SUMMER SPORTS DAY!

This year we had a fabulous three days for the PE department and the whole school, by taking part in sports day track and field events. This year was no different to any other, with Mr Killen on the mic. entertaining the crowds with funny jokes and informative results. The ice cream van line was long and our school PTA supplied sweet treats and drinks for the spectators!

A total of six records have been broken this year, three field and three on the track. Everyone ran as fast as they could, making their forms, years and houses proud, especially the Year 10s as they competed for the last time.

This year's record breakers are:

- Year 7 mixed relay with a time of 61.34 seconds
- Year 7 girls triple jump by Imogen (7A) with 7.86m
- Year 9 100m boys race won by Luke F (9C) with a time of 11.66
- Year 9 mixed relay with a time of 53.84 seconds
- Year 10 triple jump by Alicia B (10O) by 1cm with a superb jump of 8.80m
- Year 10 girls turbo javelin by Niamh H (10L) with a throw of 22.48m

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our winners! For all the details on our fantastic record-breaking sports day go to our PE twitter page @Eddies_PE and our school website latest news page to read the BBC Young Reporters article!



Modern Foreign Languages!

Chatterbox Champions

Pupils have continued to win chatterbox tickets for their excellent effort at speaking French or Spanish during lessons. The following pupils, (who never resort to speaking English) are this year's chatterbox champions. Félicitations / feliciadades!

- Year 7 French Caitlin S and Spanish Ella B
- Year 8 French Charlotte T and Spanish Harvey J
- Year 9 French Gabriella B and Spanish Daniel H
- Year 10 French Declan and Spanish Rees A

Spanish Trip - The languages department are already looking forward to the trip to Madrid with 50, Year 10 pupils next Easter.

Pupil Services Information

- Water bottles to be filled at break and lunch time only.
- You should go to the toilet at break and lunch, not in between lessons. At any other time respect cards must be signed.
- Lesson timetables must be written in journal.
- If unwell you should go to pupil services not contact parents directly to be collected.
- Appointments should be written in journals and shown to pupil services who will issue you with a green pass to leave early.
- If you lose your bag, coat etc. please check the lost property in pupil services.

Catch up with Year 7

On 11th July, we celebrated our final Year 7 Rewards Assembly, which was wonderful!

Attendance has been a real focus throughout the year and in first place for the summer term is 7H with 97% attendance. We should be aiming for excellent attendance in Year 8 and always striving to 'Be Our Best'.

Year 7 pupils have been working on the 'Going The Extra Mile' initiative this year and the two pupils who have excelled at this in the summer term are Jacob K-W (7C) and Rebecca H (7W). They have been awarded for a wide range of reasons and have really contributed to the extra-curricular life and school community at St Edmund Arrowsmith. Well done!

As part of our Well Being Initiative we have encouraged Year 7 pupils to 'Be Active' during the summer term. 7S and 7L have been awarded the 'Be Active' prizes as they won at Sports Day and sent a wide range of photographs in to show them 'being active'. Congratulations to Mrs McGoldrick and Mrs Davies' forms!

Learning Zone pupils have made outstanding progress this year and have been rewarded with several awards for their efforts:

- Sydnie F (7A) – Outstanding progress throughout Year 7
- Tony K (7A) – Fantastic progress throughout Year 7
- Masen C (7B) – Increased confidence and independence throughout Year 7.

Year 7 pupils have collected an impressive amount of achievement points throughout the year and 7A topped the summer term leader board with 426 achievement points in total. Well done to Mr Kennedy's form; a great achievement!

For more details on Year 7 follow our twitter page - [@Year7_SEA](#)



Year 9 News

Year 9 pupils have finished their 'Stand Out from the Crowd' work this term by recording extra activities they do both in and out of school. They presented this at Review Day to celebrate their achievements with their parents/guardians. Pupils who really have stood out have been awarded certificates to recognise their hard work. This work will be essential for future personal statement writing next year and a great starting point. Form tutors will be nominating two pupils each who have stood out the most for our end of year rewards party.

Special mention to the pupils who have been involved in raising money for the year group charity, Children's Adventure Farm, and who have volunteered to be part of the ECO group this year. This effort and dedication will be being celebrated in awards assembly. The final total for the year group charity was £527.

Year 9 have achieved a massive 22494 achievement points this year for positive contributions to work and school life.

Year 8 Achievements

Year 8 - 28,000 Achievement Points this year
8L won the attendance cup with 98.2% attendance
118 pupils had 100% attendance
133 pupils had 0 behaviour points
Most improved pupil this year was Daniel H (8W).

Special awards went to:

Laura S (8A) for independence award
Charlotte T (8W) for subject award
Daniel B (8B) for collaboration award

The following pupils won top 5/6 boys and girls achievement points this half term:

Bethany M (8C), Megan W (8H), Olivia V (8C), Grace V (8C), Lily W (8B), Harry P (8C), Ben L (8L), Finnley R (8S), Sam T (8A), Freddie D (8C) and Loui S (8C).

All about Year 10

Y10 pupils have been busy this term completing their personal statements and after summer will move on to CVs. This will build up to Interview Day in November, a fantastic way to prepare for the next step in their education and journey. They have also been asked to complete a work placement to show some proactivity and willing by sorting this out for themselves. We would recommend that Y10 pupils start their preparation for GCSE revision over the summer holidays.

We had some wonderful applications and interviews for senior prefects and are delighted to inform you that we appointed:

Nathan W (11M1) - Head Boy, Joshua M (10H) - Deputy Head Boy and Ben L (100) - Deputy Head Boy

Amelia C (100) - Head Girl, Kate K (10C) - Deputy Head Girl and Niamh W (10C) - Deputy Head Girl

Fifty-five of the Year 10s are working their way through the Duke of Edinburgh expedition and all have done extremely well so far.

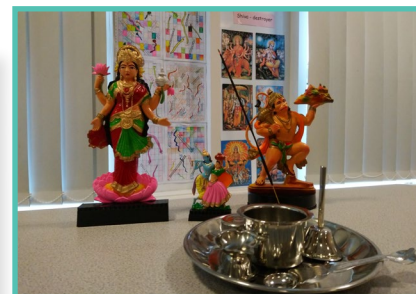


Years 7 and 8 have been learning about two of the oldest world religions: Hinduism and Judaism. Year 7 have studied Hindu beliefs about God, learned how worship is carried out in the home and the mandir and have produced board games to explain the Hindu beliefs about karma and the cycle of life, death and rebirth. Year 8 have examined the lives of Abraham and Moses, and explored coming of age in Judaism alongside studying Jewish festivals.

We have been very proud of Year 9 who have made a good start to their AQA GCSE course. They have shown maturity in their approach to their classwork, and are acting on advice to get into good habits with note-taking. Wide ranging discussions have taken place on the validity of the creation accounts, how well the creation narrative is depicted in art and the relationship between science and religion.

Year 10 will round off the year with the study of the end of time (eschatology). While this may seem to be a depressing topic, talking about death and our beliefs about death is important as this is the only universal truth that we will all experience at some point. We are guided by the approach of St Terese of Lisieux to this topic: "I am not dying, I am entering life."

Have a wonderful summer, and don't forget to follow the department on Twitter - [@SEA_RETweets](#)



St Edmund Arrowsmith PDC

This term has been very busy. Year 8s have been learning about, 'What jobs are hot and what jobs are not' especially exploring the impact of technology on traditional work. The Year 10s have had the chance to visit either Wigan and Leigh College or Leeds University (based on a careers questionnaire which they completed in spring). This included viewing the institution, the learning environment, accommodation, library, student services and many educational departments of learning, from engineering to sports science. Year 10 have also spent a day at St John Rigby - looking at college life - learning about the variety of courses and sampling them over the day. Our Year 10s have been asked to take part in the Work Place Challenge. This has been a tremendous success as a way of learning about the workplace, opportunities for the future and improving communication skills.

Next term - all new Year 11s will have a 1:1 interview with the careers adviser. They will all receive written notes via email with useful websites - you should explore this as a family and email any questions to the careers adviser. Should any pupil require an earlier careers interview because they are not sure about future career ideas, please email Jane Clarke via the school website. Explore the useful careers websites on the school's web page under the tab 'Curriculum' - 'Careers' - 'Useful websites'. All colleges put on Open Evenings during October and November so parents and pupils of Years 10 and 11 should visit those colleges that interest them the most. A list of Open Evenings will be emailed to all pupils in Years 10 and 11. College applications should be completed online by mid December for Year 11s. On Thursday September 26th we will host a Careers Convention with local colleges, training providers and employers for Years 9 and 11. The Mock Interview Day for Year 11s with local employers will take place on Tuesday November 5th.

Please feel free to explore our Careers Education Programme that is detailed on the school website - if you have any suggestions please contact Jane Clarke the Careers Adviser jclarke@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk

Follow our twitter page to keep up to date [@SEA_PDC](#) with our department!

GCSE Art Exhibition

The art exhibition was a fantastic opportunity to see all the amazing artwork the Year 11 GCSE pupils have produced over the past year. Not only was it a great opportunity to show off all the Year 11's hardwork; it was also a great opportunity for them to meet up again. The atmosphere was very relaxing but lively at the same time and everybody got a chance to enjoy themselves while they enjoyed the refreshments being served.

The rewards towards the end were very exciting; each department in school choose one or more pieces of work that they would like to display in their area for a year. They are then put up on display and the chosen pupils for each department presented with a prize! The chosen pupils are as follows:

- Libby B (11L2) - PE dept art prize**
- Kiera Q (11A2) - R.E dept art prize**
- Lauren H (11L1) - MFL dept art prize**
- Onais S (11S1) - Maths dept art prize**
- Ellen B (11B1) - Drama dept art prize**
- Isabelle F (11C1) - Science dept art prize**
- Isabelle F (11C1) - Mr Killen art prize**
- Heather T-B (11A2) - Miss Thurgood-Parkes art prize**
- Megan W (11L1) - Mrs Nuttall art prize**
- Lauren H (11M1) - Headteacher's art prize**
- Lauren C (11C1) - Head of Art prize**



History Trip to Berlin!



In April, the History Department including Mr Linton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Easton, Mrs Ainsworth and Mr Hill, took 48 pupils to Berlin to support their GCSE studies. A really good time was had by all and the pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school - even introducing German students in our hostel to that most British of delicacies, the Jammy Dodger. Whilst walking their way around Germany's historic capital city, our pupils took in the following sites:

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp – this site was opened as a detention centre and labour camp for political opponents of the Nazi regime. Many died here from overwork, hunger, disease or punishment, and during the Second World War some inmates were systematically exterminated. An unforgettable experience.

DDR Museum – An interactive walk around the shadowy world of communist East Germany. This museum gives pupils a taste of what it would have been like to live under the strict regime of the communist government and fits in very well with their Cold War studies.

Olympic Stadium – the 1936 Olympic games were held here amid much Nazi propaganda, but the gold medal glory went to Black American athlete Jesse Owens. It is now used as the football ground for Hertha Berlin, and was the location of the 2006 World Cup Final.

The Reichstag – Germany's Parliament building, now in use again following the reunification of East and West Germany during the 1990s. As part of its reopening it had a spectacular glass dome added to it, designed by British architect James Stirling, from which fantastic panoramic views of the whole city are obtained. A true slice of history, complete with the bullet holes and graffiti put there by the Russian soldiers who captured it in 1945.

The remnants of the Berlin Wall – the Wall divided communist East Berlin from capitalist West Berlin from the early 1960s until 1990. The Wall was quickly demolished in 1990, but a few fragments remain.

Checkpoint Charlie Museum – tells the story of the many daring and often fatal attempts to escape across the Berlin Wall from east to west during the Cold War years.

Visits to key sights in the centre – including the Brandenburg Gate, the Unter den Linden, the Gendarmenmarkt, Potsdammer Platz, the Memorial for the Murdered Jews and Alexanderplatz (the centre of the old East Berlin).

We also visited the The Stasi Jail - the Stasi were the secret police of the Communist regime of East Germany and "Underground Berlin" – we went below the streets for a guided tour through the remains of a World War II air raid shelter as well as an anti-radiation shelter dating from the Cold War.

Science Visit to Iceland!

In April this year, 60 Year 10 pupils were lucky enough to experience a trip to Iceland with the Science department. The four-day trip consisted of numerous exciting activities which were both educational yet thoroughly enjoyable. After the flight to Keflavik Airport, day one of our activities began. The agenda for the day involved a visit to the bridge between two continents, the steam vents and a pupil favourite: a relax in The Blue Lagoon. The following two days brought lots more attractions which included: a Geothermal Power Station; Seljalandsfloss and Skógafoss waterfalls; the Solheimajokull glacier; the black sand beaches of Vik, and Reykjavik Zoo. On the final day, pupils visited the Fridheimar Greenhouse. Here, they were given the opportunity to test and buy different tomato-based products that were created using the crops grown within the facility. To conclude the trip, we got to see the spectacular Gullfoss double waterfall and the famous Geysir before heading to the Hard Rock Café for a delicious final meal.



The trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience which we all found truly inspiring and memorable.

Field Trip to Formby

Amelia C (100)

The geography field trip on Friday 21st June helped us to study changing sand dunes in Formby and land use in Southport.

On a beautiful sunny day, we measured the slope and vegetation cover on Formby dunes in the morning. In Southport, after enjoying a KFC we studied changing land use in different areas of the town. We also asked the general public various questions and did pedestrian counts. The field trip was highly enjoyable, allowing us to experience some of the landscapes we are studying. We plan to study geography at A Level and enjoy some of the overseas field trips they offer (California sounds great!)

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