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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Welcome to Another Academic Year**

If this is your first year as a St Edmund's parent, then a very warm welcome to you. To you all, we hope that 2016 – 17 will be a happy and successful year for your daughter(s). We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

### **Year 11 Examination results**

St Edmund's is celebrating outstanding results at GCSE, with 76.3% of students gaining 5 or more GCSEs at C grade or above including English and Maths. Under new Department for Education measures, schools are now judged according to the progress students have made since joining their secondary school. St Edmund's students have achieved over a third of a grade higher across all subjects; this means that girls perform better than they would at most schools in the country. Our Progress 8 score is 0.35, meaning that we add on average more than a third of a GCSE grade to all subjects. We are very proud of our students and I would like to thank all our hard working and dedicated staff.

### **Year 10 (now Year 11) have also seen great success at GCSE**

The results for Year 10 in English and Religious Studies have been excellent, and it was delightful to see so many happy, smiling faces as the girls collected their results. This has been a marvellous confidence booster for students as they move into their final year at St Edmund's.

### **Building work**

Work has progressed quickly after the spectacular sight of mobile classrooms moving early in the holidays. We now have a temporary arrangement of mobiles until the new building is ready in September 2017. The new building is to be named the Magill Building, in memory of Mr Bobby Magill, an inspirational and much-loved teacher who died earlier this year.

### **Uniform**

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your daughter is in correct school uniform. The vast majority of our girls look very smart indeed. Please ensure, however, that:

- your daughter's skirt is not too short (and that she does not roll it up!);
- your daughter's cardigan or jumper is a V necked one (not round neck);
- you do not permit your daughter to dye her hair an unnatural colour (even temporarily, as this can take weeks to fade).

## Uniform (continued)

Full details of the uniform and appearance policy are on the school website: <http://st-edmunds.eu/school-life/uniform/>

Thank you also for your feedback about uniform. We too are unhappy about the quality of the Price and Buckland skirt and will be consulting regarding a new school skirt for September 2017.

## Social Media

Please don't forget to encourage your daughter to use social media in a positive way. Before the summer holidays we sent home guidance for parents and if you would like this re-sent to you please let us know.

## Dropping off and collecting your daughter

- **The school site is extremely busy (and therefore potentially dangerous), with buses continually arriving and leaving, so please do not drive onto the school premises, even if just to drop your daughter off.** We have only just enough parking spaces for our staff, and if parents use these parking spaces it prevents our staff from getting into work!
- If you need to bring your daughter to school by car, please park at a safe place well away from the school, being careful not to inconvenience our neighbours. There have been instances when cars have even been observed driving over pavements and I must stress that this type of dangerous driving may be reported to the Police. You may wish to drop your daughter off at The Green, which is just a short walk away, past the shops and St Andrew's Church.
- **I would like to suggest a much safer and stress-free alternative: please use the London Road park and ride facility whenever possible,** as this will considerably reduce traffic congestion near the schools at peak times, and therefore make it much safer. If you drop your daughter off at the park and ride she can use the new footpath which leads from there past the Aldi supermarket to the start of the path across the river in Cheverell Avenue. It is a very pleasant walk for the girls, and is a good way to start and finish the day. Coming home, if the weather is wet, then the girls can shelter under the Aldi car park whilst they wait for you, and there is plenty of parking available (at no charge).
- **Follow this link for a map showing the route:**  
<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Laverstock,+Salisbury+SP1+1RD,+UK/Salisbury+SP1+3HP,+UK/@51.0836012,-1.7816339,15z/am=t/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x4873ec1dcc19e8a7:0x91e1562b33f46a95!2m2!1d-1.7713718!2d51.0801861!1m5!1m1!1s0x4873eea62ffd63c5:0xe1ad8a273146be3a!2m2!1d-1.7746691!2d51.0861363!3e2>

## Medicines

Please remember that we have first aid facilities only, and if your daughter is unwell she should be kept at home. Medical information for parents is on our website: <http://st-edmunds.eu/wp-content/uploads/Medical-information-for-parents-July-2016.pdf>

## Medicines (continued)

Now is a good time to check that you have given us a new Epipen or inhaler to store in case of emergency if this is relevant for your daughter. In addition, if your daughter does need to have an Epipen or inhaler with her, please make sure that she carries this at all times.

## New Staff

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff:

Ms R Foster	Subject Leader, English
Mrs K Evans	Subject Leader, Science
Mrs J Vaughan	Subject Leader, Religious Studies
Mrs E Carver	Deputy Subject Leader, Science
Mrs R Inglis	Teacher of Science
Mr J Roper	Teacher of English
Mrs J Scott	Teacher of Technology & Art
Miss H Bilton	Teacher of Art & Technology (maternity cover)
Mrs S Sanderson	Assistant Catering Manager
Dr Y Kiddle	Health & Well-Being Manager

## New roles for existing staff

Mrs C Chapple	Head of Curie House
Miss S Hubbard	Head of Art (maternity cover)
Mr M Ferguson	Instructor of Music
Mrs T McInerney	Catering Manager
Mrs D Gurd	Assistant Catering Manager

## HomeContact

Have you signed up for HomeContact? This system means that letters and important messages (such as notification if the school has to close due to severe weather conditions) are sent straight to your email address. Please sign up if you have not already done so – see <http://st-edmunds.eu/school-life/home-contact/> for more information or call us on 01722 328565.

## Diary dates (early closures in bold)

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome to Year 7 Evening (6.30 p.m.)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Sports Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographer (new students, Yr 9, Yr 11)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Sponsored Walk for Whole School
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Open Day for prospective new students & parents
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	“ “ “ “
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Reserve date for Sponsored Walk
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Evening (6.30 p.m.)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	KS4 Celebration of Achievement Evening (6.30 p.m.)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends' Quiz and Silent Auction (evening)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School finishes at 1250; Tutor Consultation for all years (2.00 to 7.00 p.m.)</b>

## Diary Dates (continued)

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term; finish at usual time
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Training Day – no school for students
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Teacher Training Day – no school for students
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Teacher Training Day – no school for students <u>except for those Year 11 students who are sitting GCSE English exams</u>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Back to school (all years) for Term 2
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 10 Information Evening (6.30 p.m.)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Showcase (7.00 p.m.)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	“ “
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 9 Subject Consultation (3.15 to 7.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch (first sitting)
“ “	Carol Service at St Thomas’s Church (7.00 p.m.) – all welcome
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch (second sitting)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School finishes at 1250 for the Christmas holidays</b>

## School website

We endeavour to keep the website up to date with all our news and events but if you have trouble finding anything, please contact our friendly reception staff, who will be pleased to help you.

## When you need help

All our staff are happy to speak with you if you have any concerns or questions about your daughter’s education or welfare. In the first instance please contact your daughter’s tutor – see <http://st-edmunds.eu/about-us/contact-details-map/staff-list/> for staff emails or email [office@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:office@st-edmunds.eu). You can also telephone reception on 01722 328565. Staff may not be able to speak with you immediately but will contact you as soon as possible.

We look forward to a successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely



**Sarah Busby**  
**Headteacher**