



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

8th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Academic Year 2022-23. For those families joining us as their sons or daughters commence year 7 or 12 courses with us, a very special welcome to you. I hope that the summer holiday enabled you to make space for some rest and relaxation. As ever, the school has been a busy place during the summer, and we have seen a substantial re-build of our amphitheatre, as a social space for students; a complete renovation of the RE suite; a redesign of the library; and over £80,000 of investment in the school IT network. My thanks go especially to our site and IT teams for driving such improvements for our students and staff. Tenders have started to come in for the Dining Hall project indicating, as we had feared, significant increases on initial budgeted costs caused in no small degree by global supply issues, and general rising costs. I will be meeting with the architect shortly in order to determine a way forward on this vital project.

We were delighted with our examination outcomes at GCSE and A level which compared very favourably with our last examined grades in Summer 2019. Our Celebration Evening ahead will be an opportunity for students, their families, and our staff to reflect on their many successes. I would like to congratulate every one of our students, and thank our staff on their behalf for their unfailing commitment to supporting outstanding outcomes for our students.

We are pleased to welcome new colleagues this term, to various positions in our staff team. Claire Delve joins us as our admissions and attendance manager (starting October), Alex Kelley as Head of Government and Politics, Sinclair Lawler as second in Computer Science; Olivia Martos-Fradsham as TA, Jamie McRill as Maths Teacher; Viktoriia Pererva as Cover Supervisor; Katy Perks as Art Teacher; Natasha Pope as PE Teacher; Victoria Schindel as TA, Lynn Scott as Technology Teacher, and Claire Tranter as second in Department for Mathematics. I am sure that our new colleagues will settle in quickly, and I am very excited at the potential of the outstanding gifts, talents and experiences that they bring to St. Edward's.

All schools continue to face significant challenges caused by the national school funding situation, and the teacher recruitment crisis. I would ask you to bear this in mind in the year ahead, as sometimes our provision and our services may not be as we would ideally wish. Nonetheless we will continue to do our very best for your children, whilst ensuring that the workloads of our staff, and the pressure placed upon them, are very carefully managed.

Finally, as Autumn begins, please can I ask that you ensure that your child wears a safety helmet when cycling or scooting to school. We ask all of our students to travel with care and consideration for others when travelling, and having had one of our students narrowly avoiding very serious injuries whilst cycling to school in the summer term, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child deeply understands road safety, regardless of their means of travel to school. Can I also draw your attention to the latest policies of the Governing Body of St. Edward's regarding behaviour and uniform. These and all of our policies can be found at;

<https://st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/information/policies>

I look forward to seeing you at the various events of the Academic Year ahead; and in the meantime, do contact us via our enquiries@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk email address if we can be of assistance.

With all good wishes,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher