



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

Monday 12th September 2022

Year 10

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our students returning from the summer holidays. I hope this time allowed for rest, recovery and a much-needed re-set after a demanding academic year. The first of our virtues that we will focus on this year is love. Students will reflect on this in collective worship and tutor reflections with specific input on CAFOD, One World Week and Social Justice.

Year 10 return ready to embark on their GCSE's with new courses and refined curriculum's to suite their personal interests. They have had an assembly led by SLT about the importance of building firm foundations at the start of this course, as these will support them as they move towards their exams in June 2024. So far Year 10 have risen to the challenge, and have made positive first impressions on their new teachers and tutors. I would also like to identify that Karen Lord has taken over as the Learning & Behaviour Support worker for Year 10, and I am excited to be able to continue as Director of Learning for Year 10, to provide stability and continuity in these important next few years.

Last summer we wrote to parents and carers reminding them of the standards we expect our students to meet day to day. These include fully meeting our uniform expectations, good organisation, behaviour and engagement. It is also a good time to remind parents and carers about the importance of regular attendance to school, where missing just 10% of the school year can lead to a drop of 1 whole grade at GCSE due to missed content. A reminder that our policies can be found on our school website <https://st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/>. if you have any queries about our high expectations. If your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school so that we know they are safely at home. We ask for your support in securing these standards so that we can work as 'one' to support the students in their journey through St Edward's.

In the weeks ahead there will be the opportunity for the 'meet the tutor' evening, where an early consultation with tutors can help in the smooth transition to the start of the year. This year we are consulting with parents on whether they would prefer this meeting to be held online via the parents evening portal, or whether there would be a preference for a face to face meeting, now that we have moved past Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions. An opportunity for parents to share their voice on this can be found following this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/WfkskiaQ8L>

Finally, I would like to advise parents and carers that we will be removing the staggered end of the day timings, and the school will now finish at 15:15 for all students as before the Covid-19 restrictions.

Kind Regards,

Mr Mike Wood
KS4 Director of Learning