



St Edward's School

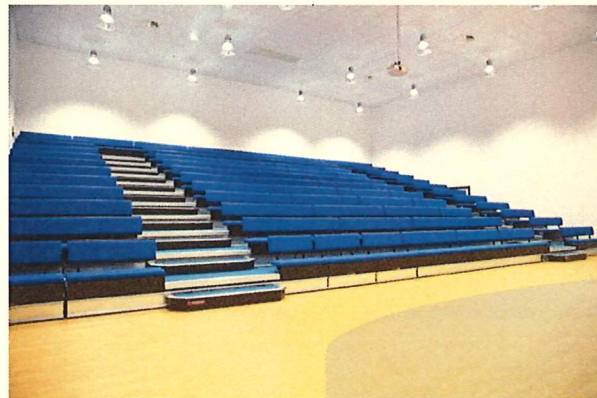
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you last year with an update on capital projects at St Edward's. At that time we had come to realise that with rising costs of materials the dream of a new dining hall for our students would have to be put on hold for now. Thanks to the generosity of our families, and our careful management of finance, we remain in a strong position to be able to make substantial improvements to the school campus, for the benefit of students and staff.

The first of these developments will commence in the days ahead. We will be redeveloping the school hall to create a new performance space as well as significant additional capacity for indoor dining. By rotating the use of the hall by 180° and installing Bleacher seating we will be creating a new floor-level presentation and performance space. The space saved by the new seating, instead of traditional chairs, will create the floor space needed to enable more of our students to eat and socialise indoors when it is cold. The new space will not only enhance opportunities for future performances, but will additionally enable the hall to be better used by the Drama and PE department for lessons. Below is an example of the type of seating that we will be installing:



The existing stage will be turned into changing space for Drama, and additional storage space for the school, and we hope that you will enjoy these new facilities when you are next in school for a presentation evening.

We received news last week that St Edward's has again had over 600 applications for the 182 places offered in Year 7, continuing the trend for our school to be one of the most over-subscribed schools in BCP. Thank you as ever for your support for all that we are trying to do as a school, and we will be in touch again in a couple of weeks with our Easter Bulletin, full of news about all that makes St Edward's a special, vibrant place to learn.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram
Executive Headteacher

