



# St. Anselm's College

## *Edmund Rice Academy Trust*



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**27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parents,  
We are now at the end of term and looking forward to a break.

There have many memorable occasions this winter which are highlighted for you below.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Mrs Diane Tod and family, benefactors of the College.

Mr David Gorman, Mr Anthony Whitehead, Mr Tony Charlesworth, Mr Peter Reynolds and Mr Iain Smith are recovering from ill health.

Former Chair of Governors Mr Brian Cummings and Mr Peter Bowskill, old Anselmian

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

David Hill who taught PE & Games at the College from 2000-2015. His funeral is today.

Old Anselmians Dr Peter John Carr and Mr Charlie Davenport  
May they rest in peace.

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**Congratulations to the following:**

**Our newly appointed Executive Prefect Team:**

Head Boy: Harvey Murphy,  
Deputy Head Boys: Abhishiek Sansom and Noa Sundqvist,  
Asst. Head Boys: James Chindripu and Devan Jones,  
Senior Prefects: Fred Greaves, Naveed Herwitker, Joe Joinson, Ben Lyon and Mackenzie Reed.

**Headmaster's Awards:**

Lewis Foran (7P), Bobby Jones(8K), Max McKay(9G),

**Max Forman(10H) and Matthew Ryan(11E)**

are the recipients of this half-term's awards all for outstanding efforts, attitude and contributions to lessons and College life.

**Oxbridge:**

Congratulations to Year 13 students **Jacob Gilroy** (Mathematics, Hertford), **Ebi Hanifehpour** (History, Lincoln), **Joseph Lawler** (History & Economics, Pembroke) who have been offered places at the University of Oxford and **Tom Ryan** (Engineering, Fitzwilliam) who has been offered a place at Cambridge University. **Alfie Rideout-Wylde** has secured a place to study Medicine at the University of Plymouth and **Patrick Delaney** (2018) has accepted a medical offer from the University of Manchester. This shows what the most able students can achieve at the College!

**Creative:**

**Matthew Richardson Y12** has been chosen to attend the Barclays Creative Horizons Event in London in April, a two day workshop aimed to inspire him and showcase opportunities the creative industries can offer.

**Fred Martin(Y10)** has won a place on the FREE Built Environment Design and Architecture Easter School in Liverpool in April.

**Scouts:**

Gabriel Ford and Jake McGinity Y9, Callum Cox Y10, Joshua Edge Y12 and Adam Roscoe Y13 have all been selected to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in 2019. They will all be taking part in many fundraising events to help with the cost of attending this prestigious event.

**Music:**

**Jonathan Stevens Y13** has chosen to study Trombone at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in Greenwich. He also received offers from the Royal Northern College of Music and Leeds College of Music.

**Year 7** recently attended a concert at the Royal Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of In Harmony Liverpool. 150 student musicians from the North of England performed alongside BBC Young Musician of the Year cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

**Battle of the Bands:**

**Congratulations to bands The Anomaly and Abe Froman** who won studio sessions at The Threshold Festival and Glyndwr University. Every band performed with distinction before a packed house.

**Drama:**

**Liam Holsgrove Y7** is appearing in "The Wizard of Oz" at the Epstein Theatre in April alongside several local celebrities.

**Public Speaking:**

**Devan Jones (Y12) finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North West Catenians Public Speaking Final in St. Helens on Friday.**

**Sport**

**Rugby:**

**The Senior squad reached the semi-final of the Birkenhead 7s. Our Year 8 & 9 squads are completing in the National Sevens Tournament at Rosslyn Park this week, stopping off for a visit to Twickenham. 13 Year 8 pupils have been selected to participate in the U13 Sale Sharks and Cheshire RFU Developing Player Programme: Will Bell, Joe Cass, Cohen Holsgrove, Bobby Jones, Oliver**



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Lea, James Manuel, Kenzie-McCarthy-Edwards, Luke Newell, Josh Parsley, Dylan Rumsby, Benji Sedgewick, Andrew Wilkinson & Daniel Wilkinson

## Cross Country

### Champions!

Our teams have won the Merseyside League in every age group and we are, once again, the Merseyside Champions!

**Tom Spence (Y13)** is the Senior Merseyside Champion, closely followed by **Finan Johnston (Y11) 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Martin Hurst (Y13) 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Josh Hale** won the Y9/10 age group with **Zach Russell (both Y10) 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Congratulations to Mr Simpson, Dr Cooper, Miss McKinley and all our runners!



### Triathlon:

**Louis Johnston Y11** was away training with the North West Regional Triathlon Academy during February half term.

### Swimming:

**Vadim Bosc Y8** was selected to represent English Schools Northwest Regional Team at the Inter-Divisional Championships in Crawley recently. He won the 200 Breaststroke and 200IM and broke records for both events.

## Ofsted Action Plan

Our **Action Plan**, which is an appendix to our established Improvement Plan, is published on the College website and was reviewed for 2017-18. I am pleased to say that most of the objectives have been addressed, although we recognise that

there remains room for improvement in a couple of areas. Our judgements have been verified by external reviews and our summer GCSE and A Level results, as confirmed by our League Table success! We are focussing upon the areas for Improvement identified by Ofsted and investing in Staff Training to improve standards of teaching & learning and assessment.

Our internal monitoring suggests that this is being achieved, with the clear majority of students making good progress and being on, or above, targets.

## DfE League Tables:

**I am delighted to inform you that the College finished top of the Wirral post-16 Tables for progress from GCSE to A Level in 2018. Our score of +0.31 put us well above any other Wirral 6<sup>th</sup> Form, including independent and girls' schools and the 6<sup>th</sup> Form College. This means that we add value of nearly 1/3 of a grade per subject entry, on average, based on GCSE results and national averages. Our Progress 8 score placed us 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wirral for value added from Key Stage 2 to GCSE for boys. Our score of +0.26 meant that we added value of ¼ of a grade per entry, on average. We are in the top 10% of schools nationally for attainment (raw results). We are looking forward to sharing this good news with Ofsted!**

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our system for awarding outstanding achievement and

further improving behaviour for learning.

Students will have the opportunity to gain an Achievement Point each lesson. Achievement Points may be awarded for outstanding effort, achievement, contribution to lesson, outstanding homework or College Ambassador. These points will be allocated to a student's record and shared with parents. Over the course of the year students will be awarded a bronze, silver or gold star pin dependent on the number of Achievement Points that they have. Each half term Heads of Year will also nominate one student per year group for the "Headmaster Award". This may be for any acts of kindness or excellence in extra-curricular activity outside the classroom. We have also introduced a new procedure for addressing any concerns relating to behaviour for learning – The Three Cs. The Three Cs system provides students with an opportunity to reflect on the consequences of their behaviour and encourages students to take responsibility for the choices they make. In the same way a student can receive an Achievement Point, a Behaviour Point will be added to a student's record for any consequences given. You will be kept informed if the number of behaviour points your son has accumulated becomes a concern. Mrs S Cubbin.

## Key Dates

### Mar:

27<sup>th</sup> U'14s Rosslyn Park 7s

28<sup>th</sup> Y13 Theology Trip

29<sup>th</sup> College Closes 3.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> Ski Trip departs 3.30am!

### Apr:

15<sup>th</sup> College Re-opens



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17<sup>th</sup> Y12 Elevate Seminar  
18<sup>th</sup> Y13 Elevate Seminar  
19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> Monday Timetable  
25<sup>th</sup> Y10 Exams start

## May:

1<sup>st</sup> KS3 & 4 Drama Trip  
6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Y9 Rugby Tour  
10<sup>th</sup> Colours Awards  
13<sup>th</sup> Y12 Exams begin  
15<sup>th</sup> English Schools' Athletics  
– Round 1  
20<sup>th</sup> Y9 Exams begin  
21<sup>st</sup> Y 7,8,10 Catholic Schools'  
Athletics  
24<sup>th</sup> College closes (half term)

## Jun:

3<sup>rd</sup> College Re-opens  
4<sup>th</sup> Y7&8 Exams begin

## Anselmian Association

Our next event is the Association St. Anselm's Day AGM & Pub Meal at Pollard's in Willaston on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm. All Anselmians are most welcome.

Our annual Golf Day is on the afternoon of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Details are on the Association page of the College website.

## Term-Time Holidays

Once again, I draw your attention to changes to DfE legislation regarding family holidays taken in term time. This can be found on our College website. Term-time holidays could lead to prosecution by the welfare authorities! The boys have over 2 weeks at Christmas and Easter and a 7 week summer break this year. That is sufficient to accommodate all family holidays and occasions!

## Drama

Our Drama group performed the play "Salt" by Dawn King in the National Theatre Connections Festival a

fortnight ago. Please see website for further details.

## Outwood House

Parental support for the Edmund Rice Trust is most welcome. The Trust purchased Outwood and is entirely reliant on parental and Anselmian contributions. Thank you if you are already making a contribution. For those of you who would like to donate details of how to contribute are on the **Edmund Rice Trust section of the College website.**

## FOSA News

We are always open to new members joining the Committee in roles such as Deputy Chair, Assistant Secretary, bar staff. Our Race Night on 1<sup>st</sup> March was well-attended and great fun. Our next event is our first ever Speed Quiz on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets including food are £10pp.

## Parking by Parents

**If you are collecting your son please do not park on Egerton Rd!** There is plenty of space in neighbouring roads and your sons are perfectly capable of walking around the corner. **Double parking causes traffic delays in a busy road used by buses and delays your departure.**

## IPods/i-phones

A reminder of the College Policy! Boys SHOULD NOT bring these expensive items to College as we cannot guarantee their security. If a boy in Y7-11 openly brandishes one it is liable to confiscation. Any boy bringing a mobile phone to College does so at his own risk. Confiscated items will only be returned on

Fridays after school. To reclaim an item, a pupil must bring a letter from a parent.

## No Chewing Gum please!

Chewing gum is banned on this site, so please discourage your sons from bringing any to school. It causes mess and damage. Those failing to observe College rules will be deployed cleaning it off the yard and removing it from underneath desks.

## E-Safety Update – Mobile Phone Use

**Can your child gain access to inappropriate material on their mobile?**

It is a wise parent that sets up restrictions on what their children can access on the internet at home.

Notwithstanding natural teen curiosity, it is possible for a young person to be inadvertently exposed to inappropriate, unsuitable and highly disturbing material.

Many young people now have 'Smartphones,' that give the user internet access through 3G networks. Even some of the simplest mobile phones can provide access through a web browser. Many parents do not realise that this can be 'unfiltered access.' Students can be exposed to exactly the same dangers on their phone that they might face from unrestricted and unmonitored access at home. It is therefore very important to make sure that the 'Parental Control Services' offered free by all mobile phone providers are switched on. This is not always automatically the case. If you are unsure, contact your provider and ask. If the controls are not in place, then you can request that they are switched on for a particular number. The link below will



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take you to an Ofcom website giving more advice and contact details for all the mobile phone companies:

<http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/2009/10/parental-controls-for-mobile-phones/>

**The recent "Sexting" cases in the national media serves as a reminder of the trouble teenagers can get into. We present regular Assemblies, with very clear messages, on such issues. Guidance is available on the College website.**

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## Sweet and Drink Selling

Any boy found doing this on the College site, or buses, will be excluded and his stock and ill-gotten gains will be confiscated and given to charity. This practice can lead to a trade in contraband, such as cigarettes, and worse!

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## Free School Meals

**New Information received from the Local Authority: With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 paper application forms must not be completed. Applications must be made on line.**

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## 16-19 Bursary Fund

The Bursary is available to students in disadvantaged circumstances or from families on low incomes, comparable with qualification for Free School Meals. If you feel that your son might be eligible he should collect an application form from Mr Morgan. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact Miss Baines, Mr. Morgan or myself in complete confidence. **Students who break the terms of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Learning agreement, including through poor attendance, lose their**

**eligibility for Bursary payments. Tax payers' money must be spent wisely!**

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## Lost Property

If your son has lost uniform, kit, a coat or bag etc. please do not immediately assume that it has been stolen or is lost forever! We have collections of lost property at the College & at the Games Fields. Please feel free to come & check. Parents can do their bit by ensuring that your son's property is labelled or marked. Most of our collection is anonymous!

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## Lockers

**It is surprising how many students do not have padlocks on their lockers, given that they are in daily use and essential for security. Please ensure that your son has one!** We have requested boys to clear their lockers before the holiday so that the Caretakers may fumigate where required!

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## GDPR

**Along with all public bodies and companies we are obliged to observe the new European Data Protection Regulation. We have appointed Judicium as our (corporate) Data Protection Officer. Please see our website for further details.**

Mrs Madden has emailed all parents asking for your consent to receive my Newsletter and general communications and also for parental consent to publish photographs of your sons on the website and in our publicity material. We have received such consent in the past, but must request it by these means to comply with GDPR.

Our recent Audit indicated that we were making good progress and we have another one next term.

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## Hair Styles & Appearance

The College Policy is clear. Boys who have shaved heads will be sent home until their hair grows as will those with hair below the collar until it is cut. **Dyed or highlighted hair is not allowed.** This rule applies equally to 6<sup>th</sup> Formers. I am the ultimate arbiter of what constitutes an acceptable haircut.

All boys should be wearing black, office-style, shoes, not boots or trainers!

Only 6<sup>th</sup> Formers are allowed beards and facial hair.

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## Uniform reminder

Boys in Years 7-11 are allowed only to wear grey v-neck sweaters under blazers, as required. No other colours are allowed. From September we will be moving towards white shirts only, so while blue and white shirts are acceptable from Yr8 upwards we ask that only white are purchased for the future. **Boys should wear black office-style shoes and no trainers, irrespective of current fashions! Any boy wearing inappropriate footwear will be required to change into a pair of pumps which will be provided by the College. Non-compliance will result in an immediate exclusion. You have been warned!**

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## Pupil Premium

**We have explained how we use the Pupil Premium on our website.** If you believe your son is entitled to any of the additional support outlined there, please contact me at



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the College. This is broadly based on eligibility for Free School Meals.

The College provides additional curriculum support for Pupil Premium students and I urge parents to take advantage of these free opportunities to enhance your son's education. **Mrs Cubbin has overall responsibility for this programme.**

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## College Sanctions

Let me make it abundantly clear that College sanctions are not negotiable! **Parents and students do not have the right to pick and choose whether to co-operate with the College sanctions system.** We will always listen to polite representations, but the simple truth is that such parents have almost always been misled. The Governors expect parents to set an appropriate example to their sons.

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## Homework and Academic Expectations

We aspire to provide a Grammar School education for all our students, irrespective of background and circumstances, and this has been reinforced by our Ofsted experience! The key to this is high expectations, not only from staff but from parents and families as well. **We expect parents to monitor their son's work, including homework, and to require him to spend sufficient time on it and to take pride and care in its presentation and completion. We have established the Lunchtime Study Club where boys who fail to produce homework completed to an appropriate standard, or who misbehave in lessons, will work at lunchtime. Please ensure that**

**you son completes corrections in all subjects and catches up any work missed through absence, trips or fixtures.**

**College holidays are an ideal time for this. Never believe any suggestion of "I have no homework to do"!**

We seek to establish a culture where it is cool to achieve! Most of our students do very well and flourish at the College. Our ambition is that all of them do so and we need your support to achieve this! We also expect students to arrive at College fully equipped and ready to learn. Boys will not be allowed to disrupt the learning of others and will face appropriate sanctions if they misbehave. **No boy who works hard and engages with his studies will ever underachieve at St. Anselm's!**

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## Year 11 Mock Exams and Revision

**Certificates containing both sets of Mock Exam grades have been sent home to parents. Y11 have, overall, made markedly improved progress this term and are on course to fulfil their considerable potential as a cohort.** You are rightly more interested in your son's progress!

**Mr Dowse is communicating details of Y11 Holiday Revision classes in a range of subjects and individuals students are being directed to them.**

**It is essential that all Y11 students commit themselves to extensive revision and past paper practice during the Spring Holiday.**

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## Year 13 Exams and Reports

**Y13 have now finished their Mock Exams and reports will be sent to you after the**

**holiday. The Mock grades will provide very clear guidance regarding your son's likely A Level and BTec results this summer.**

**The Spring Holiday provides a fantastic opportunity for some serious, detailed revision!**

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## Connect Ed

This is our Absence Reporting System.

The College previously used a system called KeepKids Safe. This has now been updated and is called ConnectED. You can access this system through an app called MyEd. The parental mobile number is then linked to your son and information regarding College events, key dates, educational visits and attendance can be accessed. This will also allow you and us to send and receive free messages to and from school. We are in the process of updating the College interface on this system and ask that all parents, who have smart phones, download the app. It is also very important that we have up to date mobile numbers for parents and ask you inform us if you have changed your number recently.

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## Keep Track of your son's Homework and Deadlines!

**The College provides an online service for parents to keep track of your child's school homework and deadlines.** The service is free to access and available via the Internet and any Smart Phone. Simply visit the College website by typing in [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com). On the school homepage in the 'Students' or 'Parents' drop down menus



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you will see the option **'Show My Homework'**. Click on this to display a calendar-view, showing the dates when your son received homework from his subject teachers and when it is due for collection. If you have any questions regarding this service please contact the ICT team at [ict@st-anselms.com](mailto:ict@st-anselms.com)

**Parents are still expected to check and sign their son's Homework Planners, which boys are still expected to use. Some homework cannot be posted on Show My Homework, as we get used to the system, and it is unwise to leave everything to technology!**



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## Safeguarding

**All visitors to the College site, including parents, must sign in at Reception.** Mrs Cubbin emailed you last month regarding the so-called "momo challenge", the latest foolish on-line craze which is causing distress to inadvertent and innocent participants. It targets children of all ages and has no positive features. There is an article on the Liverpool Echo website.

The National Online Safety website provides useful advice to parents on related matters at [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

## Drug Abuse

We would like to make parents aware of a current concern regarding the use of **Snapchat pills** by young people. The pills generally come in two colours; pink and blue/green and have the Snapchat 'ghost' logo imprinted onto them. They are a form of Ecstasy that causes aggressive and

disorientated behaviour. Teeth clenching and arm twitching symptoms have also been reported by hospitals. Unfortunately, these can be purchased relatively cheaply and there have been several cases reported on the Wirral. There have also been concerns reported around the use of nitrous oxide gas which can cause nausea, vomiting and hypoxia. This gas comes in small silver coloured canisters and is inhaled, as recently highlighted on television. Over the counter prescribed pills like Diazepam and Xanax are also being mixed with alcohol and causing serious problems among local teenagers. Mrs Cubbin has emailed you advice and guidance from the Wirral Drugs Team. If your son has any such items in his possession you need to act and the letter outlines sources of support.

## Banned Substances

The Governors have made the decision to ban so-called High Energy drinks from the site. Any such items found on site will be confiscated by staff and disposed of! So-called legal highs are already banned at the College. They are only legal because government scientific agencies have yet to analyse and ban them!

Laser pens are also banned. They are potential causes of disruption and injury and have no place in school. Confiscated items will be destroyed.

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## Cyber Bullying

The College advises all parents to be vigilant regarding their sons' use of the internet. We have had to deal with some examples of on-line bullying during the past few months. Cyber bullying will be punished in the same way as other

breaches of the Code of Conduct. Our sympathy is always with the victim.

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## Medication

Please ensure that the spare medication, you provide for your sons, **particularly epi pens and inhalers, which are kept in our Medical Room, is still in date, and will still be so in July, or replace them with new ones.**

**The College will only accept medicines that have been prescribed by a medical practitioner and are in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist. We will not accept medicines that have been taken out of the original container nor make changes to dosages.**

## Appointments

Please provide prior notice of medical appointments for your sons. We also require a parental letter or copy of the appointment letter for our records. Boys should make their way to Reception to be collected by a parent/carer. This is a safeguarding issue.

## Asthma

Many students at the College have been diagnosed with asthma. Please ensure that your son carries his inhaler with him at all times. We are happy to keep a spare inhaler for him in the Medical Room. Please send it into College in a box, marked for the attention of the School Nurse, and clearly labelled with your son's name and form.

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## Powers of Search & Confiscation

The law gives powers to schools to search and confiscate items from pupils under the following guidelines. Thankfully, the College rarely



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has to exercise this power but I feel it is important that parents and pupils are aware of it.

College staff can search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees.

The Headmaster, members of the SLT and Heads of Year have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item. Prohibited items include:

**Knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images.**

**Any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil).**

The Headmaster and authorised staff can also search for any item banned by College rules which has been identified in them as an item which may be searched for. Banned items are listed in the College's Behaviour Management Policy, which is available on the website. Staff are not required to ask parents' permission to carry out the search, nor inform them that it has taken place, although we would always endeavour to do so. Staff will contact the police should a pupil refuse to allow their outer clothing, bags and/or lockers to be searched. The College will not use this power without having reasonable grounds to suspect that a pupil has a banned substance. We have the power to examine data or files on electronic

devices if they have reasonable grounds to do so. They may also erase data and files if there is reason to do so.

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## Contact Details

Please ensure that all your contact details are kept up to date. It is particularly important that we have all current telephone numbers in case of illness, injuries, absence etc.

## Absence line

A further reminder – if your son is absent please call the direct line for absentees – **651 3576** – and leave a message **before 9.00 am** on each day that he is off school.

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## Student Enrichment Fund

I have referred in previous Newsletters to the constraints on schools budgets and the fact that the budget formula adopted by Wirral Local Authority disadvantages St. Anselm's in comparison to most other schools. If we received the funding the DfE allocates to Wirral Borough Council for the College I would not need to raise this point. **We have been encouraged by the response from parents and families. Thank you for your generosity.**

## Parent Pay

I have written to you outlining our new parental payment system which will be used instead of cash and cheques to pay for trips and the Student Enrichment Fund. The facility to pay for Music lessons and lunch money will be added in due course. We will master it!! We have adopted this online system in response to parental feedback. You have all been sent your own unique Username and Password.

Please contact the Finance Office if you require any assistance, including by email.

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## Staffing News.

**Mr. Chris Nolan** steps down this week having taught A Level MFL (part-time) this year. He will be replaced after Easter by another former Teacher **Mrs Françoise Wood** who will guide our Y13 French and Spanish groups through their A Level revision.

**Mrs Jill Welch** is our new Receptionist.

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## Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders:

**On 1<sup>st</sup> February, along with other Edmund Rice Schools in England and Ireland, students and staff volunteered for a comprehensive range of outreach activities as we sought to live out our ethos and Jesus' Gospel message by supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. Students and staff were engaged in a wide range of activities in homeless shelters, food banks, parishes, primary and special schools, parks, beaches and community services volunteering their services. Details and photos are on the website. This was a wonderful day of community engagement.**



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## Lenten Activities

Our Lenten charities this year are Caritas (Baby Appeal) (Y7&8), The Friends of The Holy Land (KS4) and the Mabureh school appeal (6<sup>th</sup> Form). Fund raising activities, including non-uniform days, football competitions, and Friday Fast Day soup lunches, are well underway.

Fr. Andrew celebrates Mass on Friday lunchtimes in the Chapel and will support our liturgies when we return after the Spring Holiday for Holy week. Please encourage your son to attend as part of his Lenten preparations.

## Sierra Leone Immersion Retreat February 2019

Our largest-ever 6<sup>th</sup> Form Retreat group, 19 students and 5 staff, arrived safely back from Sierra Leone after an unforgettable 8 days in Makeni and Freetown. The experiences have had a profound effect on the participants who have delivered thought-provoking assemblies to their fellow students. Our links with the Sierra Leone mission have undoubtedly been strengthened, as in Mabureh, and planning for the 2020 Retreat is already underway.

See website for the full story!



## Diocesan Inspection March 2019

The Inspectors have now completed their work and departed! They professed to having enjoyed their 2 days at the College and their interaction with staff and boys and gained a valuable insight into an Anselmian education. They were astonished to receive 300 parental surveys, which demonstrated to them the support we enjoy from our community. Your support undoubtedly made an impact upon them. The Report will not be published until after the holiday, and probably after Easter, and will be sent home for parents once the final draft has been verified. We have learned some helpful lessons in advance of Ofsted, see below.

## Ofsted Inspection

We are due to be inspected next term and will be encouraging you to complete the Ofsted parental surveys. The same messages will be most welcome! We are only notified of impending Ofsted inspection the day before.

### **Parent View:**

This is a means for Ofsted to collect evidence of parental views about the College. **There is a link from the College website.** We encourage parents to keep Ofsted informed of your support for us!

## Earth Hour

**This will be observed on the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Our environmentally-minded students have also been engaging in Eco advocacy**

activities. Y9 Geography students recently attended a Climate Change summit at the University of Chester with a focus upon future Water Security.

## ER Schools Student Council Conference

Our Student Council representatives performed with distinction at the recent Edmund Rice Schools Conference at St. Edward's College, Liverpool. **Jack Pearson (Y8) and Thomas Smith (Y9) delivered our presentation.**



## And Finally

I hope that you will be able to have some time with your sons during the Spring Break. It is unusual that we will return for Summer Term before Easter, but we will be able to celebrate Holy Week as a community. If your son is at a loose end he should ensure that he has caught up all missed work, completed his corrections and re-drafting and is up-to-date in all subjects.

Yours in Christ,

Headmaster

