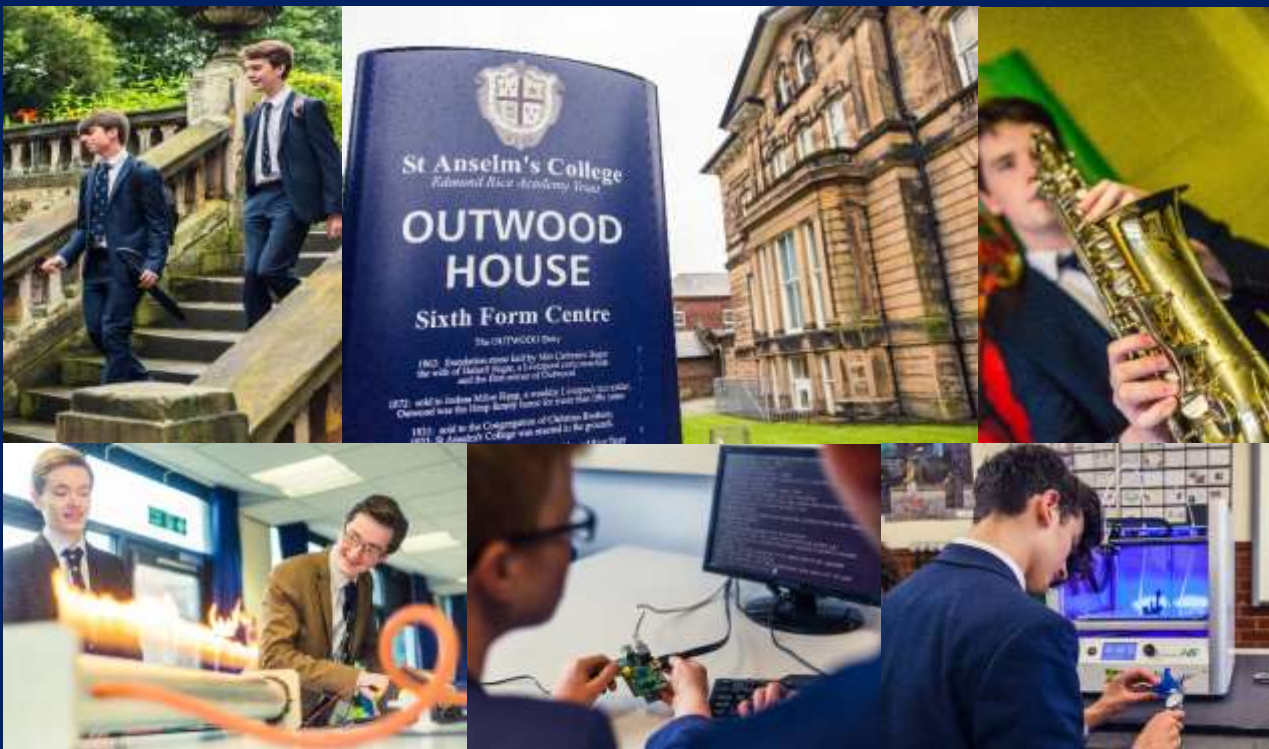




# St. Anselm's College

## *Edmund Rice Academy Trust*



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**24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Dear Parents, Examinations now take centre stage, both for our A level and GCSE students in Years 13 and 11, but also for all other year groups who have internal exams this term, with Reports to follow. However College life remains varied and exciting!**

**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, both old Anselmians.**

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

**Old Anselmians James Cullen, John Taylor and Kevin O'Brien May they rest in peace.**

**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:**

**Samuel Williams (Y7), Luke Hyland (Y8), Jack McCabe (Y9) and Leon Hughes (Y10) are the recipients of this half-term's awards for outstanding efforts, attitude and contributions to lessons and College life.**

**Maths**

**Samuel Williams Y7** achieved the highest mark in the recent Year 7 & 8 Maths Challenge.

**Jack Young Y12** and **Peter Shield Yr 13** achieved a MERIT award in the Open MEM Challenge from Liverpool University.

**Charity:**

**Luke Hyland Y8** and the Junior SVP worked to raise £300 for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity which is close to Luke's heart.

**Chess:**

**Ranjula Ranasinghe Y9** won a silver medal in the Delancey schools Chess Challenge in April and has qualified for the UK Chess Challenge Gigafinals in Manchester in July.

**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.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award:**

**Y12 students George Bell, Ben Lyon, Harry Martin, Sean Parry, McKenzie Reed, Sam Schroder and Ben Williams** completed their expedition for the Gold Award in April over an arduous route from Idwal to Betwys-y-Coed in challenging conditions. The assessor reported that it was a pleasure to supervise them and commented on the kindness and consideration they showed in helping another team.

**Drama:**

**Oliver Cunliffe Y11 and Joshua Stevens Y10** were members of the Little Actors Company which won the Youth Endeavour Trophy at the Leverhulme Drama Festival 2019 recently. Both boys achieved Distinction in their

Grade 5 LAMDA, Oliver also won the Best Actor award.

**Jonathan Stevens Y13** was also commended for his work designing a sound scape and operating the sound for a show.



**Public Speaking:**

**Devan Jones (Y12)** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North West Catenians Public Speaking Final in St. Helens maintaining our proud tradition in this event.

**Sport**

**Rugby:**

**Congratulations to our Y9 squad who won the Plate competition at the prestigious Topolino in Treviso during their recent Italian Tour.** They won 6 out of 7 matches and defeated the host club Paese in the Plate Final. The entire squad proved to be excellent ambassadors for the College.



Y12 students Harry Benjamin, Ben Lyon and Matthew Waddington represented Cheshire at U-17 level in the recent County Championships.

**Athletics:**

The season has begun well with both Junior and Intermediate Teams (1<sup>st</sup>) winning the local rounds of the English Schools Cup and qualifying for the Regional finals in June. Our Year 7, 8 & 10 athletes enjoyed a clear sweep of the events at the Merseyside Catholic Schools



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Competition in Litherland yesterday.

## **Cross Country**

Former pupil Dominic Thomas won the Race for Life with Riverside College where he is studying as part of his apprenticeship.

## **Cricket:**

**Oliver Griffiths Y9** was successful in his recent trial for Lancashire U14's squad and will represent the County during the 2019 season.

## **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.

## **Football:**

**Jack Reilly Y9** recently travelled to Barcelona with the Wirral Schools FA U-14 squad for their end of season tour. He has also recently signed for Wigan Athletic FC.

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## **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 further 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.

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## **DfE League Tables:**

As you know 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!

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## **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.

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## **Key Dates**

### **May:**

21<sup>st</sup> Y 7,8,10 Catholic Schools' Athletics  
23<sup>rd</sup> Y13 Leavers' Mass 6pm  
24<sup>th</sup> College closes (half term)

### **Jun:**

3<sup>rd</sup> College Re-opens  
4<sup>th</sup> Y7 & 8 Exams begin  
5<sup>th</sup> Asylum Seekers' Day Trip  
12<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Diocesan School Mass  
Open Evening 5-8pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Brother Kerrigan Walk  
27<sup>th</sup> Y13 Leavers' Ball  
28<sup>th</sup> Summer Showcase

### **July:**

1<sup>st</sup> Y12 English Language Trip  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Y10 Work Experience Week  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Y8 Science Trip  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Oxbridge Trips  
4<sup>th</sup> Y12 Bangor University Trip  
5<sup>th</sup> Cricket v. St. Paul's Sydney  
8<sup>th</sup> Music Trip to Dublin  
10<sup>th</sup> Participation Awards  
11-12<sup>th</sup> Y12 London Trip  
14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Y12 Geography Trip  
16<sup>th</sup> Treat Day  
17<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1pm



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## Anselmian Association

Our next event is the Association annual **Golf Day on the afternoon of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Wirral GC.**

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 students will next perform at the **Summer Showcase on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

## 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.**

## 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 4G 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 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.**

## 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!

## Free School Meals

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

## 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



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form from Mr Morgan. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact Miss Baines, Mr. Morgan or I 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. We are moving towards white shirts only, so while blue and white shirts are acceptable from Yr9 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.**

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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 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**



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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!**

## Year 11 GCSEs

**Study leave has begun for most boys. 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 Half-term Holiday.**

## Year 13 Matters

A Level exams have now begun in many subjects and all Y13 students are on Study Leave. Normal appearance requirements pertain for revision sessions and exams. **All Y13 students and parents are invited to our Leavers' Mass at 6pm in the Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** and all Y13s are invited to the **Anselmian Association BBQ at**

**6pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Quad. Please complete your registration form and email it back to us!**

**The Half-term break 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 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.



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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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 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.

## **Contact Details**

Please ensure that all your contact details are kept up to date. It is particularly important that we have all



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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.

## **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. Please continue your support next year!**

## **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.

## **Staffing News.**

**Our thanks to Mrs Françoise Wood** who has guided our Y13 French and Spanish groups through their A Level revision this term and **Fr. Andrew**

**Moss** who completes his ministry at the College at the end of this month. He is moving to a teaching post at a seminary in the USA and has provided invaluable support for students and staff this year.

## **Edmund Rice Education**

### **Beyond Borders:**

We recently hosted the **Lee House "Journey to Sanctuary" Exhibition**, an interactive display which recreates the experience of an asylum seeker fleeing her homeland. All Year groups had the opportunity to attend. Last week we hosted the "Walk in My Shoes" homelessness exhibition and photographs in the Oratory and Chapel which made a powerful impact upon our Y8/9 classes who attended.

### **SVP Society**

We are currently celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the College SVP, the oldest school SVP conference in England and Wales. At the recent Colours Award Mr. Paul Lever, SVP president for Birkenhead and Bebington District presented a commemorative certificate to this year's SVP Presidents Max Thompson and Oscar Terry.



### **Lenten Activities**

Our Lenten Fund raising activities included non-uniform days, football competitions, and Friday Fast Day soup lunches. **We have raised £1700 for Caritas (Shrewsbury Diocese, Y7&8), £650 for The Friends of The Holy Land (Y9-11) and £670 for the Mabureh Well in Sierra Leone (6<sup>th</sup>**

**Form).** Thank you for your support for the boys who have done so well!

## **Retreat February 2020**

Preparations have begun for our next Retreat following the outstanding success of the 2019 Immersion, the largest so far. Please contact Miss Baines, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, for further details.

## **Diocesan Inspection March 2019**

**The Inspectors judged us to be "a Good Catholic Grammar School with many outstanding features."** The Catholic Life of the College and Collective Worship were judged to be "Outstanding" and Religious Education as "Good". The Inspectors made the following observations:

"Pupils willingly contribute to, and benefit from the Catholic Life of the school and have many opportunities to put their faith into action both locally and nationally....Pupil behaviour in classrooms and around the school is exemplary, as is the courtesy shown to each other...The recently appointed RE faculty is making significant progress in raising attainment and setting high expectations.

Collective Worship is central to the life of the school for all pupils, whatever their own faith background and has a clear purpose, message and direction."

This is a Report to be proud of and is accessible from the College website. Our students greatly impressed the Inspectors who also commented upon the very high level of parental support enjoyed by the College with 300 parental surveys received, overwhelmingly supportive. Please make a





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similar display when Ofsted arrive!

## 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!

## Colours Awards

These were distributed in the Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, celebrating the extra-curricular accomplishments of 6<sup>th</sup> Form and Year 11 students. Our Guest Speaker was old Anselmian Jonathon Bowskill, former 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain and 1<sup>st</sup> Flute in the Orchestra. He spoke movingly about the benefits of an Anselmian education and the values which have assisted him in a career in sporting rehabilitation that has resulted in him running a Harley Street clinic.



## And Finally

I hope that you and your sons enjoy the Bank holiday

weekend. The half-term break offers time for recuperation for all boys and essential revision time for all GCSE and A Level candidates and for Years 7 and 8 whose exams are the following week.

Yours in Christ,



Headmaster

