



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful half term.

TAGS

Over the last week, we have been conducting the due diligence meetings for Teacher Assessed Grades for U5 and U6. Twenty two departmental meetings have taken place and, under the auspices of Dr Sotillo, our Director of Studies, an extremely thorough checking process is now nearing completion. The deadline for the submission of "TAGs" to the examination boards is Friday 18th June and we are ahead of schedule. All that remains now is for us to complete the Head of Centre due diligence checks and the technical process of electronically submitting the final TAGS. My thanks to all the pupils for their hard work and patience and also to the teachers and Heads of Departments for their conscientious efforts.

U5 Transition Week

The morning was spent doing a Careers workshop on Employability skills, part of which was spent in the IT room working on updating their Morrisby profiles and some other personalised research tasks, and the other part was spent doing some group tasks investigating Employability skills and how they relate to us all. We finished with a challenge to create a superhero and a supervillain whose powers were Employability skills (of course)!

Charlie's Teamwork session began with a team task to solve a murder but with one specific rule; not to ask questions and some additional restrictions. He then gave a presentation on team-building skills and set the pupils up in groups to design a swimming cap for the groups' synchronised swimming teams and a problem-solving task based on the seating arrangements for the annual St Edmund's Christmas dinner. The day ended with a Belbin analysis.

U5 "Fest"

On Friday afternoon, the U5 celebrated the end of their assessments and enrichment programme this week with a party on the Sheep Field. This was organised by the Housemasters and I am very grateful to them for their efforts. As you can see, a good time was had by all...



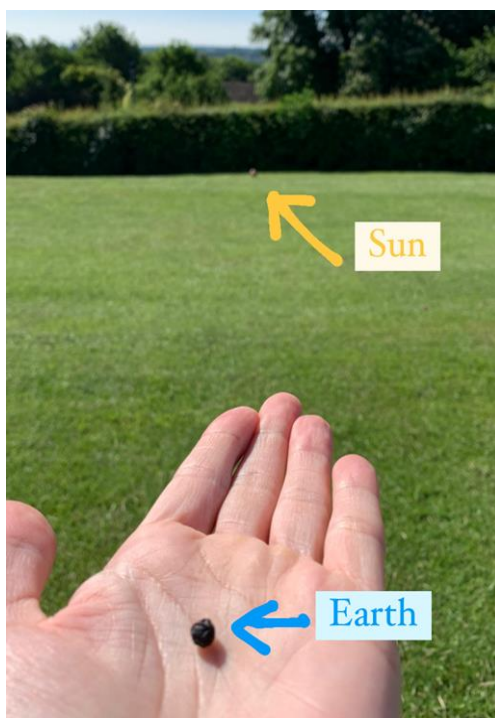
U5 "Fest" photos



Physics in Action!

Mrs Hummerstone and co recreate the solar system...

"With my Upper Fifth this week we walked a scaled Solar System across the school site. We modelled the Sun as a beach ball at the University road end and then paced out the distances to the planets. We modelled the planet sizes using peppercorns, pinheads and various different nuts. Unfortunately, as you can see from the second photo we ran out of space (!) to reach Neptune at the far end of the Jackman field."





Sport

Mrs Millard reports on sports news...

"A busy week of fixtures and finally some beautiful summer sunshine and warmth!

The U15 girls travelled to Dover College on Tuesday afternoon for rounders. A dominant performance led to a 21-7 victory with the triangle of bowler, back stop and 1st post working smoothly. Zoe Rogers and Gabby Scott-Kilvert put in strong bowling performances, with Alisha Davis at backstop and Iona Lester at 1st post.

The L5 girls have played two kwik cricket matches this week, versus King's Rochester and King's Canterbury. The bowled well and score plenty of quick singles. Although both losses, the team are working hard at skill development and continue to improve at a rate of knots in what is still a relatively new sport to them.

Our 1st XI cricketers were back in action and travelled to King's Rochester for a 20-20. It was a stunning afternoon and having had a disappointing outing at Kent College the previous day, they were keen to make amends. St Edmund's won the toss and opted to bowl.



The team quickly discovered that it was a batter's wicket with a short boundary and quick outfield and the King's Rochester runs started to flow. Oli Millard struck before too long with an impressive catch behind from Will Vant. This was swiftly followed by Ali Scott-Kilvert, leading his team, taking a catch on the run from Tommy Nordin's bowling. The King's Rochester opener, however, simply would not budge, making his way to a century despite a further 3 wickets from Millard. The chase for 205 was on.

Millard and Vant faced the two opening fast bowlers. The pace was rapid and the boys put on 23 runs collectively before Vant was bowled. Millard went onto 25 alongside Scott-Kilvert who stepped up to put together a fantastic innings of 62 not out. Jacob Storey was a solid partner too, playing some smooth strokes to the boundary.

This was a very promising team performance finishing at 154-8. We very much look forward to welcoming the 'Old Boys' next week.

The swimming pool is now open and many have enjoyed cooling down after school this week. Pupils should check their emails to find the timetable for next week."



Lunchtime Concert - Thursday 10th June

Our musicians gave a splendid performance of items in the Senior School Lunchtime Concert on Thursday. A wide range of styles were on display with pieces by J S Bach, Beethoven, Gade, Vaughan-Williams and Daughtrey. My thanks go to all our performers (and of course Mr Payne) for providing an engaging and enjoyable recital.



Fred



Billy



Kyle



Leanna



Stephen



Infrastructure & Facilities Questionnaire

Please find attached a link to a questionnaire relating to our infrastructure and facilities (this was also sent out earlier in the week).

This should not take long to complete; we are grateful for your time and feedback as we start to look forward and plan for (hopefully) a post-COVID future.

[St Edmund's School Infrastructure and Facilities Questionnaire](#)

EAL Success

Mrs Copland is very pleased to report that all the English as an Additional Language students in the U6 have taken their important IELTS exams and they have all achieved the scores required to get into their universities of choice next year. Well done to all involved.

EKST

The partnership continues to be very active this term.

Coming up for students we have:

Tuesday 15 June from 5 - 6pm : Big Sing Club and as always all students are welcome to join. We hope to have a live performance (restrictions permitting) at the Summer Social.

Saturday 19 - Saturday 25 June: Our Student Voice Big Challenge – Please support the wonderful work that the Student Voice team have done to get to this stage and promote this connecting activity within your school community. This challenge coincides with National School Sports Week and it would be great if lots of students can take part, for many it will just be a case of recording what activity they already do.

Friday 25 June from 5 - 7pm: Our Shared Isolation award ceremony for prize winners at the Daphne Oram Creative Arts Centre, CCCU - note that there will be the chance to go and see the show in small groups the following week as well. Full booking details to be shared next week.

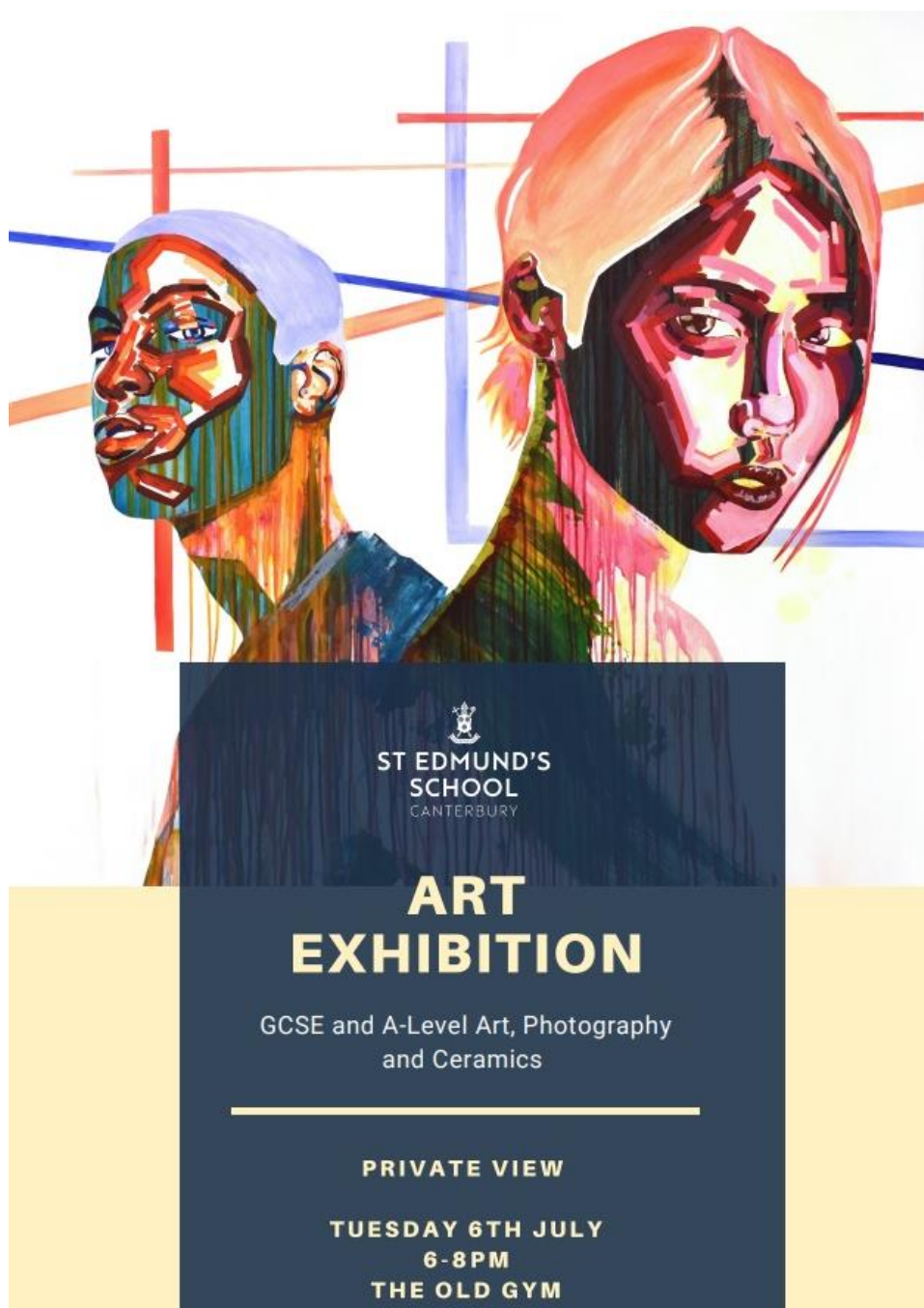
Wednesday 30 June: Student Voice Wellbeing Wednesday the team are putting together online wellbeing activities that can be shared amongst our schools as we near the end of term.



Thursday 6th July, from 6 – 8pm

Art Exhibition: GCSE and A-Level Art, Photography and Ceramics

Parents and students are invited to attend.





And finally...

Huge congratulations to ex pupil Alexandra Millard who has been invited to run in the Senior Women's 1500m at the Muller British Athletics Championships at Sport City, Manchester, later this month. This is a phenomenal achievement given she is still only a first year at university.



Have a great week!

Kind regards,

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