

## Examinations

### Examination update:

Public examinations are now imminent for many of our students and we want to wish them the very best of luck. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them and yourselves over the coming weeks. Exams can naturally be a stressful time and we would like to point you towards some useful advice that we published on our VLE and will also email home – this is the Exam Anxiety at home guidance – do look out for it and take a look – we hope you find it useful. Please also look out for the Information for Candidates document which again has been published on our VLE.

Students in Year 10 are also doing internal examinations and the start date for these has been changed to Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> June. If your son or daughter is in Year 10 please do look out for our letter on this important change. The published timetable can also found on our VLE.

Once again good luck to all our students involved in examinations.

Mr D'Mello

## St Edmunds Youth Ministry

Do you feel bored at home on Saturday? Would you like to hang out and try new things with new friends? Why not come and join us. St Edmunds Youth Ministry was started 2 years ago at St Edmunds Catholic church and is open to years 9-6th form. We meet every 4th Saturday of the month (changes in date is still communicated when necessary). We get to know each other, have very nice food to enjoy, lovely games, discussions, retreat two times a year, planned trips and many more. No dull moment. We meet from 4.30pm - 6pm, in the Crypt of St Edmunds Catholic church IP33 1QG. Our Meeting for the month of May will be on the 19th. For further information contact Fr Alvan @ [fralvanibe@yahoo.com](mailto:fralvanibe@yahoo.com) or [stedmund.youth@gmail.com](mailto:stedmund.youth@gmail.com), for Facebook page search St Edmunds youth Ministry.

Fr Alvan

## Fairies Abound at the Lower School Site

On Wednesday, Years 7 and 8 found themselves immersed in a world of mischief, confusion and love gone awry as Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was brought to life in an adaptation, created and performed by London theatre company, Infinite Jest.

The exuberance, inventiveness and engaging humour of the performance, principally faithful to Shakespeare's original language, revealed the enjoyment to be had from a live performance of one of his plays. It has hopefully whetted the Year 8s' appetite for future study of Shakespeare next year, while consolidating and enhancing the Year 7s' Spring Term learning.

Mrs Kelly

## Plant Sale

The Lower School Gardening Club will be having a plant sale immediately after school on Tuesday 15th May. This follows many months of hard work growing seeds both at home and school.

If you have any surplus plants we could sell please bring them to the Lower school office by Tuesday. Please do come along and support us if you would like to purchase some plants to put in your garden. All profits will be reinvested into growing more plants and improvements to the existing pots and areas around the school.

Mrs Green

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**9am-3pm**  
**Arts Awards**  
**Crafts Stall**  
 Bury St Edmunds Town Centre  
 Near Auntie Pams Sweet Shop.

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St Edmunds  
Market

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## Mad Hatters Tea Party

### Wednesday 16th May

Next Wednesday 16th May between 12pm - 1.30pm some of our students will be hosting a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' for the senior citizens of our town.

Students are working in collaboration with St Edmundsbury Borough Council in an intergenerational project to promote the market as the hub of the community. DT students have been busy making cakes for the event, art students have been busy making props to set the scene whilst keen film buffs have been making short films about our market. Two of our talented pianists will be entertaining guests during the tea party event and History students will be collecting oral history from the tea party participants. Additionally, History students have been involved in collating material for the pop-up museum which will be near Moyses Hall Museum on 16th & 16th May. Arts Award students will be hosting their own entrepreneurial craft stall and invite you to pop by to sport their venture.

## Mad Hatters Parade & Picnic

### Saturday 26th May

Please come along to support the Mad Hatter's Parade and Picnic on Saturday 26th May. It is a free family event; children from nine local schools will be parading their market-themed hats through the market from 2.30pm before heading down to the Abbey Gardens for a community picnic with free entertainment from 3.00pm - 5.30pm.

Please bring your family, a blanket and a picnic to join us at this event.

*Lou Gridley*

## Year 11 Locker Key Return

All year 11 locker keys need to be returned via the red box in reception by 3.30pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Keys must be placed in an envelope with your name and locker number on the front.

Please ensure that your locker has been emptied - failure to comply with these instructions will result in the locker refund being withheld for administration purposes.

Refunds can be collected between 1 -2pm ONLY, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

*The Finance Office*

## Visit to Records Office

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, five year 7 and 8 students accompanied by Mr Murphy visited the Bury Records Office. We went to research the Bury St Edmunds market for the Markets Matter community project we are helping to create.

I found the visit amazing, were able to find so many useful facts and pictures for our project, and see their precious artefacts. The staff were extremely helpful to us and they allowed us access to see the store rooms which hold the archives! The archive material is kept in a cool room regulated to a constant temperature to preserve the maps and documents as long as possible. The room was securely locked with a heavy, safe door. We were able to see a library with shelves upon shelves of historical books that the family of Ickworth park originally had in their house. Upstairs was a huge room full with a wide variety of documents that had all been filed under different headings. We found a box labelled "Bury Schools" which had all the schools of Bury in it, including: St Benedict's Upper, Guildhall Feoffment, St Louis, King Edwards, and many more. In this room you were also able to search your name and surname to search a long time ago.

The Records Office Historian had set out some pictures and documents of the market a long time ago. We saw an astonishing document which was made from sheep parchment and included facts about the market during that time period. The document had fancy handwriting inscribed on the pages and was rather hard to read, but we were able to understand the key facts we wanted to know. Then, we had a quick look at a huge map of Bury from the time just after the beast market was moved to where we now call the "Arc", it showed us the locations of all the markets: "the butter market"; "the beast market"; "the fish market".

I really enjoyed the experience, and found the facts useful, fun and interesting. I would like to go again with my family and show them the things I've learnt. Admission prices are free, so the Bury Record Office is the perfect place to learn more interesting facts for future projects.

*By Sophie Crane, yr 7*



## Key Dates & Reminders

Half Term—Monday 27—May— 1 June

UCAS Higher Education Visit— Tuesday 12 June

Year 8 Information Evening— Thursday 14 June

Enrichment Week— 2— 6 June

Year 8 trip to France — 2— 6 June

Year 12 Study Leave 14 May— 8 June

Year 11 Prom— Wednesday 27 June

Year 7 & 8 Sports day USC— Wednesday 11 July

St Benedict's Day— Wednesday 11 July