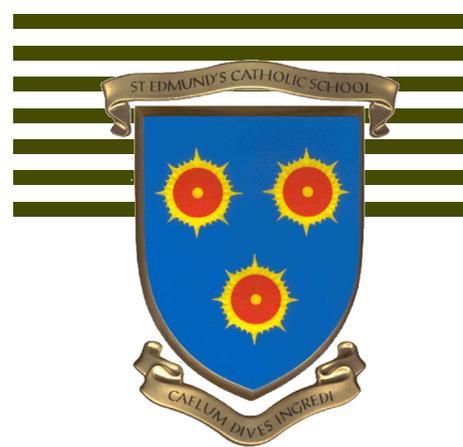


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Welcome Year 7!

This issue is all about welcoming you to our school. As well as our regular features such as 'Book vs Film', 'Saffron Sorts It!' and 'Top 10....', there are also handy hints and tips on how to survive your first year at Saint Edmund's.

Also, you might want to turn to page to see what Mr Bonken would be doing if he wasn't a teacher....

We hope that you enjoy this issue and remember to see Miss Chapman in 213 if you would be interested in contributing to The Eagle!

Blood on Their Hands

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

During the 1970s and 1980s, thousands of NHS patients were given contaminated blood products. This disaster is frequently referenced to as “the worst ever NHS treatment”.

Around 5,000 people with haemophilia (a bleeding disorder) and other illnesses are believed to have been accidentally injected with HIV and hepatitis viruses for around 20 years. Since, then around 3,000 have died.

The victims were injected with blood products to help with the blood clots. This new treatment was introduced in the 1970s to prevent lengthy stays in hospital. Soon enough, Britain were unable to keep up with the demand for this treatment. Therefore, supplies were brought in from the U.S. Most of the donor blood was supplied by prison inmates who were auctioning their blood for profit. The treatment used blood from around 40,000 donor's. It is predicted that around 30,000 were also exposed to the contaminated blood from blood transfusions.



By the mid-1980s, treatment was proven to be more effective when given through heat. Questions still remain to determine the reason of, why did some contaminated products remain in circulation?

Unfortunately, there have been thousands of cases that ended terminally. Citizens lost their friends and family to this awful accident. Some victims have come forward to share their story and allow the public to know what truly happened. At the age of 43, a patient was informed that he contracted hepatitis C when he was eight after being misdiagnosed with haemophilia due to a swollen knee. He described, “I lost everything. I lost my whole life the day I found out -everything ended.”

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Previously, there have been minor inquiries into this heinous matter; however, this is the first UK-wide public inquiry. This is the result of decades of campaigning by victims and their nearby family and friends. Their claim is that the risks were never fully explained. Subsequently, the scandal was covered up.

Steve Dymond led an active life and only had mild symptoms. But, nevertheless, he was treated for haemophilia. During the 1980s, his health began to suffer, he was always exhausted. After informing the NHS, the concern was that he was exposed to HIV. It took eighteen months for the NHS to give a diagnosis. Eighteen months where his life was set on hold. He was informed that he was clear. Then, in the 1990s, he was diagnosed with hepatitis C. Now, he is clear of the disease. However, he suffered. Two years ago, he had a fatal stomach bleed and has been left with a high risk of cancer. Many state that he has been "betrayed and lied to". Does this man truly deserve this?

The enquiry continues to develop as more of the truth come out into the public's eye. Thousands have died. More are at risk. What will happen to give them justice?

Interested in current news and events? Do you fancy writing an article for The Eagle?
Contact Miss Chapman in 213!

Saffron Sorts It!

Our friendly neighbourhood agony aunt is here to help with all of your worries and woes.



Dear Saffron, what if I get lost on my way to class?

Well, you're still new to the school so it's okay if you get lost; always make sure you check your timetable, see what room you're in and use the helpful signs around the school. The school is quite large so just explain to your teacher that you got a bit lost on your way and I'm sure they will be understanding. I got lost when I was in year 9 and had to ask a year 8 to help me!! Ask anyone to help you and they will be more than willing!

Saffron, what should I do if this new school is too much and I feel anxious?

Honestly, just talk to someone. New schools are scary! But you are far from alone, there are plenty of people to help you such as your teachers, head of year and someone at home.

Just make sure you talk to someone and don't keep it all bottled up inside of you until it all of it comes out at once. It's okay to be scared, but make sure you reach out.

Dear Saffron, how do I make a good impression?

Be yourself!! Don't change in order to make friends, as then you will feel trapped and upset because they won't know who you are. Be yourself, talk about what you like and socialise if you can because then you will find other people who have similar interests as you, have the same sense of humor, or just enjoy the same films! Just be yourself and don't change; you're perfect already!

Meet the Teacher: Mr Bonken

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

What inspired you to be a geography teacher?

My geography teacher when I was at school inspired me to be a geography teacher. He was very enthusiastic and made the lessons as fun as possible.

What were you like as a pupil?

I was not the best... I liked to misbehave a bit. But, I worked hard when it came to exam time and I was able to achieve some good grades.

Where would you most like to go in the world?

There are so many places that I would like to go to. I would love to go and explore Asia. More specifically, China.

Why did you choose St. Edmund's?

I did my teacher training before I came to St. Edmund's. In total, I went to three schools. St. Edmund's was the best school that I trained at. I feel that the pupils are wanting to learn rather than being forced to and it's a more enjoyable environment.

What are you most excited for about the Iceland trip in October?

I most excited for seeing the northern lights -if we get to see them.

Where do you think England will finish in the next world cup?

Top. It has to be the next one as it wasn't the recent one. It's going to be strange as the climate is very hot. It might be a winter world cup rather than a summer one due to their weather conditions.



What is your best undiscovered talent?

This question is a good icebreaker that they use often in job interviews and everyone sits thinking for ages what their best talents are. I would say that my swimming is mine. A lot of people don't know about this, but I reached national level.

If you were not a geography teacher, what would you be?

I wanted to go into the police. I always have. My grandpa was a policeman and he got really high up. He really enjoyed it. He loved his life when he was in the police. I looked up to him and always wanted to be in the police. However, things went differently; the police were recruiting at the time that I was considering. Instead, I decided to go into teacher.

For students in year nine, considering their option choices, why should they pick geography?

Geography is open ended. You are able to learn lots of important skills and go on amazing fieldtrips.

In regards to climate change, where do you see the world in 100 years?

I don't think that there are enough proactive people. It is getting worse. Most people will only notice when they see countries go under water. Then, they will think to turn back time. But they cannot. For now, sea levels are only rising a small amount. However, we could take it too far. Maybe by 2050.



Artist's impression of Mr Bonken as a policeman.

Are you a lil' lost?

By Niamh O'Shea, Y10

You must be if you're reading this article.

Anyway, it's the fourth week of a new school for some of us and with over 900 pupils, St. Edmund's is a step-up from the average primary school. You may not have been counting but I'm sure you've got lost a few times so I have compiled all of my experience (4 years) of wandering these halls into some easy steps.

Imagine the scenario, you've just finished P.E., you were let out late and you've scrambled to get dressed; your jumper's on backwards, your tie is a mess and a trainer is about to fall out of your bag when a realisation hits you... you don't know where your next class is. And so the process begins:

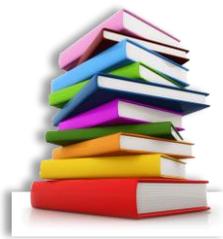
1. The mad dash. This stage is a frenzy, you try to think of all the classes you've been before and explore each of them in your mind trying to think, think, think! Aha, you know where it is, you can picture the classroom but which block is it again?
2. Inspection of the timetable. Now you remember the classroom and you stare desperately at this scrap of paper trembling in your hands, hoping that the meaningless number will provide some kind of clue, illuminate some hidden path leading straight to the sought out destination.

And usually this cycle just goes on and on and on until there is a search party of senior staff hunting around the school looking for the latest year seven that has got lost in a place that to them seems so familiar. But if you follow this simple piece of advice: you need never receive another detention for punctuality because the "I got lost" excuse has been worn out.

KEEP CALM AND ASK FOR HELP! Don't get yourself into a state of panic because after all there are only so many blocks... right? If you really don't know where to go, just flag down the nearest teacher or older pupil (recognisable by the snazzy black blazers) and ask for some guidance. The pupils will be more than happy to help, especially if it gets them out of a few minutes of lesson.....

A black blazer with a red tie is especially good to ask for assistance as these outstanding students are prefects and therefore very willing to help in EVERY situation.

If all else fails you can always go to the chapel and ask Chaplain Fiona! It is easy to remember where she is, right next to two of the most famous sights of St Ed's: the canteen and the fish pond.



Book vs Film: To All the Boys I've Loved

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By Hast Ismail, Y10

Synopsis:

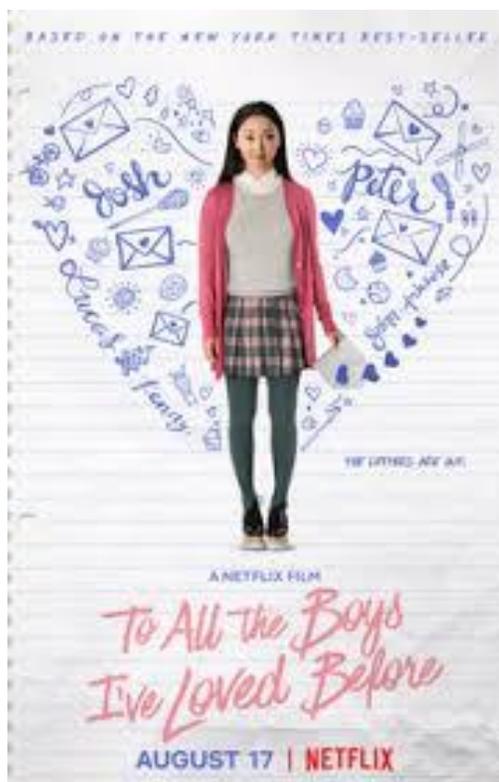
'To All the Boys I've Ever Loved' is a film/book about a half Asian, half American girl (Lara Jean) who secretly writes letters to her crushes and hides them away in her room. She doesn't have many friends and always tries to stay away from new opportunities. Lara Jean lives with her dad, younger sister and older sister (who goes away as to study in Scotland); her mum had unfortunately passed away. One day Lara Jean's younger sister decides to send the letters out to all 5 of her past crushes. What happens once the letters are read by the boys changes her life...

Book Review:

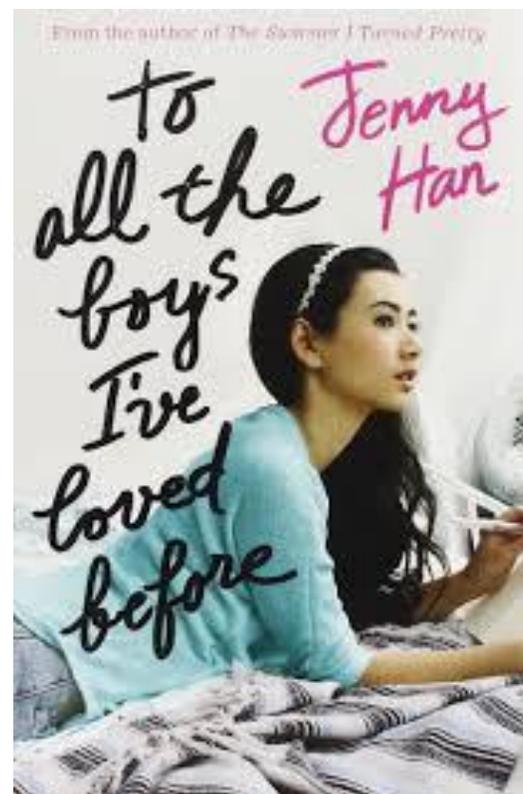
I read the book after I had watched the film. However, the book was just as wonderful! Even though I read the book after the movie I still enjoyed reading the book. This is because in the book there were a few differences to the film. The characters were still the same, however some interactions between the characters were a little difference between the book and the film.

In the book, it was hard to guess who sent Lara Jean's messages out to the 5 boys; you could have guessed multiple different people. But in the film as you would know Kitty (Lara's younger sister) sent the letters out and it was pretty obvious! Aside from the few differences in the book, I liked reading the story!

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Book vs Film: To All the Boys I've Loved Before

By Hast Ismail, Y10



Film Review:

The film was absolutely astonishing! When I finished watching the film, I wanted to re-watch the whole movie. It was an extremely addictive movie as all the acting was incredible! Not only was every scene of the movie outstanding, it was also set out perfectly; no scene dragged on for too long. Usually I get bored throughout movies as they stay on one scene for too long, however I didn't have that issue with this one!

My favourite scene in the movie was when Lara Jean and her father went to the café that her father always used to go to with her mother. The reason I loved this scene was because it showed an incredible father daughter bond; it was very heart-warming. When her father opened up about her mother, it taught me a valuable lesson: family comes first, they will always be here for you and they will always have your back. This scene was acted out incredibly!

This rom-com movie is by far my favourite movie at the moment. The movie showed that everyone has ups and down in their life, but with perseverance anything you aim for you can reach; it is very inspiring. There were also very humorous scenes which I loved watching. Overall, the film was fantastic!

Although I enjoyed both reading the book and watching the film, there can only be one winner...

So, the winner is *Drum roll please*

The Film!

This is because it is one of my most favourite films, whereas the book isn't! However I recommend you to watch and read both the book and the film.

Want to review new films for The Eagle? See Miss Chapman in 213!

Film: 5/5



Book: 4/5



Top 10

In this week's issue, as we welcome our new arrivals into our school community, we have compiled a list of 'Top 10 Tips for Year Sevens', to help your time here get off to a good start:

1. Wear a watch:

having a watch handy is one of the most useful accessories you can have at school. There is nothing more enjoyable than watching your lesson tick by tediously. Knowing the time during breaks and lunch will give you an advantage in not being shouted at by the senior staff, as you really don't want to be on Mr. Graham's bad side.

2. Hand in your homework on time:

handing in homework past the date, or not doing it all together, you will be rewarded with the privilege of a HW detention. For many teachers, they may want the HW to be handed in throughout the week, for some it will be on the first lesson you have of that week, and some like the HW to be in on the Monday morning at 6:00 am.

3. Be equipped:

Having the required equipment is key to expanding your knowledge, and avoiding a detention. Equipment checks can occur at any time, or if you're in Mr. Sankar's class, every lesson, so make sure to possess all items. School equipment can go missing if it is lent, meaning the school has to purchase more, resulting in less money for the school, meaning that the budget for installing a waterslide in the pool shrinks. Please remember to hand back any equipment borrowed to increase your chance of having a super slide built. Cheers.

4. Exchange your book:

if you run out of pages in your book, you will need to exchange it for a new one. If you fail this instruction, the first lesson you don't have a new book, you may receive words of encouragement to acquire a fresh book. The second lesson without a new book may result in a warning before a detention. The third and usually the final lesson, a detention will be issued for failure to exchange your book. On certain circumstances where a fourth occasion without a book happens, sudden death will be immediate. Anything after that will be inclusion.

5. PE kit:

to participate in this lesson, the mandatory requirement (in the absence of injury) is a school approved PE kit. This prevents us the need to sweat in our uniform and enables us to achieve more movement, but isn't flattering to wear. In the absence of your own personal PE kit, a school owned one will be provided temporarily. This may be similar to individual ones, but may consist of mismatched and old clothing. Many claim they have contracted unknown diseases from donning the clothing, but many contradict this, with stating they received healing powers. It's up to you to take that chance, but each time you try on the clothing, you will receive an extra freebie of a kit mark. Once you collect enough freebies, you may be entitled to a special afterschool club, called detention.

6. Food Tech ingredients:

Ingredients for this lesson is essential, for this will enable you to create a culinary masterpiece fit for a seagull. If you forget your food, then you will have to possibly share if someone is kind enough to. Sharing ingredients may result in miscommunication, meaning tears will be shed over lost butter and burnt soufflé. To avoid this scenario, remember to bring your ingredients, to save you a hassle, and your sanity.

8. The Lunch Queue:

To be able to focus in your lesson, you will need to refill your energy store in order to reach the class room. In some extreme cases a stroll to the sports hall may be imminent. So going back to the classroom you have just come from requires a boost. The art of choosing a delicacy takes time and consideration before the act of payment can proceed. Once that stage has been cleared, the time of purchase has dawned. It's your turn to scan your unique print and claim that sausage roll as yours, but then a shrill sound pierces your ears, the echoing voice of "not enough money". Remembering to top up your money is crucial to obtaining the much needed fuel, as without, you will have to face a recovery period of flash backs, consisting of you walking away from the prize pastry and a lone tear trickling down your cheek. To save yourself and others time, remember to top up your account with your fingerprint, and if your fingerprint doesn't work, just get a new one from resources.

7. Be considerate:

Coming from primary school, where you knew everyone in the school, to a school where there is 8x the amount of people, and you still don't know your 8x tables, is scary phase to go through. Making a good impression on your new classmates will help you in the future, in making new friends and vouching for you when you're in trouble.

One way you can be considerate is by acknowledging that there are others around you -or behind you- when climbing the stairs. Many people like to learn, and so punctuality is key, but the common school child may be an obstacle in your way. We all hate stairs, some of us more than others, so make sure we all put effort in is key to helping the school run smoothly. Cheers.

9. Revise:

If you are planning on revising, don't leave it to the last minute. Revision will be a key skill that you will need to know for GCSEs in order to achieve your full potential. There are many techniques people use to revise, like flash cards, rewriting the information and getting google translate say it in Bulgarian when you're bored. These key techniques will help you flourish within your subjects.

10. Cameras:

They're everywhere. Be careful

Puzzle Page!

Get those brain cells working with these puzzles...

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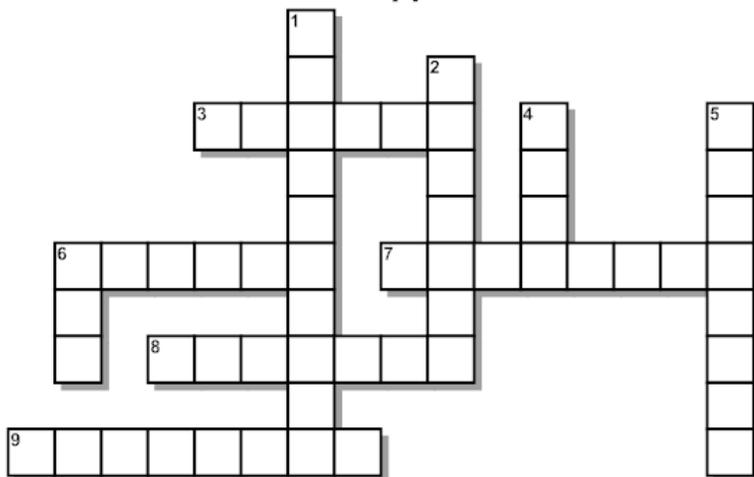
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Back to School Supplies Crossword



Across:

- 3 Put important papers in this
- 6 Writes with graphite
- 7 Write your notes in this
- 8 Go back to school in style
- 9 Cut paper

Down:

- 1 Makes math easier
- 2 Writes with colorful wax
- 4 Attach things to each other
- 5 Essential for carrying everything
- 6 Writes with ink