



This week, visitors from the Edmund Rice Network came to St. Aidan's to speak with students in Years 7 and 8 about the Edmund Rice 8 Essentials, helping everyone deepen their understanding of the values that guide life in an Edmund Rice school.

Through engaging talks and activities, they highlighted how the essentials—such as compassion, presence, and justice—can be lived out each day within the school community. Their visit inspired students to reflect on how they can embody these principles in their relationships, learning, and actions, continuing the mission of Blessed Edmund Rice in creating a caring, inclusive, and faith-filled environment.



Mrs Whitten, Headteacher

>>> PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 7 -

Mohammad Rahimi (8A)

Mohammad has settled so well into RE and is trying really hard every lesson. His behaviour is always spot on. As part of the assessment, Mohammad completed some comprehension questions so I could check his understanding of the content, and I was so pleased with his work. It shows significant progress since the beginning of the year.

Nominated for being a perfect example of the St Aidan Standard during every morning meeting last week.

Yahya Salem (8D)

Yahya represents and lives by our core values of Hardwork, Trust and Fairness and is a model to other pupils, he has produced excellent revision resources as part of his 100% homework, is focused, at all times and reads aloud in form time with confidence. He has also led Examen and is always striving to participate and gives 100% at all times.

Week 8

Milla Steabler (8A)

Milla consistently supports Blake during transitions between lessons, but has particularly stood out in Rugby during games. When Milla first started, he had no prior knowledge of Rugby and was unsure about it. However, in this week's competitive game, Milla fully participated, showing great technique in his tackling and asking insightful questions. He has consistently demonstrated the core values of hard work and fairness, always helping other students in the group progress with their learning.

Ismail Ahmad (8F)

I would like to nominate Ismail for pupil of the week. He was phenomenal during our lesson today, giving lots of correct answers to tricky questions. Additionally, when I informed the class what their next topic would be, Ismail was able to predict what some of the key terminology would be and tell me what it means.





Zach Angeles (9A)

This week, Mrs Whitten was thoroughly impressed with his outstanding A-map homework. He consistently demonstrates our core values and continues to thrive academically. His dedication and effort are truly commendable, and I'm incredibly proud of the progress he's making.

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 16996 (AV: 17.89 PER PERSON)

>>> WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 1 Week 7: Integrity. In/te/gri/ty

Etymology: From the Latin "integritas," meaning "wholeness" or "completeness."

Definition: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

- Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird exemplifies integrity as he stands up for justice and equality.

Cycle 1 Week 8: Antithesis. An/ti/the/sis

Etymology: From the Greek "antithesis," meaning "opposition."

Definition: The opposite of something.

- In Boys Don't Cry, Dante's evolving compassion towards his brother becomes the antithesis of his initial emotional detachment, revealing how unexpected responsibility can transform deeply held beliefs.



We are thrilled to announce that St Aidan's Catholic Academy has been awarded the Gold Schools Active Charter Mark — a fantastic recognition of the enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication shown by our entire school community.

At St Aidan's, we know that being active goes far beyond the sports field. It's about building confidence, teamwork, and resilience — qualities that help our young men to truly climb their mountain. From PE lessons and after-school clubs to charity runs and inter-house competitions, every opportunity is used to inspire pupils to enjoy being active and to take pride in their achievements.

This award is a reflection of the collective effort of our pupils, staff, and families, who all play a vital role in creating an environment where health, fitness, and wellbeing are valued and celebrated.

Mr Hutton, Head of PE, shared his pride in the achievement, saying: We're incredibly proud to have achieved the Gold Schools Active Charter Mark. It's a reflection of the hard work and enthusiasm our pupils show every day. Whether they're representing the school in competitive sport or simply enjoying being active with their friends, it's wonderful to see such a positive attitude towards health and fitness across the academy.





Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you for your amazing donation!

We successfully received your payment of £570.63

However you decided to host your Coffee Morning, we hope you and your guests enjoyed spending time together whilst raising money to help people living with cancer.

We'll put the money you've raised straight to work. It could mean someone with cancer can:
Get help with how they're feeling on our Support Line.

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- Be supported by others who know what you're going through on our Online Community. Turn to a Macmillan nurse for vital medical, practical and emotional support.

You'll receive your official 'thank you' letter and certificate in the post. We send these monthly, so there may be a bit of a delay. But please rest assured that your funds have been safely received and we're very grateful.

Thank you again.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Team



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning. Staff, parents and pupils have been wonderful, and we've raised a fantastic **£570.58** for Macmillan Cancer Support. We have now sent that money to Macmillan Cancer support to help with the wonderful work they do.

If you donated sweet treats, money or raffle prizes we really appreciate it as it wouldn't happen without you.

Thanks again.



Our Art Enrichment club was a hive of activity this week with a range of activities taking place including ceramics, textiles, digital drawing, graffiti art and character design. We love seeing our students explore different media and let their creativity run wild!

>>> INTRODUCING OUR NEW KS5 HEAD STUDENTS

We are delighted to announce that Abigail E and Ethan H have been appointed as our new Head Girl and Head Boy for Key Stage 5.

Their successful campaigns showcased not only their leadership potential but also their passion for representing the student body and driving positive change within our school community. Both Abigail and Ethan impressed staff and peers alike with their thoughtful ideas, collaborative spirit, and commitment to making a difference.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the candidates who put themselves forward. The quality of applications and campaign efforts this year was outstanding, and each candidate demonstrated courage, creativity, and a genuine desire to serve. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

As Abigail and Ethan begin their journey in these important roles, we look forward to seeing their vision come to life and the positive impact they will undoubtedly have on our school. Let's all give them our full support as they lead Key Stage 5 with integrity, enthusiasm, and heart.



The Year 9 football team secured a fantastic 5–2 victory away against Carmel College in the county cup this week. It was an outstanding team performance, with goals scored by Flynn T (3), Ben P (1), and Enoch B (1). Well done, lads! A big thank you as well to the parents for their support as always and for providing transport back from the game!