



St Edmund's College

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Alumni E-News: Easter Term 2025

Hello Ruby,

While students in residence buckle down and prepare for their exams or final submissions, we've already set our sights on the celebrations to come – and you're invited!

June promises a range of events to help you reconnect with the College and your peers, and welcome the newest graduating cohort in to the worldwide alumni community. We also have some great news to share and we hope you will enjoy hearing about recent developments in College.

Yours,

William Edwards

Development Officer



Research Spotlight: How does the world of dating apps impact the lives of middle-class Indians?

Alumna, Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies for Sociology, [Dr Parul Bhandari](#) was interviewed by leading Indian newspaper, The Times of India, on topics included in her recently published book '*Dissent with Love: Ambiguity, Affect and Transformation in South Asia.*'

[Read the full article](#)



St Edmund's College Sports Dinner 2025

Join us on **Saturday 21st June, 7.00 for 7.30pm** at St. Edmund's College for the **Annual Sports Dinner** as we celebrate another fantastic year of sport at our college. St. Edmunds has had a fantastic year of sporting achievements, with teams and students competing in a wide range of events, so what better way to celebrate than by gathering everyone for an evening of good food, great wine, and even better company?

The dinner coincides with the final day of the May Bumps Campaign, which is always an exciting sight to see, and a great opportunity to support our College crews. Bumps will commence at 11:45 and any support and shouts of encouragement are always valued – weather dependent, of course!

Dress code is black tie/club blazers. Tickets are £51 for Alumni and Guests. This event is subsidised by the St Edmund's College Alumni Society.

[Register to attend](#)



Annual Garden Party – 22 June 2025

The Master, Chris Young, is delighted to invite Alumni back to the College for the Annual St Edmund's Garden Party, to be held in College on Sunday 22 June from 2 – 4pm.

Do you remember the beauty and tranquility of St Edmund's in the Summer? Strolling through the dappled shade of the orchard, throwing down a picnic blanket and relaxing with friends in the sunshine? Why not recreate and share the experience with family and friends, old and new.

With a typically British selection of summer refreshments on offer, to include sandwiches, strawberries & cream and Pimm's & lemonade, as well as live music, lawn games, fairground side stalls and a ride for the children, this laidback annual event strikes the perfect balance between relaxation and revelry.

Alumni can purchase tickets for themselves and up to 3 guests at a subsidised price of £13.00 each, courtesy of the Alumni Society. There is no charge for children aged 15 and under, but for catering purposes we ask that you include these on your booking.

There is no strict dress code for this event.

We really hope that you will be able to join us!

Registration will close at 9am on Monday 16th June 2025

Secure your space



St Edmund's College Law Society Dinner 2025

The Law Fellows are delighted to invite members of the St Edmund's legal community – current Students and Alumni – to the College Law Society Dinner on **Thursday 26th June**.

The evening will start with pre-dinner drinks at 7pm, followed by a three-course dinner with wine in the Dining Hall at 7.30pm. This event is generously supported by Slaughter & May and the St Edmund's College Alumni Society.

Tickets are priced at £31.00 for Alumni. We welcome additional guests at £50.00 per person.

Registration will close at midday on Thursday 12th June.

[Book now](#)



News Spotlight: UNESCO Chair to be co-hosted by St Edmund's

Named for Mahatma Gandhi, Kasturba Gandhi, Maria Montessori, Albert Luthuli, and Nokukhanya Bhengu Luthuli, the UNESCO Chair will be held by [Professor Alain Tschudin](#), Senior Research Associate at the Von Hügel Institute and a Research Fellow at Stellenbosch University, and co-chaired by Professor Dorcas Ettang.

The Chair's mission is to promote a culture of peace through education—viewed by UNESCO as a cornerstone of sustainable development, poverty eradication and intercultural dialogue.

[Read more](#)

Alumni Benefits Spotlight: Punts

Are you planning to visit Cambridge in the summertime? Did you know you can reserve a punt for free?

Just email the Development Office with details of when you want to use them and we'll be happy to help.



[Book your next trip on the river](#)

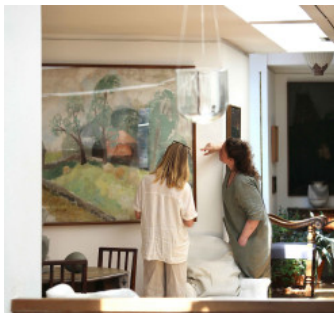


Campaign Spotlight: The Sports Bursary

In the last 4 years a generous group alumni and donors have supported the Alumni Sports Bursary, offering financial support to student athletes across a range of disciplines to come to St Edmund's, and to compete at the highest levels while studying.

This year you can help to take this bursary to the next level. A donation to the bursary fund – at whatever level is meaningful to you – will ensure that every student at St Edmund's is able to experience the benefits that sport can have on their health, wellbeing, and education.

[Pledge your support today](#)



Cambridge Research: Pondering artistic beauty encourages 'big picture' thinking

A psychological experiment conducted at Kettle's Yard suggests that actively considering the beauty of art increases abstract thinking and transformative emotion – helping us escape the mental trappings of day-to-day living.

[Read the full report](#)

St Edmund's Own: Jackson Owen at the RCA Graduate Showcase

After graduating from the MSt in the History of Art, Jackson Owen (m. 2022) went on to the Royal College of Art to undertake an MA in Painting. He graduates this year with his work being showcased in the annual RCA Graduate Showcase, an exhibition which has launched the careers of some of the world's finest artistic talents.



You can see Jackson's work on display along with the rest of the exhibition from Thursday 19 June – Sunday 22 June at RCA Battersea.

[See all the details here](#)

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, or want to submit an item for a future edition, please reach out to William Edwards at development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk

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