



Alumni E-News: Summer 2025

Throughout the year new cohorts of students graduate from St Edmund's and join the ranks of our global alumni community. This term we mark General Admission, which celebrates those completing their undergraduate degrees, where the streets of Cambridge become a veritable festival of gowns and certificates.

Graduation is a time of celebration, ceremony, relief, and reflection. For some it marks the next step in their academic careers and for others a hard-won reward at the end of their studies, before embarking on a new career in the wider world.

Renan Dennig, CR President 24–25, puts it best:

Many of our peers and cherished friends are graduating. Whether they have been here for one year or many, they have found at Eddie's a community and a place to call 'home' during their studies. They graduate from Cambridge with newfound knowledge and having left their mark on the institution. They also graduate having made friends for life and having a College to call their own forever.

You can read his full reflection, and those from other colleges, in the Graduation Yearbook 2025.

As ever, if you have news to share or would like to feature an item in a future newsletter, let me know by email to development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk

Yours,

William Edwards

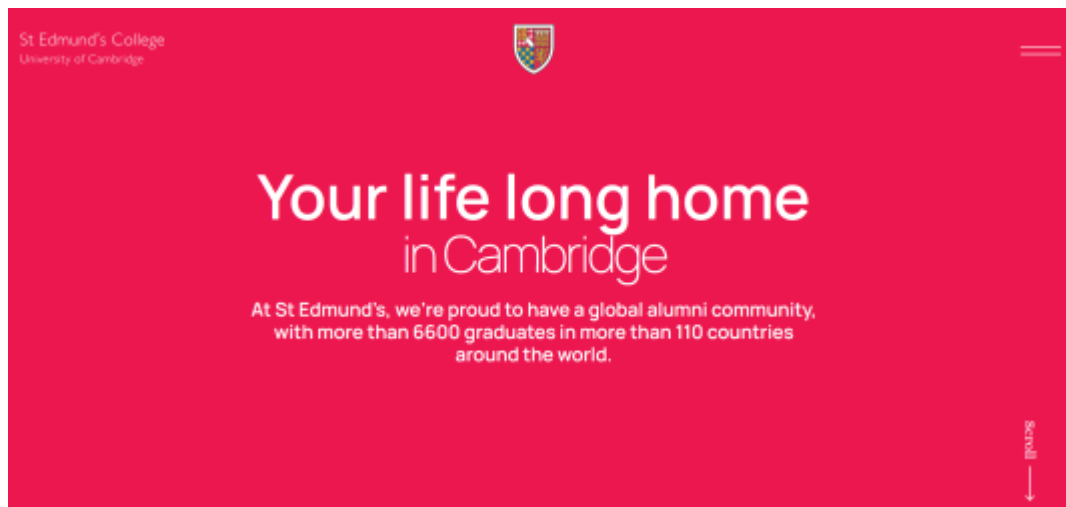
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The Alumni Society Prize

Among the graduating class is **Frankie Finn Reason** (BA English, m. 2022). Frankie is the recipient of this year's Alumni Society Prize for Outstanding Contributions to the College Community, awarded in recognition of her work on the CR including improving freshers' week programmes and crowdfunding efforts.

(Frankie, pictured with Edward Hagger, Chairman of the Alumni Society committee (left) and Prof Chris Young, Master (right))



St Edmund's College launches new website!

The College has had an online facelift, including new sections for news and features, a people directory, and a dedicated section for alumni. Click the link below to start exploring.

[Visit the site](#)



Alumni recognised in King's Birthday Honours list

Three Eddies alumni were among those recognised in the King's Birthday Honours list 2025 which was announced on Friday 13 June 2025.

- Professor Maurice Whitehead MBE (1975, Education)
- Robert Noel LVO (1991, International Relations)
- Bill McHugh DL MBE (2017, Social Innovation)

Each year, the [King's Birthday Honours](#) mark extraordinary contributions made by individuals across the UK.

We are incredibly proud of the contributions made by members of the St Edmund's College community and are delighted to see their continued impact being recognised.

[Read more.](#)



Boat Club celebrate victory on the river Cam and win the coveted Pegasus Cup!

The annual May Bumps provided much excitement for all three St Edmund's College Boat Club (SECBC) boats, with our crews winning every single one of their races

throughout the week, resulting in an historic clean sweep, making 2025 the most successful year for rowing at St Edmund's.

Both M1 and M2 crews bumped four times over the week winning coveted blades, whilst the W1 crew bumped five times by virtue of also bumping up into a higher division and so achieving rare "superblades" status.

Overall SECBC secured 13 out of 13 race wins and was awarded the prestigious Pegasus Cup. The Cup, provided by Richard Naisby of Milton Brewery, is awarded to the most successful Boat Club competing in the May Bumps Races.

Congratulations to all!

[Read the full story here](#)



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. Pictured above in their successful M1 crew, racing to victory in May Bumps, are two such bursary recipients – Matt Heywood (stroke) and Douwe de Graaf (6).

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](#)



St Edmund's College "Chengdu Alumni Formal Dinner" with a Nobel Laureate

The St Edmund's Alumni Society in China, led by Fellow Benefactor & Development Ambassador Jeffrey Liu, recently held an official dinner for Nobel Laureate Prof John Kosterlitz. The evening featured engaging discussions on topics like topological phase transitions, cancer research insights from Professor Ao Ping, and the impact of AI on science, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas.

We're delighted to see an expansion of our network in Chengdu and to provide more opportunities for our alumni community in China to reconnect with the College. If you want to hear updates about upcoming events, search 'St Edmund's College Alumni' on WeChat.

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



St Edmund's alum taking her show to the Edinburgh Fringe

Jade Franks (m. 2018) is taking her show '*Eat the Rich (but maybe not me mates x)*' to the Edinburgh Fringe, and the St Edmund's College Alumni Society is delighted to support the show.

Eat the Rich (But Maybe Not Me Mates x) is an exciting new one-woman show based on her experience of studying at Cambridge University, challenging stereotypes while recognizing the nuances of class structures and the different privileges we each hold. The play questions the notion of meritocracy and whether it is possible to socially mobilise without giving up parts of what makes you, you.

You can see Jade's show at the Pleasance Courtyard and buy tickets here:
<https://www.pleasance.co.uk/event/eat-rich-maybe-not-me-mates-x>

Jade and her team are also crowdfunding to support this show. Any support you can offer would be much appreciated. [Check out their GoFundMe Page here.](#)

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events



London Summer Pop-Up

Reconnect with your fellow Eddies in London at our summer drinks pop-up, on **7 August from 6pm.**

[Register today](#)



Alumni Festival: Alumni Society AGM & Talking Ed's

In College and open to online participants wherever you are: the **St Edmund's Alumni Society AGM** and a special Alumni edition of **Talking Ed's**.

[Register today](#)



Alumni Festival: Sports Panel & Reunion Dinner

Hear from elite St Edmund's sportspeople and historians from across the years about how they navigated the demands of competition, performance, and wellbeing – and the enduring lessons learned through their careers.

[Register today](#)

Alumni Society Term Card

Please note that some of these dates are subject to change. Look out for future communications with more information.

7 August 2025

Summer Pop-up

Truckles, Bloomsbury – London

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26 & 27 September 2025

The Alumni Festival

26th: AGM & Talking Ed's

27th: Sports Panel, Reunion Dinner

St Edmund's College and Online

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3 November 2025

Alumni Society Annual Dinner

The Oxford & Cambridge Club, London

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12 December 2025

Christmas Guest Night Dinner

St Edmund's College

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February 2026 (TBC).

Winter Pop-up

London

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8 March 2026

The Varsity Matches

StoneX Stadium, London

20 March 2026

Alumni Guest Night Dinner

St Edmund's College

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4 April 2026

The Boat Races Watch Party

Fulham Pier, London

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21 June 2026

Annual Garden Party

St Edmund's College

26 June 2026

Graduands' Reception & Guest Night Dinner

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