



Dwardu's Scoops

A community built on trust

*Nollaig Mac An Bhaird
Headmaster*

The start of a new scholastic year is always one of great excitement! At college we have been busy, as usual, with the preparations for the welcoming back of our old crew and, naturally, all our new students and families.

If the past few years have taught us anything it is that we are all part of a community, individually and collectively we have had our ups and downs, we have struggled with the uncertainty of moving through unchartered waters, wondering if it ever was going to end.

The truth is that, as part of the St Edward's community, we learned to trust one another knowing that two of the most fundamental characteristics of humans, caring and kindness, were alive and well at St Edward's.

Yes, the academics, the different disciplines that are taught at college are important, some might say the most important. However, when these 'academics' are combined with the other values we espouse at St Edward's, we can equip our students with a well-balanced holistic education that will serve them well as they move through life.

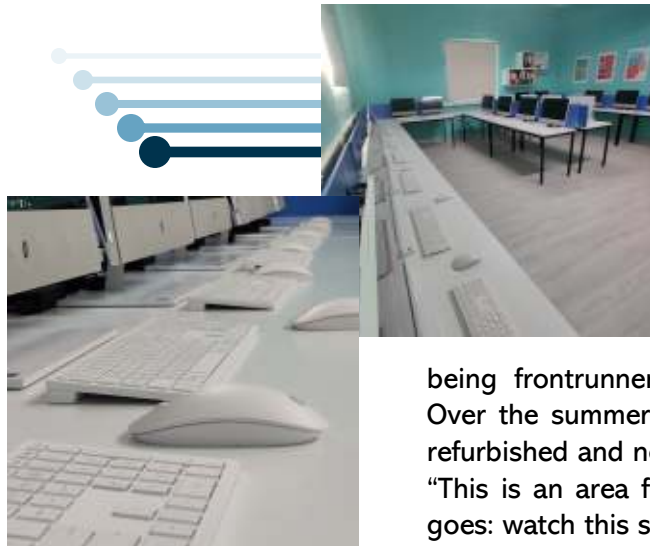
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Special points of interest

- Headmaster reminds everyone that the College is a community based on sound values
- Summer is a time for work and play: maintenance and Summer school co-exist at the college
- Celebrated architect and Old Edwardian Richard England turns 85.
- Books from the Planning Authority



The new computer labs

Brand New Spaces

Computing is a skill which has become as intrinsic to achievement as writing had been for previous generations. Many may remember the emphasis made on neat handwriting using pen and ink. Today this is a forgotten skill as all attention has been turned to the digital world.

At St Edward's College we pride ourselves on

being frontrunners in giving our students the best opportunities. Over the summer months, the computer labs have been thoroughly refurbished and now house state of the art computers and facilities.

"This is an area for expansion within the college and, as the saying goes: watch this space!" said Headmaster Nollaig Mac An Bhaird.



Employee of the Month

Unanimous and by acclamation! Ms. An-nalise Domenici, School Secretary and HR Manager has been awarded the Staff Member of the Month Award.

The hard-working Ms. Domenici was taken completely by surprise when with successful subterfuge, Headmaster lured her out into the garden for the coveted award. Not many words were exchanged—in the case of such an employee, anything other than a heartfelt 'Thank You' was superfluous.



They're not playing, you know!

Summer school may, to harassed parents, seem to be a convenient way of keeping children safely occupied and entertained. This is true and, to be fair, it is also an important element of family life. Physical activity, a major component of summer school, results in a stronger Musculo-skeletal development which results in better cognitive and creative skills.

All set and Bristol fashion



Maintenance being carried out at college

Summer is a time for rest and relaxation, especially in an unforgiving climate such as ours. While most of the staff are out on holidays, the administrative and support staff take the opportunity to bring the college up to scratch again in terms of works, maintenance and thorough cleaning.

Apart from a complete refurbishment of the computer labs, we have embarked on a restoration of parts of the main building. The college is a historic building and all the work carried out has to be supervised by competent personnel.

The college has plans to increase the accessibility of the college grounds and to render the college as ecologically sustainable as possible. To this end we are planning on increasing the green spaces and on investing in renewable energy. This will bring with it the need to improve the infrastructure of the college buildings, again within the constraints of a protected and listed building.

Meanwhile, the eager beavers, also known as Anna's Gang, have been scouring the college, going into every nook and cranny, giving it a thorough clean. The boarding rooms have been turned out and are awaiting the new residents.

Planning to read



Mr. Peter Gingell, representing the Planning Authority, this summer presented the College with a set of assorted books to be added to the College library. The books range from novels to historical research and sporting recollections. "This initiative was taken by the Planning Authority to assist schools in supplementing their libraries. The Planning Authority is using funds accrued through development gains to help build up and strengthen school libraries which are so important for the development of the love of learning," said Mr. Gingell.

Welcome Back!

It was a summer most of us desperately needed. Finally, after two years of fearing people and human contact, we managed to meet again, travel again and generally live again. It's with relief that we note that this renewed freedom is being reflected also in college life where most of the restrictions have now been lifted.

We have a very full year to look forward to at college, and this time, in person and not virtually or in isolation. We can celebrate being a college, a whole, again. For some students, this will be the first time they will experience the reality of college life, since the covid precautions have meant that the whole-school activities were curtailed.

Dwardu's Scoops will, this year take on a new dress. This will enable readers to distinguish this year's editions from those of last year. I would like to thank Julain Coppini and Luigi Portelli for their help and journalistic contributions last year. I hope there will be more students who will contribute to this college newspaper. Indeed, the problem faced last year was more how to adapt and keep up rather than lack of material.

So, on to fresh woods and pastures new...and good luck to all!

Sylwana

Getting to know them...the quiet ones (ahem!)



A portrait of a woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue patterned scarf, smiling. The background is red and features a faint image of a classical bust.

Favorite Colour: Red

Favorite food: Sushi and Pasta

I always dreamed of becoming a time traveler because I want to meet Napoleon, Julius Caesar, Amelia Earhart, Cleopatra.....

Once upon a time ... I was sitting at home and the lights had gone out, a power cut. Then my VCR started flashing 'HELLO'... and the power was still out. Creepy.



A purple TARDIS (Police Public Call Box) from Doctor Who, tilted at an angle.

Sylvana

Favourite colour: blue

Favourite Food: anything with fish and seafood!


I always dreamed of becoming a chef because I love food!

Once upon a time... I opened a closet and there, looking malevolent, was a hornet. As I stood there petrified, it seemed to glare at me with great evil. "I'm gonna getcha!" it seemed to say. I ran screaming out of the office, bringing in reinforcements for help and protection. One of my braver friends approached the closet carefully and opened the door. "Trish, it's dead," she whispered. Relief and a feeling of utter foolishness flooded over me!



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a red top, is shown inside a highly ornate, golden picture frame. A cartoonish orange hornet is positioned next to her.

Trisha



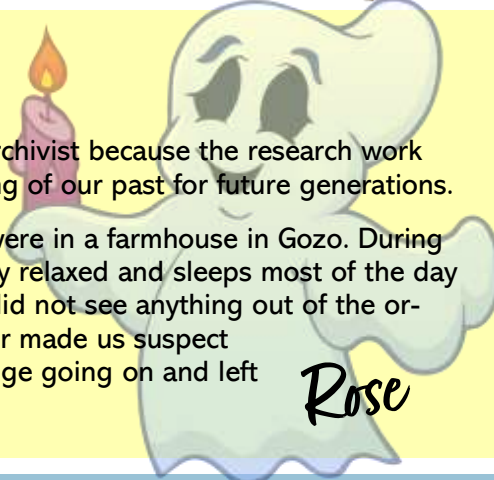
A portrait of a woman with reddish hair, wearing a grey sweater and a patterned scarf, smiling.

Favourite colour: Yellow

Favourite Food: Pasta

I always dreamed of becoming an archivist because the research work helps to leave a better understanding of our past for future generations.

Once upon a time, my family and I were in a farmhouse in Gozo. During our stay, our dog who is usually very relaxed and sleeps most of the day became constantly unrest less. We did not see anything out of the ordinary, however, the dog's behaviour made us suspect that there might be something strange going on and left us uneasy for the rest of the stay.



A cartoon ghost with a pale green body and a lit purple candle in its right hand.

Rose

Favourite colour: blue

Favourite Food: Sushi, pasta carbonara

I always dreamed of becoming a lawyer because I am always surprised how some things might appear to be black on white for some people, but when you actually read the law, you'll realise that there are many variables and different aspects which one would need to take into consideration before coming to a conclusion on a case.

Once upon a time... I was walking out of a shop when the security alarms went off. In a couple of seconds, I was surrounded by security, however I was completely convinced that there was a camera hidden somewhere in the shop for candid camera purposes. I wouldn't stop laughing, and asking the security 'ok, joke's on me, now please tell me where the camera is'. This went on for about 5 mins until the shop manager came to speak to me, confirming that it wasn't a 'candid camera'.

Eventually we realized that the top I was wearing at the time, had a tag of a different brand and that tag was causing the alarm to go off.

Analise



Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite Food: Ħobż biz-żejt & pizza

I always dreamed of becoming a Neurosurgeon because the brain fascinates me (and also because McDreamy from Grey's Anatomy is very dreamy)

Once upon a time, I had a close (very close) encounter...with an electricity pole! As usual, I was trying to multitask, walking, talking and texting. And I was not managing to do all these tasks well so, mentally I concentrated on the text. Alas! I failed to notice the electricity pole on the pavement and I slammed into it.

Now I know what cartoon characters feel when they bash into something!

Annalise



Welcome by Headmaster

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As the students know, I constantly refer to the fact that they will be 'Leaders, not Followers.' Some will go on to do incredible things, start new companies, new innovations, some will be CEOs, COOs, or CFOs, Captains of Industry, all very laudable. But, on a daily basis, leadership can also be knowing the difference between what is 'right' and what is 'wrong'. There will be times when they will find it difficult to remember that they have a 'moral compass'. A value set that can help themselves, their families and those around them lead better and more fulfilling lives.

Along with all staff you are very welcome to scholastic year 22/23. Together we will make it a great one!



Making molehills out of mountains

Diana Muscat

Cycling up Etna and winning, to boot, was all in a summer's work for Ms Diana Muscat...here's what she had to say about her experience: "It was my first time competing in the Etna Marathon so obviously winning was the last thing on my mind. It was a very pleasant surprise to actually manage to win especially because the race ended in a spring finish which made it all the more exciting. My training consists of hours on the bike, whether mountain bike or road bike. The more training I manage to squeeze in the better. Having the summer off made me able to use the free time off work to train for this event.

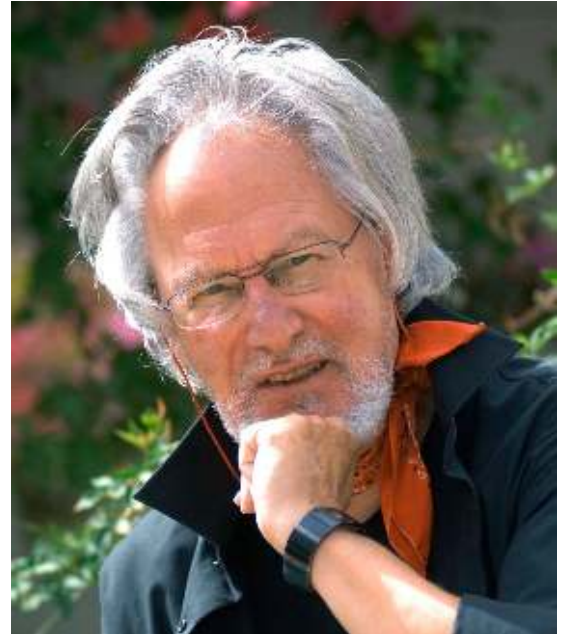
I always target 10 hours a week on the bike but if I manage to do more it's even better. Since this race required me to climb 1750m over 51km (which is a lot of climbing) this summer a lot of my training was focused on climbing hills. My friends and I would train together in Malta and Gozo and literally look for hills to climb to try to simulate the race. I only started racing this year so my goals are to continue participating in the local mountain and road bike races which I've been managing to do quite well in. Where possible I would also like to take part in more races overseas because of the scale of the events and the amazing scenery which the locations provide. Although cycling is an individual sport, I train with friends and team mates and we travel for these events together as well. It is a lot of fun".



Celebrating an Old Edwardian

By Sylvana Debono

Richard England, in the Maltese milieu, is a name to conjure with. A giant of Maltese and international architecture, England has described himself as a 'Janus', twin faced: looking with respect and reverence to the past and with optimism and re-interpretation to the future. In an interview in [The Times](#) earlier this year, he said "I think it is an obligation for every architect to remember that he or she should perform not only as a designer of the future, but also as a defender of the past. In order to build the new, we must of necessity understand the old and use it as a springboard for the future."



In his interview, the architect quoted the poet William Blake, 'You become what you behold', citing Malta's prehistoric temples as a source of inspiration. In truth, we, at St Edward's College, feel pride in the fact that

Prof England was nurtured since childhood to appreciate all that Maltese culture could offer and which helped mold him into a poet laureate of architectural discourse.

Richard England is a proud Old Edwardian. In his memoirs, he describes the years at the College as follows "My six-year period at St Edward's College provided me with an educational system modelled on the strict principles of British public schools. The college conveyed an excellent holistic foundation for character building. However, the time spent within the college walls was beneficial not only on an academic and educational level, but also for having provided me with another of my initial inspirational fonts for a future architectural career. Although the school focused more on character-building and sports, rather than academic achievement, I have no hesitation in lauding the effects the school had on my character formation and the building of self-esteem, already initiated during my earlier formative years under the dominant aegis of my paternal grandmother."

Celebrating Richard England's
85th birthday

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You can join in Richard England's 85th birthday celebration. Kite Group will be publishing a new title which includes 85 drawings by England. Should you wish you can pre-order the book and your name will be included in the Tabula Gratulatoria. Pre-orders of the book and inclusion in the Tabula Gratulatoria can be made online www.kitegroup.com.mt or by email info@kitegroup.com.mt.

Irene Attard is the new Admissions and Boarding coordinator. The lady brings with her not only a lovely open smile but, just as importantly, a wealth of experience in youth work. "I am really looking forward to working with these young people. Watching them grow and helping them develop their full potential and eventually achieving their dreams is what motivates me to do my best every day"



Meet the Newbies



Ms Kiki and Ms Dawn is the tandem to note this year! As INCO and Asst INCO they will be taking care of all aspects of inclusivity , keeping an eye out on mainstreaming and equal opportunities. Both come to the college with considerable experience in the field and ...well, their excited smile says it all, really!

Award winning Artist and teacher



Mr Ryan Falzon, our very own art teacher and resident artist has achieved another milestone. Kudos to Mr Falzon for winning ArtzID Community award for the Best Online presence. Uncompromising in his approach, Mr Falzon's art is vibrant in its use of colour and authentic in its vision of life. The artist commented: "These awards showed that audiences understand, support and validate what matters. I would personally like to thank each and every member of the St. Edward's community, past and present, for believing in me and for participating in the public voting for Artz ID Community Awards. Since the awards were given according to public voting, this achievement means a lot. Thank you all!"



New Canteen on the block

Caught napping or simply too harassed to go shopping for lunch material? Do not fret. Whether you are a parent or a member of staff, you can be assured of a healthy meal at the college canteen. Our new contractors not only ensure seasonal food but also make sure that it is of correct nutritional value.

[View details on the website.](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL



You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so get on
your way!

Dr Seuss



[More pictures on this link](#)

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Photo Credit: Ms Blanche Caruana

Ali's Back!

All of us remember the sad story of our dear student Ali Hagagi, a promising young lad who had a terrible accident. We read, we heard and we prayed that this young life would be spared.

Well, he's back on his feet and on the road to recovery!

This week Ali and his father came to St Edward's College and we were all so very happy to see Ali so much better. It was a happy occasion, seeing how much progress this young man had made.

"We were so excited to be visiting the college," said Mr Hagagi. "Let me just tell you,



we woke up this morning at six to be here at eleven. At nine, Ali was afraid we were going to be late!"

Ali still has some way to go with rehabilitation. After all, coming out of a coma and regaining your life is no easy task, but the Hagagi family is grateful for their son's recovery and look to the future with optimism.

St Edward's College

Founded in 1929, St Edward's College is an all-boys college for both day and boarding students. Boarding is offered between the ages of 11 to 18. At nursery and kindergarten as well as at post-secondary level, the college is co-educational. As a private educational college, St Edwards offers excellent teaching facilities, high teacher-pupil ratio, a very wide range of sports facilities and scrupulous personal attention to the students.

At St Edward's College, students receive a well-rounded education ending up in the IB Diploma. Most of the students go on to study at world class universities. Our top students are leaders in society ranging from Science and Business to traditional professions and the arts. Most Edwardians retain a love and appreciation of sports throughout their lives.

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Over the summer months, training continued in the numbers area. A different methodology in the pedagogy of Mathematics is being introduced and over the past months, this has been the subject of training given to teachers in the Early Years and in the Junior School by Dr Esmeralda Zerafa



Dr Karl Muscat
(1978 - 2022)
Old Edwardian



Elizabeth II
(1926 - 2022)
Last monarch of Malta



Lt Col Kenneth Valenzia
(1930 - 2022)
Old Edwardian

Rest in peace