



# Edward's Scoops



September 27, 2024

*Headmaster says...*

## We care, deeply

Last Thursday was a very happy day. It is truly wonderful to see the students returning. The younger ones race into the school, there are a few looks of trepidation from new students which is quickly allayed by the friendly greetings from staff and other students.

I was greeted by a boy with an enthusiastic 'Good Morning, Headmaster!' His second question was where he could meet the new boys in his class. I pointed them out, the boy called his friends, and off they shot to welcome their newest friends.

There is, without a shadow of a doubt, a caring attitude for our charges by staff. This does not happen by accident, it grows over the years, being nurtured by St Edward's staff.

The teaching profession has grown more challenging over the years. We are now at a point, in some schools and instances, where, if a discipline referral is sent, a parent will want a full detailed report, with witness statements, on the incident. I know that there are schools where the lack of trust and almost constant questioning from parents is causing educators to leave the profession.

This has not happened at St Edward's.

Yes, we welcome feedback from parents. But do keep in mind that staff are professionals, the majority have years of experience, and, by reporting an incident they are showing that they care. The easier option is to let it pass.

Staff at St Edward's are invested in their profession and your children.

This year, as always, we will have all the great variety of activities that your children can look forward to. Live-ins, trips abroad, potato planting, robotics to mention a few. Our aim is, naturally, a strong delivery of academics, and equally important, to develop Edwardians, students who will be leaders, will have a strong character, and as stated in our Mission Statement, 'will contribute to the well-being of society'.

Let's all have a great year!

*M. Mc at Edward*



## A Welcome Treat

By Sylvana Debono

This year the College will once again host the St Edward's Day Fête on Sunday, October 13th. After the huge success of the Spring Fête which was held 2 years ago, and also given that the Parton Saint's Day this year falls on a Sunday, the College is pulling out all the stops for a fun, lively and safe event. On the day you will find:

- ⇒ Unique presents from the Artisan Market
- ⇒ Pony Rides
- ⇒ Bouncy Castles
- ⇒ Lots of food and drink and a large lawn picnic area
- ⇒ Music to relax and, if so inclined, gently dance!
- ⇒ Face painting
- ⇒ Games for children of all ages including soft archery, soft sword fighting, giant Jenga, 3D giant puzzle, obstacle course races, and intermittent events like the egg, and scavenger hunts.
- ⇒ Crafts workshop with MTS Arts and Crafts
- ⇒ Cookery Workshop with Thomas Franks
- ⇒ Information booths
- ⇒ Project Green Education Station

This is a chance to take a look at the college, get to know other parents and let your children roam safely. See you!

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St Edward's Day Fête will open its gates at 10:00h and the stalls will close at 16:00h. Children will have lots of space to run and take part in age-appropriate activities all day. Please support us!

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2024







## Grandson paints a portrait of an artist

By Nathan Aaron Camilleri Cauchi Year 6

In July I attended the St Edward's Year 5 Summer Camp, during which Ms Samantha Abela approached me to write an article about my grandfather Alfred Camilleri Cauchi. But, I asked myself, why did she tell me to do this? As I explored my grandfather's history, I understood.



Lady Laycock

My grandpa, although from Victoria Gozo, is an Old Edwardian because he used to attend St Edward's College between 1959 and 1962. He was given a scholarship by Lady Laycock, the wife of Sir Robert Laycock who was the English Governor for Malta during those times. On a hot day in summer I visited my grandfather's house, who calmly narrated the story of how it all began.

Once a month Lady Laycock and her husband used to visit Malta's small sister island of Gozo. It was August 1958 when she did her monthly visit as usual, during which she visited the fair at Villa Rundle Gardens organised for St Mary's feast. There was exhibited a stone statuette of David holding Goliath's head, sculpted by my grandpa. As soon as

Lady Laycock saw this statuette, she immediately asked the Commissioner for Gozo who was its sculptor. He replied that it was carved by a 15-year-old boy, but she couldn't believe what she had just heard! So, she told him that next time she came to Gozo she would like to meet the boy. The following day the Commissioner found my grandpa and informed him that Lady Laycock was going to pay a visit to their house the next month. He also told him to make a small statue so as to present it to her as a gift. Meanwhile, my grandfather sculpted another stone statuette this time of the biblical figure Abel. He presented him as dead since he was killed by his brother Cain.

Lady Laycock kept her promise and the following month she went to Gozo and met my

grandpa Alfred at his parents' house. She really liked the statue that he presented her, and instantly told his father, Comm. Agostino Camilleri who was also a sculptor, that she was going to take care of everything so that Alfred could further his studies. Therefore, from 1959 to 1962 at the age of 16 till 19, my grandfather was sent to St Edward's College to perfect his English skills. Then from 1962 to 1966 at the age of 19 till 23, he had to go to the Edinburgh College of Art in Scotland to further his artistic skills. However, he only spent a year there, that is from 1962 to 1963, because he did so well throughout that year that he excelled in his artistic abilities.

When asked if he used to enjoy himself at St Edward's College, grandpa's answer was a big yes! He has got very fond memories of his three-year stay at college and has recounted some of these episodes. Of course, as a boarder, he used to sleep there. He remembered that at college there was a lady who used to give him and the other boarders some pocket money. My grandpa also recalled that Archbishop Gonzi used to visit St Edward's College. Being a friend of his father's, he used to ask my grandpa how he was doing. Once my grandpa told him that he had just finished painting a replica of Caravaggio's famous Beheading of St John. Upon seeing it, Archbishop Gonzi liked it so much that he wished it was his.

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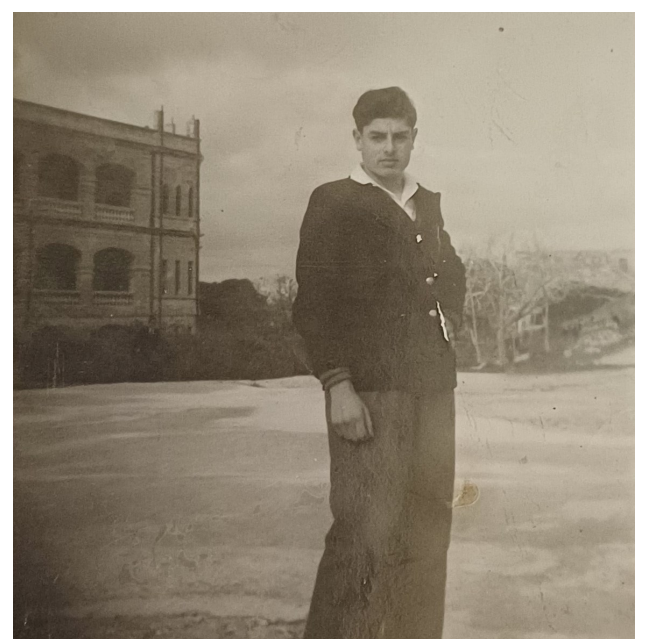


Grandpa also mentioned that when his father used to come to work in Malta, he always paid him a visit at St Edward's College. While chatting, I asked my grandpa how the college uniform was at the time he attended St Edward's. Surprisingly enough the uniform did not change a bit but was exactly the same as I wear it today during both summer and winter seasons. Fr Brookes, a Benedictine, was the College's Rector during the time when my grandpa Alfred was a student and he had painted a portrait of his Headmaster. Grandpa also mentioned some other members of staff including Mr Bonnici – an administration member, Mr Cachia – his Maths teacher, Mr Forrest – his English teacher, Mr Kerry – his Science teacher and his Maltese teacher was a Monsignor from Senglea.

Like all children my grandpa had friends too. His best friend was named George. He was from Ghajn Tuffieħa and unfortunately his mother was dead. They used to spend a lot of time together mostly during the weekend because my grandpa used to prefer staying in Malta rather than having to travel a long distance to Gozo and back. Grandpa and George enjoyed going for a swim at Golden Bay since his friend lived close by.

My grandpa remembered that after school his classmates used to play football where today we find Żabbar's St Patrick Football Ground. However, instead he used to travel to Valletta by bus to attend the School of Art. In those days the School of Art's Headmaster was Mr Vincent Apap, sculptor of the Triton Fountain found at the capital city's entrance, while the Assistant Headmaster was Mr George Borg, author of St Sebastian's titular statue found in Ħal Qormi.

I asked my grandfather which were the main



Young Alfred at College





works of art that he created while at St Edward's College. He immediately mentioned the statue of St Edward, the saint for whom the college is dedicated. This 64-year-old limestone statue is still found at the entrance our school's main building. As already mentioned, he painted the College's Rector Fr Brookes. While at College my grandpa also painted copies of famous paintings, including Caravaggio's Beheading of St John as well as Leonardo da Vinci's Madonna of the Rocks and the Mona Lisa. He still treasures these paintings, which are displayed in his home's sitting room.



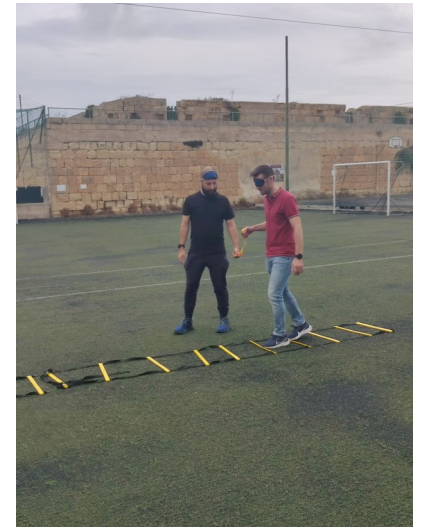
At St Edward's my grandfather was given a room where he could complete his works of art. This is the first room one finds when going down the stairs from the main foyer, that is from where St Edward's statue is situated. At college there is also a class photo showing my grandfather with his classmates.

Nowadays my grandpa Chev. Alfred Camilleri Cauchi is a renowned artist, and his skills and abilities excel in the various works of art he has composed throughout his

lifetime. His masterpieces include both religious artworks as well as monumental works.

I am very proud that my grandpa is an Old Edwardian and that I attend the same college where he used to go more than 60 years ago! Who knows? Maybe when I grow up, I will become an artist as well since my dad has also followed in his father's footsteps!

## Teachers update skills before term starts



## In Memoriam





## Podium position for athlete and author



Two of our teachers have achieved high honour: one as an athlete and the other as an author. Ms Diana Muscat completed the Etna Marathon Gran Fondo and finished in first place. The race involved 4 hours of mountain bike racing, 50km and 1800m elevation through volcanic rock and ash. This sort of achievement does not simply 'happen'. It requires commitment and dedication and constant input. Ms. Muscat would be the first to say just how much discipline, both mental and physical one needs to be able to soldier on in situations which are difficult or adverse. But the smile in her photograph shows us it was well worth the effort!



Mr Ryan Falzon meanwhile won the National Book Prize for Best Emergent Author. The artistic streak is strong in Mr Falzon who is an artist and teaches art the College. In a Facebook post, Mr Falzon said that while accolades and recognition are good, needed, and indeed welcomed, one should realize that these would never be achieved without dedication and discipline. It is these characteristics that help the author to produce work that stands alone and does not need any propping. Mr Falzon said that the author's responsibility is to engage with the reader and not to rely on attracting readers just because the book is written in Maltese.

## Edwardian aces international Maths competition

By Jason Ruan Year 8X

*This summer will be one to remember for Jason Ruan. He and five Maltese students represented Malta in the MWB Mathematics Competition in Bulgaria during the summer vacation. Jason got a gold medal in the individual contest. He also won a Silver tournament cup for the annual points league and he was best student for the Malta Team. For this he got the Star Award.*

On the 27th June, I started on the journey to Bulgaria with the teachers and another team-



mates to attend the Maths Without Borders Competition (MWB). We were so excited at the airport.

The competition took place over two days in Nessebar, Bulgaria. At 8:30 in the morning on the 29th, we attended the opening ceremony at Lyuben Karavelov Secondary School. We held up Malta's sign, waving the flag ecstatically. I was very proud at that moment.



After the opening ceremony, it was time for the exams. Our teacher, Ms. Miriam, told us to

not be nervous or cocky, and to pay attention to the rules. Every exam had 60 minutes to answer 20 questions. My teammates and I were in different groups, so our exam times were different. When I finished my test, it was already 1pm. I wasn't worried about my results, I was more worried about whether I'd miss lunch at the hotel!

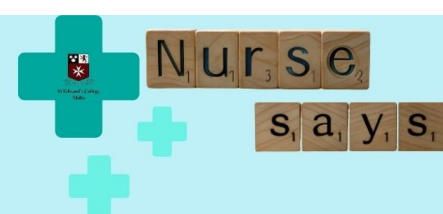
On the 1st July, all the results were announced. I got a gold medal in the individual contest, a silver tournament cup for the annual points leagues and the Star award for being the most outstanding among the team. My teammates also got incredible results. I can proudly say that we earned a ton of accolades.



On July 2nd, the awards and closing ceremony took place in Nessebar's Old Town. Here students from different backgrounds, countries, ages and cultures gather together to receive the honor that belongs to them. As pigeons and balloons soared into the boundless sky, our passion for mathematics grew as well.

On the 3rd July, we returned to Malta and ended our journey to Bulgaria. In retrospect, all this was thanks to my school—St. Edward's College, who advised me to take part in the national Maths competition—High5, and because of this I was noticed by the education department. Only after rounds and rounds of qualification, I took part in an international competition representing Malta.

I am gratified to be an Edwardian, and I hope so do you!



Welcome Back!  
Let's Make This Year Awesome!

For all of us this is a new year, whether you have been here since childhood, or like me, just joined. So, for all of us it is an opportunity to start some good habits. Over the coming weeks I shall be sending you some tips on how you can stay happy and healthy. Often, you will smile as these will not be big things. Funny how small changes matter though!

Let's make this school year healthy, happy, and successful!  
If you have any questions or need support, visit the school nurse!

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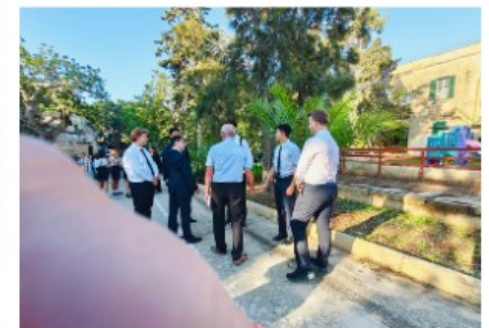




## First day - Happy to be back!









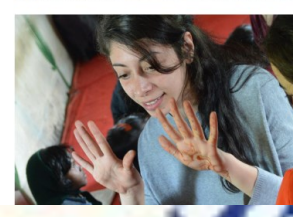
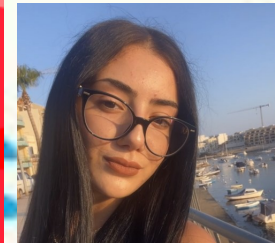
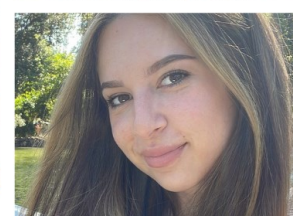
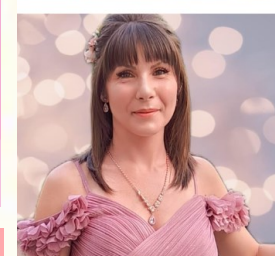
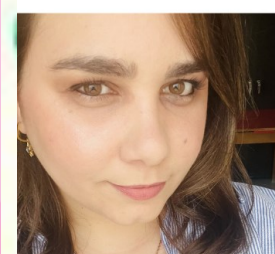
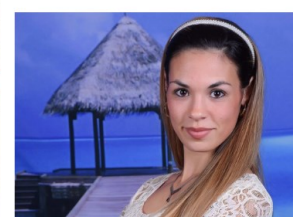
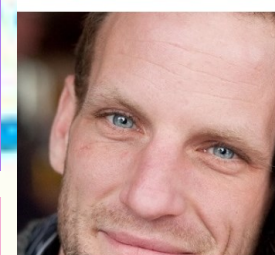
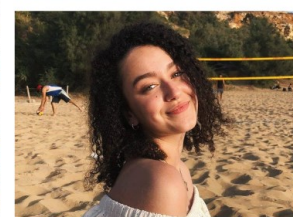
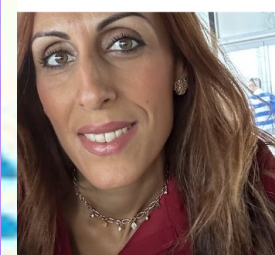
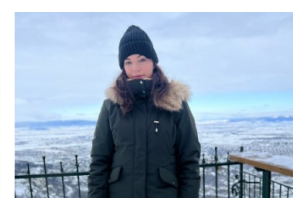




## Rolling out the red carpet for our new friends



My name is **Naomi Delorenzo**  
 My Favourite book is **Ikigai - The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life**  
**Purple** is my favourite colour  
 Tea or Coffee? **Tea (as I do not like Coffee)**  
 What makes you smile? **My pet dog - Eve, as well as my family and friends**  
 My advice is that **your direction is more important than your speed in life. - Do not compare yourself to others. As long as you are on the right track, speed does not matter. Enjoy the whole journey and let it all sink in !**



My name is **Alessia Spiteri**

My Favourite book is **The Fault in our Stars**

**Pink** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee first!**

What makes you smile? **Being surrounded by my friends, family, children and animals, mostly dogs, is what makes me smile and deeply happy inside. Also, travelling and being surrounded with genuine people and being in nature makes me feel so at peace with myself**

My advice is to **never give up on your dreams. Even when something seems very challenging, you can do it with some determination and strength and always believe in yourself! It wasn't always an easy road to get where I am today; however, I am proud of myself for always trying my best, even when I felt like giving up.**



My name is **Clara Said Zammit**

My Favourite book is **Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert**

**Red** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Both :) but coffee is my favourite.**

What makes you smile? **Being around my loved ones, and animals.**

My advice is very simple: **The more energy you put into your thoughts, the stronger they become- so choose your focus wisely.**



My name is **Brenda Casha**

My Favourite book is **The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down**

**Lilac** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee**

What makes you smile? **Kindness**

My advice is very simple: **Be kind, positive & grateful, and good things will follow**





My name is **Jessica Magro Butler**

My Favourite book is **Cinderella**. This story showcases elements of magic, perseverance, resilience, and the belief in a better future, while also evoking emotions and inspiring imagination.

**Pink** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee with milk**

What makes you smile? **The beauty of everyday moments and the joy found in small gestures of kindness and connections.**

My advice is to **embrace positivity, persevere through challenges, and strive to live your life to the fullest, as maintaining a positive mindset and determination can lead to personal growth and fulfilment.**

My name is **Denise Schembri**

My Favourite book is **The Notebook**

**Fuchsia** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Both!**

What makes you smile? **Simplicity**

My advice is to **focus on what you can control**



My name is **Dragan Stojanovic**

My Favourite book is **The Stand by Stephen King**

**Fuchsia/Purple** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee**

What makes you smile? **Meditation**

My advice is very simple: **Imagination is Everything**



My name is **Stephen Elliott**

My Favourite book is **The Great Gatsby**

**Green** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee**

What makes you smile? **A good Joke**

My advice is very simple: **"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others." – Nelson Mandela**





My name is **Christine Gauci**

My Favourite book is **Secrets by Lesley Pears**

**Lilac** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Iced Tea**

What makes you smile? **Seeing my family and friends happy**

My advice is very simple: **Never give up**



My name is **Chantelle Grech**

My Favourite book is **The Bible**

**Green** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **A variety of teas and coffees**

What makes you smile? **Voluntary work makes me happy**

My advice is very simple: **Never do to others what you would not want them to do to you.**



My name is **Tracey Bonnici**

My Favourite book is **"The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green**—it's a touching story about love, life, and the challenges faced by young people dealing with illness.

**Pink** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee**

What makes you smile? **Spending time with friends and family, I love to travel and see the world—exploring new places and cultures always brings me joy.**

My advice is very simple: **"Always stay curious and open-minded; there's always something new to learn."**



My name is **Randon Farrugia**

My favourite book is **the Maltese novel Fil-Parlament ma Jikbrux Fjuri by Maltese author Oliver Friggieri, published in 1986. It delves into themes such as love, politics, religion, and power, particularly the struggles between Malta's two main political parties.**

**Navy Blue** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee.**

What makes you smile? **Spending quality time with family and friends.**

One good piece of advice is **never to be afraid to ask questions.**

**Curiosity is the key to learning, and every question brings you one step closer to understanding. Remember, learning is a journey, not a destination.**





My name is **Michela Cristina Caruana**


My Favourite book is **The Handmaid's Tale**

**Blue** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Tea**

What makes you smile? **Other people's smiles and animals**

My advice is very simple: **Happiness begins with a smile.**



My name is **Lerox Briffa**

My Favourite book is **Rich dad Poor dad by Robert T.Kiyosaki**

**Black** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee**

What makes you smile? **My dog**

My advice is very simple: **Believe and Achieve**



My name is **Gianella Attard**

My Favourite book is **still to be written!**

**Orange** is my favourite colour

Tea or Coffee? **Coffee**

What makes you smile? **My dog; seeing a new leaf on my plants; meeting friends; learning something new; other people's achievements**

My advice is very simple: **The future starts today, not tomorrow (JPil) hence do what you can today and don't wait for tomorrow**



## AWARDED BRONZE

### Let's Talk Farming Programme 2023 - 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition



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MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION,  
SPORT, YOUTH, RESEARCH  
AND INNOVATION



## Saving the Blue

By Nikolai Bonnici Year 5X

Saving the Blue is an NGO that aims to recover and restore a variety of threatened marine species, while connecting people to ocean wildlife. They aim to promote green, sustainable living, through education and outreach, both in person and online. This year I had an experience of being with Saving the Blue.

I enjoyed going to this place because it had fun activities for kids to understand how important it is to help save the environment and also the wildlife. We were given a small talk about how the animals reach the center for help and then I enjoyed a VR activity before entering the main building. We saw the rescued turtles in different tanks where they were being treated. Then we went outside where they showed us hedgehogs and snakes that were sick or hurt and were also being cured and they explained how to help prevent them from getting hurt in the future.

One main thing I learned is that even if we don't have direct contact with such wildlife we can do our part also by helping out with reusable bottles and using less plastic that can end up in the ocean





## Tween4Steam Summer Camp

By Andreas Bray, Year 8X

Never have I ever thought that an email from our own Ms. Abela, way back in June would result in an amazing experience and opportunity to meet new people and learn about exciting matters. Upon going through the scheduled program, I decided to enroll with the hope of being accepted as a participant, since the week-long camp to be held in August looked appealing.

Tween4Steam is a scientific learning program, organized by Stem & Vet Curriculum Hub, for the Year 7's, that not only gives students the opportunity to have fun whilst learning new things, but also helps them make their subject choices for when they get older. This year, the program was held from the 26th to the 30th of August between 9:00am and 1:30pm daily. Although it was mainly held at the University of Malta Campus Hub, we also went to the Math & Physics Department at University Gateway building as well as Wied Għolliet and Esplora Interactive Centre.

On the 26th, we met at Gateway University Hall and were split into our working groups, each one of which made up of five (5) boys, five (5) girls and one (1) professional tutor. We kicked off with filling in a pre-Stream questionnaire, and then we all went to our classrooms for an ice breaker activity with our groups. Our first lesson on Electromagnetism was conducted, during which we experimented with magnets and their north and south forces. The following lesson focused on Computational Thinking where we followed a set of instructions which led us to the building from scratch of paper planes.

On the 27th, the first lesson was about Chemistry in Toiletries wherein us students made real bath bombs, once again from scratch with the use of basic ingredients that can be easily bought over the counter such as baking soda, corn flour and citric acid. The second lesson of the day was about the art of Entrepreneurship



whereby our task was to attempt successfully selling a product to an independent judge. Last but not least, for our last session of the day, we went to the Math & Physics Department and learnt Coding on a small device called a microchip. To our pleasant surprise, we were informed that such microchip was now ours to keep. As optional homework we were expected to make our own code.

The day after, we walked from University to Wied Għolliet, which is a valley just by, with the intention of collecting data during a Field-work Investigation for our group to be able to perform Data Analysis on Friday. To collect the data we studied the soil's temperature, moisture, light and acidity as well as the surrounding's temperature, sound, light, and humidity. We did this via the use of special tools as well as our microchips which the tutors had programmed for us that same morning. Back at University, we had two (2) more lessons, one on Appreciating our Environment and the other on Beekeeping.

On the 29th, we spent the whole day at Esplora Interactive Centre which although I had been there multiple times before, this time the experience was on a totally different context. At the Planetarium we watched an interactive show about Stereotypes and Stereotypical Actions followed by a documentary show about the Earth's and Mineral formations, amongst others.

On the last day we performed analysis of the data collected at Wied Għolliet and prepared a PowerPoint presentation about our findings. We presented this to all the guardians and parents who willingly came to the end of program celebration ceremony held in the afternoon, following which we were also presented with a participation certificate.

Sadly, this fun, interactive and interesting program came to an end too quickly. Whilst I urge all students who will have the opportunity to enroll next summer to grab the opportunity on the spot since the places are very limited, I definitely hope a similar opening is created for my age group. Surely it will increase your love for science!



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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.

