



# Edward's Scoops



*Headmaster says...*

## The values that bind us

As we approach the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the spirit of Christmas and the values that make this time of year so special. It is a time for gratitude, togetherness, and, above all, kindness.

This year has brought many changes, both within our school and in the world around us. Change can be challenging, but it also offers us the opportunity to grow, learn, and strengthen our communities. In times of change, it is essential to hold onto the core values that bind us together—respect, understanding, and kindness.

To our students, I encourage you to continue showing respect for one another, whether through the words you use or the actions you take. In moments of uncertainty, a small act of kindness can have a profound impact, not just on others, but on your own growth as individuals. Embrace differences, be empathetic, and remember that a little kindness can go a long way.

To our parents your unwavering support has been invaluable this year. There are times when we do not see eye to eye. Having said that, the aim for all of us, you, and staff here at college, is the same, to provide a well-balanced and caring environment for the student. The three-legged stool analogy that I use, a well balanced seat is the education delivered, the three legs being the student, the staff and you, the parent. I am deeply grateful for your partnership as we work together to create an environment where every student feels safe, valued, and respected. Please continue to encourage your children to embrace kindness and respect, not just during the holiday season, but every day. Respect is key. Remember the teaching staff, and I use this term in the widest possible sense. The easiest thing is to turn a blind eye when wrong-doing happens. Discipline is difficult for teachers but it is a hallmark of caring.

As we head into the Christmas break, let us all carry forward the message of goodwill. May this season bring peace and joy to you and your families, and may we return in the new year with renewed strength, hope, and a commitment to fostering a community of respect and kindness.

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

## Just the way you are in these arms

*By Craig Saliba Yr 11Y*

At dawn's first glow on Birgu's bay,  
Your walls rise strong, a beacon's sway.  
Golden stone against the blue,  
Oh, St. Edward's, how you shine  
through.

Your arches hold a timeless grace,  
History whispers in your embrace.  
Each corner tells of dreams and fight,  
A place where hearts are set alight.

When I see your towers standing high,  
I wouldn't alter a thing  
Because you are wonderful  
Just the way you're made.

And standing here beneath the stars,  
I know I love you, near or far.  
You're perfect, and I'll never part,  
Just the way you are in these arms.

The laughter echoes in the halls,  
Your charm intact through time's great  
calls.  
Your bells ring loud, so clear, so sweet,  
They play a song that makes me weak.

And when they chime,  
The whole globe pauses and appreciates  
you for a while,  
Because you are wonderful,  
Just the way you are.

Oh, your spires touch the heavens  
above,  
And Birgu watches you with love.  
In your classrooms, where dreams take  
flight,  
You fill our days with hope and light.

Through every street that leads to your  
gate,  
You stand so proud, a twist of fate.  
Forever you'll be my lucky charm—  
Just the way you are in these arms.

The way your walls seem to hold the  
past,  
A timeless haven meant to last.  
And though the years may come and go,  
Your spirit's something we'll always  
know.

And when I see the sunlight kiss  
your stone,  
I know that you're perfect on your  
own.  
Your beauty steals my breath away,  
Your glow turns every night to day.

So don't change, not a single stone,  
You're our pride, our cornerstone.  
St. Edward's, in your steadfast frame,  
You'll always stay our proud domain.

If I could hold you in these arms to-  
night,  
Through storms and seas, I'd keep  
you tight.  
Oh, St. Edward's, standing tall,  
You've seen the rise and you've felt  
the fall.

Just the way you are in these arms,  
Through fire and storms, I'll shield  
you from harm.  
No power on Earth could take you  
away,  
Forever in these arms, you'll stay.

In your shadow, warriors stood,  
Through times of trial, you under-  
stood.  
You've weathered storms, you've  
faced the test,  
In these arms, you'll find your rest.

I'd lie for you, and I'd die for you,  
I'd steal the sun from the sky for  
you.  
Words can't say what love can do,  
I'll be there in these arms for you.

The laughter of children in the air,  
The echoes of history everywhere.  
Through every hall, through every  
stone,  
Your story stands as Malta's own.

Just the way you are in these arms,  
I'll carry your legacy, guard your  
charm.  
With every heartbeat, I'll remain true,  
Holding my love for St. Edward's  
too.

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## The journey of an entrepreneur

By Tracey Bonnici

Year 11 Business Studies students this month welcomed **Zach Ciappara**, founder and CEO of **FreeHour**, Malta's popular student app. The session provided an engaging and insightful look into the journey of a young entrepreneur, connecting classroom theory with real-world application.

Zach began by sharing the story of how he started FreeHour, explaining how he turned a simple idea into a widely-used platform that now benefits thousands of students. He emphasized the importance of identifying market gaps and having the confidence to pursue a vision, even when facing challenges or skepticism.

One of the key takeaways from Zach's talk was his explanation of how **Business Studies can be incredibly useful** for young entrepreneurs. He shared how his knowledge of business principles helped him create a solid business plan, manage finances effectively, and pitch confidently to investors. Zach highlighted that understanding these concepts early on not only provides clarity but also ensures that others, especially potential investors, take young entrepreneurs seriously.

The students found Zach's candid discussion about the challenges he faced—such as balancing risks and gaining credibility at a young age—both relatable and inspiring. He encour-

aged them to view failure as a stepping stone to success and to use their business knowledge to build strong foundations for their ideas.

The session concluded with students engaging in a lively Q&A, asking about topics ranging from networking to marketing strategies. Zach's practical advice and motivating words left the students feeling inspired to think creatively and explore their own entrepreneurial potential.

This visit was a highlight of the term, showing students the real-world value of the concepts they study in Business Studies and inspiring them to apply their knowledge in meaningful ways.



## He that plants trees...

By Irene Attard

...loves others besides himself. The great Reformist Preacher and authoritative historian Thomas Fullham could not have coined it better. In the past weeks, St. Edward's College was the grateful recipient of a number of trees and plants which were used to refresh the Boarding Terrace. The initiative was taken by Mr. Ben Youngblood, father of one of our boarders, whose generous donation in the boarding area has enhanced the terrace with a stunning olive tree, a palm tree, a variety of plants, and a beautifully crafted bench.

This thoughtful contribution has transformed the terrace into an even more inviting and serene space, allowing our boarders to relax and enjoy the breathtaking views over the historic Three Cities. The natural beauty of the olive tree, complemented by the vibrant plants, has brought life and charm to the area. The bench offers a perfect spot for reflection, conversation, or simply taking in the surroundings.

On behalf of the entire St. Edward's community, we thank Mr. Ben Youngblood for his generosity and dedication to making the boarding experience truly special. His kindness has created a space that our boarders will cherish for years to come.



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## A joyful Christmas Extravaganza

By Samantha Abela

**O**n the 6th of December, the Middle School students brought the festive season to life with their highly anticipated Christmas Extravaganza. This event, conceived and organized by the students during their Friday afternoon sessions, showcased their creativity, teamwork, and festive spirit. It was not just an afternoon of joy but also a heartwarming effort to raise funds for Dar Bjorn, a cause close to the school community.

The idea for the Christmas Extravaganza began with brainstorming sessions where the students aimed to create a space for families, friends, and their younger peers in Year 6 to experience the magic of Christmas together. They envisioned a fun-filled event with music, games, food, and entertainment while fostering connections with Year 6 students who will soon transition to Middle School. In the weeks leading up to the event, the students worked tirelessly to design, plan, and execute their vision. Every detail, from activity planning to spatial layout, was student-driven. One notable feature was the Christmas Pinball, an ingenious game constructed entirely from recyclable materials by a creative group of students.

The Extravaganza boasted a variety of attractions that kept everyone entertained. Matthew Barbara and Oscar Serracino Inglott charmed the audience with their renditions of popular Christmas carols on piano and violin, while Jake Licari kept the crowd energized as the event's DJ, spinning Christmas hits. Deian hosted a lively Christmas Quiz, testing visitors' holiday knowledge, while the Gardening Club (Jan, Gregory, Andreas, Sloan, Matthias.S) with help from Matthias C., Matthias A., and Christian, organized a Crafts and Plants Sale featuring beautiful handmade items and plants. The food court was a highlight, offering gingerbread men, cookies, Swedish bread, pancakes, coconut balls, brownies, and more—all made with the generous support of parents who contributed to the event's culinary delights. There was simply too much to mention! The empty trays and containers were a testimony to how delicious everything was!

Adding to the excitement, Thomas and George intrigued visitors with festive-themed experiments at the Christmas Science Corner, while Gabriels and Gabriel captivated the audience with their enchanting magic tricks. A series of engaging games were also coordinated by Matthias C., ensuring there was something for everyone. The photobooth, featuring Mr. Spiteri as St. Edward's very own Father Christmas, was a favorite among attendees, providing a fun spot for capturing memories. Paul A. served as the event's official photographer, skilfully documenting the day to preserve these cherished moments.

The Christmas Extravaganza wasn't just a celebration; it was a testament to the power of collaboration. Teachers, parents, and students came together to create a memorable afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and holiday cheer. In addition to providing entertainment, the event achieved its goal of raising funds for Dar Bjorn, a meaningful cause that supports individuals with ALS and other neurological conditions. The Christmas Extravaganza was a resounding success, bringing the school community closer together and spreading festive joy. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the Middle School students who worked hard to make this event possible. Their creativity, dedication, and teamwork brought the magic of Christmas to life in a way that will be remembered for years to come. Here's to more such wonderful events in the future!



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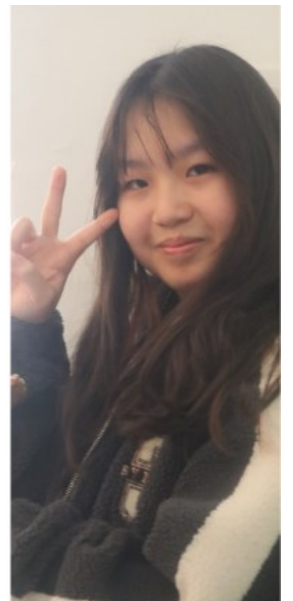




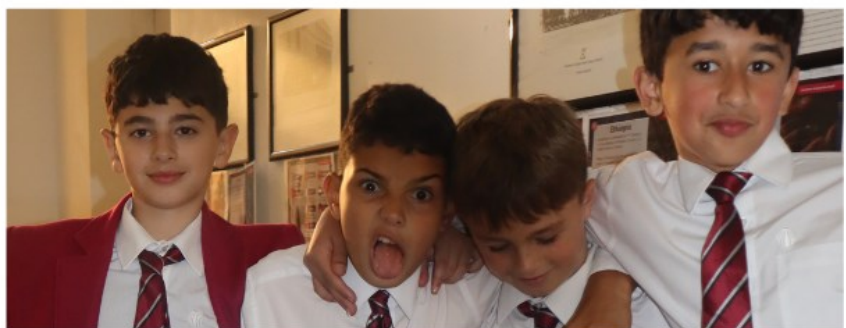
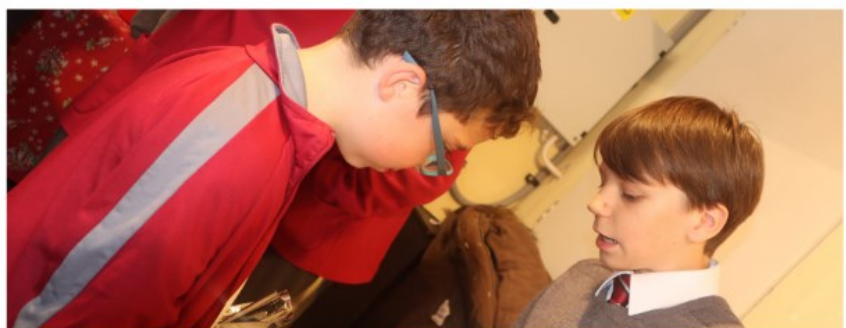
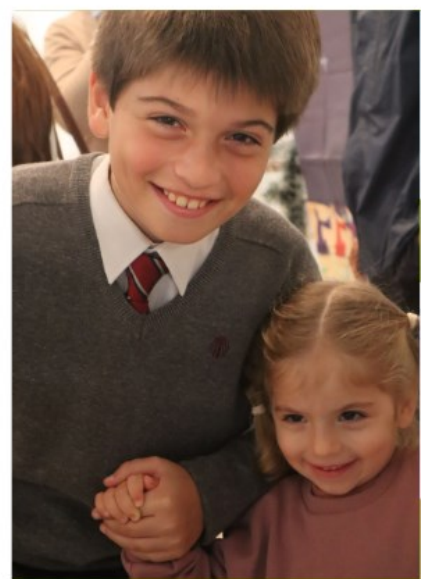
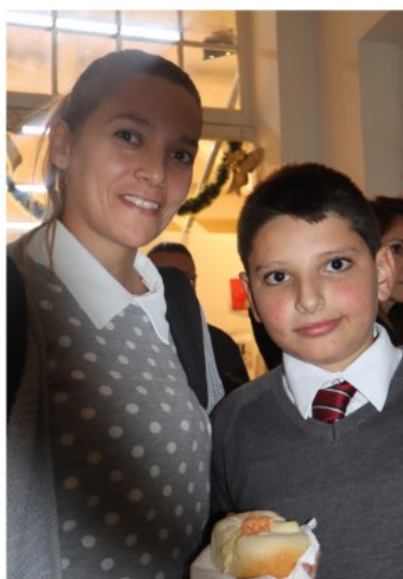
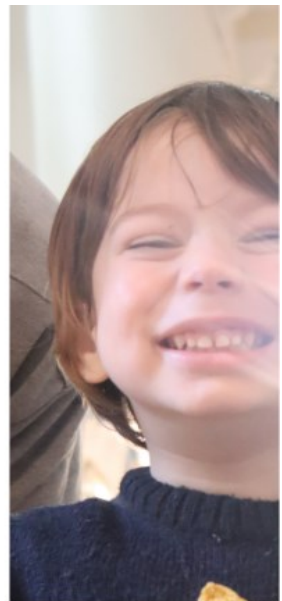














## It's Christmas time!

By Louise Mallia





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And though the years may wear your stone,  
In my arms, you'll never be alone.  
I'd fight for your towers, for your sacred halls,  
For every banner on your walls.

I'd give my life to keep you near,  
To keep your name and history clear.  
In these arms, I'll hold your light,  
Through darkest days and longest nights.

If you should fall, I'll lift you high,  
For your spirit will never die.  
Oh, St. Edward's, my vow is true,  
Forever my heart belongs to you.

Just the way you are in these arms,  
Eternal and steadfast, free from harm.  
Through time, your name will always remain,  
My heart beats for you, again and again.

It's been a long day without your halls,  
And I'll tell you all about it when I walk your walls.  
We've come a long way, through time and tide,  
Oh, St. Edward's, you've been our guide.

As the sun sets on your golden stone,  
The memories rise, I'm not alone.  
You're a part of me, in every way,  
And I'll see you again one day.

Just the way you are in these arms,  
A timeless bond, no time can harm.  
From Birgu's heart to history's page,  
Your spirit lives in every age.

The halls we roamed, the friends we made,  
The dreams we built, the roles we played.  
Though the journey took us far apart,  
You're the foundation of my heart.

How could we not talk about family,  
When family's all we got?  
You're the place where we began,  
And you'll remain, no matter the plan.

Through every lesson, through every song,  
You've taught us how to be strong.  
No matter where the road will lead,  
Your love is all we'll ever need.

Oh, just the way you are in these arms,  
A sanctuary, free from harm.  
Through every farewell, through every tear,  
You're the place that keeps us near.

So let the gates of Edward's stand tall,  
A home for all who hear the call.  
And when the winds of life grow thin,  
I'll find my way back to you again.

First you taught us how to walk, then run,  
Now it's time to carry what you've begun.  
In every word, in every deed,  
You've given us all the tools we need.

It's not goodbye, it's 'see you again,'  
When the memories call, I'll be back then.  
To the classrooms, the courtyards, the golden glow,  
To the place where every dream could grow.

As we cross new roads and climb new heights,  
You'll be our compass, our guiding light.  
Though we're apart, our hearts align,  
St. Edward's, forever mine.

Just the way you are in these arms,  
A flame eternal, your name disarms.  
And when the world feels too far away,  
You'll bring me back to yesterday.

It's been a long day without your halls,  
But I'll tell you all about it when I walk your walls.  
We've come a long way, through time and tide,  
Oh, St. Edward's, you've been our guide.



## Shark Tank style

By Tracey Bonnici

For the last lesson of the term, Year 10 students participated in a Shark Tank-inspired activity. In groups, they brainstormed innovative business ideas, planned funding strategies, identified target customers, and prepared pitches. They then presented their ideas to their classmates, who acted as investors by allocating budgets to the projects they found most promising.

To enhance their preparation, students were allowed to use their devices to conduct research and refine their ideas. The activity was not only engaging but also a great way to develop teamwork, creativity, and entrepreneurial skills. The energy which this event generated was incredible. The lesson, even if it transcended that very mundane description, was a real-life experience and brought out not only the creative traits in the students but also their innate competitive spirit.



## A true Yuletide feast

It was a true Yuletide spread which the College Canteen run by Thomas Franks Ltd served on the last day of proper classes (the last day is 'party day' so that's different). We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional work done by our canteen staff. The meals they prepare are not only nourishing but also full of flavor and creativity. Every day, they serve fresh, healthy options with a smile, making sure that each student feels satisfied and energized. Whether it's a hearty lunch, a tasty snack, or a special treat, the quality of the food is always top-notch. The canteen staff go above and beyond to cater to different tastes and dietary needs, ensuring everyone has something delicious to enjoy. Their dedication and care are evident in every dish they serve, creating a welcoming atmosphere where students gather to enjoy their meals. We are incredibly grateful for the canteen team's hard work and commitment to providing such wonderful food, and we look forward to many more delicious meals in the future.

Just look at the pictures and read the comments:



“ The queue was huge! ”

“ The food was amazing and the service was very fast. ”

“ The owners were also there today ! ”

“ They catered for various dietary needs too ”



“ It was a true Christmas Spread, very warm and hearty! ”

“ This Christmas feast tastes like pure holiday magic on a plate! ”



“ This Christmas dinner is so good, it should be a holiday tradition at the canteen! ”

“ This Christmas feast tastes like pure holiday magic on a plate! ”

“ It's like unwrapping joy with every bite! ”

“ The canteen's Christmas meal is the perfect way to spread holiday warmth—can't wait for next year's feast! ”





## ELF ON A SHELF



### Auf Wiedersehen, Fräulein Anna

Ms Anna Engelhardt has chosen St Edward's College for her internship as part of her studies in Bachelor of English and Pedagogy at the University of Munster in Germany. Ms Anna attended various classes in both English and Maths and was of great support to students and teachers alike. Ms Anna was with us from September till December and she will now be returning to her homeland.

We wish her every success in her studies!





*Thank You and Merry Christmas*



Learning support educators play a pivotal role in shaping the educational experience for students with diverse needs. Their dedication, patience, and expertise create inclusive environments where all learners can thrive. They provide tailored support, adapt teaching strategies, and empower students to overcome challenges, fostering confidence and resilience. By building strong, trusting relationships, they inspire personal growth and academic success. Their work is often carried out on the quiet but is crucial in helping students unlock their full potential. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment to creating equitable learning opportunities and making a lasting impact on countless lives.



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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.

