

St Augustine's RC High School

Newsletter
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Dear Families,

Firstly I would like to thank all families in our community for the ongoing support that you are offering the children in their education. We realise the enormous stresses that home education puts onto families and continue to be impressed by the excellent efforts and work being completed by the vast majority of our pupils. I would also like to thank the numerous families who have sent in messages of support and thanks to staff for the work that they are doing—we really appreciate your feedback.

From 22nd June we have welcomed back Year 10 pupils who are following a timetable of three 90 minute lessons in the one day per week they are in school; these lessons are in core and option subjects up until the end of term. Next week (week beginning 6th July) Year 10 pupils will be following their Option C subjects as well as lessons in Maths and Religious Education. Confirmation of the days for options up to the end of term can be found on page 4. Pupils are reminded to bring calculators into school as we are not able to lend equipment out. Details of the [options choices in each block](#) are on the school website for those who cannot remember them. The return of larger numbers of pupils has been a joy with Year 10 pupils delighted to be back in class, enjoying the company of their teachers and each other. We hope for the safe return of more pupils as soon as possible.

School continues to be open for growing numbers of children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils. Families who wish to be considered for a place under this scheme should complete the online form or contact school directly to check eligibility and request a place (info@sarchs.com). Please complete the [online form](#) if you wish to request a place and a member of staff will contact you with the arrangements for joining. A reminder that Year 10 pupils are not able to be in the Key Worker group as well as attending in the “class bubbles”. Thursday 16th July will be the last day of term for pupils with Friday 17th July set aside for preparation for September, with no work being set on the Friday.

Year 6 pupils who are joining us in September can watch the [Welcome Mass video](#) which is now available and we will shortly be releasing another video including the information that would have been given at the New Intake Evening. We await the results of the admissions appeal hearings that are currently underway before we issue information about form groups for next year. There is a wealth of information on the school website under the [Transition tab](#) for prospective pupils and families, including the [virtual tour of the school](#).

As well as our welcome to Year 6, we also say farewell to Year 11 who have officially now left school. The Leavers' Mass for Year 11 along with some memories of their 5 years with us can be found [here](#). Overleaf there is more information regarding GCSE results day and the next steps in terms of education, employment or training.

Over the coming days and weeks we will be finding out more about the arrangements for the return of all pupils in September, including rules on social distancing, transport arrangements (especially around school buses), government funding for individual support programmes and, not least, the nature of assessment for our current Year 10 pupils in their GCSEs next year. We will let you know any implications for pupils and families as soon as we can. In the meantime I wish you all well.

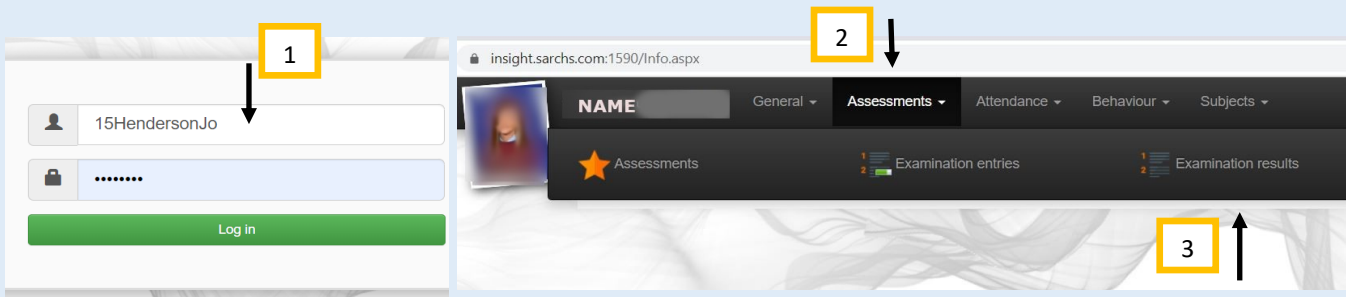
With Best Wishes, Mr. Wright

Information for Year 11

GCSE Results

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 20th August. Due to the demands of social distancing that are currently in place and to minimise risk for pupils, families and staff we have taken the decision to issue GCSE results online, and not distribute paper documents at school. We are using Insight to distribute Year 11 results. Families have had access to Insight since pupils started school but we have now given Year 11 pupils their own access. Pupils can log in to the site using their school username e.g. 15HendersonJo (for Jordan Henderson) and the usual school password—the same password is used for email accounts. Year 11 pupils can [access the site directly](#) to check they can log in and are strongly advised to do so. Please telephone 01254 823362 if you have forgotten your password and the IT technicians will issue a new one.

To access your results you will need to log into your account, click *Assessments* then *Examination Results*. If you are not able to access your results this way by 11am on 20th August you should email info@sarchs.com and request an email copy of your results. You can check your account now but no results will be visible until 20th August. A paper copy will be posted on Thursday 20th August—the earliest we are allowed to post.



Leavers' Do

We were all disappointed not to be able to celebrate the departure of Year 11 in the usual way at our Leavers' Do. While there is still a great deal of uncertainty around social events at present, we do intend to hold some form of party as soon as we are allowed to do so. This may be a very different event to previous years but we will announce more information as soon as we can.

Book Returns and Lockers

Text books are a vital resource for school and our pupils rely on having them to complete their GCSE examinations. It is therefore essential that pupils return any text books to the school. The cost of books is increasing every year and it will not be possible for St Augustine's to purchase new books, especially given the current financial situation. Please place all text books into a plastic carrier bag along with a note clearly stating the pupil's name and form. When you enter the main school reception area you will be directed to the front office where the books should be left (in the bag) on the table.

Any pupils who have personal items still in school, including in lockers, should contact reception on 01254 823362 to arrange a time to collect items.



Next Steps in Education, Employment or Training

We are grateful to Lancashire County Council and our local post-16 providers who have outlined the support available for Year 11 pupils as they approach their new courses in September. The details have been sent to pupils and families and a [copy of the document](#) can be found on our website.

Uniform Supplies

Our suppliers' shops are now open with social distancing rules to protect staff and customers. School uniform can still be ordered online and details of how the stores are dealing with the current situation can be found on their websites.

Gray's (Blackburn, Clitheroe) <https://graysschoolwear.co.uk/>
Leavers' Hoodies are available for collection from the Blackburn store.

Ribble Valley Supplies (Clitheroe) <https://rvsschoolwear.co.uk/>
Year 11 jumpers can be ordered from the store.

Whittaker's (Blackburn) <https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/contact/>

New Pupil Leadership Team

In recent weeks staff at school have been looking ahead to next year and considering which pupils would be suitable to take on leadership roles within the school. This has included online training of prefects, allocation of senior prefect duties and most recently a vote by pupils and staff to consider which pupils should form part of next year's Pupil Leadership Team.

We are therefore delighted to announce the new Pupil Leadership Team for 2020/21. This team will fulfil an important role within the school, representing the voice and views of the pupil body as well as representing the school in a number of public events. Congratulations to Head Girl and Head Boy, Rosanna Hall and Leo Peat, to the new joint Heads of Student Council, Joseph Bond and Daisy Dixon, and to Deputy Head Girls and Boys, Martyn Fletcher, Benjamin Maher, Emily Murrell, Avalon Noblett, Jacob Reddy and Charlotte Wright.



Congratulations to Leo, Rosanna, Daisy, Joseph, Martyn, Emily, Avalon, Benji, Jacob and Charlotte (and apologies for some old photographs!)

We are also encouraging Year 10 pupils to train as Mentors for our new Year 7 pupils in September with Mrs Boulton issuing a training video this week.

Relationships and Sex Education

As we prepare for the introduction of the new statutory RSE and health education curriculum in September, supporting parents in their role as their children’s primary educators, we would like to hear any views you may have on our new policy. The document and consultation form can be found on our website; <https://www.sarchs.com/parents/policies> . The documents include an overview of the PSHE curriculum which includes Relationships and Sex Education along with Physical Health and Wellbeing, Online Safety, the Role of the Media, and Citizenship Education. Pupils will receive specific PSHE lessons in Key Stage 3 with some of the content delivered through other subjects.

Year 10

Confirmed days and dates for Option C and Option A, up to the end of term.

Pupils are reminded of the need to follow all of the new routines for entry to school, hand washing, movement around school and social distancing measures.

The video instructions can be viewed here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGt7rd7wvgQ&feature=youtu.be>

When collecting by car, please arrange a pick up point in advance to reduce the opportunity for children to be wandering around. Sharing of lifts should not be arranged.

Week 3 6 th —10 th July	Option C Classes Plus Maths and RE
Monday 6 th July	Art Health and Social Care
Tuesday 7 th July	Design Technology Food French I-Media
Wednesday 8 th July	Geography History
Thursday 9 th July	Music Sport Systems and Control
Friday 10 th July	<i>Catch Up</i>
Week 4 13 th —16 th July	Option A Classes Plus Science and English
Monday 13 th July	Computer Science Drama French
Tuesday 14 th July	Geography German Physics
Wednesday 15 th July	History
Thursday 16 th July	ASDAN Spanish I-Media
Friday 17 th July	<i>Staff Preparation Day</i>

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