

St Augustine's RC High School

Newsletter
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Dear families,

Please find below details of a few changes that will be taking place in school over the coming weeks.

Face Coverings

You may be aware from the news that from Monday 17th May, as part of Step 3 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown, that secondary school pupils will no longer be required to wear face coverings in classrooms, nor in other indoor communal areas. However, face coverings are still required on public buses and dedicated school transport services. We are grateful to families for the excellent support we have had in adopting this measure over recent months and would like to congratulate our pupils who have been superb in the manner in which they have adapted to this, and other changes to school life. Pupils who wish to continue to wear a mask will be allowed to so.

Catering

From Monday 17th May we are also starting to open up our catering facilities to provide a hot meal service in the school canteen. We are prioritising Year 11 until half term and will arrange a rota system for other year groups from Monday 7th June. The grab bag system for pre-ordered lunches will remain in place for all year groups and the hot lunch system will return to the “old” queuing system with food served on a first-come-first-served basis (i.e. hot food will not be available for pre-ordering).

Arrangements for Year 11

Year 11 pupils are now in the process of completing their final “Checkpoint 3” assessments, some in class and some in the school gym. We are delighted that Father Leo has agreed to celebrate the final Leavers’ Mass with us on the afternoon of Thursday 27th May and while we are not able to invite families to attend, the event will be live-streamed so that you can be a part of the celebration—joining details to follow. This will be the last day of school for the full year group, with some additional sessions for practical assessments in certain subjects in the week beginning 7th June. Pupils have been sent links to online opportunities to prepare for study or training from June onwards and we will forward details of the face to face induction days planned by a number of local colleges as soon as these are confirmed. Results day is Thursday 12th August and we expect that results will be issued online, as last year—details will follow.

Prefects

Congratulations to the large number of Year 10 pupils who have put themselves forward and been selected as prefects. Training will take place on Tuesday 18th May with duties beginning once this has been completed. As always, we are very grateful for the excellent support that prefects provide in the smooth running of the school.

Trips

Government guidance now states that foreign residential trips are not allowed until September 5th at the earliest. We are now endeavouring to secure refunds from the travel companies for the Le Touquet and Paris trips and hope to be able to return all monies paid in full as soon as possible. The Isle of Arran trip and Duke of Edinburgh expedition are due to go ahead as planned.

Upcoming Parents’ Evenings

Year 7 - Thu. 20th May; **Year 8** - Thu. 10th June (3.45—7.15pm, online appointments via School Cloud)