



St Augustine's RC High School Newsletter 2023/24 – Issue 6

Dear families,

We have successfully started our busy Spring Term and I would like to thank all staff, pupils and families as always for their support. There are a number of upcoming events that I would like to highlight. We have our Year 9 Progress Evening before half term, followed by our Year 7 Progress Evening after we come back to school. Just before half term, we are also looking forward to Children's Mental Health Week and our Book Fair, which will take place in school from the 31st January until the 7th February.

We have had a wonderful but very busy start to 2024, with our whole school Careers Week taking place. I would like to thank all the visitors, guests and further education providers – who came into school to share their knowledge and expertise with our pupils. Hopefully this has encouraged our learners to think about the next steps they may go on to take in the future!

We have also recently had our Year 11 Progress Evening, which went very well, with high levels of attendance and I would like to thank all families who attended for their support. We hope you found this useful in this busy final few months for our Year 11 pupils.

There are messages on attendance, punctuality and uniform within this newsletter, please take the time to read this and we thank you for your continued support of the school; good attendance is a vital ingredient in your child's education.

Have a restful weekend,

Mr. Wright – Executive Headteacher

Key Dates

W/C 29th January – Book Fair

Thursday 1st February – Year 9 Progress Evening

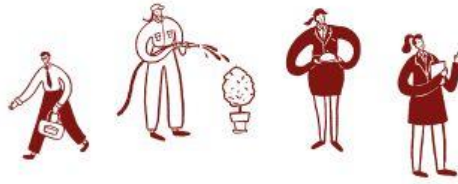
W/C 5th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 7th February – BRAG event for year 9 and 10

W/C 12th February – Half Term

Monday 19th February – School re-opens

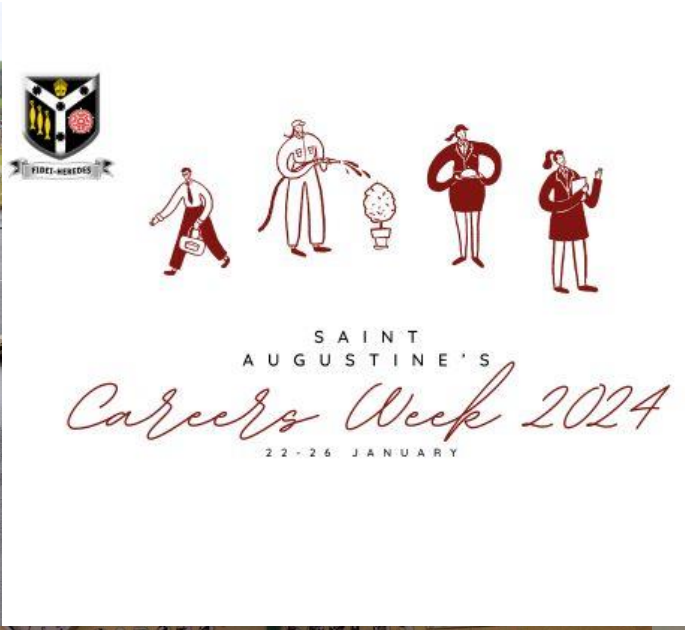
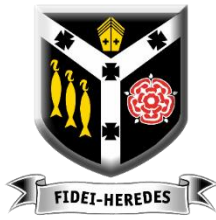
Thursday 22nd February – Year 7 Progress Evening



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AUGUSTINE'S
Careers Week 2024
22-26 JANUARY

What a week! Our annual Careers Week has certainly been insightful for both pupils and staff. The week has been jam packed with industry visitors and post-16 providers and pupils have really enjoyed the activities and talks presented to them. Thank you so much to all those that have given up their time to support such a worthwhile endeavour. We hope to see everyone again for next year's Careers Week!





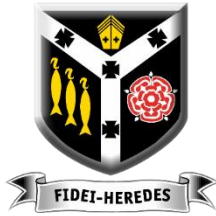
Application Requirements

Assistant Officer (Apprenticeship) Roles:
 18 years of age
 2 GCSEs grades A-D in Maths and English
 CTC security vetting

Executive Officer Roles:
 18 years of age
 2 A Levels
 CTC security vetting

Submit an application (or sign up to regular job alerts) via <https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk>
 Border Force





Hamilton!

Selected pupils were lucky enough to visit Manchester Palace Theatre recently to watch the musical, Hamilton. What an incredible show it was!

The Hamilton musical is the winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 7 Olivier Awards, the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album. This is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and helped shape the very foundations of the America we know today.

Pupils loved the musical score and found the story really interesting. 5-star reviews from everyone!



Every School Day Counts



100% Attendance

In school there is a clear link between attendance and success. Excellent attendance and punctuality are essential for thorough exam and assessment preparation. Pupils with excellent attendance and punctuality are more likely to achieve or beat their targets at GCSE than those whose attendance is a cause for concern. Our best results correspond with our highest attendance levels. This is why our attendance target of 100% is so important.

To encourage our pupils, and create some healthy competition, we now have an attendance competition each week. Every pupil that has 100% attendance for the week will be put into their year group draw, with a voucher up for grabs, but you will need to be in the following week to collect your prize during your year group assembly. Pupils are absolutely loving this incentive and attendance has been great so far this academic year, we thank parents and carers for their support with such an important matter.

5 days absence over the whole year

97% - 100%

Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year

90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

20+ days absence over the whole year

Under 90%

Detrimental to success and progress

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(figures below are calculated over a school year)

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!
- 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!
- 20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost!
- 30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Lateness

Pupils not arriving to lessons on time will be issued with a behaviour point and a blue slip (similar to the green slip). For those pupils persistently late to lessons, there will be further sanctions issued.



Elker Meadows Parking Request

Please be mindful when parking around school, to avoid parking on Elker Meadows as this is a private road, school and residents politely ask that you refrain from using this when visiting us.

Also, we understand that around school can be heavily congested during drop off and pick up times, always park responsibly, and think of the safety of our pupils and staff.

Sporting Achievements

- This week, our Y7 Boys competed in the U12s Lancashire Schools Rugby festival at Preston Grasshoppers - our boys were unbeaten in 4 games against some strong schools in tough conditions - a magnificent effort.
- This week saw our Y8 Dodgeball teams taking on the other Ribble Schools in a Glow Dodgeball festival at Ribblesdale. Our girls were fantastic and the boys won the Honesty award. Very proud of these pupils and what a great event.
- Well done to all of our swimmers who represented school at the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Swimming Gala yesterday at Accrington Academy. Great to see some pupils become District champions in their individual races!
- Year 7 pupil, Antonio flew to Slovakia to play ice hockey for England. We are with you every step of the way and will keep you all informed on his progress. Go for Gold Antonio!





Computer Science Skills

Mr McManus gave his Computer Science classes a special home learning task, where pupils were asked to choose a project to create to showcase their skills. Year 11 students Oliver and Caleb decided to use a Raspberry Pi to create an excellent physical demonstration of their games. Well done to both!



Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5th to 11th February 2024, with the theme of My Voice Matters. It was set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Here at SARCHS we look after and want our pupils to look after themselves and others every week, but this week gives us a chance to talk in even more detail about this.

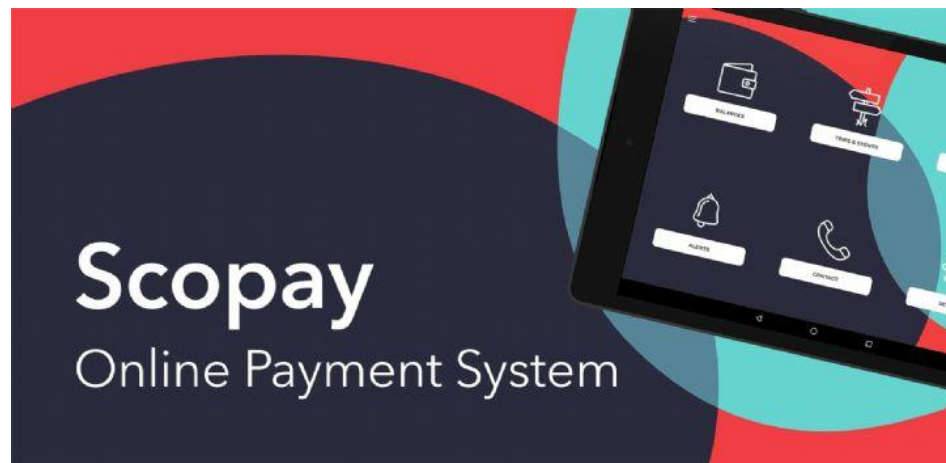


School Meal Payments

Please be mindful that our catering areas are cashless.

Dinner money can be pre-loaded to your child's account via the online system, Scopay.

If you are experiencing any issues with Scopay, please contact the school and we will help to get you set up.



School Uniform

Looking clean, decent and well-groomed influences how others treat us and gives us a head start in life. We are pleased that our pupils are regularly complimented on their appearance. Our rules on uniform and appearance have evolved over time and are strongly influenced by the feedback we get from parents who set high standards at home and like to see these being reinforced at school. They want their children to go to school dressed in an appropriate way and they support our emphasis on respect for the dignity of young people. In turn, we value the strong backing we get from parents over uniform matters.

Our uniform is compulsory and must be worn correctly by all pupils at all times in school. Every child admitted to the school has been given a place on the clear understanding that their parents or carers accept and comply with our policies.



Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Targeted Youth Support

SNAP

**An Opportunity for Young People with
Additional Needs to Learn, Grow, and Have
Fun Together**

**Mondays- 6:45pm till 8:45pm Ages 12-16
Wednesday 6:45pm till 8:45pm Ages 17-25**

At New Era Accrington



Club News

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY	Yr 9	CREATE Education	12:35-13:10	TE2
	All years	Shrek: The Musical rehearsals	15:15-16:30	Hall
	Yr 9	Create Education 3D	12:35-13:10	TE2
	Yr 10/11	Computer Science club	Lunch	Room 18
	Yr11	Chemistry study (separate science only)	15.15-16.00	Lab 1
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
TUESDAY	All years	Band	12.20	Music 1
	Yr 7	Science Club	12.20	Lab 7
	All Years	Chess Club	12.45-13.10	Room 19
	All years	Shrek: The Musical rehearsals	15:15-16:30	Hall
	Yr 10/11	Engineering Systems	12:45-13:10	TE2
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DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
WEDNESDAY	All Years	Duolingo Club	12:20-12:50	Room 15
	Yr 7/8	Laser / 3d Design & Make	12:35-13:10	TE2
	All Years	Book Club	12.20-13.15	Library
	All Years	Calligraphy Club	12.30-13.10	Rm 33
	Yr 10/11	GCSE Drama drop in	15.15-16.15	Drama
	Yr 7-9	D&T Create Club	15:15-16:15	TE1
	Yr11	Engineering Systems	15:15-16:15	TE2
	Yr11	D&T Coursework	12:35-13:10	TCOM
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
THURSDAY	All Years	Show choir	12.20	Music 1
	All Years	SARCHS singers	15.15-16.15	Music 1
	All years	Craft Club	12.45	LS Green Rm
	All years	Fun Writing Club	12.20	Room 7
	All Years	Art Space	12.30 - 13.10	Rm 33
	All years	Shrek: The Musical rehearsals	15.15-16.30	Hall
	Yr11	Engineering Systems	12.20-12.45	TE2
	Yr10/11	D&T projects workshop	15.15-16.15	TE1
	Yr11	English Revision and support	15.15-16.15	Room 10
	Yr11	Food & Nutrition A1/A2 write ups	15.15	Food 2
	All years	After School Study Club	15.15-15.45	Room 20

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FRIDAY	Yr 9	CREATE Education	12:35-13:10	TE2
	Yr10/11	GCSE catch up Graphics/Art	12.55-13.20	Art2
	Yr11	D&T Coursework	12:50-13:20	TCOM

Useful Resources and Support

Useful Online Safety Websites

National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on-line.
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Useful contacts to report a concern

If you are worried and need help, then please contact one of the following:

Tel: 0800 1111

www.ceop.police.uk

Web:

www.childline.co.uk

childline



Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community which includes a live chat with the team feature, discussion boards, magazines and helpful articles and a daily journal.



Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person. Call 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967 (opening hours: 9.00am – 12.00am, 365 days a year)



Samaritans are here to listen 24/7, 365 days a year. Call 116 123 for support

Online Resources

There are apps available, such as 'Calm Harm' and 'Clear Fear' that you can download to your mobile, or if you have a tablet. These can provide useful distraction techniques for managing anxiety and thoughts of self-harm.

Useful Contacts

- The Mental Health Crisis Line in Lancashire are available 24/7 over the phone and can be contacted on 0800 953 0110
- The Well-Being Helpline is available Monday – Friday, 7.00pm – 11.00pm plus Saturday & Sunday 12.00pm – 12.00am, it is staffed by volunteers who can offer emotional support or if you would like to chat about your mental health. This helpline can be reached on 0800 915 4640 or by texting the word 'Hello@' to 07860 022846
- Hopeline UK is a young person's suicide prevention charity. They can be called on 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967
- www.youngminds.org.uk Information for children and young people about mental health and wellbeing. Free 24/7 crisis messenger – text YM to 85258
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/> advice and practical tips to help look after your mental health and wellbeing.
- www.itsgoodtotalk.org.uk Listings of local counsellors
- www.themix.org.uk The Mix's Crisis Messenger text service is available 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you're in crisis and need to talk, text THEMIX to 85258 Helpline: 0800 808 4994
- www.thecalmzone.net Support for young men who are down or in a crisis. Helpline 0800585858
- <http://www.centreplace.org.uk/talkzone.htm> counselling, live chat on-line or telephone
- www.the-lookout.org.uk Support around domestic abuse for young people and families, run by Children & Family Wellbeing service.
- www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-young-people Information and support for mental health and wellbeing issues.
- <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk> - Helping gender-diverse kids, young people and their families