



St Augustine's RC High School

Dear families,

As we reach the end of October, it is time to reflect on our first half term this school year.

Our Year 7 pupils are no longer quite so new and are starting to feel like "part of the furniture". Meanwhile, our Year 11 pupils are well underway with preparing for the next few months, with large numbers attending revision classes and lots of excitement about post-16 open evenings as pupils consider what they might be doing this time next year. We have included the Mock Exam timetable in the newsletter; the exams commence with Art and Graphics on Friday 3rd November. We wish Year 11 luck and urge them to remember that hard work always pays off.

All pupils are now well versed in Bonfire Night and firework safety following the excellent 'Bright Sparx' assemblies that Lancashire Fire and Rescue kindly delivered. Further information on this has been posted on the school social media channels. Please remember – *Be Safe, Not Sorry* and always follow the firework code.

The sponsored walk was a huge success and families have raised £10,200 for the school. A huge thank you for your continued support – the funds will be used to support the rewards scheme in school as well as the minibus fund.

When we return after the half-term break on Monday 30th October, all pupils in Years 7 to 10 must wear their v-neck maroon jumper as part of the school uniform. With the cold weather imminent, the addition of the jumpers will ensure pupils keep warm around the school.

We wish you all a peaceful half term,

Mr M Wright – Executive Headteacher

Key Dates

- Monday 30th October – School Opens after Half Term
- Wednesday 1st November – Year 11 Trip to see Blood Brothers (not all pupils)
- Monday 6th – Friday 17th November – Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight
- Friday 10th November – School Remembrance Service
- W/c 13th November – Anti Bullying Week
- Thursday 23rd November – Year 8 Drama Trip to Shakespeare Playhouse North (not all pupils)
- Thursday 23rd November, 3.00pm – Dance Festival at Burnley Mechanics
- Thursday 23rd November, 7.00pm – Celebration Evening
- Monday 27th November – Year 11 Mock Interviews
- Tuesday 12th December – Carol Service
- Wednesday 13th December – Visit to see Shrek (various year groups)
- Thursday 14th December – Senior Citizens' Party
- Friday 22nd December – Year 11 Mock Results
- Friday 22nd December – Early closure for Christmas Break



Future Sporting Superstars!

We are thrilled to share the sporting achievements of two year 9 pupils.

After numerous golf competitions over the Summer, George made it to the final trials for the England Boys Under 18's squad (the youngest in the group) and he has reached the finals of the Junior European Open which will be held in Spain in November. Good luck George and well done with all you have achieved so far!

Huge congratulations to Oliver on his fantastic swimming achievements! He has recently been awarded:

Silver Grade A 100m breaststroke

Silver Grade A 200m freestyle

Bronze Grade A 50 breaststroke

Gold Grade B 100m backstroke

Gold Grade B 50m backstroke

Bronze Grade B 100m freestyle

Bronze Grade B 50 freestyle

Keep up the fantastic work Oliver, can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for you!



RE Debate at Stonyhurst by Lola (Y10)

On Monday 15th of October we had an RE debate against St Bede's at Stonyhurst school. We set off in the morning and when we arrived we saw some familiar faces from our last debate last year which was really nice. We had a quick debate to get us started and then got taken across to the Museum at Stonyhurst. This was such an incredible experience to see some of the many AMAZING historical things like Charles Waterton's work. We had a biscuit break and then had more debates in smaller groups to finish off our great day. Overall, our day was wonderful and we didn't only improve our skills but also learnt so much while having a great time.



Bright Sparx Assemblies

Last week each year group were taught all about Bonfire and Firework safety by Lancashire Fire and Rescue who kindly came into school to deliver assemblies. Pupils now have a good understanding of fire safety and the law. They are all aware that it is illegal for under 18's to buy or possess fireworks.

The message was; Be Safe – Not Sorry and Always Follow the Firework Code!



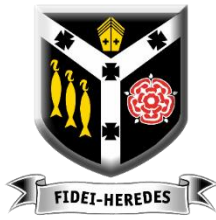
Sponsored Walk 2023

Our annual sponsored walk took place on the 29th September. We have always enjoyed tremendous support from all our families and this year has been no different, we have raised a grand total of £10,200 and we would like to thank families for the kind donations.

The event has historically helped to fund some great projects including minibuses, our "al fresco area" and lighting and sound systems for our stage and hall.

This year's appeal will again support the school in a number of ways which will improve the quality of our recreational and learning environments. The Sponsored Walk also finances some of the rewards given to pupils for effort and achievement.





Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight – Monday 6th – Friday 17th November

It is important that pupils prepare fully for these exams, so they can perform to their full potential. Pupils need to be encouraged to revise regularly at home and attend any revision sessions that have been organised by subject teachers. Year 11 mock exams play an integral part in preparing pupils for their GCSE summer exams and Post 16 Education. Mock exam results can have a big impact on deciding the final pathway in preparing individual pupils for their summer exams including final tiers of entry.

It is important that pupils try their best during this mock examination period so that our teachers can identify pupil's strengths and areas that they need further support with. These exams are important and pupils should revise for each subject thoroughly. Pupils must take each exam seriously and strive to do their best in all subjects.

The exams will take place in the gym under external exam conditions. There will be invigilators supervising the exams and all normal exam procedures will be followed.

Most importantly, good luck!

Our New School Council!

Our School Council is made up of pupils from each year group (7-11), who are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve the school, they have regular meetings to listen to and represent the views of fellow pupils. Being elected to the school council is a good opportunity to learn how to present an argument and bring about change to improve the school.

In the library on October 10th we had the first Pupil Council meeting of this academic year. It was a very well attended meeting with pupils from all year groups taking part to represent their year. They discussed and provided feedback on some key points including the end of year prizes, a child on child abuse policy and the school menu. The next meeting will be early February so please speak to your representatives if you would like a topic discussed.

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 such an important matter.

The PTFA 50/50 Club

The PTFA 50-50 Club has proved to be a big success in terms of raising much needed funds to resource additional incentives and facilities for children at St Augustine's. The club works by friends of the school purchasing numbers at a cost of £1 each. You can buy any amount of numbers from two upwards (minimum £2 per month). These numbers will then be entered into a draw at the end of each month. At present, the first prize is £40, second prize £20 and third prize £15; **prizes will increase as more members join**. The remaining funds then go to the PTFA to fund school initiatives. Draws take place at the start of every month in school. Winners are then contacted and listed on our website and social media accounts. We really need new members to make running the club viable and your support would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in taking part, please use this online form: [50-50 Club Sign Up](#)





Mobile Phone Use in School

Please be mindful that mobile phone use during the school day is not permitted. New guidance from the Department for Education encourages banning mobile phone use throughout the school day, including at break times, to tackle disruptive behaviour and online bullying while boosting attention during lessons. This newest guidance aims to support the wider work the government is doing to raise standards in schools by increasing students' focus and reducing distractions.

If you need to get a message to your child, please do so by contacting the school office who are more than happy to pass important information on. Also, if a pupil needs to contact home, they must get permission from a member of staff to make a call from the school office.

If a pupil is found to be using a phone during the school day, it will be confiscated until the end of the week.

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.

Please be reminded that year 7-10 pupils must wear their burgundy, long-sleeved v-necked pullover when we return to school on Monday 30th October.

Sporting Achievements.

- Awesome performance from our U14 Rugby team who beat Stonyhurst U'14B 24-10 in only their 2nd match together. Superb afternoon in beautiful surroundings.
- Amazing performance yesterday afternoon for our Y8 Football boys who beat St. Bede's on penalties after a 3-3 draw in the English School's FA Cup, Harry got the winner in a rollercoaster shootout that left everyone's nerves shredded!
- Fantastic job by our Cross-Country team yesterday in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley School Sport Partnership Competition yesterday. Results included:
 - 2nd school overall
 - Y7 Boys - 1st
 - Y7 Girls - 1st
 - Y8&9 Boys - 1st
 - 3 Individual winners - Oliver G, Sophia B and Tom F!
- Big congratulations to Jasmine in Y10 who has once again be selected for the Lancashire Girls' cricket squad for the upcoming season!! Excellent achievement

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

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YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE 2023

Date	Time	Exam	Duration	Location
Fri 3rd Nov	All Day	Art Graphics	All Day	Art 1 SBO Art 2 NJO
Mon 6th	P1/2	French / Spanish Listening & Reading	2h	Rms 11,12,13,14 & 15 LSW, MJA
	P3			
	P4/5	RE	1h 45	Gym / Room 18
Tue 7th	P1/2	Biology Combined Science - Biology	1h 45 1h 15	Gym
	P3			
	P4/5	Maths Paper 1 (Non calculator)	1h 30	Gym
Wed 8th	P1/2	English Language	2h	Gym / Rm 16
	P3			
	P4/5	PE Paper 1 Sport Studies	1h 45 1h	Gym
Thu 9th	P1/2	Geography Paper 1	1h 30	Gym
	P3			
	P4/5	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	1h 30	Gym
Fri 10th	P1/2	English Literature	1h	Gym / Room 18
	P3/4	History (Crime & Punishment)	1h 15	Gym
Mon 13th	P1/2	Chemistry Combined Science - Chemistry	1h 45 1h 15	Gym
	P3			
	P4/5	Engineering Programmable Systems	1h 30	Gym
Tue 14th	P1/2	Computer Science	1h 30	Gym
	P3			
	P4/5	History (Anglo Saxon & Norman)	1h	Gym
Wed 15th	P1/2	Physics Combined Science - Physics	1h 45 1h 15	Gym
	P3			
	P4/5	PE Paper 2 Drama Photography	1h 15 1h 30 2h	Gym Art 1 SBO
Thur 16th	P1/2	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	1h 30	Gym
	P3			
	P4/5	Catch ups Design & Technology Practical	2h 2h	Gym Tech 1 MGO
Fri 17th	P1/2	French / Spanish Writing F & H	1h / 1h 15	Gym
	P3/4	Catch ups Photography	2h 2h	Gym Art 1 SBO
Mon 20th	P4/5	Music Food Practical 11C	1h 30 2h	Music 1 THU Food 2 ASA
Wed 22nd	P4/5	Food Practical 11A	2h	Food 2 ASA
Fri 24th	P1/2	Food Practical 11B	2h	Food 2 ASA

Firework Code



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

DO's

&

Don'ts

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

Never throw them

For more information visit:

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx



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
	Yr 10/11	Computer Science club	Lunch	Room 18
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20

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

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
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