



St Augustine's RC High School Newsletter 2023/24 – Issue 4

Dear families,

As we reach the end of November and Advent approaches, there are a number of upcoming events that I would like to highlight. Tickets are now on sale via the school office for our Carol Service on the 12th of December which starts at 7pm. We are also asking for donations of food items (no nuts please) for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party hamper (these can be dropped off at the main office). I would personally like to thank the staff and pupils who have contributed to ensuring these memorable events take place.

It was wonderful to see our Class of 2023 once again when they returned to school to collect their certificates and awards at our Celebration Evening on 23rd November. Our thanks to Ms Nicky Campbell, a former pupil and guest of honour at the Celebration Evening, for an inspirational speech and for handing out the awards. We wish pupils luck with all of their future endeavours.

Year 11 Mock Exams are now completed and results will be published on the 22nd of December. Pupils will be able to get a taste of the actual results day as they collect their grades in the gym in preparation for the actual event. Mock interviews on Monday 27th November will also give them a taste of things to come, with local businesses and post-16 providers offering their valuable time to give pupils an experience of what a real-world interview feels like!

There is a message on attendance and punctuality 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

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





Celebration Evening

Congratulations to all of our leavers who returned to collect their certificates and awards. Our thanks to Nicky Campbell, past pupil and guest of honour at Celebration Evening, for an inspirational speech and for handing out the awards.

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Author Visit for Year 8

On 21st November we welcomed author Tom Palmer to school. He spent the afternoon with year 8, giving a very inspiring talk about how he came to love reading, becoming an author and his reasons behind why he writes the stories he does and his writing process. He then did a Q & A, we were very impressed by the amount of the questions that were put to Tom.

After his talk all pupils that had purchased a book ahead of his visit, stayed for a book signing and moved into the library where Tom showed them war artefacts that help him bring his war stories to life.



Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon, and their behaviour was impeccable!

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Our annual year 11 Mock Interviews take place on Monday. Thank you so much to the local businesses and education providers who have offered their time to support this important pupil experience.

It is such a valuable and enjoyable experience that will give our Year 11 pupils an insight into post-16 life.



Romero Trust Pupil Parliament Day

We were invited to St Anne's and St Joseph's Primary School in Accrington, along with the other schools in the Romero Trust, to form a Romero Pupil Parliament. At the inaugural parliament meeting our pupils completed team building exercises with their peers and followed this up with a speech about our school, pupil leadership within SARCHS and our Catholic ethos. In the afternoon all the pupils went onto to choose a topic to discuss. They chose should all schools focus on education and then afterwards they discussed what should schools focus on in their learning. Sophia and Dominic contributed heavily to the day and were a credit to themselves and the school.





Aid to The Church in Need

Monday marked the start of #RedWeek in school. This week we will be praying for persecuted Christians around the world. To support this campaign, we are taking part in the 100,000 decades of the rosary challenge in support of persecuted Christians in Africa who do not have the freedom to pray in safety as we can so often take for granted. We are aiming for every pupil and staff member to pray one decade of the rosary by the end of the week. The attached pledge card will be given to all pupils when they pray their rosary and they will all be collated in a display in the foyer. If you would like to support and add your prayers to the challenge, please email: chaplaincy@sarchs.com and we will complete the card on your behalf and add it to our board!

Name: _____

I have prayed a decade of the rosary on behalf of African persecuted Christians

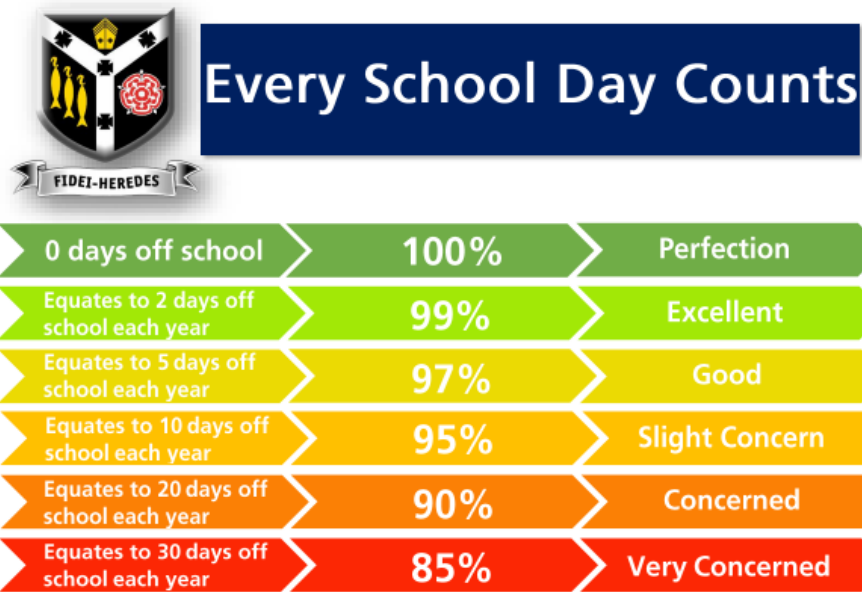
100% Attendance

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.

Lateness

Pupils not arriving to lessons on time will be issued with a behaviour point and a blue slip (similar to the green slip).



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!



Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Donations Required

In December, we hold our annual Senior Citizens' Party for members of the local community.

They are treated to an afternoon of carols, musical performances and bingo.

Each year there is a wonderful hamper raffle, we are appealing for luxury food items for the prize (no nuts). If you would like to kindly donate, please drop off items at the school office



School Christmas Raffle Tickets

Pupils will shortly be arriving home with raffle tickets to sell. Each pupil will receive two books. Tickets and money should be returned to the main office along with any unsold tickets/books. Thank you for your continued support.



Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service is taking place on Tuesday, 12th December 2023. The service will be in the school hall at 7.00pm.

Carol Service Tickets are now available at a cost £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for those under 12.

If you require tickets, please enclose monies in a sealed envelope with details on the front: name, form plus number of tickets required, and return to the Main Office [Cheques payable to St. Augustine's School Fund Account]

Seasonal refreshments will be available on the night and are included in the price of the ticket.

Saint Augustine's Roman Catholic High School

Carol Service

Tuesday 12th December at 7:00 pm

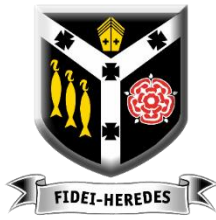
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Part of the **Romero** Catholic Academy Trust

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Sporting Achievements

- A magnificent performance from our U'13 Basketball team who were crowned Hyndburn and Ribble Valley champions at Clitheroe Grammar!
- It was great to see our Y8/9 Girls Rugby team enjoying yesterday's Lancashire Schools' U14s festival at Preston Grasshoppers - won 2 and narrowly lost 2.
- A great performance from our Y8 Boys Football A team who won 5-0 away at Bowland to finish on 9 points at the top of the league with Ribblesdale. Goals from Harry P, Archie F, Noah J and Jacques B
- Brilliant effort from the Y7 Girls footballers who won their Lancashire Cup game 2-1 v Our Lady of the Valley. Goals from Islay and Gracie.



Master Chefs in the Making!

Mr. Sayle's GCSE Food Technology class cooked up a veritable delight of breakfast and brunch food dishes this week.

From waffles and pancakes, homemade preserves, smoked salmon and shakshuka, to sour dough and avocado, the food looked and smelled glorious!

We certainly have some budding culinary superstars in the making!





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Thu. 23rd Nov. 5.30-6pm
Meeting ID: 323 833 785 958
Passcode: N3ay5c

Fri. 24th Nov. 12-12.30pm
Meeting ID: 380 548 116 02
Passcode: ScbEjw

Thu. 30th Nov 5.30-6pm
Meeting ID: 379 278 138 820
Passcode: GaPwTM

Fri. 1st Dec. 12-12:30pm
Meeting ID: 345 925 265 303
Passcode: twsKDd

Thu. 7th Dec. 5.30-6pm
Meeting ID: 378 007 937 764
Passcode: MbGbyr

Fri. 8th Dec 12-12.30pm
Meeting ID: 314 995 214 163
Passcode: fh2r9L

Thu. 14th Dec. 5.30-6pm
Meeting ID: 340 651 776 864
Passcode: BaGGa3

Fri. 15th Dec 12-12.30pm
Meeting ID: 353 337 376 466
Passcode: DUUxrv



Teaching the Budget

The Math's department held their own Budget Day this week, as a way to show pupils why the budget and economics matter. All pupils in year group's 7-10 got a chance to take part.

Exploring the budget in class, in and beyond the economics classroom, can be a real eye opener and pupils took part in exercises focused on salaries, tax and National Insurance.

Pupils got enthusiastically involved in this, and loved discussing it with each other, Who knows, we may even have helped inspire the next George Osborne or Ed Balls!



Bookbuzz

Pupils in Year 7 were very excited to receive their Bookbuzz books this week gifted to them by the English department. Bookbuzz is a reading programme from The Book Trust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading for secondary school pupils. Pupils were able to choose their favourite book from a list of sixteen exciting titles.

Mrs Juriansz set 7X1A a special challenge to read the first chapter of their selected book by the end of the first week. Pupils rose to the challenge and were able to tell her all about the opening part of their book. They are now aiming to have their books read by the end of this term.

We hope pupils enjoy their books and share their recommendations with their friends. Copies of all the books are available in the school library if pupils wish to read more from the Bookbuzz list.



100 Reward Points – Pizza Prize!

Once pupils reach 100 reward points, they will be invited for a pizza lunch with the heads of school as recognition of their ongoing outstanding effort and contribution to school life.

The reward voucher will be given directly to the pupil, they are not claimed from the rewards office.



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

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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