



St Augustine's RC High School Newsletter 2023/24 – Issue 3

Dear families,

This time of year, is one of remembrance.

November 1st and November 2nd are important dates in the Catholic calendar. November 1st is All Saints' Day, when we remember all of the holy women and men who have been canonised by the Church, while November 2nd is All Souls' Day when we remember those who have passed away, especially those in the past year.

In November, we also wear poppies as a show of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, ex-serving personnel and their families; and a symbol of remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict. During the First World War, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian doctor, was very moved by the sight of the poppies that grew on the battlefields in Belgium and Northern France. McCrae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" after the death of his friend in battle and this inspired The Poppy Appeal, first started 102 years ago.

In school this week, the Services of Remembrance will give us the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice that so many have made that allow us to live in a country that values care, compassion, kindness, justice, love and peace, without prejudice and discrimination. It also reminds us of the horror of war and the impact that this has on communities around the world, and we continue to pray for peace in those areas of the world currently suffering from conflict.

Mr M Wright – Executive Headteacher



Key Dates

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

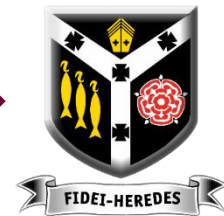
Wednesday 13th December – Visit to see Shrek (various year groups)

Thursday 14th December – Senior Citizens' Party

Friday 22nd December – Year 11 Mock Results

Friday 22nd December – Early closure for Christmas Break





Skiers

We had the fantastic news that Helena R, Louisa R, and Ben S have been selected for the English Schools Ski squad training camps in Norway! What an outstanding achievement, this is a result of the hard work and dedication these pupils put into skiing.

They were up against strong competition with the selection process based on their ski racing performance in the recent English Schools' Ski Association National Championships, as well as considering results from earlier races.

Well done, we are very proud of you!



House Winners – Line!

Well done to House Winners: Line who won the coveted prize of pain au chocolat for last half term with 4,113 points! What a wonderful achievement! Pupils were delighted with the treat and the other houses were very envious! Its anybody's game, who will win next?



Poppies for sale

Pupils have been selling poppies during registration and break time this week, thank you to the pupil volunteers that have done a fantastic job of keeping everything so organised. Also, thank you to each and every pupil and member of staff that have purchased a poppy.



Blood Brothers Theatre Visit

On Wednesday 1st November, 54 Year 11 pupils visited the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to watch a performance of Blood Brothers. They are studying the play as part of the English Literature GCSE.

Written by Willy Russell, the legendary 'Blood Brothers' tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences. We were all treated to an outstanding performance from an extremely talented cast, warranting a standing ovation from the entire theatre at the end!





Future Lioness!

We are hugely proud of Year 10 pupil, Sophia who has been selected for the England Women's Under 15 UEFA Development Tournament which takes place in November.

This is a huge achievement for Sophia who has recently been selected for Lancashire Girls U15 team as well as having trials for England Schoolgirls football.

We wish her well in her football endeavours!



Good News Bibles

Year 7 Pupils received their Good News Bibles last week! For many years school pupils across the UK have been offered a 'New Testament and Psalms'. This little red book, part of the Christian Scriptures, has been accepted by most young people regardless of their faith or no faith. At different times in life many have turned to it and found it to be a source of advice and help, comfort and hope.



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).

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, parents will be contacted and the phone will be confiscated until the end of the week.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

Department for Education



SHREK The MUSICAL

Shrek The Musical

After a fantastic round of auditions before half term, we now have the cast for an outstanding show. Rehearsals have already begun and are listed on the next page.

Theatre trip to Blackpool [13th December]

We want to remind the cast that there is a deadline of Monday 13th November for anyone who would like to book a ticket to see 'Shrek: The Musical' in Blackpool on 13th December at 10am. Due to the early performance time, pupils will need to be at school for 8:20am on that day.

Shrek sponsorship

We are on the lookout for individuals and local businesses who might like to sponsor the show. Each year, sponsorship allows us to provide a professional standard show with elaborate costumes, high quality lighting, sound, special effects and set design, offering the pupils an incredible opportunity each year. If you, or any local businesses that you may know have an interest in sponsoring the show, please see the sponsorship packages below and contact Mr Williams (call 01254 823362) for more information.

Bronze Sponsorship [Patron of 'Shrek the Musical'] - £25.00

- This is an opportunity for individuals who would like to contribute to our show
- We will print your name in our programme with our heartfelt thanks

Silver Sponsorship - £100.00

- Your company name and logo in our programme
- Social media promotion in thanks for your sponsorship in the run up to the production
- A pair of VIP tickets to our production on a night of your choice

Gold Sponsorship - £250

- A half-page, full colour OR full page, black and white advert in our programme including your company logo
- Social media promotion in thanks for your sponsorship in the run up to the production
- Four VIP tickets to our production on performances of your choice

Platinum Sponsorship - £500+

- A full page, full colour advert in our programme including your company logo
- Social media promotion in thanks for your sponsorship in the run up to the production
- Your company name and logo in the waiting area for our show
- Six VIP tickets to our production on performances of your choice



Shrek Auditions

WHEN & WHERE?	WHO?	WHAT?	STAFF	
MON 30 th OCTOBER	NO REHEARSAL			
TUES 31 ST OCTOBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	WHOLE CAST	ACT 1 READ THROUGH	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
THURS 2 ND NOVEMBER	12:20-12:45 MUSIC 1	WHOLE CAST	SHREK THE MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS CHOIR	MRS HUDSON
MON 6 TH NOVEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	WHOLE CAST	ACT 1/2 READ THROUGH	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
TUES 7 TH NOVEMBER	NO REHEARSAL			
THURS 9 TH NOVEMBER	12:20-12:45 MUSIC 1	WHOLE CAST	SHREK THE MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS CHOIR	MRS HUDSON
	3:15-4:30 HALL	WHOLE CAST	ACT 2 READ THROUGH	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
MON 13 TH NOVEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	SHREK, MAMA & PAPA OGRE, FIONA, YOUNG FIONA KING HAROLD, QUEEN LILLIAN, COMPANY	ACT 1, SC.1 <i>BIG, BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL WORLD</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
TUES 14 TH NOVEMBER	NO REHEARSAL			
THUR 16 TH NOVEMBER	12:20-12:45 MUSIC 1	WHOLE CAST	SHREK THE MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS CHOIR	MRS HUDSON
MON 20 TH NOVEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	GUARD, FAIRYTALE CREATURES, SHREK	ACT 1, SC.2 <i>STORY OF MY LIFE</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
TUES 21 ST NOVEMBER	3:15-4:30 SCHOOL HALL	YOUNG FIONA, TEEN FIONA, FIONA, GUARD, FAIRYTALE CREATURES, SHREK	ACT 1, SC.6 <i>I KNOW IT'S TODAY</i> ACT 1, SC.2 <i>STORY OF MY LIFE</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
THURS 23 RD NOVEMBER	12:20-12:45 MUSIC 1	WHOLE CAST	SHREK THE MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS CHOIR	MRS HUDSON
MON 27 TH NOVEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	SHREK, DONKEY, CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS, GUARDS, COMPANY, YOUNG FIONA, TEEN FIONA, FIONA	ACT 1, SC.3 <i>DON'T LET ME GO</i> ACT 1, SC.6 <i>I KNOW IT'S TODAY</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
TUES 28 TH NOVEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	GUARDS, COMPANY, FARQUAAD, GINGY GUARD, FAIRYTALE CREATURES, SHREK	ACT 1, SC.4 <i>FARQUAAD'S CHAMBER</i> ACT 1, SC.2 <i>STORY OF MY LIFE</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
THURS 30 TH NOVEMBER	12:20-12:45 MUSIC 1	WHOLE CAST	SHREK THE MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS CHOIR	MRS HUDSON
MON 4 TH DECEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	SHREK, DONKEY, FARQUAAD, GREETER, COMPANY	ACT 1, SC.5 <i>WHAT'S UP DULOC?</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
TUES 5 TH DECEMBER	3:15-4:30 HALL	SHREK, DONKEY, FARQUAAD, GREETER, COMPANY	ACT 1, SC.5 <i>WHAT'S UP DULOC?</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
THURS 7 TH DECEMBER	12:20-12:45 MUSIC 1	WHOLE CAST	SHREK THE MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS CHOIR	MRS HUDSON
	3:15-4:30 HALL	SHREK, DONKEY, FARQUAAD, GREETER, COMPANY, GUARD, FAIRYTALE CREATURES, SHREK	ACT 1, SC.2 <i>STORY OF MY LIFE</i> ACT 1, SC.2 <i>STORY OF MY LIFE</i>	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
MON 11 TH DECEMBER	NO REHEARSAL			
TUES 12 TH DECEMBER	CAROL SERVICE 7PM			
THURS 14 TH DECEMBER	NO REHEARSAL			
MON 18 TH DECEMBER	3:15-4:30 SCHOOL HALL	WHOLE CAST	ACT 1, SC.1-6	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
TUES 19 TH DECEMBER	3:15-4:30 SCHOOL HALL	WHOLE CAST	ACT 1, SC.1-6	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON
THURS 21 ST DECEMBER	3:15-4:30 SCHOOL HALL	WHOLE CAST	ACT 1, SC.1-6	MR WILLIAMS MRS HUDSON



FIDEI-HEREDES

Remembrance Services and Prayer

All pupils attended a Remembrance Service with their year groups this week. The whole school community also attended a Remembrance service on Friday, where Mr Brown played The Last Post and a two-minute silence was observed.

Throughout the week, special Remembrance Prayers were practiced and Poppies were created to display around school. Pupils were encouraged to reflect and pray for those who have bravely fought in the wars in the past and those who continue to be affected by war.



Sporting Achievements.

- A great night for year 8 in the Sportshall Athletics Championships, the boys came 3rd and the girls were crowned champions!
- Another successful Sportshall Athletics Championship for year 7! The girls took first place and the boys came second. Fantastic!
- Our year 8 Rugby team won both of their games against Burnley High and Unity College, scoring 10 tries and conceding only 2 in lovely conditions.
- The year 11 boys football team beat Bowland 3-2 with two late goals sealing an excellent comeback!
- The year 7 boys B football team played their first game and won comfortably against Mount Carmel. Top results all round
- Well played to our U'14 Girls Football team who triumphed in a penalty shootout after drawing 3-3 with Unity College!
- Year 10 Sports Leaders were a credit to school when they helped to organise the Year 7 Sportshall Athletics at Oakhill.





Places of Worship Visits

The RE Department are delighted to announce a series of trips for Years 7-9 to visit different places of worship in the Preston or Manchester areas:

- Year 7: Tuesday 4th June 2024. Visit to Masjid e Salaam, Preston and St Mary's RC Church, Bamber Bridge.
- Year 8: Wednesday 5th June 2024. Visit to Hindu Mandir, Preston and St Mary's RC Church, Bamber Bridge.
- Year 9: Thursday 6th June 2024. Visit to The Jewish Museum, Manchester.

Letters for all three trips will be sent out via Insight on Monday 13th November and will be available on Scopay for payment at the same time. Deadline for payment is Monday 4th December. If, at this point, the trips are oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat.



Drama Visit to Shakespeare North Playhouse

In support of the year 8 Drama curriculum, we have booked a visit to Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescot on Wednesday 13th March. This trip will allow pupils the opportunity to visit a working theatre, take a backstage tour and to hold a careers session with industry professionals.

Places are limited and letters will be published on Insight on Monday 13th November and will be available on Scopay for payment at the same time. Deadline for payment is Monday 4th December. If, at this point, the visit is oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat.



Drama Afterschool Workshops with React Academy of Theatre Arts

We are delighted to announce a new partnership with ReACT Academy of Theatre Arts to run a series of afterschool drama sessions during the Spring Term. The focus of these sessions will be 'Acting for Stage', aiming to teach the basics of drama and theatre building up to a showcase performance at the end of the course. This first series of lessons will run on Tuesday's from 3:15-4:15 at £4 per session for 11 weeks. The first session will run on Tuesday 9th January and will run until Tuesday 26th March. Letters will be sent out via Insight and will include all details about how to book a space.





In Flanders' Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE 2023

Date	Time	Exam	Duration	Location
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



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