



St Augustine's RC High School

Dear families and friends of St. Augustine's,

There is a common misconception that schools can begin to "wind down" as they approach the end of the academic year. Those who work in education will disagree with this and I can assure you that has certainly not been the case at St. Augustine's. We have had a fabulous, action-packed fortnight and it has been a privilege to witness and celebrate our many young people's success and achievements.

We welcomed our new Year 7 cohort, and their parents and carers this week and began our five-year partnership in working together to deliver the best education to our young people. Seeing our Year 6 pupils meet their form teacher and form class, fully participate in the modern language lessons and begin settling into life at St. Augustine's was wonderful. We look forward to officially welcoming them to our SARCHS family in September.

The feedback that we have received from our work experience employers that have given our Year 10 pupils the opportunity to gain valuable placements has been outstanding. Our pupils have demonstrated their maturity, resilience and work ethic and we are proud of how they have conducted themselves as SARCHS ambassadors. This would not be possible without the support of parents, families, and local business owners in our community – thank you for your continued support.

We celebrated our many pupil's sporting achievements at our annual sports presentation evening. This was a superb evening, well supported by our parents and families, and saw over 100 pupils have their hard work and commitment rewarded. This evening came on the back of many sporting successes, of which we are very proud. Congratulations to all our fabulous sportsmen and sportswomen, supported by our dedicated PE department.

Hundreds of pupils enjoyed their trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach which they received as a reward for consistently meeting our high expectations and living out our mission statement. We have been delighted to offer a range of trips to our pupils in recent weeks including Paris, Le Touquet and the Isle of Arran. None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff and supportive families who enable these to take place and I am grateful to all who facilitate this for our young people

There are a limited number of tickets still available for Tuesday and Wednesday night's performances of Shrek (Thursday night has sold out). Our cast and crew have worked tirelessly on this and are looking forward to putting on a performance that we will not forget. (www.ticketsource.co.uk/sarchsmusicals).

In his week's Gospel, we listen to how Jesus returns to his hometown and is met with unbelief from those who knew him. And, because they knew him so well, they were so familiar with him, they could not accept him. We pray that we do not fail to recognise the voice of Jesus speaking to us, in every day, ordinariness of life.

With every blessing for a restful weekend,

Mrs Hunt



Key Dates

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July – Shrek Production

Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th July – DofE Final Expedition

Tuesday 16th July – End of Term Mass

Thursday 18th July – Rewards Assemblies

Friday 19th July – Early Closure at 12.15pm



Year 11 Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Pupil Leadership Team.

These pupils have been nominated for such an important position due to their diligence in school and commitment to our school mission statement; "We act justly, love tenderly and recognise God in our lives."

Well done, we know that you will do a fantastic job!



Student Art Exhibition

We have organised a Student Art Exhibition to take place at Whalley Library from Tuesday 2nd July until Tuesday 16th July 2024. This will be a fantastic opportunity to view the work that our pupils have created during their Art, Graphics or Photography courses this year. Pupils, parents and families are invited to view the work.

Opening times for the library are as follows:

Monday	9am – 1pm
Tuesday	9am – 7pm
Wednesday	9am – 5pm
Thursday	closed
Friday	9am – 5pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	closed

Some of our students have been working on Euro 2024 designs and there will also be an opportunity to vote for your favourites. We hope you enjoy the exhibition and viewing the work of many of our talented artists at St. Augustine's.



Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Pupils had a wonderful rewards day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach this year!

Thank you so much to our fabulous staff for being on hand to make sure the day went smoothly and for helping our pupils create some special memories!



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024.**

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

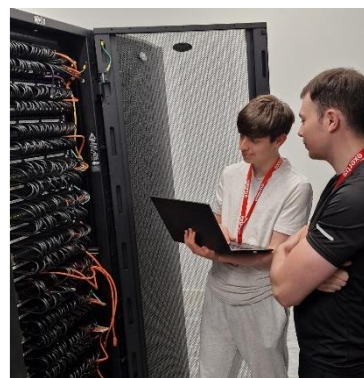
10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Work Experience 2024



Please see below a picture round up of a fantastic week of Work Experience. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and pupils have done SARCHS proud. Thank you to all of the providers that hosted a year 10 pupil, this programme could not run without the support of local and sometimes national businesses!

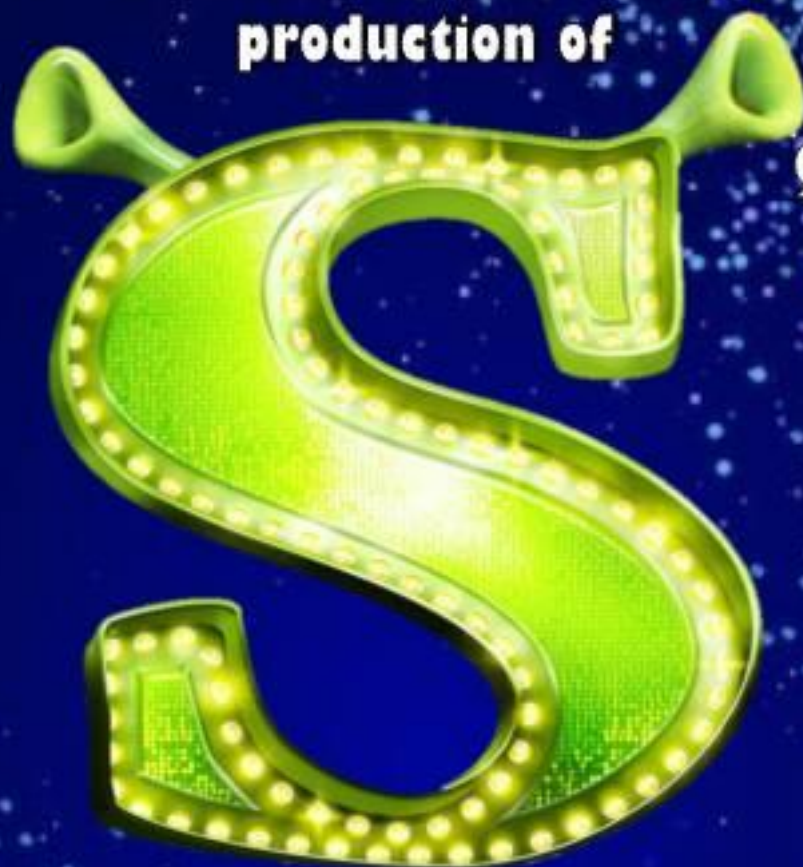


THURSDAY SOLD OUT!

LIMITED AVAILABILITY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY



St Augustine's RC High School
production of



9th to 11th
July 2024
at 7PM



SHREK THE MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

Music by
JEANINE TESORI

Originally produced on Broadway by
DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.MTIShows.co.uk

Le Touquet 2024

By Olivia C and Amelia D

After a six-hour journey (driven by our amazing driver Dave) we arrived at Calais for the ferry – even getting an earlier one! We had a small breakfast on the ferry, which definitely didn't include slushies or ice-cream. Some of us went up on deck with staff to wave goodbye to the white cliffs of Dover. We went straight to the bakery, which is where we had baguette sandwiches and met the bakers (be careful of the croissant man!) and had time for some sports on the playing field. We then headed straight to the snail farm, *L'Escargotière du Choquel*, where we had an interesting lesson on the snails that were imported to France and got to hold them! Some pupils put them on their faces as their slime is good for wrinkles! Fun fact: snails have about 13,000 teeth! We were both brave enough to even eat the snails which were boiled and baked into different flavours, our favourite flavour was the traditional garlic one. After a food-full day we then headed to *Village de Vacances Stella Maris* to check into our hotel, ready for tea and a much-needed sleep. The next day we started off at breakfast with our version of 'Joyeux Anniversaire' for Summer - Happy 12th Birthday! Then we explored the massive market of Le Touquet where all the girls accidentally bought matching bracelets. In the blue group there was lots of fun searching for Max's banana teddy he wanted to buy. The green team got lots of discounts and some bonus gifts for speaking French so well. Next was the *Biscuiterie d'Hardelet*. They even let us taste two kinds of the biscuits they make! They were so delicious most of us bought a whole box in the gift shop. We had a quick lunch on the prom and headed to the Nausicaá Sea Life Centre where our adventures continued. We got to see many cute and wonderful marine animals like the massive manta ray and some sting rays which we could touch. We finished the day off with a quick shop at Auchan Hypermarket buying last minute gifts for families!

All too soon it was time to head back to a rainy England on Sunday. Thanks to Dave we even got to watch the England match (it's coming home)! We had a karaoke session, where Mr Juriansz had his moment of fame with a fabulous rap. We both really enjoyed and loved this trip and would definitely recommend to all pupils that will be thinking about going next year. A big **merci** to all the staff that took time out of their weekend to come with us on such an unforgettable experience!





Year 11 Sweatshirts

Please note, current Year 10 pupils are permitted to wear Year 11 sweatshirts from Monday 8th July onwards. They are available to purchase from Ribble Valley Supplies and Gray's (Blackburn and Clitheroe).



Duolingo League

As the year draws to an end the Modern Languages department would like to say a big well done to all our extra-curricular Duolingo Club members who have been working hard, and having lots of fun, learning languages. We have had pupils studying the curriculum languages such as French and Spanish, but also Japanese, Polish, Dutch and even Korean! Although the club in school finished at Easter, some pupils continued their studies independently, gaining even more valuable XP points. Attendance and XP point totals will be rewarded with prizes in the Summer Awards Assemblies... watch out for your name! See you next year!



Rewards

The end of the school year is approaching fast and we would like to remind pupils that any reward points will need to be cashed in by the 18th July or the points will be lost. Rewards stock is limited so we urge those cash ins to be made sooner rather than later.

Our rewards assemblies will take place on Thursday 18th July, these are a fantastic opportunity for staff to honour the endeavours of our fantastic pupils and we look forward to these each term!

There will be an afternoon of 'off timetable' fun for the house with the most reward points and also the winners of the 'Build a Badge' competition! More information on this is to follow.

Once again, staff would like to congratulate those pupils that consistently shine in school and that reflect the SARCHS mission statement to; **"Act justly, love tenderly and recognise God in our lives."**



Sporting Success!

- Well done to George! Now the schoolboy's U46kg Hull International Box Cup Champion. The Hull Box Cup is the biggest Olympic Style Boxing Tournament in England for Minors, Schools, Junior, Youth & Senior Boxers.
- Last week saw our Track & Field Athletics team come a very respectable 3rd place overall at Witton Park in the Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Championships. Particular highlights were our individual champions who came away with a district medal!
- Well done to our Lancashire Schools' FA County U15's girls 7-a-side Champions!
- Well done to Lancashire Schools' FA Under 13's Girls' County 7-a-side Champions!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE TROLLING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The term "Trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, once you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

Meet Our Expert

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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/online-trolling

Year 6 Intake Days

Last week St Augustine's welcomed Year 6 pupils across two Intake Days, hosted by the Modern Languages department and their Year Leader from September, Mrs Timmis. These days are designed to allow our new pupils a chance to become more familiar with the school, our members of staff and of course, each other!

With an airport and travel theme for the day, our new 'arrivals' were first greeted at the 'Check In' desk by Year 7 pupils who gave them their boarding passes for either Easyjet, Ryanair, Jet 2 or Tui. Pupils spent the day in these groups, 'flying' to different French and Spanish-speaking destinations with their very own passport. After some ice-breaker activities they flew to Seville for some Flamenco lessons, Paris to learn how to order a baguette in a café, Quebec City to see some of the tourist destinations and to Valencia to find out about La Tomatina, a tomato-throwing festival! After all that travelling, they needed a rest and enjoyed a traditional St Augustine's lunch. Pupils all agreed that the lunch in the canteen was the best airline food they had ever tasted!

We would like to thank our amazing Year 7 'Customer Service Team' who were fabulous helpers and ambassadors, ensuring the day was 'plane' sailing.

We are all looking forward to seeing our new Year 7 pupils, ready for 'take off', in September.



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

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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