

Mock Interviews—Requests for Employers

As part of our Careers Information, Advice and Guidance programme for Year 11, pupils are given a mock interview by local employers to get a flavour of what is to come as they enter the job market. Pupils and employers find this a valuable experience. The event will take place on the morning of 29th November 2016 and we are looking for volunteers to help with the interviews. If you know someone who would be able to offer their services please contact Mrs Alex Doctor in school at a.doctor@sarchs.com

Texting Service for Parents

To ensure that you receive information about Parents' Evenings, school events and other news, please ensure that the School Office has an up to date mobile phone number. You can update your details directly through your Insight account via the link on our homepage www.sarchs.com.

Shakespeare Workshops

As part of this year's celebrations of Shakespeare's anniversary, Year 7 pupils learned about voice projection, tone and characterisation in a workshop on Twelfth Night by the Rubbish Shakespeare Company. In addition to learning about aspects of the play, the pupils built their confidence by performing sequences from the play and trading Shakespearean insults. A noisy day!



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 12th July - End of Term Masses (see website for times)
- Thursday 14th July - Awards Assemblies
- Friday 15th July - School Closes (Early finish at 12.15pm)
- Monday 5th September - Return to School
- Thursday 22nd September—Year 11 Welcome Back Evening 7pm
- Thursday 6th October - Open Evening (Early Closure)
- Thursday 27th October - Celebration Evening for Leavers 7pm



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ST AUGUSTINE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Goodbye to our Leavers



From Mr. Wright: The end of the Summer Term is always a time for farewells as Year 11 pupils complete their time at high school. This year, we also say goodbye to a number of colleagues who have made a huge contribution to the life of St Augustine's school. Mr Holt (PE), Mr Tomlinson (Head of Maths), Mrs Keegan (English), Mrs Belshaw (Head of Drama), Mrs Smith (Head of PE) and Mrs Noblett (TA) are all retiring this year after many years of sterling service. Each has made a huge difference to generations of pupils and we wish them long, happy and healthy retirements.

Also leaving this year are Miss Clossick and Mr Desai from the Learning Support department, Mrs Young (Library) and a number of teachers who have supported the work of the school this year, including Mr Tattersall, Mr Swarbrick, Miss Cross and Mrs Sumner. I would like to offer my thanks to all these staff for everything they have done for the school, and wish them every success and happiness in their new ventures.

New staff for September include Mr Bracewell and Miss McGuire (English), Miss Green (Geography), Mr Lowe (RE), Mr White (Maths), Mr Parkinson (PE) and Miss Brown and Mrs Wood (Learning Support). We look forward to them joining us next year.

We also wish our Year 11 Leavers the best of luck as they embark on their future pathways in education, training and employment. We were able to send them off in fine style with a lovely Mass in school and a wonderful evening celebration at Mytton Fold.



Pupil Leadership Team Announced



Congratulations to our new Pupil Leadership Team who were appointed this term. From left to right - Mollie Fielding, Zac Jordan, Annabel Wilcock (Head Girl), Tom Muldoon (Head Boy), Sophie Nowell and Alex Bury. The team was selected following a vote from other Year 10 prefects and recommendations from staff. They take up their new roles following the departure of our Year 11 pupils.

Democracy in Action

While the EU referendum vote dominated the news, pupils at St Augustine's were also able to take part through our own mock referendum. Two teams presented the case for "Remain" and "Leave" with poster campaigns, video broadcasts and canvassing of pupils around school. The results were 56% Remain and 44% Leave which mirrored the national voting patterns of young people. The campaign raised a lot of important discussion points as well as teaching pupils about the role of democracy within the UK.



A Day at the Zoo

Year 8 pupils spent a day at Chester Zoo, studying the animals and finding out about habitats and behaviour. One of the highlights was the bat cave in which the pupils were able to get close-up to hundreds of fruit bats. The zoo has a new conservation area which highlights animals close to extinction and the breeding programmes that the zoo is involved with to secure the future of these species.



Summer Term School Trips

The Geography Department once again took to the road, this time to the Lochranza Field Study Centre on the Isle of Arran. Pupils from Year 10 enjoyed a week learning about the geography of the area with the gorge walk being one of the highlights.

Year 7 pupils spent half term touring the Rhine Valley, learning about German culture and improving their language skills.

Over 40 Year 7 to 10 pupils visited Spain for a Football Tour, training at Villarreal's ground, playing local teams and visiting the media centre. In one of the few positives for English football this summer, the boys won all four matches!



Arran



Rhine Valley



Villarreal

Race for Life



Following on from a fabulous sports day, Year 10 pupils set off running around the playing fields to support the "Race for Life" appeal to raise money for cancer research.

PTFA Fundraising for Free

For a free and easy way to support the work of the school's PTFA log on to WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK or visit the link on the school website.

50/50 Club

Join our 50/50 club for a monthly chance to win cash prizes while supporting the PTFA. Details of how to join are on the school website.