

## PTFA Meeting—29th September

As the name suggests the PTFA is made up of Parents / Carers, Teachers and Friends of St. Augustine's. Its aim is simple, to support the school in providing the best possible learning environment for its pupils. It does this by organising fund raising events and using the profits to give valuable financial support to the school.

### Why is it needed?

In a school environment where literally every penny counts, the work of the PTFA really does make a difference. Here are just a few examples of what our fundraising has achieved recently

- Replaced one of the school mini buses
- Provided equipment to start a chess club
- Helped the school purchase a defibrillator
- Provided new tennis nets
- Purchased dance costumes



### How can you get involved?

The PTFA meets three times a year to plan fundraising events and decide how the money we have raised will be spent. The meetings are short, typically an hour, and are conducted in a relaxed manner over a cup of tea or coffee. We are always looking for new ideas.

Everyone is welcome so why not come along. If you don't want to attend the meetings but would be willing to be a volunteer we would also like to hear from you.

You can also support the PTFA by joining our 50 / 50 club or visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) where your favourite shops will make a contribution to our cause every time you shop online.

Find out more at [www.sarchs.com](http://www.sarchs.com) in the PTFA section on the Parents page.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 6th October	Open Evening at 6.30pm School closes early at 12.15pm
Thursday 27th October	Celebration Evening
Monday 31st Oct - Friday 4th Nov	Half Term Holiday <i>Winter Uniform—Pullovers Compulsory</i>
Wednesday 9th November	Y11 Parents' Evening
Tue 6th & Wed 7th December	Carol Service 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st December	12.15pm Closure Christmas Holidays

For updates on all school policies, please visit [www.sarchs.com](http://www.sarchs.com) .



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## NEWSLETTER

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## Update on School Buildings

Following on from the recent damage caused by a water leak and the subsequent partial closure of school, I wanted to write to families to update them on the latest news. The damage was caused by a faulty flexible hose supplying cold water to the first floor girls' toilets which burst early on the morning of Saturday 10th September. We were alerted to the leak on Sunday morning when the ceiling of the laboratory below the toilets collapsed and set off the intruder alarm. Obviously, the volume of water that had escaped caused a huge amount of damage and we had to isolate the electricity and fire alarm to the main building.

On Monday 12th we were only able to provide a safe environment for Year 11 pupils and as the week went on we were able to open to other year groups,

prioritising examination classes and then younger pupils. By Thursday we were open to all pupils but we will be operating without two science laboratories and several other classrooms for a number of weeks to come. Temporary classrooms have arrived on site and we hope to minimise the disruption to the children's routines as much as possible. I would like to thank families for their support during this time and also stress the importance of keeping school informed of changes in contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, which allow us to use the texting service most effectively. *Mr M Wright*



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### Thursday 29th September 7pm

**Come along for cheese and wine in the staff room!**

**New families especially welcome. Details on the back page.**

## Sponsored Walk

After a one week postponement we had excellent conditions for our Sponsored Walk once again this year with over 1,100 staff and pupils enjoying the fine autumnal weather as we completed the two hour loop walk from Billington to Mitton and back. A huge thank you to all the parents, relatives, neighbours and friends who support this annual event which raises funds for our extra-curricular provision. We are grateful to all of you who have helped the children to collect in their sponsor money.



## Log On to Insight

All parents / carers are able to access INSIGHT, a secure website with useful information about your child's performance at school. INSIGHT is an online window to your own child's school record, showing attendance data, behaviour and reward points and other information.

Year 7 families should have received a text with a username and password and there is a link to the website at [www.sarchs.com](http://www.sarchs.com). Other years should use the username and password previously issued—if you have forgotten this then follow the **forgotten password** links. Please ensure that school has an up to date mobile phone number or email address to ensure you can access this information.



## Super Results for 2016



Congratulations to all of our leavers who received their GCSE results in August. 70% of the year group achieved 5 A\*-C grades including English and Mathematics with many achieving top grades in a wide range of subjects. Top performing student was former Head Boy, Will Golding, who achieved an incredible 10A\* grades as well as starring as Bugsy Malone in the school production last year!

We look forward to seeing them again when they receive their certificates at Celebration Evening which takes place on Thursday 27th October.

## Year 7 Retreat Day



To help Year 7 settle in at St Augustine's, they had a break from normal lessons and spent a day in their form groups getting to know each other better and working on the theme of friendship. The day was filled with activities including a treasure hunt, making friendship prayers and mementoes in the School Chapel and the creation of a Form Box which will store important items over the next five years. We hope that their boxes will be filled with great memories of their time at St Augustine's.

For a free and easy way to support the work of the school's PTFA log on to [WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](http://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK) or visit the link on the school website.

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