

Year 7 Pupil Information

St. Augustine's R.C. High School



Everything You Need to Know

Welcome

Dear Pupils,

Welcome to St. Augustine's. We hope you are looking forward to starting high school in September. Although it is a large school, you will quickly learn to find your way around.

You will enjoy making new friends and getting to know your teachers and the other pupils in your form or class. In September, you will also find out about all the extra activities you can do at lunch times and after school. Taking part in some of these clubs will help you to make new friends and to settle quickly.

It is normal to feel both excited and a little anxious about starting a new school but everyone at St. Augustine's is looking forward to helping you, teaching you and getting to know you. If you are ready to work hard and give new things a try, you will have a happy and successful first year.

Mr Simcoe

The First Day

When you arrive at school, make your way down the steps and towards the yard. When the bell goes, stay on the yard and, after lining up in forms, you will be taken to the hall by your form teachers. If it is raining when you arrive, someone will direct you straight to the hall.

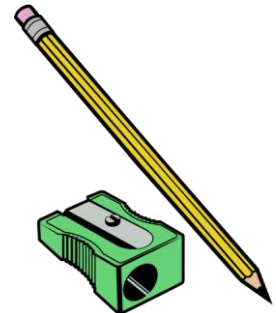
After a short welcome assembly, your form teachers will take you to your form rooms and tell you everything you will need to know for your first day. They will give you a planner and your timetable.

All you need to bring on your first day, is your bag to take books home, your pencil case and an individual packed lunch/Lunch money - you **DO NOT NEED YOUR PE kit, tech apron etc.**

What you need

It might be a good idea to tick these items off on a list

- * A blue or black pen (plus a spare one)
- * Pencil and pencil sharpener
- * Rubber
- * Ruler
- * Coloured pencils
- * Green pen (school will provide)
- * Geometry set
- * Reading book - from home or the school/local library
- * Scissors and glue
- * Highlighters are **useful**



- * Calculator – Available to purchase from school
On intake evening
- * Strong bag for books
- * English dictionary
- * Technology apron
- * PE kit
- * Good News Bible



- * Bus pass / bus fare
- * Dinner money / packed lunch
- * Spare medication e.g. inhalers to hand into the office with your name clearly labelled on it
- * Covers, clear book protectors or paper for backing books

Your Timetable

Your form teacher will give you a 2 week [week 1 and week 2] individual timetable on the first day. It will tell you:

- When you have each subject [period/time]
- Which room you are in [where]
- The teacher you will have for that subject [who]

Break time is from 11:05 - 11:20am every day except Friday when it is 10:25 - 10:40am. Lunch time is from 12:20 - 1:15 pm everyday except Friday when it is from 12:40 - 1:25pm.

Period	Room		Subject		Teacher Initials	
	1Mo	1Tu	1We	1Th	1Fr	
1	History 7Z3/Hi DLI L1	Design Technology 7ZF2/Dt CRO TE5	Science 7Z3/Sc RTM L8	Geography 7Z3/Gg ACO RM21	Modern Languages 7Z3/Ml NPR RM12	
2	Music 7Z3/Mu MHA MUS2	Science 7Z3/Sc RTM L8	Design Technology 7ZF2/Dt CRO TE5	Numeracy 7b/Nu4 LHU RM1	Modern Languages 7Z3/Ml NPR RM12	
3	RE 7Z3/Re LNE RE4	PE Core 7ZB1/Pc AKY GYM	Maths 7M/Ma5 ATO RM6	English 7C3/En JBR RM8	Geography 7Z3/Gg ACO RM21	
4/L					Art 7Z3/Ar CRO AR1	
4/L	Art 7Z3/Ar CRO AR1	Maths 7M/Ma5 ATO RM6	PE Core 7ZB1/Pc AKY GYM	Science 7Z3/Sc RTM L8		
5	Maths 7M/Ma5 ATO RM6	English 7C3/En JBR RM8	RE 7Z3/Re LNE RE4	ICT 7Z3/It SBU RM18	English 7C3/En JBR RM8	

You will also get a spare timetable to leave at home. Your parents might want to put it in a place where they can easily check to see if you have the right books and equipment for each day.

PERHAPS STICK IT ON THE FRIDGE!

Home Learning

On the first day, you will be given a planner which is to help you remember and organise your home learning and other important things.

Try to find a quiet place and do your home learning as soon as it is set, when it is fresh in your mind. Don't keep putting it off - you will end up rushing it OR forget to do it.

Always write your home learning down carefully. You will remember what you have been asked to do much easier. You can tick the 'done' column when you have finished it.

Ask your parents to **sign your planner each week** so they can see all the work you have been doing.

Here you can see an example of your Home Learning Planner:

Week 1		
Subject and Task Details	Due	✓

Buses

Getting home on the bus is easy. During your first day, you will be taken to the yard and shown where you will queue up for your bus.

At the end of the day, you will see the number of the busses on the turning circle - join the queue for your bus (the bus number is on your bus pass). You will probably be travelling with lots of other children from your primary school, so it is a good chance to sit with friends and chat.

We expect pupils to sit still and travel safely. If you are unhappy about anyone's behaviour on your bus, tell your form teacher or ask your parents to phone the school

Clubs and Activities

There are all sorts of clubs which you can join. In Year 7, there are lots of sporting activities - football, netball, rounders, badminton, table tennis and running etc. If you like drawing, there is an art club and many pupils enjoy the drama club. You can also play chess and other board games. There are lots of musical activities such as the choir and the band, which are always popular.

If you are stuck with home learning, you can get help at the study club most lunch times.

You will find a list of clubs in your form room - this is usually made available during the second week of term.

Lunch Time

For the first week of term, your teachers will take you down to the dining room for an early lunch. On any day of the week, you can bring a packed lunch or buy a hot or cold dinner.

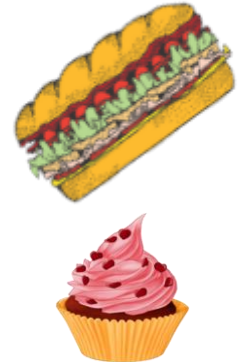
The food is delicious and not too expensive. The dinner staff are friendly and helpful. In the dining room, there are lots of tables and chairs - you can sit with your friends and chat or make new friends.

After the first week, you will be shown where to line up for hot or cold dinners. You will go into lunch on a weekly rota basis with other year groups. If you get into school early, you can buy breakfast.

Lovely Lunches

Soup and bread roll
Paninis
Sandwiches and baguettes
Pasta and lasagne
Jacket potatoes
Chicken curry and rice
Salads and wraps
Home-made cakes

Vegetarian Options
Pizzas
Chicken wraps
Casseroles
Fresh fruit
Yoghurts
Pies and flans
Hot and cold drinks



And much more!!!

Try to eat healthily and vary your choice of foods.

Always take your plates back to the kitchen, and throw away your rubbish in a bin.

Making Friends

Starting a new school is a good chance to make lots of new friends. You will quickly get to know lots of new people, especially in your form and teaching classes.

Don't be scared to talk to people and if someone talks to you, be friendly. There will be quite a few children who start school in September who won't know many other people - the kind thing to do is talk to them.

Joining clubs or playing football at break times are other ways of making friends who share the same interests as you. As you make new friends try to introduce them to your other friends.

Teachers and Rewards

At St. Augustine's you will have a different teacher for each subject. You will be wondering what they are all like.

You will find that they are very helpful and encouraging. They expect you to work hard and want you to do your best. They will speak to your parents at Parents' Evening, or before if they are concerned about you.

Reward points are given to pupils who produce an excellent piece of classwork, home learning or for making a valuable contribution to the life of the school. Our rewards system allows pupils to exchange reward points for items of school stationery, school vouchers and items of technology. Each term, those pupils who have collected a certain number of reward points will be entered for a prize draw.

The Library

The resources available in our library include: books, videos, audio books, computers and games.

The library is open most lunch times and break times and many pupils use it to read or borrow books, or to play games like scrabble and boggle.

The large fiction section includes Chillers, Fantasy and Science Fiction, Lifelike and Lite Bites (short stories).

School Trips

There are usually several trips organised for Year 7 pupils. Theatre trips are often arranged by the English department and in the past, the Science department has taken over 100 pupils to London. For many years a group of 60 pupils have travelled on a Languages trip for a weekend in France.

At the end of every year, there is a whole school trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, which is arranged for all pupils who have worked hard and behaved well throughout the year.

There are many trips arranged for the other year groups. These have included Music trips to Scotland; MFL and History trips to France; Sports trips to Italy; Geography trips to Japan, Africa and Iceland, and RE retreats to Alton Castle and Castlerigg.

The trips offered may vary from year to year.

Getting Organised...

Being organised will help you to remember everything and feel confident about coming to school. It is a good idea to pack your bag the night before, so you aren't rushing in the morning.

- Have a spare drawer, shelf or box to keep all your school books and equipment in so you don't lose anything.
- Try to do your homework as soon as you can on the day you get it.
- Write down any extra things you need each day e.g. PE kit, tech apron etc
- Use your planner to record all homework and messages for parents.

What to do if...

...you are late for school.....

If you have missed registration, you must report to the office where you will be signed in and given a slip to give to your teacher.

...you forget your dinner or dinner money...

The school office will lend you some money but you must remember to pay it back the next day. A spare one pound for emergencies is a good idea.

...someone at school is making you unhappy or bullying you.....

Tell your Form Teacher or Year Leader. You could also tell a friend or your parents, who could then tell someone for you.

...you feel ill at school.....

Tell your next teacher - if they think you need to go home, they will sign your planner and send you to the school office. The office staff will then contact your parents/carers. **Do not contact your parents or carers yourself.**

What to do if...

...you are off ill for a few days...

Remind your parents to telephone the school before 9:30am on the first day of illness. Try to borrow books off someone in your class, so you can copy up any work missed.

...you lose something at school...

Retrace your steps and look in the rooms you have been in. Ask at the school office, or ask if one of the staff in the Student Support area (near the hall) can help - do this during morning registration.

...you don't understand the work you have been asked to do for home learning...

It is best to ask your subject teacher for help. If you can't do this, you could ask a friend to help or a member of your family. You can also go to Study Club, where someone can help you. DON'T JUST NOT DO THE WORK - help is available, you only need to ASK!

... someone is being really UNKIND to you or you are being BULLIED.

You must tell someone. Report this to a member of staff or ask a friend to do this for you. You can also report this online where you see this on the homepage of our website.





THE MOST
important decision
you will ever make
is what you do with
the time that is
GIVEN TO YOU.