



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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The Parental Bulletin

15th August 2021

We have been in school this week celebrating the A Level and GCSE results with the students. Over the past two years, education has been severely impacted with students undergoing long periods of remote learning interspersed with face to face contact but at all times, they have shown resolve, resilience and a determination to see it through – hence they are fully deserving of the results that they have received this week. At the start of the Teacher Assessed Grade process, I was adamant that we would deliver a fair, equitable and robust set of results which were not inflated above what the students deserved to receive. To enable this, anonymous marking together with external moderation with three other schools therefore ensued and so I am absolutely confident that the results delivered this week are a true reflection of the ability of the students. There has been some recent media coverage about the widening gap between the independent and state schools but our results demonstrate that we have continued our improvement based upon the high level of teaching that we enjoy at St Augustine's. Please see the attached link for a summary of our celebration of exam results. [SWAY](#)

New Website and Email Addresses

From 1st September, we are delighted to advise that we have joined together with Holy Family MAC and so we will be collectively known as Our Lady of the Magnificat MAC. As a result, all school email addresses will change – both staff and students, together with the school web address: <https://www.sta.magnificat.org.uk/>

Free Online Sessions for Parents and Carers following Exam Results

Please note that for Y11 and Y13 parents, the [Anna Freud Centre](#) is offering free online workshops to parents and carers whose children have received exam results in August. These sessions apply particularly to parents and carers who:

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- are worried about their child's reaction to their results, and want time to reflect and work out how best to continue supporting them
- have ongoing concerns about the wellbeing of their child and are aware that new strategies may be required
- feel that their child managed results week well, but want help in continuing to support them in the next stage of their education

The live sessions will be available online from **Monday 16 August to Thursday 19 August**, with two sessions per day at **12.30pm and 4.30pm**. They will be run by Anna Freud Centre experts who have a background in both education and mental health support, giving some top tips on how best to support children and the opportunity to ask questions. Parents and carers can find out more and book onto the sessions [HERE](#).

Vaccinations for Young People

You might well have read that young people are now eligible for the vaccine; they are now available to everyone aged 18 and over (and those within 3 months of turning 18) and to some younger people with specific underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious COVID-19 complications. In addition, all 12 to 17-year-olds who are healthy but are household contacts of individuals who are immunosuppressed are also eligible. Students aged 16 to 17 years who are employed in, studying or in training for health and social care work are eligible too. Walk-in vaccination clinics are now open at the Artrix Centre in Bromsgrove:

Monday – Saturday: 8AM – 7.30PM

Sunday: 8AM – 1.30PM

Covid Testing before the Return to School in Sep-21

We are looking forward to the students returning in September and planning their safe and smooth arrival accordingly. All students need to have 2 Lateral Flow Tests prior to returning in full and this will be carried out in the following manner – alphabetically by surname. **Please note that the dates for the year groups have changed since my letter in July.** A separate link will be forwarded to the new Y9 parents as they are required to complete a consent form to signify their acceptance of the Lateral Flow Process in school.

Thursday 2nd September: Y9 and Y12 students, test 1
Friday 3rd September: Y10, Y11 and Y13 students, test 1
Monday 6th September: Y9 & Y12 students, test 2
Tuesday 7th September: Y10, Y11 & Y13 students, test 2

Please arrive at the times below, with surnames beginning with the following letters. Please arrive by the latest, 5 minutes before the end of the time slot. Testing will be carried out in the Sports Hall.

Y9 students – Thursday 2nd September AM – TEST 1

09.00 – 09.30: A, B and C
09.30 – 10.00: D, E, F, G
10.00 – 10.30: H, I, J
10.30 – 11.00: K, L, M
11.00 – 11.30: N, P, Q, R, S
11.30 – midday: T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Y12 students – Thursday 2nd September PM – TEST 1

12.30 – 1.00: A, B and C
01.00 – 1.30: D, E, F, G
01.30 – 2.00: H, I, J
02.00 – 2.30: K, L, M
02.30 – 3.00: N, P, Q, R, S
03.00 – 3.30: T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Y11 students – Friday 3rd September AM – TEST 1

09.00 – 09.30: A, B and C
09.30 – 10.00: D, E, F, G
10.00 – 10.30: H, I, J
10.30 – 11.00: K, L, M
11.00 – 11.30: N, P, Q, R, S
11.30 – midday: T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Y10 & Y13 students – Friday 3rd September PM – TEST 1

12.30 – 1.00: A, B and C
01.00 – 1.30: D, E, F, G
01.30 – 2.00: H, I, J
02.00 – 2.30: K, L, M
02.30 – 3.00: N, P, Q, R, S
03.00 – 3.30: T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Y9 students – Monday 6th September AM – TEST 2

09.00 – 09.30: A, B and C
09.30 – 10.00: D, E, F, G
10.00 – 10.30: H, I, J
10.30 – 11.00: K, L, M
11.00 – 11.30: N, P, Q, R, S
11.30 – midday: T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z



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Y12 students – Monday 6th September PM – TEST 2

12.30 – 1.00:	A, B and C
01.00 – 1.30:	D, E, F, G
01.30 – 2.00:	H, I, J
02.00 – 2.30:	K, L, M
02.30 – 3.00:	N, P, Q, R, S
03.00 – 3.30:	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Y11 students – Tuesday 7th September AM – TEST 2

09.00 – 09.30:	A, B and C
09.30 – 10.00:	D, E, F, G
10.00 – 10.30:	H, I, J
10.30 – 11.00:	K, L, M
11.00 – 11.30:	N, P, Q, R, S
11.30 – midday:	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Y10 & Y13 students – Tuesday 7th September PM – TEST 2

12.30 – 1.00:	A, B and C
01.00 – 1.30:	D, E, F, G
01.30 – 2.00:	H, I, J
02.00 – 2.30:	K, L, M
02.30 – 3.00:	N, P, Q, R, S
03.00 – 3.30:	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Arrangements for Full Return on Wednesday 8th September

We are awaiting government guidelines and advice about how we will return to school pending educational Covid instructions from September. I will alert you to these once I know.

School Uniform

When we return to school in September, full winter uniform will be worn by all students. I would draw your attention to the attached policy as from the summer term 2022, summer polo shirts will not be worn and instead students will wear winter uniform (short sleeved shirts are allowed) throughout the year. [Y9-Y11 School Uniform](#)

Essential Equipment List

Please find attached a list of equipment to bring in for the Autumn term.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the holidays.

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