



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

Ref: Parental Bulletin

8th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Yesterday we were able to hold our annual sponsored walk; it really is a tremendous occasion when the whole school comes together to raise money for charity and walk around our local area. The students were superb – supporting each other, enjoying themselves and behaviour was impeccable; a very well done! The students left at 12.30PM and then the departments went into overdrive, preparing their classrooms and the school for the arrival of our prospective Y8 students with parents/carers for Open Evening. I am proud in that the staff and students showed off the school in all its splendour. The evening kicked off with the wonderful smell of bacon and vegetarian burgers greeting visitors as they came up the steps complete with celebration bunting and Bugsy Malone flappers, dancing in Reception! Catholic Life in action was in the Canteen, together with students carrying out live painting and others talking about Gold Level Industrial Cadets. Mr Long's outstanding choir sang both classic and pop songs ahead of my speech – they were a joy. The classrooms were full of quizzes, tests, food and activities to engage the students – it was overall a great evening. We had some very positive feedback:

"Really impressed with drama, .and large arena that went with out."

"History, geography, maths, English classes all looked amazing, with teachers showing presentations."

"The choir singing in the hall were wonderful – I could have listened to them all night!"

"Meeting the SEND team."

"The fact that it was calm and well organised - our tour guide was very helpful and polite too."

"Observing the practical resources with the different departments and learning how they offer multiple opportunities for the pupils."

Y10 Assessment Week

The Y10's have their assessments next week; it is a useful midpoint check for them to understand how they are progressing. Please make sure they get plenty of rest over the weekend.

Sixth Form

There will be a standards check with all sixth form students from Monday, focusing on the school dress code. I met with some of the sixth form students this week to identify how they were progressing. It was positive to hear that they are enjoying their courses whilst also receiving informative feedback on their progress.

Covid-19

Public Health England reported to us that they were pleased with the significant reduction in positive cases sustained from St Augustine's this week. To ensure that all students undergo asymptomatic testing, please ensure that should your child have been away from school and missed the testing (held on Friday 1st October and Tuesday 4th October), please ensure they proceed straight to the Pastoral Office upon their return, so that we can test them prior to mixing with their friends. Students will continue to wear masks in the near future.

Summer Exam Series, 2022

The government announcement last week confirmed a number of changes to the content of subjects which we will shortly release to the students. Importantly from a parents' point of view will be the dates of the

exams: these will return to their normal format, with AS and A Levels being released on **Thursday 18 August**, and GCSEs on **Thursday 25 August**.

Yours faithfully



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