



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

The Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carers,

After the success of the Y9 Open Evening last week, we are now looking forward to the Y12 event on Thursday 3rd November, from 5PM – 8PM. We will throw open the doors to the school again and welcome students and parents to come and look around our sixth form. Mr Foley is currently planning an event incorporating sixth form taster sessions to allow both internal and external Y11 students to experience the look and feel of A Level and BTEC subjects. It will be a great event so please come along and see what we have to offer; click on the [link](#) to book your place.

Having been at the helm of the sixth form for this first half-term, Mr Foley took some time out to take part in a mini-Q&A this week to expand on the unique features of our sixth form:

Tell me about the Sixth Form Enrichment Programme

Where do I start?! Enrichment is all about fun in the sixth form – it is designed to go beyond the realms of the academic curriculum and allow students to try their hand in areas of their interest. It's targeted on a Wednesday afternoon and this term we have over 10 areas of focus, and the students rotate every half term.



Not just a Sociology teacher and cricketer, Mr Ahmad's skills go far beyond as he takes over the Food room to conjure up various culinary delights with the sixth formers. Contrastingly, Mrs Vernon within science is teaching students forensic science/criminology skills as she takes them on a journey into the intricacies of the science behind solving crime. We also have Mr J who carries out an engineering workshop working with local employers, as well as Saints Radio with Dr Long. Mental health and well-being is also a key part of the programme too, exemplified today where we had a collection for the HelloYellow campaign.

What about external links?

Yes – that's a key area of our sixth form too. Visiting speakers come in talking about a range of topical issues such as Universities who can talk for hours on a whole number of topics such as how to complete the UCAS form, how to budget money whilst in higher education. We have barristers coming in to enthuse about legal careers, and even "thinking analysts" (they didn't exist in my day) who make us think in different ways



– more critically and creatively. We also have very good relations with the police who come in and share knowledge about current themes within the community to enable students to stay safe. We have more speakers than we often know how to fit into the school timetable – we teachers can learn a lot from them too!

What's happening with the Giving Back Programme this year?

This is the most ambitious programme we have run at the school yet! This allows both Y12 and Y13 students to “give back” – help, mentor and support others both within the school and within the local community. This ranges from actively supporting in lower school Maths, English and Science lessons, setting up a recycling project, writing the newsletter, coaching in sports, running the radio and/or supporting with a breaktime club during lunchtime.

Y9 Assessments

Our Y9 students have taken their first set of assessments in school this week. We were in the midst of the first Covid lockdown when ordinarily they would have sat their SATS and hence it has been important for us to obtain “baseline” data on them so that we can ensure they are aligned to the correct sets. They have sat exams for core subjects in the Sports Hall and non-core in their classrooms. The students have been mature in the manner in which they have approached these exams – a very well done to them.

Sponsored Walk

A final count of all the money that the students collected for last week’s sponsored walk has been made and I am pleased to announce that the final amount is: £1106.18 which will be split between the three very worthwhile charities of:-

- St Chad’s Sanctuary
- Edward’s Trust
- Father Hudson’s Care

A particular well done to JTM, Ruby F, Cieran M and Tiegan M for their outstanding collections – excellent!

You’re never too young to learn!

You may be aware that SLT carries out On-Call throughout the school during every lesson across every week. In a nutshell, this means that we walk around the school, going into every lesson to check that the students are focused on their learning, and behaviour is calm and orderly. If there are any issues, then the student is removed from the lesson and appropriate action taken. This week as I was doing the rounds, Mrs Lake was teaching her students about quoting Shakespeare and I was amazed to learn that phrases such as ‘what the dickens’, ‘short shrift’, ‘too much of a good thing’ or even ‘seen better days’ are from the Bard himself. In my excitement, I was compelled to share with Mrs Lake the intricacies of mechanics, pivots and waves - I could tell she was rivetted as I’m certain her quizzical look was one of enthusiasm for the beauty of science. The jury is out on whether she’ll be downloading the Theory of Relativity to read, this weekend.

Foundation Governor

We are currently recruiting a Foundation Governor to join the St Augustine’s Local Governing Body. Should you wish to apply, please do so by contacting Anne Eggins at aeggins@sta.magnificat.org.uk Further details can be found [HERE](#).

Dates for the Diary – Second Half Term (new events are highlighted)

Date	Event	Location
Thu 20.10.22	Cinderella	Theatre
Fri 21.10.22	Half Term, 3.50PM	
Tue 01.11.22	All Years Mass – parents are welcome to attend	Sports Hall
w/c Mon 07.11.22	Y13 Assessment Week	Sports Hall
Tue 08.11.22	Y12 Trip to Cambridge University	Off Site
Wed 09.11.22	Remembrance Service (we will also be observing the 2 minute silence on Friday)	
Thu 10.11.22	Sixth Form Parliamentary Trip	Off Site
Thu 17.11.22	Music and PA Showcase	Theatre
w/c Mon 21.11.22	Y11 Assessment Week	Sports Hall

07.12.22 – 11.12.22	Paris Trip	Off Site
12.12.22	Y13 History Trip to National Civil War Centre, Newark	Off Site
13.12.22	Carol Concert, Mt Carmel Church	Off Site
15.12.22	Awards Evening – current Y12 and previous Y11/Y13 leavers	Sports Hall

Yours faithfully,



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- Maths Teacher
- Transition Lead and Catholic Life Co-ordinator
- Attendance Assistant
- Casual Minibus Driver

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