



# ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

## DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

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*Ref: Parental Bulletin*

*25<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

Dear Parent/Carers,

How wonderful it is to see students flourish! This was my first thought following a meeting today with our Head Girl and Boy together with their Y11 counterparts, namely Lauren, Dylan, Jessica and Finlay. We discussed ambitious plans for community development through their student bodies: from communication via social media, sponsored events to help the disadvantaged, raising awareness of mental health issues and always with equality on the agenda. Watch this space as they promise to come back to the table with great ideas!

### **Y12 and Y13 Curriculum Evening**

This virtual event together with a raft of supportive material to guide both students and parents through the year is available using the following link.

[Y12 & Y13 CURRICULUM](#)

### **County Lines**

All year groups have received a recent assembly regarding the dangers of drugs and the rise in county lines; I would ask parents to discuss this with their child at home.

### **New Y9 Open Evening**

This last week has seen the school busy in fervent activity arranging the virtual Open Evening for current Y8 students who are currently considering choices of high school for entry in Sep-21. We are filming a range of short videos which encapsulate St Augustine's and these will be uploaded to the website next week. In the meantime, please review our webpage which talks in more detail about this and if you have children/friends who have any questions that they would like answering, please ask them to submit one via this form.

[Y9 OPEN EVENING WEB PAGE](#)

### **Form for Questions**

[ASK A QUESTION HERE!](#)

### **Covid-19**

It is essential that we retain thorough and high standards with regard to social distancing, wearing a face mask in communal areas and sanitising hands and desks regularly throughout the day. It is also important that students do not share stationery – pens, pencils, calculators etc. Attached is an Essential Equipment List that all students need – please note that we will be providing students with a glue stick and highlighter pen over the next week and I would ask that you replace these when necessary. I attach a flowchart which provides clarity as to when children should be kept at home and also a letter from Public Health England outlining when children may require Covid tests.

### **Track and Trace NHS App**

You will be aware that the NHS have just launched their track and trace app which can be downloaded to both Apple and Android devices. The app alerts you to the proximity of other app users who have tested positive to coronavirus. It also advises you as to the level of coronavirus risk in your postcode district. If

you are worried about having Covid-19 type symptoms, the app will help you book a test and keep track of your self-isolation countdown. I would urge students of 16 years of age or older, to download the app in order to help prevent the spread of the virus. Please note that we are going to continue to keep rooms well ventilated this autumn so I would suggest that students consider wearing thermals to ensure they stay warm.

### [DOWNLOAD THE NHS APP](#)

#### **Y13 Mock Examinations**

Y13s will sit formal mock examinations week commencing Monday, 12th October 2020. They should be in school for their assessment, otherwise they can study at home if required. If students have two assessments in one day they will need to stay on site due to Covid restrictions. For the majority of students, these assessments will be sat in the Sports Hall. Please see attached the schedule for the week and the Y13 Assessment Task Sheet; students will be issued with their individual candidate timetables next week.

#### **Y12 Assessments**

Classroom based Y12 assessments will begin week commencing 16th October 2020. Please find attached the Y12 Assessment Task Sheet to assist students with their revision programme. The results of these will inform discussions on suitability of courses with both students and parents.

#### **Jan-21 External Examinations**

The exams office are currently preparing entries for the Jan-21 examination season. Exams will take place for Y10 students studying CPLD BTEC, Y11 students studying HSC BTEC Tech Award, Engineering BTEC Tech Award, Business Cambridge National, Digital Media Cambridge National, L3 Algebra and L1 Number and Measure Edexcel Awards. Exams will take place for Year 12 and Year 13 students in CPLD, HSC and Sport L3 Extended Certificate, Digital Media Cambridge Technical. An exam will take place for Y13 students in Business L3 BTEC Extended Certificate.

#### **Extended Project**

In addition to the above, those Y13 students completing their EPQ coursework, submission will take place shortly.

#### **Sponsored Mile Event**

Please see the attached letter regarding our sponsored mile event over the next fortnight.

#### **MAC Vacancy**

Please see the link [HERE](#) referring to an IT vacancy in the MAC.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



**G T O'Connor BSc (Hons) NPOH**  
**Principal**

#### **Attachments:**

Flowchart of illness  
Letter from Public Health England  
Essential Equipment for School  
Y13 Mock Timetable  
Y13 Assessments, Task Sheet  
Y12 Assessments, Task Sheet  
Sponsored Mile Event