



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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The Weekly Bulletin

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This week our focus has been on National [Apprenticeship](#) Week and we have welcomed employers into school to celebrate with students, the tremendous offering of jobs and training that they can provide. Businesses and apprentices across the country have shone a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy. Cadbury's, the RAF, Worcestershire Apprenticeships and more, were all in school talking to the students about the roles on offer at age 16 and/or 18 and the associated on the job training and outsourced training that is part of their overall package of employment and professional development. Y10 students also took part in an interactive Forensics workshop with Thinkers in Education; over the last decade, this has become a rapidly expanding degree course across the country. To complete the week, the Y9 students took part in WCG's 'Big Apprenticeship Bus' which arrived at school giving students involvement with hands-on activities such as plumbing fitting, animal health checks and horticulture. Should parents like to learn more about what we as a school, offer students with respect to onward destinations and support, please contact either Mrs Taman – our school Careers Lead, or Mrs Beach – our external Careers Advisor.

Examinations

The spring term always sees a cluster of exams as we approach the mid-point of the year, and students have responded very well to them. Yesterday the Y11s received their grades in a mock results morning followed by the Parents' Evening last night. Should you wish to feedback about the Parents' Evening, please click [HERE](#).

Y13 Mock Examinations

Well done to the Y13s who have been writing their mocks this week. There are some further exams during the early part of next week and then the Parent's Evening follows after half-term on Thursday 9th March. Should there be any concerns about the exams in the meantime, please contact Mrs Threadgold or Mr Foley who will be able to offer further advice.

Y12 Examinations

The return from half term sees the start of the Y12 assessments. The timetable for them is found [HERE](#).

Enrichment - eSwatini

Earlier in the week, Mr Morris organised True Adventure to come into school to talk to St Augustine's and St Benedict's students and parents about a trip that is being run in July 2024 for current Y11 and Y12 students. It is billed to be a magical and adventurous 16 day expedition encompassing safari, trekking, supporting the community but most of all an unforgettable time for students to plan and explore a trip for themselves and their friends. Further detail can be found [HERE](#). Closing date for signing up is 20th February.

Term Dates: 2022 - 2023

There are two further inset days during this academic year when only staff will be required to come into school. These are Friday 31st March 2023 and Monday 26th June 2023. Please click [HERE](#) to view this year's term dates.

Term Dates: 2023 – 2024

Please click [HERE](#) for next year's term dates.

Confirmation Classes

Miss Martin will be supporting in the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation to take place on 23rd June 2023. Should you wish your child to be involved, please complete the attached [form](#) and return it to her.

Act On It

Please see the link to free [workshops](#) to support young people with their mental health.

Important Dates for this Term – post half-term events added

Date	Event	Location
17.02.23	Half Term – 3.45PM	
27.02.23	Return from Half Term Y12 Assessment Week	School
03.03.23	PGL Netball Trip Culture Day	Shropshire
08.03.23	Y9 Skills Day Pop Icons	Off Site Theatre
09.03.23	Y13 Parents' Evening	Sports Hall
14.03.23	Y9 DTP Vaccinations	School
16.03.23	Y12 Parents' Evening	Sports Hall
23.03.23	Public Speaking event	School
27.03.23	Y9 Assessment Week	School
27 – 29.03.23	Y10 Soli House Trip	Stoke-on-Trent
Thursday 30.03.22	End of Term at 3.45PM	

Parents' Evening Dates for Remainder of Year

27.04.23	Y9 Parents' Evening	Sports Hall
13.07.23	Y10 Parents' Evening	Sports Hall

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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