



# ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

## DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

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9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Yesterday morning, I met with the Head Boy and Head Girl together with our Y11 Ambassadors. I am always so impressed with their verve and enthusiasm for supporting the school and finding ways to improve the communication to parents and students alike. Now that the new website is gaining traction, we discussed establishing a more prolific social media presence so that information is replicated and transmitted to all. This should gain momentum over the next few weeks and I would be grateful for your feedback. They have taken up the challenge of hosting a fortnightly live Teams session during form time with the intention of pulling students together on topics such as mental health, student futures etc. I am very impressed!

### **New Appointment – Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL)**

We are very pleased to celebrate the news of the successful appointment of our new CSEL – Tom Leverage – please see the attached letter from our Chair of Directors, Mike Tilt. Essentially the CSEL will act as a CEO to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-academy. We wish Tom every success in his new role, I very much look forward to working with him.

### **Y13 Mock Examinations**

Next week, the Y13 students will be sitting formal mock examinations in the Sports Hall. They need to be in school for their assessments only, otherwise they can study at home. If students have two assessments in one day they will need to stay on site due to Covid restrictions. 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. The results of these will inform predictions for UCAS grades.

### **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair**

All Y12 students are encouraged to sign up to access the above in their free periods and at home. Y13 students will have the afternoon webinars played in the background in their social spaces.

[VIRTUAL FAIR](#)

### **Mental Health awareness**

Following a Sixth Form sponsored walk, today students and staff raised the profile of mental health. Within the school we have many avenues of support and guidance: within school we have two Welfare Officers – Ms Cavendish and Miss Bird who work with students with anxiety or issues that are troubling them. We are also launching the Quo Vadis programme at school which offers 12 sessions that focus on building up resilience, confidence and mental wellbeing strategies for students who found the lockdown period particularly difficult. This is being rolled out to a small group of targeted students initially and then on a wider scale in the New Year.

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### **Principal - G T O'Connor BSc (Hons) NPQH**

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## Sponsored Walk

Over the past fortnight, the whole school has been involved in the sponsored walk which has been held within the school site. It has been uplifting to see the students coming together to support such great causes. Lap after lap, mile upon mile has been pounded by student feet and the results are in:

- Y11 completed 1141 laps, totalling 456 miles
- Y10 completed 1876 laps, totalling 750 miles
- Y9 were the outright winners with 3663 laps, totalling a huge 1465 miles

In total therefore, 2,671 miles has been walked by the students which is the equivalent of Land's End to John O'Groats more than three times over! The JustGiving pages are listed below for the form groups; you can also donate by ParentPay for the Mike Dean Trust. A big shout out to Owen Alekna in Y11 who completed 22 laps in one session, a total of 8.8miles! May I thank you in advance for your donations for the charities who support those in need.

- Y9 are supporting [St Vincent De Paul Society](#)
- Y10 are supporting [Mary's Meals](#)
- Y11, Y12 & Y13 are supporting the Mike Dean Trust

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## Masks on Buses

I have been alerted to the fact that some students are not wearing masks on buses. We ensure that all students leave the school site with masks intact and we will be talking to students again next week in Collective Worship to advise they must remain wearing them throughout the entire journey. I would respectfully ask that you talk to your children about the same. It is a legal requirement and hence imperative that we uphold this. Bus drivers are not required to enforce the law and so we look to your support with this matter.

## Mass

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the Y9 students will be having their Mass in the Sports Hall, as a whole year group with Fr Tony Rohan. It was lovely to see Y11 celebrate together this week.

## 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](#)

**Vacancy**

Please see the link [HERE](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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

***Attachments:***

Letter regarding appointment of CSEL

Flowchart of illness

Letter from Public Health England

Y13 Mock Timetable

Y13 Assessments, Task Sheet