



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

From the Desk of the Principal

5th January 2021

I am inordinately grateful for the staff and students within St Augustine's. Having been informed late last night that we had to move to Home Learning this morning, the transition has been smooth, ordered and without any hint of panic. This morning, we had a number of Team Meetings with both staff and students to ensure that a clear plan is in place and all students are fully understanding of what they should be doing and when. From 9.40AM this morning and then throughout the day we have been running live lessons – staff have reported how well the students have accessed them and contributed throughout the lesson. One member of staff noted how much more talkative the students were on message, than in class!

I have sent out a quick survey to ascertain how the first day of lockdown has progressed. I recognize that there are some problems which we will investigate and follow up on, but likewise thank you for your positive comments:

"I think the home learning plan is excellent and am extremely grateful that you are able to continue to support our children through this period."

"Thank you for the lessons. I have a child in three different schools and this is by far the best and most supportive."

"We have been really impressed with how remote learning is working. It is extremely well organised, with plenty of support available for the students. Thank you!"

Free School Meals

If you have any problems accessing free school meal vouchers for the eligible children, please contact rhopkins-edge@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk.

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

A Christ centred learning community committed to the development of the whole person.

St Augustine's Catholic High School actively promotes equality, inclusion and accessibility; please let us know if you require assistance.



Vulnerable and Children of Critical Workers

Should you require your child to be in school next week (excluding those sitting exams) please contact Anne Eggins (egginsa@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk) in order for us to ensure correct provision is in place. Please note that from this Friday, we will be carrying out asymptomatic Lateral Flow Tests on students (subject to consent). **Please advise Anne by noon on Thursday 7th January if your child will be in school next week so that we can ensure the correct forms are completed for Covid-19 consent and testing from Monday 11th January.**

Illness

Students are required to log on each morning at 9.20AM for normal registration. If your child is ill, please follow the normal absence procedures:

Either email: STA-attendance@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk

Or call: 01527 550400 x221

Mental Health

Form time will form one of our safe and wellness checks with students with additional measures being put in place for identified students. Please email pastoral@sta.lourdesmac.org.uk if you have any concerns or would like advice/support. Please find attached 2 support notes about lockdown.

Exams

Over the next fortnight we have the following exams:

Wednesday 6th January

- Level 3 Fitness Training and Programming (9:30am-12:00pm)
- Level 3 CPLD Unit 2 Preparation (9:30-11:00am)

Thursday 7th January

- Level 1 Numeracy and Measure (9:30-11:00am)
- Level 3 CPLD Unit 2 Preparation (9:30-11:00am)
- Level 2 Patterns of Child Development (1:30-2:30pm)
- Level 3 Performing Arts (9:30-3:30pm)

Friday 8th January

- Level 3 CPLD Developing Children's Communication (9:30am-12:30pm)
- Level 3 H+SC Human Lifespan Development (1:30-3:00pm)
- Level 3 Performing Arts (9:30am-3:30pm)

Monday 11th January

- Level 3 H+SC – Working in H+SC (9:30am-11:00am)
- Level 2 Algebra (9:30-11:00am)
- Creative iMedia (1:30-2:45pm)

Tuesday 12th January

- Level 3 Personal Business and Finance (9:30am-11:30am)

Wednesday 13th January

- Level 2 Enterprise and Marketing (9:30am-11:00am)

Friday 15th January

- Level 3 CPLD Children's Development (9:30am-11:15pm)

Revision sessions

Revision sessions this week will now be online at the following times:

Wednesday 6th January

- Level 1 Numeracy and Measure (10:00-11:00am)

- Level 2 CPLD Year 10 (1:15-2:30pm)
- Level 3 Business (4:00-5:30pm)

Thursday 7th January

- Level 2 CPLD Year 10 (11:10am-12:00pm)
- Level 3 H+SC Year 12 (9:40-10:40am)

Friday 8th January

- Level 2 Algebra Year 11 (10:00-11:00am)
- Level 3 H+SC Year 13 (1:30-2:30pm)
- Creative iMedia Year 11 (4:00-5:00pm)
- Level 3 Business (4:00-5:30pm)

Monday 11th January

- Level 3 Creative iMedia Year 12+13 (9:40-10:40am)
- Level 3 Business (4:00-5:00pm)

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Principal

Attachments

Parent Support
Student Support