



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

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We have reached the end of what has been an unusual term, but most importantly it has ended magnificently. The students have been truly uplifting – throwing themselves into raising money for Lenten charities, working with Mrs Wright, Mr Long and Mr Foley to put together an outstanding final service – it has been a joy to watch it all unfold and come together. I will arrange for the end of term service to go onto our YouTube channel so that you can enjoy it too. The readings, the performing and the splendid singing by Tara R, were brilliant.

As we are all aware, this term has been focused upon keeping students and staff safe with respect to Covid-19. To this effect we have had additional cleaning support in place; Keith and Shona have carried this out throughout each day and evening. We have also had an army of volunteers within school carrying out the Lateral Flow Tests with the students. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them all; they have done a sterling job and their hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed.

Head Boy and Head Girl

I am delighted to announce that our Head Boy and Head Girl for the forthcoming year will be Jack Hopcroft and Aleena Hussain. I met with them this morning and they have already started formulating ideas that they have for next year; they are focused on ensuring that students' voices are heard and they will work diligently to carry this out. My thanks also go to Lauren Court and Dylan Rees for all the work that they carried out last year implementing Saints Speaks and the half-termly Pupil Voice and much, much more.

Lenten Charities

The total for money raised so far for St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham is over £600 which is a terrific achievement! After some negotiation and haggling, I agreed with Ms Mason to scalpel my head at a level 2. So, it's shorter, neater and cooler in anticipation for the sunny weather we have between now and when the sleet is forecast on Monday. I'm told that there is some video footage which might be shared for more money changing hands. On a more serious note, it's great to see the students and staff joining together, ensuring our community spirit comes alive.

LFT Home Testing

A reminder that all students must continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing at home during the holidays. Could I ask you to ensure that one of the tests (they need to be carried out twice a week, between 3 and 5 days apart) is performed on either Saturday 17th April or Sunday 18th April to ensure students are clear before returning to school on Monday 19th April. Further details about the LFT Home Testing can be found [HERE](#).

Your Future Life

Yesterday I sent out a communication to you about our Consortium focusing on destination pathways for our Y11 and Y12 students. Attached is a letter relating to this inviting all Y11 and Y12 students to attend the virtual Destination Pathways Evening on Tuesday 20th April. Please sign up for it by scanning the QR code on the letter.

Finally, it is important for all students to have a rest over Easter. Enjoy the weekend and spend time with your family. However it is important for Y11 and Y13 to focus upon their assessments which start a week after the return. Ensure that they stick to their revision timetable, start work at 9AM, finish at 5PM and take short regular breaks throughout the day so that they can remain focused. Have a lovely Easter!

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