



# Saint Augustine's

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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### PARENTAL BULLETIN – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### LET US PRAY

Prayer for April: O Sacrament Most Holy  
O Sacrament Most Holy  
O Sacrament Divine  
All praise and all thanksgiving  
Be every moment Thine. Amen.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Parents Evening:** Year 10 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Revision Club:** this will start again on the first Monday back, running from Monday to Thursday, 4pm – 6pm each evening; Y11 and Y13 students are welcome to stay and work here.

**Revision Booster Sessions:** scheduled over the Easter Holiday – Y11 and Y13 (see attachments below).

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Parents Evenings</b>		<b>Y9 Assessment Week</b>	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Y10</b>	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Y10 Assessment Week</b>	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Y9</b>	Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Y11 Final Day at School</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> June
		<b>Y13 Prom</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> June
		<b>Y11 Prom</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> June

#### MR G O'CONNOR, HEAD OF SCHOOL

**Catenians Public Speaking Competition:** you will recall that Lintu Tom recently won the school public speaking competition and so last Sunday she went to the regional Catenian final at Bishop Milner Catholic College in Dudley. One of 14 students competing, she was up against stiff competition across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. After calming her nerves, Lintu delivered a magnificent speech, "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword". After a nerve-wracking deliberation by the judges, Lintu was declared the winner and received a huge shield, £100 for herself and £100 for our school. Very well done to her!

**Y12 Parents Evening:** thank you to all parents, carers and students who came to Parents Evening on Wednesday. Should you need any further support, we are here to help, so please contact Mrs Paddock.

With the holidays upon us, I would remind all Y11 and Y13 students to plan the next fortnight carefully. Make use of the revision booster sessions as well as taking time to relax before the focus steps up again on the return to school.

Please find attached the 2019-2020 school calendar.

May I wish you all an enjoyable and peaceful holiday.

#### CATHOLIC LIFE – MR P FOLEY

Students have had the opportunity to live out their faith this week by again supporting charity, with the Food Bank, donations for Tabor House and the Y12 & 13's giving blood on Monday. A huge thank you to Mrs Waite for organising the Food Bank – such a great cause to help families less fortunate than ourselves. Also, a big thank you to the 6 students who donated blood in Birmingham. It was a great afternoon and students supported each other and realised how important it is to give blood and the difference it makes to others. We will be running another trip in the summer term, so if any students would like to join us, please ensure you are registered by going to [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

18 months ago, Pope Francis declared that he wanted to learn about the views of young people in greater depth and so he asked Dioceses to gather this information together and he then spent time absorbing it and talking and listening to young people. Following a period of reflection, he wrote a letter entitled, "Christus Vivit", meaning, "Christ is Alive". The work coming from this project is shaping the future of the Church today and subsequently the work that the Kenelm Youth Trust will carry out. Yesterday, we welcomed Beccy Roseman from the Kenelm Youth Trust and her visitors from North America who talked to us about this fantastic project.

This morning, the whole school celebrated Easter by coming together for a service. This incorporated music, reading and drama. A huge thank you to all students involved as well as Mrs Wright and Mr Long for preparing the drama and choir students so well.

May I wish you a happy and holy Easter.

#### Mass Times: Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum - Mount Carmel Church

14 <sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday	The Passion of the Lord	8.15am; 9.45am (Polish); 11.15am; 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> April, Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper	7pm

	Watching until Midnight with Compline	11.50pm
19 <sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	3pm 7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> April, Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	8pm
21 <sup>st</sup> April, Easter Sunday		8.15am; 9.45am (Polish); 11.15am; 6pm

## PE FIXTURES

### GIRLS

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Apr: Netball club at lunch time in the sports hall – PGL students only.

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May: Netball PGL Parent meeting: 5:00 – 5:30 in the Theatre.

Yesterday, the Y10 girls' football team played against North Bromsgrove; it was an intense match with both sides playing well. Naevie F scored 2 goals! However we lost the match in the final 30 seconds when North scored their 3<sup>rd</sup> goal so it ended 3-2. Well done girls!

### BOYS

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Trampolining Club, 4:00 – 5:00; pick up from Saints at 5:00.

## YEAR 9 – MR E MILL, HEAD OF YEAR – [mi@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:mi@saintsa.co.uk)

This week, Y9 have had two collective worships. On Monday 9HU discussed the environment with a particular focus on cutting the use of plastic. It was well presented, and they challenged staff and students to take better care of our planet. On Wednesday Mr Foley encouraged the Year group to be the best versions of themselves and act when needed and called upon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the four Y9 students who supported the school on Wednesday's Parents Evening. I know Ms Mason was thankful for the help.

I am looking forward to watching the Y9 football team in their semi-final of the County Cup tonight (Thursday) and hopefully I can report back next term about a glorious victory.

Well done to the following students who have achieved the most class-charts this term. Hannah F (158) Jericho J (158) and Martha C (175) excellent effort you three.

I hope all students have a restful and reflective Easter period.

## YEAR 10 – MISS S DAVIES, HEAD OF YEAR – [daviess@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:daviess@saintsa.co.uk)

I would like to congratulate Y10 on their progress both academically and in supports initiatives in our school. This term has been one of significant progress towards the end of year and leading in to Y11. I have seen a tremendous improvement in pupils' demonstrations of commitment to all aspects of school life and cannot praise the pupils in this year group enough for this achievement. We are looking forward to Y10 parents evening on the first Thursday back after the Easter holidays. If any parents are struggling to book appointments please contact the school when we return so that we can help. I hope that all pupils have the lovely break that they have worked hard for but most importantly stay safe in the 2 weeks off.

## YEAR 11 – MR N MURPHY, HEAD OF YEAR – [murphyn@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:murphyn@saintsa.co.uk)

Mr Quinn and myself both spoke in Collective Worship this week regarding the upcoming Easter break. It is essential that students do not sit back over the holiday period but instead continue to drive forward the hard work we have seen from so many students. As reinforced at our revision evening last week, I would recommend that students create a bespoke Easter holiday revision timetable; this will allow them to plan in revision sessions which are being held within school, revision sessions which they will need to do in their independent time and also time to relax/exercise and enjoy a break.

All students have received letters detailing revision sessions taking place at school over the Easter holiday, I have also said to students that if they wish to attend any additional sessions then this should not be an issue as long as they have discussed with the teaching member of staff.

Many congratulations to all students who took part in GCSE PE moderation on Tuesday, the Drama exam on Thursday and all students who have completed languages speaking and listening exams. As a school we are very proud of all students involved and this has been a fantastic start the GCSE examination period.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM – MRS C PADDOCK, HEAD OF KS5 – [paddockc@saintsa.co.uk](mailto:paddockc@saintsa.co.uk)

**Year 12:** It was a pleasure to see so many parents/carers at Parents Evening on Wednesday; I know that students will act upon the advice given by staff and continue with their work into the summer term.

I delivered my last collective worship as Head of Y12 on Tuesday; we had a trip down memory lane and laughed at photos of students (and staff) when they were at the beginning of their journey in Y9. I will still be in school, but after the Easter break I am moving over to support Mr Foley with the Catholic Life of the school and the transition of students joining us in September. It has been a pleasure to be their HOY and I wish them every success as they move into Y13. Please contact Ms Paddock for any queries with regard to your child. *Miss Mason*

**Year 13:** This term has been a very busy one as students have worked towards finalising their destinations, either at university or on apprenticeships, and have begun to think about their final examinations. Some BTEC courses have come to an end - well done to all of those involved in these subjects. For all students, exams begin in earnest over the coming weeks. Easter is a good time to ensure that revision timetables are in place and acted upon. A number of revision sessions

have been happening after school and these will continue after the holidays. Some students have also been invited in for revision sessions over Easter.

It has been fantastic to see so many students working in the sixth form area after school and supporting one another in their preparations for the exams - there really is a community spirit and a sense of working together for the good of everyone.

We wish Y13 well in their preparations and hope that they can have some rest too over the Easter period.

Well done to all students who sat their mock exams this week. They have been a credit to this school and we are hopeful that the feedback from these will support them in their last few weeks before their actual exams - 3 school weeks to go!

## EXAMS

The French and German speaking exams concluded this week. Well done to all students.

**Individual Candidate Timetables, Letters for Clash Students and Corresponding Clash Instructions**: have been given out to all students present in Y10, 11, 12 and 13. Should any student have queries regarding their timetables, they should come directly to the Exams Office. Please could outstanding clash notification response tear off slips be submitted to the exams office as soon as possible after the Easter holiday. The Exams Office wish all students a wonderful Easter break and good luck for the forthcoming summer examinations.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

### Attachments:

- ➔ Y11, and Y13 Easter revision schedule, exam and revision (provisional) timetables
- ➔ Y12 exam and revision (provisional) timetable
- ➔ E-Safety Bulletin
- ➔ Calendar: 2019-2020

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Should students wish, then summer uniform for both boys and girls, to be worn from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April:

- pale blue polo shirt with school logo (T-shirts must not be worn underneath)
- plain black tights, flesh coloured tights or plain black/white ankle socks
- blazers should be worn to and from school

## VACANCIES

- ➔ Principal
  - ➔ Assistant Principal
  - ➔ Cover Supervisor
- <https://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies>