



Monday 15th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of School Year 2023-24

As we approach the end of another school year, we have had much to celebrate this summer term. We have continued to provide opportunities to our students to build on their aspirations and provide them with experiences they would not get elsewhere.

The Year 13 Graduation and the Year 11 Prom were highlights of the summer term and it was so good to see so many parents and carers at the Year 11 Graduation who have been a positive support for the last 5 years. We wish our young people who have taken exams this summer every success and look forward to celebrating with them all on their Results Days.

Our new Year 7 students came for their transition day, and we also welcomed Year 5 students for the first time to St Augustine's to experience what High School is like. Our Year 12's gained valuable insight into their futures with a week of talks from universities, apprenticeships, former alumni and a work experience opportunity at London Zoo. Our Year 10 students completed their 'Employability Week' with trips and exposure to different types of workplaces such as 3 Mobile, the Open-Air Theatre, London Transport Museum and Bart's Hospital. The whole of Year 7 and 8 also got to watch the Donmar Theatre Production perform Macbeth in school.

Year 9 will graduate from Key Stage 3 this week which will set the students up to take on the challenge of key Stage 4 in September. We also had 50 students from Year 6, 7 and 8 who were invited to the annual 'Tea with the Head' event for making the most progress throughout the academic year. These students joined our Year 12 Student Leaders for an afternoon of cake, ice-cream, sandwiches and celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support over the academic year. I would also like to thank the staff and Governing Body for their continued support to ensure all our students get the best education and experience at St Augustine's.

Parent Pay Accounts and Free School Meals in September 2024

Parent Pay Accounts - Please can all parent/carers please ensure that their child/ren's account is cleared and not in any debt by **Friday 19th July**. If you need any support about setting up a payment plan or an extension to this date, please contact the main office. We want to ensure that all students are in credit for their first day back in September.

Free School Meals - If you currently live in Westminster and have a child(ren) in Year 7, 8 or 9, your child(ren) would have received a free school meal at lunchtime, which has been fully funded by Westminster council for the whole of this academic year 2023-24. If your child is moving into Year 10 in September 2024, this will no longer be provided so please ensure



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that either your child's account is topped up and in credit for September via Parent Pay, or if you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, please open the link below to apply directly in time for September.

Check if you are eligible for Free School Meals - <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Apply for Free School Meals - <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/education/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

From September 2024, Year 7, 8 and 9 students who live in Westminster will again have access to a free school meal at lunchtime paid for by Westminster City Council. We would encourage all our families to still apply for Free Schools Meals directly as this can generate additional funding that the school can use for your child throughout their time at St Augustine's.

Lost Property and Old School Uniform

If your child/ren has lost any items of uniform or equipment such as PE bags and water bottles, please ask them to go to Main Reception to check through the lost property that we currently have. All lost property will be donated to charity on **Friday 19th July** or unclaimed school uniform will be washed and stored for students to use in the future. If you have any old uniform that you would like to donate to the school that can then be used for families who may be less fortunate, please bring any items, including PE kit to main reception by **Friday 19th July**. A big Thank You to our Year 11 students who donated a lot of their school uniform already!

Borrowed Laptops

If you have been issued with a school laptop on loan, can you please bring in the laptop and charger before the end of the summer term so that the ICT Team can ensure any software updates or fixes can be made. Please bring to main reception. Thank You.

School Uniform and PE Kit Update



As previously communicated with you since January, from September 2024, the school jumper for your child(ren) needs to be either a **Plain Navy-Blue V-Neck Jumper** or **Plain Navy-Blue V-Neck cardigan with buttons**, not zips (Please see examples opposite). These items can be purchased from any retailer and must ensure they have no logos or badges, collars, embellishments or patterns. The royal blue jumper will no longer be part of our uniform from September.





Outdoor Coats – This should only be worn outside and over a school blazer. Students must be wearing their blazer at all time. If you need to **order new PE kit** for your child(ren) so it can be delivered in time for their first day in September, please make your orders via the link below.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/staugustinescehighnw65sn>

Arrangements for Last week of term:

Friday 19th July is the last day for all students and will also be a non-uniform day. All students will be dismissed at the following times:

- Year 7 – Dismissed at 12pm
- Year 8 – Dismissed at 12pm
- Year 9 – Dismissed at 12.10pm
- Year 10 – Dismissed at 12.30pm
- Year 12 – Dismissed at 12.30pm

Term Dates for 2024-25

Please find a link to our school website where parents/carers can see the school term dates for 2024-25. <https://www.stahigh.org/school-life/term-dates/> . We will be contacting you in September with the new Attendance expectations that the Department for Education have put in place for all schools, students and parents/carers.

Start Dates for students in September:

- **Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Year 7 students only**
- **Thursday 5th September 2024 – Year 7 and 12 students only**
- **Friday 6th September 2024 – Year 7, 11, 12 and 13 students only**
- **Monday 9th September 2024 – All Year Groups**

Can I please remind all parent/carers to continue to talk to their child(ren) over the summer holidays about staying safe online and their use of social media. We want all our students to continue to use these platforms in a kind and respectful manner and want to ensure all our students use any personal device appropriately. Ask your child(ren) to show you what they are looking at or what groups they are in, to be sure they are being sensible and are safe. If you need to collect new ties and school badges from the main office, the school will be open week beginning Monday 26th August between 10am-2pm. Please ensure these items are purchased via Parent Pay before collecting them from Reception.



I wish you all a happy summer holiday, enjoy the Olympic Games if you manage to watch any of it and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours Sincerely,



Rachel Kelly
Head of High School



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