



14th August 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

Getting ready for our new Year 7 students!

I hope that you and your family have been enjoying the summer holidays and have spent some quality time together. As we celebrate with our Year 13 and Year 11 students over the next week their exam results, we wanted to get in touch to share some reminders to ensure that you and your child(ren) have a calm and positive start to St Augustine's in September.

First Day and Timings

All Year 7 students start on **Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8.40am**. All Year 7 students should enter the school at the main gate on Kilburn Park Road. Students will need to be in full school uniform and have their school bag and equipment with them. If you are dropping your child(ren) to school via car, please do take care where you drop your child off and/or where you park. The area can get very busy as the term starts, so please be careful and do not park on any of the yellow lines. Year 7 students will finish on Wednesday and Thursday at 3.30pm and 2:40pm on Friday.

Uniform and PE Kit

We have shared with you all our uniform expectations, both at the transition evening and via letter. If you need any reminders, please click on the link <https://www.stahigh.org/school-life/uniform/>. Apart from the school badge and tie which is purchased via Parent Pay APP, you can purchase the rest of the uniform items from any outlet of your choice. All Year 7 students must be in full school uniform on Wednesday 4th September.

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. Please bring a screenshot of your order on Parent Pay with you.

PE Kit must be ordered via the website below. If you have not already placed your order, please do so to ensure that your child(ren)'s PE kit arrives prior to their first day in September.

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

Medication

If your child(ren) takes regular medication or will need a health care plan, please pop into school during the first week to discuss this with our medical team. If your child is diabetic, asthmatic, has regular medication and/or has an EpiPen pen, please can you ensure your child have their



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medication with them on day one and speak to our medical team to ensure any medical/toilet passes can be sorted as soon as possible. We can store securely spare inhalers, EpiPens and any other medication once provided by the parent/carer.

Parent Pay Accounts and Free School Meals in September 2024

Parent Pay Accounts - If you need any support with setting up an account, please pop into the main office during week beginning Monday 26th August between 10am-2pm. You will need to ensure you have an account for your child(ren) as we are a cashless school and if your child wants to pay for break and lunchtime food/drink, they will need to be in credit.

Free School Meals - If you currently live in Westminster, your child(ren) will receive a free school meal at lunchtime, which will be fully funded by Westminster council for the whole of next academic year 2024-25. If you are unsure if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please use the link below to check your eligibility and then apply if able to.

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>

What will your child(ren) do during their first week?

We will ensure that all our Year 7 students will have a full induction during their first week at St Augustine's. Year 7 will be taken through how to access our online learning platform and homework; they will spend some time with their form tutor to go through our expectations and lesson routines. Year 7 will also start using their timetable, attend lessons and begin to feel part of our school community. We have our Year 13 Student Leadership Team to support the students on their first day so they can navigate the building and make them feel comfortable in their new learning environment.

We will write to you again after the first week to share with you the dates and times of our Parent/Carer coffee mornings and how you can support your child(ren) at home with their homework and learning.

Finally.... I am really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to St Augustine's. We had a very positive transition day back in July and I am excited to see how our new cohort will grow over the next 7 years. We have a lot of exciting personal development opportunities for our Year 7 students, and they are joining our school community where St Augustine's High School will be turning 155 years old this academic year!

Enjoy the rest of the summer holidays and see you on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours Sincerely



Ms Rachel Kelly



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