



13th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Personal Development is flourishing!

Our Personal Development offer this half term has continued to thrive. Alongside a number of sporting fixtures across various sports and year groups this half term, we have continued to work with the Donmar Theatre Group with our Year 8 students, Year 12 have attended All Hallows London Wall as part of the energy mapping project with engineers from the project, some of our Year 8, 10 and 11 Girls have taken part in a Robotics Challenge at Kings College University, Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 all participated in the BBC Bitesize Tour, Year 7 had a Road safety presentation and Year 10 and 11 Students competed in the UK Maths Challenge. Year 12 A Level Business Students have attended the London School of Business for various lectures to enhance their personal development and leadership potential and some of Year 12 students attended Jesus College, Cambridge University as part of our wider enrichment programme.

Our Student Leadership Team and well-being committee prefects have also led a 'Wellbeing' fortnight for the whole school, including leading collective worship, highlighting the importance of wellbeing and in particular men's mental health. There has been form time activities, positive postcards delivered to staff and students and the annual fitness challenge for staff and 6th Form students is taking place this Friday! Our Senior Prefects also had the opportunity to take part in the LDBS St Paul's Cathedral Service, which included all Church of England primary and secondary schools in London. This was a fantastic opportunity for the three Head students, and they did an amazing job! We also had the National Launch for the 3v3 NBA Basketball Tournament with representatives from the Great Britain Basketball Team, London Marathon Events, ITV news and BBC news to film the occasion.

Parent and Carer Feedback – "You Said, We Did"

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support this half-term. We are extremely grateful for the attendance of parents and carers at our various Parents' Evenings and appreciate the valuable feedback you have provided through our parent surveys. Many of you have been contacted to address any queries you raised, and in response to your feedback, we have taken the following actions to further support our parents and carers:

You Said – "Can we have more information on what my son/daughter is currently studying?"

We did – Please find the link to our curriculum pages. On each page you will find two documents for every subject that is delivered at St Augustine's for Year 7-13. One document is an overall learning journey and the second is the curriculum overview - <https://www.stahigh.org/high-school/high-school-curriculum/>. We will also investigate a system where we can send an update to all parents each half term with an overview of what your son/daughter will be studying during the half term.

You said – "Where can we see all the positive news about the school? Can you tell me more about the rewards at the school for the students?"

We did – We have various platforms that we share our students' successes. We have a termly newsletter that is emailed to all parent/carers, but can also be found on our website here – <https://www.stahigh.org/news-events/newsletters/>

We also have social media accounts which promote what is happening in the school, student work and student achievements. You can follow us here on:

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/staugustinescehighschool/profilecard/?igsh=YWkyY3F0aXliNWV5>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Augustines-CE-High-School/61566200625027/>

X - https://x.com/i/flow/login?redirect_after_login=%2Fstaugustinece

Our students also have various opportunities to receive praise at school, either verbally, or through the awarding of positive praise points. We also have Positive Praise Postcards and students are also awarded 'Golden Tickets' which are entered into a prize draw during the Reward Assemblies each term. Students are also awarded positive points for their uniform, attendance and punctuality.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to the feedback from all our parents/carers. Please also see some of the extracts from the questionnaires taken from parents/carers after the Year 7, 8 and 9 Parents Evenings that have taken place this half term.

Year 9 - 98.3% of all parents/carers agreed that their child feels safe in school and 95% of all parents/carers agreed that their child is happy at school.

Year 8 - 98.4% of parent/carers agreed that the school has high expectations for their child and 100% of all parents/carers agreed that there is a good range of subjects available at the school

Year 7 – 97.8% of all parents/carers agreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities at the school and 95.4% of all parents/carers agreed that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Mobile Phones

Can I please remind all those parents/carers that your support with ensuring that all our students do not use their mobile phones during the school day, including during lessons, in the time between lessons, at breaktimes and at lunchtimes, is appreciated. Please remind your child/ren that mobile phones should **never be used, seen or heard**. If a pupil breaches our mobile phone rule of never being used, seen or heard the following will happen:

- The mobile phone will be confiscated and placed in the main office and a phone call made to the parent/carer. The phone can be collected by a parent/carer only 24 hours later from the main office and must be signed for.
- If a student was seen using their mobile phone either to message/film/record/take a photo/make or receive a call, then the mobile phone will be confiscated and placed in the main office and a phone call made to the parent/carer. The phone can be collected by a parent/carer a minimum of 24 hours later or depending on the severity (Footage/content may be linked to a safeguarding issue), the phone may remain confiscated for up to 5 days.
- Any safeguarding concerns with content found on a pupil's mobile will automatically lead to the phone being confiscated and our Safer Schools Police Officer being contacted. The mobile phone will then remain confiscated until the police inform the parent/carer of next steps.

Please refer to our policy if you need any further guidance - <https://www.stahigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Mobile-Phone-Policy-September-2024-1.pdf>

Community Expectations

Our expectations of our students when they are travelling to and from school is that they remain well behaved and polite, whilst they are in the community. The vast majority of our students do this regularly, supporting the community and showing the values of respect and kindness. Can I please ask all parents/carers to speak to their child/ren to ensure that they do not go into any other residential blocks and remember that we are a community who need to be able to live together peacefully.

Future Dates

Please be aware that the February half-term holiday is from **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025**. The last day of this half-term is Friday 14th February 2025, 2:40pm. We look forward to welcoming all students on their return to school on **Monday 24th February 2024, 8.45am**.

- Year 10 Mid-Year Mock Exams – Monday 3rd March – Friday 14th March 2025

- Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 6th March 2025
- Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 13th March 2025

I wish you all a pleasant half term and look forward to seeing many of you at our parent events after half term.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Kelly', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Rachel Kelly

Head of St Augustine's High School