

13th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you that St Augustine's will be celebrating its **155th anniversary** on **Friday, 16th May 2025!** This is a momentous occasion for our school community, and we have planned a range of exciting activities to mark this special milestone.

St Augustine's was officially opened on **16th May 1870** with just **seven boys** as its first students. Over the years, our school has grown into a thriving community, and we are proud to honor its rich history through various celebratory events.



To commemorate 155 years of St Augustine's, our students and staff will be taking part in meaningful initiatives that reflect our school's values of kindness, service, and inclusivity. Some of the key activities include:

- **155 Hours of Good Deeds** – The whole school community will be engaged in acts of kindness within the school and local community. We have currently achieved just under 100 hours so far, with students and staff volunteering for charity events, leading on collective worship, leadership programme with primary students and
- **Year 10's Food Bank Collection** – Students in Year 10 will be raising **155 items** for a local food bank to support those in need within the community.
- **6th Form's Charity Drive** – Our Sixth Form students will be collecting **155 items of clothing** for **Shelter**, a charity they have proudly supported through their participation in the 'Walk for Shelter' over the past two years.
- **Year 7's Reading Challenge** – Students have been challenged to collectively read **1.55 million words** on Reading Plus.
- **155-Word Writing Competition** – A creative opportunity for students to showcase their literary talents.



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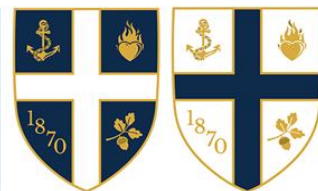
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- **Time Capsule Project** – Students from Year 7-13 will select and place meaningful items into a time capsule to represent our school today and preserve memories for future generations.
- **Drone Photo with Year 9** – We have planned a special aerial photo of our students forming the number **155** in the playground.
- **Sports Team Photos** – New team photos will be taken across all year groups and sports teams, providing a comparison with St Augustine's teams dating back to **1903**.
- **155m Race** – A special **155-meter race** will be included in this year's Sports Day programme to celebrate this milestone in a fun and active way.
- **Year 8 & 9 Special Prayer Competition** – Students in Years 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to design a special school prayer to commemorate our **155th birthday**.

In addition to these activities, we will also be holding a special event for all staff from the primary and secondary school, and invited members of the community, who have continued to support St Augustine's. This will include **a special service at 1pm on Friday, 16th May, 2025**. As a result, all **students will be dismissed from school at 12pm on this day unless they are directly involved with the celebratory event**.

We are incredibly proud of our students for embracing these challenges and contributing to our celebrations in such a positive way. We would love for parents and families to join us in supporting these initiatives and making this milestone a truly memorable one. Please ask your son/daughter what they might be able to do to contribute, and various activities will be shared via Teams with the students to get involved with.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating **155 years of St Augustine's** together!

Yours Sincerely,

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