

21st March 2025

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

For those 145 Year 11 students who applied to the 6th Form by 14th February 2025:

We are excited to invite your child to our Year 11 into Year 12 Taster Day at St Augustine's Sixth Form on Wednesday 2nd April 8.45am – 3.00pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 11 students who have applied to join our Sixth Form to experience the full range of what we offer as part of our post-16 provision.

During the Taster Day, students will participate in four A Level/Vocational lessons and gain insights into our academic environment and the high-quality teaching that we pride ourselves on. They will also learn about the comprehensive support we provide in university and work-related learning, alongside our exceptional student leadership and personal development programmes. The day will be a chance for students to hear from our team and current students, including our Head Students and Prefects, and to ask any questions they may have. We encourage students to come with an open mind, ready to learn and embrace their future academic journey.

We would also like to remind Year 11 students that our Sixth Form is an integral part of the school community. Therefore, they should dress smartly (either as a 6th Former in smart dress, or in their school uniform if preferred, with their lanyard for either option), arrive with a positive and mature attitude, and come prepared with questions they wish to explore with our current students. This is a perfect opportunity to start focusing on their revision and ensuring they are on track to achieve the best possible results, helping them to transition smoothly into the next stage of their educational journey and future.

We look forward to welcoming your child to the Taster Day and are confident they will set a positive example as the role models they are destined to be. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. All Year 11s will be taken through the day during their assembly on Tuesday 25th March by Miss Carney (Assistant Headteacher) and Mr Amos (Director of Learning, 6th Form).

If your child has not applied for the 6th Form:

On Wednesday 2nd April, your son/daughter will either be participating in a leadership opportunity with Year 4 and 5 students at St Augustine's, or will have the opportunity to attend a Construction Trip for those students interested in this area as a potential future career or have supervised study where they can focus independently on their current studies and look at revision plans and how to revise for the summer exams. They will have the support of the Year 11 Year Team throughout the day. They will also have a one-to-one



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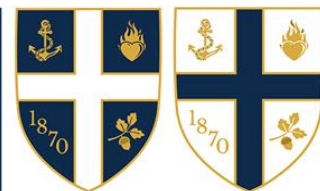
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session on post-16 choices to ensure that have confirmed destinations for September, including at least two alternatives.

Exam information

All students have been issued with a paper copy of their summer GCSE Exam Timetable. Please ask to see this and put it somewhere safe and visible (The fridge is a good spot!). We will provide your son/daughter with a second copy after the Easter holidays with the seating plan included.

GCSE Exams in GCSE PE, Art, Graphics and MFL Speaking have either already taken place, or will be completed within the first 2 weeks after the Easter holidays. You will also be notified of any GCSE Revision classes that are taking place for your son/daughter by Mr Singh next week. Please ensure that the Easter holidays are used productively. Parents and carers can support a smooth transition into the exam season by ensuring their child(ren) have a quiet and clear space to revise, they get some fresh air, they have all the equipment they need, including a scientific calculator that they have practised using. Encourage sleep, stick to the same bedtime routines as they would normally do ready for the exams and time away from their phone and social media, especially at night, in order to maximise their brain activity on learning.

Further information will be sent to you after the Easter holidays regarding GCSE Exam Results Day and also what to do if you are on holiday during the results day. We will be in touch to explain how this will work with you soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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Head of High School

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