

ST AUGUSTINE'S FEDERATED SCHOOLS

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Newsletter



We want all of our community to have equal opportunities to experience life in all its fulness (John 10: 10). We encourage all community members to “be the best we can be” in every aspect of their lives as we grow in, and reflect on, the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (1Corinthians 13).

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a term full of hard work, achievements, and memorable moments for our students, and we are proud of everything they have accomplished. Some highlights for me this half term have been our Year 8 students performing at the Donmar Theatre, our Year 12 and Year 13 students getting really involved in their ethics day where they got to debate about ethics of artificial intelligence and having Year 11 into Year 12 for a 6th Form Taster Day and nearly 200 Year 4 and 5 students into Year 7 for a High School Taster Day!

Rachel Kelly
Head of High School

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF FEDERATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

During this term there have been so many wonderful opportunities for our community that it is a challenge to highlight a few but I will try. It was lovely to see our students on the BBC News launching a national basketball event. It was hugely inspiring to attend the Regents Park Marriot Hotel with Year 10 students to hear about all of the different jobs that are done in hotels and to see the place in action ; we were treated so well -thank you! If I had to pick one highlight though, it would be to read the Primary School SIAMS report containing phrases like , ” The school is a harmonious community, routinely described as a ‘family’. Pupils and adults feel connected and the school’s vision and values promote unity and a strong sense of belonging”. Congratulations to all the students and staff who made this report possible. The Full Report can be found on a recently launched new website <https://www.staprimary.org/>

Thank you all for your support and have a lovely break.

Best wishes
Eugene Moriarty
Head of Federation



YEAR 9 STUDENTS SELECTED TO REPRESENT QPR IN MILAN

We are delighted to announce that two of our young talented footballers Michael Andrade Dabo B9 and Stevie Forrestal B7 have been selected to represent Queens Park Rangers on an overseas tour to Milan in April 2025.

They have both been working incredibly hard in training which has led to this amazing opportunity. In addition, both Michael and Stevie represent our school football team and have contributed significantly in terms of their performances.

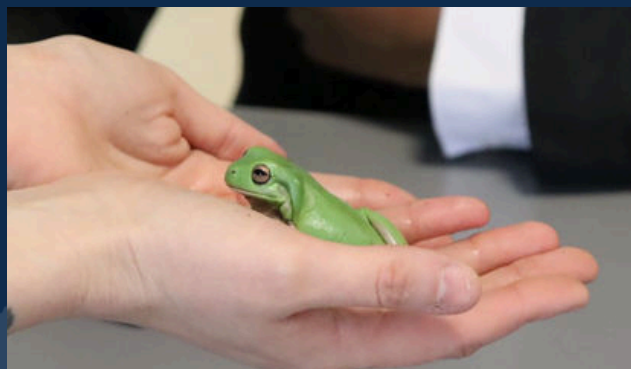


Michael led his team, Year 9, as captain to their first Westminster Borough title which was a fantastic achievement for the school and his year group

Stevie, who joined Year 7 this year and has already made a significant impact for the football team. His quality and leadership is something that really stands out which is great to see in someone so young.

We are so proud of both of our students and everyone at St Augustine's Federated Schools wishes them all the best as they represent QPR in Milan in April 2025.

SCIENCE WEEK 2025



To kick start this year's Science Week, Charlie from Zoolab visited and brought Hairy Harry the Tarantula, Olaf the Snowcorn snake, Kermit the Tree Frog and a few other amazing animals with her.



Every class from Year 7 had the chance to meet, look at, and even hold some of the animals. Most students were even brave enough to hold, or at least touch Olaf the snake! Students were all excited and behaviour was excellent and they all enjoyed the chance to learn and ask lots of questions. The week continued with a Spellathon and an event "Inspire Engineering".





INSIGHT DAY AT MARRIOTT HOTEL REGENT'S PARK

A group of year 10 students attended a Career Insight Day at Marriott Hotel in Regent's Park last week. The programme included a talk on the history of Marriott Hotel from a single hotel to a global business with a staff cohort from all parts of the world. Students learnt about different roles and departments within the business and the hospitality industry as a whole.



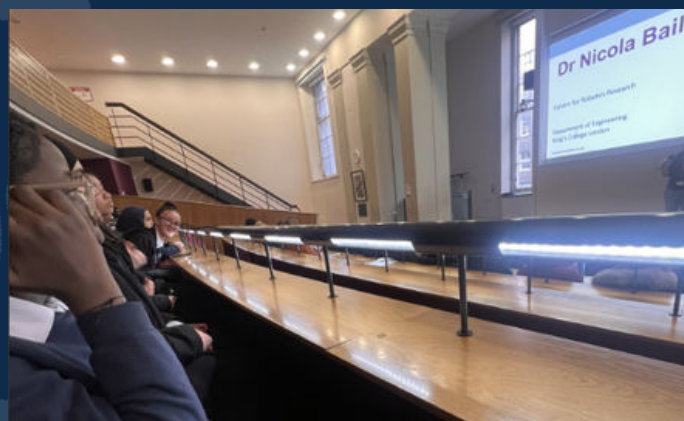
There were talks by a number of professionals about their career routes which helped students understand a range of career opportunities within the industry before having a tour of the hotel and refreshment. Our Head of Federation – Mr Moriarty and Careers Lead – Mr Ydri attended the event and were very grateful for the amazing welcome and reception.



Our students engaged well and found the event very informative, some thought they would consider this industry as a career path too now they know more about it.



GIRLS ROBOTICS CHALLENGE KING'S COLLEGE



Our students were model students at this King's College Challenge. We learnt things that we need to use to build on our robot and we've attended a seminar led by highly successful doctor leading research in robotics, we learnt about her research and the challenges she faced as a female in the robotics industry.

Students are now motivated for the final day that will take place on the 3rd of April when they bring the completed robot that is able to pick up objects move and drop objects in a chosen location.

Students now know to get into Robotics they would benefit in taking Physics at A level



PA CONSULTING MOCK INTERVIEWS

All year 12 students had the opportunity to have a one to one mock interview with a business volunteer from PA Consulting. The event was organised in partnership with the educational organisation Making the Leap.



Through the activity students learnt how to answer interview questions, develop strategies, improve their communication skills, build their confidence and reduce stress before a real job interview.



Every single student received verbal and written feedback. Mr Ydri – our Career Lead received very positive feedback from our guests who thought our students had an exemplary attitude, engaged very well and were a pleasure to work and interact with.

Have you topped up
Parent Pay for lunch
and break?

Click [here](#) for the link!

OUTSTANDING WORK BY YEAR 10 STUDENT

“The marketplace hummed with energy, full of movement and sound. Motorbikes, encumbered by three generations passengers, sped through the crowd, navigating the human tide with precision, whilst scattering dust and sand behind them.

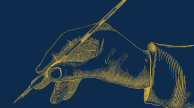
A symphony of honking tuk-tuks, the ‘chitter-chatter’ of pedestrians and hurried footsteps filled the air. The food carts contributed to the tapestry of scents, mingling with the eye-watering tang of gasoline and the ‘sickly-sweet’ aroma of spices.

The warm sun illuminated the dust suspended in the air, undisturbed in the hustle and bustle of the afternoon. Scorching rays of sunlight reflected off of the waterfall of vibrant fabrics on display. Clothes, draped over wooden beams, swayed in the soft breeze, like colourful flags fluttering proudly.

Men, clad predominantly in white, hurried determinedly on the rough ground, the gravel burning blisters onto their feet. Nevertheless, the people of Bombay beamed genuine smiles of delight.

Above; a tangled web of wires crisscrossed the sky, a reminder of the city's chaotic electrical infrastructure. Tall buildings loomed over the street, casting elongated shadows as the sun gradually and gracefully retreated beneath the horizon. Just another day in Bombay.”

Marlene, Year 10





IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEW MENU STARTING APRIL 2025

We are delighted to welcome 'The Pantry' who are our new catering partners who will be providing all of the school food for students and staff during break and lunchtimes after Easter. Students and Parents/Carers can find the new Break Time and Lunch menus for the first 3 weeks on our website now. Thank you to our School Council representatives and student leaders who were involved in the menu design. There are no changes to the use of Parent Pay for students to pay for their meals/snacks, but there will be a different queuing system and a number of new choices for students which we will share with them all on their first day back after Easter.

LUNCH MENU WEEK 1

The Pantry		THE PANTRY KITCHEN					The Pantry
WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
MEAT	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Spicy Bang Bang Chicken with Yellow Rice & Peas	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Mild Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice & Roasted Vegetables	Fish & Chips with Peas & Sauce Selection		
VEGGIE	Veggie Bolognese Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Spicy Vegetable Sausage Jambalaya	Vegetable & Potato Puff Pastry with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Mild Vegetable & Chickpea Curry with Steamed Rice & Roasted Vegetables	Margherita Pizza or Veggie Sausage with Chips & Coleslaw		
GRAB 'N' GO	Tomato Pomodoro Pasta	Basil Pesto Pasta	Tomato Pomodoro Pasta	Italian Meatball Pasta	Tomato Pomodoro Pasta		
DESSERTS	Fruit Waffle with Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Marble Cake		
SOUP OF THE DAY	DAILY HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY WITH CROUTONS OR BREAD ROLL						
JACKET POTATO	FRESHLY OVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO! CHOOSE TWO OF OUR TOPPINGS FROM: CHEESE, TUNA MAYO or BAKED BEANS						
A SELECTION OF SALADS, SANDWICHES & DESSERTS AVAILABLE DAILY							
ALL MEAT IS HALAL							
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT ALLERGENS ON OUR MENUS, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CATERING MANAGER			The Pantry are committed to improving the standards of children's meals across every one of our Schools, and fresh, ethically sourced ingredients are used every day across our kitchens.				

[Click Here for the full menu!](#)



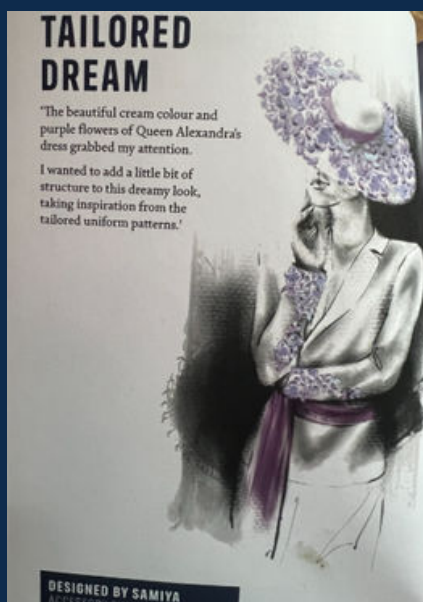
YEAR 11 STUDENT COMPLETES YEAR LONG FASHION PROJECT AT KENSINGTON PALACE

Samiya Begum in Year 11 has been working on a fashion project at Kensington Palace for the last year. With help from City Lions Mr Grange managed to get Samiya on a project for young people who are interested in Fashion Design as a career.



The Young Producers, were mentored by industry professionals as they responded to work in the new 'Dress Codes' exhibition.

Samiya designed an outfit based on an item of clothing once work by Queen Alexandra.



This culminated in a massive creative event, including a fashion show, poetry readings and musical performances which I attended last half term. The work they produced is on show at the exhibition. The whole experience for Samiya was incredible, and will surely open many doors for her in the future.

REMINDER

Smart devices, phones, airpods, smartwatches are not to be brought to school. Mobile phones must not be seen, heard or used.

STUDENT GIVES PUBLIC SPEECH AT THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Luke Chapman, Year 11, represented AllChild at the House of Lords on 12th March, giving his insights into the programme in front of a large audience which included headteachers from other schools. Luke was calm and composed and showed a real talent for public speaking. Luke spent two years on the AllChild programme and is now a member of the alumni, attending the AllChild offices once a month to engage in leadership activities.





Zoe and Grace, the year 12s were a great representatives of our community worked with the Governance and Councillor Liaison Team. Their highest moment was interviewing the lead person of the opposition Paul Swaddle on their first day which was a unique experience on its own. Zoe was impressed by the task they were given which was to look into poverty and its impact on mental health. Grace has written an article on current programmes in Westminster that will be published in the SEBRA's Magazine. The magazine comes out three times a year.

WORK EXPERIENCE AT WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

Six of our year 12 students spent last week completing their work experience at Westminster City Council and Theatre Royal Haymarket Masterclass. Mr Ydri visited them on Wednesday and was so proud of their attitude and conduct. Westminster City Council were extremely satisfied with their work and impressed by their completed work.

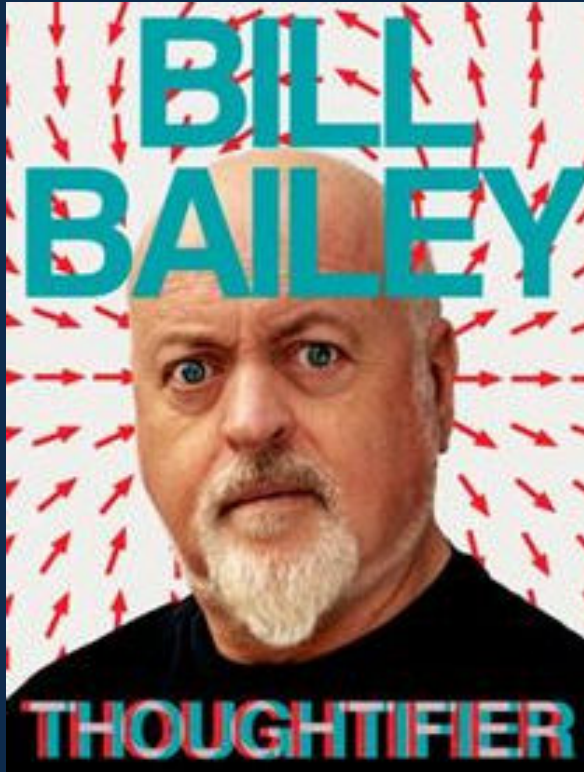
Faris, worked with the Social and Culture Policy Team. He appreciated that his A Level subjects related greatly to his work experience task and the world of work.

He completed a report on the poverty review, a current theme the council is looking into, and presented it to a panel using a diagram to explain his research and findings.



Maisha spent her week at Theatre Royal Haymarket. For her, it was an eye opener to learn about all the jobs behind the scene that make sure the show can go on such as those to do with lighting, sound and décor set up.

Her mentor was so impressed by her dedication and said 'she is a lovely girl who just gets on with the work and completes it'. Maisha was part of the front of house team for Bill Bailey performance on Wednesday which was sold out.



The other year 12 students, Shaheen and Gabriel were placed with the Strategy and Intelligence Team. They both worked on the project 'Fairer Westminster' and were pleased with the opportunity to show their creativity when rebranding the online information. Shaheen found the work environment very impressive and enjoyed supporting the team. Gabriel was impressed by the amount of work the council does for the community and enjoyed researching the issue of homelessness.

Students must wear
their lanyard and ID
card every day

School badges, ties,
lanyards and ID
cards can all be
purchased from
Parent Pay.

JUNIOR NBA 3X3 EVENT

In February we were pleased to host the launch of the 3v3 Jr NBA event in London. The event is a competition that involves students playing the new 3v3 competition format against other schools across London. The launch event was attended by GB basketball athletes, representatives from the NBA, London Marathon Events the BBC and ITV.



As part of the launch event, our students had the opportunity to receive a coaching workshop a meet and greet from the GB athletes and then take part in 3v3 games.



FRIDAY 16TH MAY – OUR 155TH BIRTHDAY!

As previously shared with you all, next half term, St Augustine's will be celebrating its 155th Birthday. We have shared with you all the various events that our students and staff have got involved with and are planning for our celebrations. Please do refer to my previous letter which outlines the activities students can get involved with and the arrangements for Friday 16th May - <https://www.stahigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Letter-to-Parents-155.pdf>.



The aim of the event is to celebrate the launch of the 3v3 tournament but also to inspire more students to take part in basketball at school. The students participating were delighted with the activities, with a lot of them considering joining the school team.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT TERM:

- 22nd April onwards – Year 11/Year 13 GCSE/A level exams begin with MFL, Graphics, Art
- 30th April – Year 10 Parent Evening
- 16th May – Early closure for all students at 12pm for our 155th Birthday! 49 Year 11 GCSE Business students will be sitting an exam this afternoon
- 19th May – Year 12 End of Year Exams begin for 2 weeks
- Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – May Half Term

UPCOMING PARENTS' EVENING

- 30th April – Year 10 Parent Evening

PARENTPAY REMINDER

Please ensure that you have topped up your child(ren) Parent Pay Account. We have made individual contact with parents to politely remind them to top up balances. If you need any support, or a payment plan, we are more than happy to help. Please contact us in Main Reception.

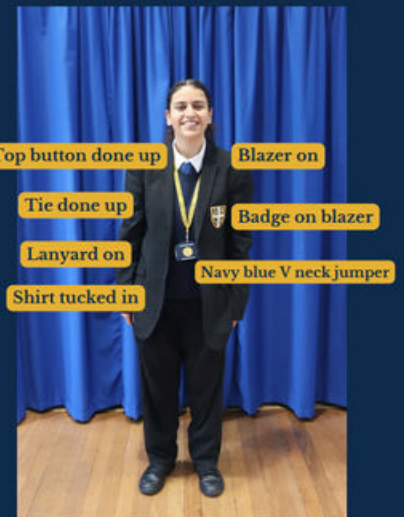


Uniform Check



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please make sure that students are dressed appropriately coming to school. That means they should have a badge on their blazer and their top button needs to be done up. They have to wear their blazer and their tie needs to be done. Their shirt must be tucked in and they need to wear their navy blue V neck jumper/or cardigan.



Need a new badge or tie? [Order here!](#)

Need a new PE kit? [Order here!](#)

Need a new card or lanyard? [Order here!](#)

TERM DATES



- Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 – School re-opens for all staff and students
- Monday, 5th May 2025 - May Bank Holiday
- Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025 - May Half Term 2025
- Friday, 18th July 2025 - Last day of Term



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