

ST AUGUSTINE'S FEDERATED SCHOOLS

TRINITY TERM
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 SECONDARY

Dear Parents & Carers

This newsletter celebrates many of the events that have taken place during the Summer Term. It has been a great pleasure to see the school continue to provide opportunities to our students and recognise and celebrate the successes of students in all year groups. The Year 13 students sat exams for the first time as they had missed out when they were Year 11 during the Covid Pandemic. The Year 13 Graduation and the Year 11 Prom were highlights of the term, and it was also pleasing to see so many parents and carers at the Year 11 Graduation who have been a positive support for the last 5 years. We wish our young people who have taken exams this summer every success and look forward to celebrating with them all on their Results Days.

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students who will be starting with us in September for

their Induction Day, and it was great to see many of the parents/carers too on the Year 6 to 7 Parents Evening. Our Year 12 students participated in ‘My Future’s Week’ which included guest speakers, information about university, presentations from our Alumni and a work experience day at London Zoo for every Year 12 student. Year 10 students have been working hard this half term to complete their first mock exams of their GCSE courses. Year 9 had their graduation from Key Stage 3 which has now set the students up to take on the challenge of Key Stage 4 in September. We also introduced a new rewards event this year for students in Years 6, 7 and 8 who have shown the most progress and perseverance this academic year. These students joined our Year 12 Head and Deputy Student Leaders for an afternoon of cake, ice-cream, celebration and rewards at our first ‘Tea with the Head’ event.

We had a Creative Arts Exhibition which showcased the amazing work from our Year 11 and Year 13 students, and Year 7-12 students also took part in our annual Sports Day event which saw many of our students participate in both team events and many of



the athletic events in the afternoon. A group of Year 10 girls also took part in a one-day residential programme with the Met police and British Army which focused on team building activities, problem solving activities and class-based sessions around the law and youth engagement programmes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support over the academic year. I would also like to thank the staff and Governing Body for their continued drive to ensure all our students get the best education and experience at St Augustine's. I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours Sincerely

Rachel Kelly
Head of School

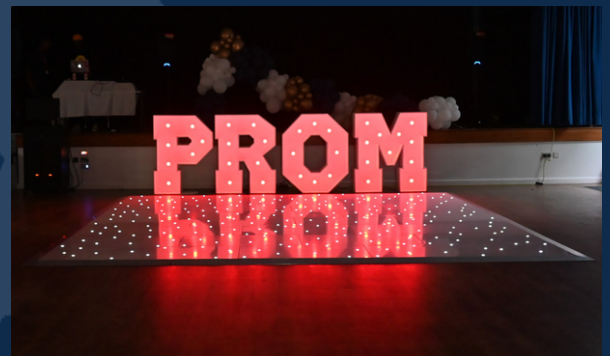
YEAR 11 GRADUATION & PROM



Sham Naim - Winner of the Curiosity Value Award

Year 11 students and their parent/carers joined us for the Year 11 Graduation event where we celebrated every individual for completing their secondary school education. We also announced the winners of our 'Values Awards' to students who had consistently demonstrated throughout their time at St Augustine's the values of Respect, Joy, Kindness, Curiosity, Perseverance, Inclusion, Wisdom and Integrity. There were various musical performances and then opportuni-

ties for families and friends to have final group and individual photographs taken. Following the Graduation, the 2023 St Augustine's School prom took place. The students all looked absolutely amazing and really wowed us with their Prom outfits. The students stepped on to the lit-up dance floor the minute they arrived in the school hall which was decorated beautifully in the starry nights theme; dark colours and plenty of bling! It was an evening that I hope they never forget. I know we won't!



TEA WITH THE HEAD

50 students from St Augustine's Primary School, Year 7 and Year 8, were invited to our first 'Tea with the Head' event which was to reward the students who had achieved the greatest number of positive points in each form group over the academic year. The students brought with them examples of work that they were really proud of and shared this with staff and our Year 12 Head and Deputy Students. We then celebrated with plenty of food and a visit from an ice-cream truck! The Year 12 Head students then made a speech to congratulate all of the students on their hard work and perseverance this year and some motivation to continue being the 'Best that they can Be' next academic year too!



Year 7 Tea with the Head Award Winner, Adam Boutlate



CURIOSITY WORKSHOP



On Thursday, 29th June, a group of Prefects from the high school visited the Year 5 & 6 classes. They ran a Curiosity Workshop where they discussed what curiosity was in regards to the careers or futures they wanted to pursue. The prefects helped the primary pupils in understanding the skills they may need to reach these goals. The message of the workshop was how important our choices are in life and at school and the impact they can have on our futures. Thank you to Miss Carney and the St Augustine's High School Prefects for a wonderful session.

Our prefects had this to say about the experience:

"We wanted to run the workshop to give all Year 5-6 students the chance to explore their passions, interests and dreams. We decided to frame this around Curiosity (one of our Prefect values) because engaging with students on their dreams, thinking what they could become and be or how secondary school can help, is a real opportunity. Many of us felt like we didn't have this chance to work with older students when we were in Year 5-6, and so we really wanted to give something back to our wider community. Listening to all their passions and desired careers was really quite inspiring and enjoyable to listen to, especially listening how excited they are about the next steps in their lives. We really hope this passion and curiosity continues throughout their high school journey!" (Gabriel)

"We also wanted to inspire the younger students that anything is possible with intricate planning, belief & hard work. We really wanted to implant the idea of thinking of the future from a young age & understand what the future may hold within their education journey. We loved working in the groups, exploring careers that the students wanted to go into, and advising them on how to accomplish their dreams & goals as well as exploring back up careers that they may be interested in, prompting questions that they hadn't considered before. This was all part of 'sparking curiosity' and using our experience to help them!" (Rayyaan)

"We really enjoyed working with the younger students, learning more about their ambitions, expanding their curiosity, as well as getting to know what they want to do when they're older, and learning more about the many hobbies they've taken up, some of which are directly connected to what they want to do next! Many students had questions about secondary so we all really enjoyed being able to share our experiences and helping to guide them. What really stood out to us all is how creative and extremely passionate the children are. Within our groups, it was lovely to see how they all linked in their hobbies with their careers. We all really admired their curiosity to learn and can't wait to see where this takes them!" (Mary)

DEBATE LESSONS

Over the course of the school year, 6th Form students have worked together to help students from the primary school improve their debate skills. Assistant Headteacher of Primary Ms Bettoni had this to say about the experience:

"The Year 6's had their last debating session at the high school recently. I would like to say a huge congratulations to all of those who committed themselves to the sessions. It has been wonderful to see your dedication in researching the topics and the hard work you put in to improving your debating skills. It is clear how much you have all improved in not only confidence but public speaking. Thank you to Carlota and Anesa for always being ready to help out in their own time after school every Thursday. Miss Carney and



I are looking forward to continuing debating at the high school for the Year 6's next year."

Anesa and Carlota, our 6th Formers involved, said this:

"It has been a real pleasure working with such dedicated and enthusiastic students. Even though we are in Year 12 and about to start our final year, we have learnt so much from their hard work, research and sense of competition! To see them listen to the guidelines Miss Carney went through at the start of the year, including timings, the three-part debate & how to raise a Point of Interest, and now seeing them actively debating & putting their lessons to good use, has been a source of real pride for us all. We really hope to continue the club into the new academic year, hopefully including Year 5 students, as well as our new Year 7s. Thank you for putting the fun (& passion) into Thursdays!"



SEN GARDEN

We are very excited as St Augustine's Garden was rejuvenated by a team of volunteers on 6 July 2023. Our school garden was established in spring 2019 and offers our students with SEN the opportunity to explore the importance of sustainable relationships between people and the environment as well as the enhancement of skills such as problem solving, team

work, communication and leadership. We believe all students have their own uniqueness and gifts and through opportunity and exploration we can help them find their individual strengths and valued place amongst society.



MUSIC MAKES ME

Last year we were approached by Music Hub who work on supporting students who are either blind or partially sighted through their musical senses programme. In relation to this programme, they decided to prepare a large-scale multi-school performance event that would take a place at the Royal Albert Hall in June 2023. The gig/ multi school performance, titled, 'Music Makes Me', was based on music being written by Emily Stratford and Gabriel Krchnavek who are both SEND Music Teachers in QE2 and College Park, and also work for the Tri Borough Music Hub. The musical story projected a day in the life of a young neuro-diverse person and how music helps with their emotional regulation and how they navigate the day.

Emily came to our school last year in May 2022 and worked with our DSP students on writing a song with



the focus on what it is like to have a hearing impairment as a young person. Our students created a song about how they experience music. They came up with the title 'Music is My Medicine.' They chose the genre, tempo, instruments and content.

On 27th June, our DSP and SEN students performed at the Roya Albert Hall. The live performance was phenomenal, the atmosphere and the energy were incredible. Our students were amazing and they did us proud! They have represented our school in the best possible way and showed that they truly are 'the best that they can be'!

We would like to say a massive thank you to Ms Ibnol-Faqir for leading on this project and ensuring that students practiced every week. She has put in a lot of time, energy, effort, love and patience! I would also like to thank Mackenzie and Jonathan who have equally supported students with practicing the songs and to Ms Green for all of her hard work behind the scenes.



UKBC BIOLOGY CHALLENGE

Some of our Year 9s entered a prestigious Science competition—the UKBC Biology Challenge which covers knowledge on the current Science curriculum but also Biology in the natural world. It is treated as a public examination and was invigilated.

There were over 43,000 international students that took part aged 13 - 15 this year. Our Year 9s all received certificates, with 70% of them receiving a mark of 'Highly Commended.' They are also eligible to receive free Royal Society of Biology Bio Net membership for one year.

Please join us in celebrating the following students:

- Anton Poluneev
- Khalid Syed
- Ida Ceesay
- Ajwadh Choudhury
- Abdul Ahmed
- Ilfa Cherada
- Lara Oliveira
- Sophia Hamdan
- Maryam Hossein
- Sienna Marshall



BANK OF ENGLAND

Year 12 A Level Business students visited the Bank of England museum this term. They learned more about how the Bank of England control inflation and were able to crack the code to a safe and win prizes!





NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

This year's Year 6 Leavers' Show, 'A Night at the Oscars', was performed to a packed audience of parents and pupils on Wednesday 19th July.

Our comperes, George and Keyaan, led us through the glitzy award ceremony during which some amazing achievements were recognised and celebrated, including best artist, best footballer, best team player and hardest working to name but few. The best laugh was quite something!

The packed ceremony was punctuated by some fantastic singing during which the whole class did truly shine and many a parent (and teacher) has a tear in their eye by the end.

Our thanks go to Mrs Cunnington for writing, directing and producing the show and to Mrs Laouar, Mrs Erana and Mrs Al-Assum for their hard work in practising with the children over the past few weeks.



YEAR 4 SAYER'S CROFT VISIT

The Year 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Sayers Croft in Ewhurst at the end of May. They were involved in many fun outdoor activities, including walking up a stream; building a campfire and roasting marshmallows; walking the woodland ropes; building a shelter; dipping for minibeasts in the pond; and even adventuring through a cave that had a ball pit! Everyone showed so much courage and enthusiasm for all of the

learning and activities. Pupils have created life long memories and really embraced this brilliant opportunity to expand their learning. It was such a wonderful time. Well done for being so brilliant Year 4!



AMAZING ATTENDANCE

It has been fantastic to be able to award 100% attendance certificates to so many children over the past term. As a way to congratulate them on their achievement, these children have been invited to attend very special 100% attendance events with Ms Bettoni.

Children who have achieved outstanding attendance over the whole academic year will be attending a very special tea party with Ms Bettoni and Ms Vince on Thursday 20th July in recognition of their amazing attendance throughout their year. We are so proud of them!





BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

For the third year running, and as part of our work-related learning programme, a new group of year 9 students took up a construction-based project which gave them the opportunity to discuss, design and build a new structure for the outside area of the school. This time, they opted for a flower bed by the school's main entrance.



PWC DRAGONS' DEN

We were pleased to re-introduce the PwC Enterprise Challenge which see each year 9 tutor group working with a PwC mentor over a 4 week-period. The aim was to come up with a startup idea, put it together and present it before a panel of PwC professionals at PwC headquarters in London Bridge. Student presentations were immaculate and impressed the panel so much that it was difficult to choose a winning idea. However, the dragons awarded the prize to representatives from Aidan 9, Kolajo, Layal, Neha and Arthur who developed a new online revision platform – Revise Chat. They won £200 to share between them (Amazon vouchers).



YEAR 10 3D ANIMATION AT FRAMESTORE

Thirty year 10 students spent a day at Framestore offices to gain knowledge of different sectors and a range of job roles, develop professional attributes and understand the world of work and associated expectations. Framestore is a Bafta and Oscar-award winning creative studio that offers a range of visual effects and film productions (such as Spiderman, Avengers, Paddington Bear and many more).

Through a range of tasks, they practiced and demonstrated transferable skills with the support of professionals and learnt about routes into different career paths -e.g. apprenticeship, college, training, university.





GIRLS ALLOWED

On Tuesday afternoons, our Year 5 and Year 6 girls have been taking part in the 'Girls Allowed' programme which promotes women in sport and provides a safe and nurturing environment for girls, offering a multitude of sports for them to participate in. Over the summer term, they have had a wonderful time enjoying sports such as roller skating, badminton, table tennis, dance, football and even using VR headsets! This has also provided them with an opportunity to get to know girls in other local schools. They have each been presented with a very special Girls Allowed t. shirt, which they are wearing with pride. We would like to congratulate them on the positivity with which they have embraced new opportunities and experiences.



SPIRIT OF LONDON CRICKET ROADSHOW



Children in Years 3-6 had a wonderful time on Friday 9th June when the Marylebone Cricket Club cricket coaches visited to deliver a fantastic assembly about the Spirit of London Cricket Festival. The coaches, who

have been running weekly cricket coaching sessions with classes across the school this year, also arranged for each class to have an extra-special coaching session to showcase the skills that they have developed over the year.

The children have developed some fantastic cricketing skills over the year - including how to catch the ball using 'spider hands' and different ways to throw the ball - and it was great to see them being able to put these skills into practice.

PYJAMARAMA DAY!

At St Augustine's Primary we are passionate about helping our children to be excited about books and stories and inspiring them to read for pleasure. On 16th June, we hosted an enormous pyjama party to raise money to help to get more children across the UK reading and sharing books. Children came to school in their finest PJs and grabbed their favourite book to share at school as part of the Book Trust's Pyjamarama fundraising event.

The children enjoyed lots of activities to help them to get excited about books and reading, including story times, designing book covers, making bookmarks, creating new characters and even PE in PJs! The highlight of the day for most classes was a visit from Year 6 pupils to read a story to the class.



SWEET TREE FARMING

Selected students across the secondary school visited Sweet Tree Farming for All. The trip provided exceptional opportunities to develop skills, promote independence, enhance well-being and engage our students in meaningful outdoor activities.



YEAR 10 SPEED INTERVIEWING

Thirty year 10 students took part in a mock interview event organised in school in partnership with two business partners: Magic Breakfast and FORA, a serviced office space company. Students had the opportunity to interview business volunteers who held jobs in the following departments: Design, Finance, Marketing, Operations, Sales, HR, Admin and Business Development. They learnt about how these professionals built up their educational routes, be it via university or apprenticeship and how to prepare for the world of work.



BAFTA INSIGHT DAY

A group of year 12 students took part in an insight day hosted by BAFTA at their headquarters in Piccadilly Circus which offered students an opportunity to gain insight into various careers in the Film and TV industries. The day involved talks, films and activities with industry professionals including BBC presenters Lindsey Russell, and Award Winning Writer/Actor/Producer Selorm Aduno.

"By taking part in the BAFTA insight day, I was able to get out of my comfort zone and gain new skills such as building up my confidence. Being on stage, playing the role of a TV commentator with the help of the famous BBC presenter Lindsey Russell was one of the best experiences I ever had. She kept encouraging me to not let the fear get to me and believe in my abilities. My

student friends and staff were so supportive too." Noha (year 12 student)



Mahmoud and Olabode presented their game idea to BBC broadcast journalist and presenter Ashley John-Baptiste and David Valjalo - Creative Director, Studio Partnerships at Tencent Games

YEAR 12 EMPLOYABILITY DAY AT ZSL

All year 12 students spent a day at ZSL – London Zoo as part of their work experience programme. They learned about 3 Job profiles in depth: Zookeeper, Veterinarian and Conservationist – each with case studies, scenarios, videos and interactive questions.

That was followed by an animal enclosure design challenge. Students worked in groups to research and create an animal fact file. Using this information, the students developed a blueprint for the animal's enclosure based on the animal's needs and keeper's needs. Students then presented their finished blueprints back to the rest of the group and ZSL staff. Students were able to do field research whilst at the Zoo before preparing their presentation.





SIXTH FORMERS MEET TOP SURGEONS

Fifteen year 12 biology students attended a meeting with 4 top surgeons/professors at Cleveland Clinic London to learn about careers in the medical field. Students also had a tour of the clinic to learn different equipment used in treating patients. The day event was organised in partnership with Imperial College and Cambridge University as part of a programme called - Make a Medic.

"I had my own interests in the speciality of radiology previously before the session with Cleveland Clinic. Upon meeting Dr Jumanda Haddock, I had become very excited to finally have a chance to talk with a woman in my field of interest, who had experience working part time, but still pursuing work within the specialty and maintaining family life. The experience opened my eyes as to how medicine can be a flexible field, in contrary to the common stereotypes. It was truly a great and eye-opening opportunity to have."
Zahraa (Year 12 student)

"I found the discussions with the doctors & insight into their career journeys very insightful, with Doctor James specifically catching my eye with his journey towards becoming a Haematologist. His talk on his career & life has inspired me to pursue a career in Haematology even further. The tour was also very informative giving us a first look into the luxury of healthcare. Overall, a very educational, knowledgeable & insightful visit."
Rayyaan (Year 12 student)



PRIMARY SCHOOL CORONATION ASSEMBLY & TEA PARTY

On Thursday 4th May, Ms Bettoni led a very special assembly to celebrate the life of King Charles III and to explore the history and significance of the King's coronation on Saturday. We learned about the history of royal coronations in the UK, the role of The King and the significance of the Monarchy around the world.

We also had the opportunity to see and share the wonderful home-learning projects that children across the school have been working on to celebrate the coronation. This included posters, poems, costumes, a special coronation booklet and lots of wonderful crowns. Congratulations to all of the children who took part.

In the afternoon, children celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by having a coronation tea party! The children wore red, white and blue clothes and had a great time, sharing food and playing games. They also learnt about different members of the royal family, as well as different landmarks we might find in London such as Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge.





ZOOLAB

The children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 saw lots of interesting creatures and animals when our visitor from Zoolab came to school. They learned some interesting facts about minibeasts and rainforest animals/creatures. Did you know that all snakes are cold blooded? This helps them survive in hot climates. The children got to meet a giant African snail, a cockroach, a tarantula, a millipede and a corn snake. They got to touch some of these animals, which the children really enjoyed, and Year 1 even got to pet some rats! The children learned that rats have very sensitive ears and therefore, we need to be very quiet around them.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

Please join us in congratulating the following students for their achievements this term:

Ayman A7
Anesa B8
Tiana G9
Huda A10
Mahmoud B6F

Jayna B7
Aiden F8
Tiger E9
Tyree C10
Aya A6F

HATCH COMMUNITY AWARD

Graham Hatch taught at St Augustine's High School for forty years. We created this award to honour everything Mr Hatch did for our school community. It is awarded once a term to students who make St Augustine's the beautiful community it is.

The winners this term are:

Year 7 - John
Year 8 - Mia
Year 9 - Zoey
Year 10 - Hanadi
Year 12 - Rayyaan

DOING THE RIGHT THING

We like to acknowledge each time we catch our students doing the right thing. To do this, teachers record a "positive" in our school database. Starting next school year, we'll be sending weekly emails informing parents/carers of each positive their child earned that week.

In the meantime, please help us celebrate the following form groups who recieved the most positives this school year:

B7
F8
C9
A10
D11
D6F