



8th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent and Carer Feedback – “You Said, We Did”

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us again this half term. We are extremely grateful for the attendance of parents/carers at the various Parents Evenings we have had this half term and thank you for providing us with your feedback via the parent surveys. I know that many of you have been contacted to address any queries that you have raised, and we have also actioned the following to support our parents/carers further following the feedback:

You Said – “Can we have more information about homework, how to access this and the topics the students are covering in lessons.”

We did – Please find the link to how to access homework online via MS Teams. Any issues at all, please contact your child’s Director of Learning.

<https://www.stahigh.org/2023/09/29/accessing-homework-on-ms-teams/>

Please also 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/>

You said – “Can we have more information about the positive praise points and after school restorative sessions.”

We did – All parents/carers are emailed every week with a list of the positives that your child(ren) has achieved that week. Each email shows the value that the child has also demonstrated such as perseverance, joy, curiosity and kindness. The positive points are collated every term and students are celebrated every term during their reward assemblies. We also have ‘Student of the Fortnight’ and regularly have special events for form groups who are doing well or showing the most progress.

Our restorative sessions afterschool are developing our student’s accountability and their ability to take more ownership of their behaviour and their learning. We have seen a decrease in the number of students getting a higher-level sanction as a result which is pleasing to see. Parents will receive an email every day at 3:10pm if their child is in a Restorative Detention for 30 minutes. As this is a new system that we have introduced this academic year, we continue to value any feedback from parent/carers on how we can make it better. If you are not receiving any emails, please contact your child’s Pastoral year Coordinator to check your details on our system are correct.



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Personal Development Continues to be Outstanding

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 held a student leadership conference for our 6th Form students which a number of primary school students attended, 40 Year 9 students were involved in a 'Women in Tech' day, our School Council continue to meet and feedback their ideas to the senior leadership team, Key Stage 5 Art and Design/Politics students went to the Tate Britain to see 'Women in Revolt' and some of our Year 7 students were rewarded with a trip to the cinema for the progress they have made with their reading this half term.

Year 12 students also had the opportunity to attend a workshop with the Association of Anaesthetists, continue their work with the Donmar Warehouse Company, and we are looking forward to our first visit to Brunel University in March as the beginning of a more formal collaboration with this University. We were also very pleased to be able to offer all our 6th Form students a day's conference on 'Ethics Matters' which allowed the students to engage in debate and topics that will be useful to many during University Interviews and applications. We have also had a fantastic Well-Being fortnight for our whole community led by our student leaders and celebrated LGBT+ History Month.

Safety outside the School Gates

Can I please remind all those parents/carers that drive their child(ren) to school to please be mindful of where you are stopping to let your child(ren) out of the car. With over 1000 students and 3 other schools in close proximity, we acknowledge that space to park and drop off is very limited. Please ensure that you are stopping your car in a safe space. We have been advised by our safer school's police officer that there will be more traffic wardens after half term monitoring this situation to ensure that all members of our community remain safe.

Future Dates

Please be aware that the February half-term holiday is from **Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024**. The last day of this half-term is Friday 9th February 2024, 2:40pm. We look forward to welcoming all students on their return to school on **Monday 19th February 2024, 8.45am**.

- Year 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 7th March 2024
- Year 10 Parents Evening – Wednesday 13th March 2024
- Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 21st March 2024

Attendance Reminder

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that any reason your child cannot attend school, you call the attendance line directly on 0207 328 3434 and press option 1. Please leave your child's full name, form group and reason for absence very clearly so that we can record the registers accurately.



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



Rachel Kelly

Head of St Augustine's High School



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