

3rd April 2025

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!

End of Term Arrangements:

All students will be dismissed from St Augustine's from **12pm on Friday 4th April 2025**. Our 6th Form students are raising money this week for Barnardo's Children Charity. All students will be able to wear non-uniform on Friday 4th April if they choose too.

Start of our Summer Term Arrangements:

All students are expected to return to school, 8.40am, in full school uniform with their lanyard and equipment on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**.

Final Exam Preparation

A particular mention must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are preparing for their upcoming exams. We know they have been working incredibly hard, and we wish them the very best of luck in their final preparations. Their dedication and resilience have been commendable, and we are confident that their efforts will pay off. Please encourage them to make the most of their revision time over the break and to take care of their well-being during this important period.

New Term and New Catering!

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 - <https://www.stahigh.org/school-life/catering/>. 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.

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>.

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!



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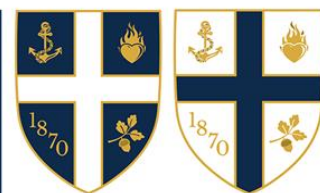
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19th May – Year 12 End of Year Exams begin for 2 weeks
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – May Half Term

Netflix Series - Adolescence: A Must-Watch for Parents

"Adolescence" is a powerful and unsettling Netflix series that offers a raw look into the struggles teenage boys face in today's digital world. It highlights the vulnerability of young boys and how easily they can be pulled into toxic online spaces. This series is tough to watch but serves as an important reminder of the need for early intervention, open communication, and strong, trusted relationships to help keep our children safe.

A key focus in *Adolescence* is the use of emojis and digital symbols—something many of us might not fully grasp. It's crucial to look beyond just the surface-level meanings and consider the deeper beliefs, behaviours, and digital spaces that are shaping how our boys see themselves and others.

To help with this, the **Kids Online World 'Dark Emoji' shareable** is available for free download. It explains the hidden meanings behind certain emojis commonly used by young people online. This is a great tool for parents/carers to better understand what their children are really saying in digital conversations. You can download it for free here: [Emojis Explained](#). Taking the time to learn more about these issues and staying connected with your child's online life is a vital step in safeguarding their well-being.

Reminders for all Parents/Carers

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.

As always, we appreciate the partnership between home and school in supporting our students to achieve their best. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Best wishes,

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