

ST AUGUSTINE'S FEDERATED SCHOOLS

TRINITY
Newsletter



Our students participating in special drone footage to celebrate our 155th Birthday!

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).



FAITH



HOPE



LOVE



GROWTH



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of School Year 2024-2025

As we reach the close of another school year, there's much to celebrate from this summer term. Our students have continued to embrace new opportunities, pursue their aspirations, and take part in experiences that make St Augustine's truly unique.

A special milestone this term was St Augustine's 155th anniversary, celebrated on 16th May 2025. This newsletter will share more about the many exciting events our students and staff have participated in, including our inspiring "155 Hours of Kindness" initiative, through which we gave back to our local community.

Among the highlights of the term were the Year 13 Graduation and the Year 11 Prom—memorable occasions filled with joy and pride. It was particularly heartening to welcome so many parents and carers to the Year 11 Graduation. Your support over the past five years has made a meaningful difference. To all students who sat exams this summer, we wish you every success and look forward to celebrating with you on Results Days.

We were also delighted to welcome our future Year 7s for their transition day, alongside visits from Year 4 and 5 students who experienced a taste of high school life at St Augustine's. Our Year 12s engaged in a week of meaningful career exploration, featuring talks from universities and alumni, a placement at London Zoo, and a visit to the University of Sussex. Meanwhile, Year 10 students completed 'Employability Week' through eye-opening visits to organisations like 3 Mobile, HSBC Bank, the Open-Air Theatre, and the Apollo Theatre.

Year 9 students are preparing to graduate from Key Stage 3 this week, ready to take on the challenges of Key Stage 4 in September. We also hosted our annual 'Tea with the Head' event, where over 130 students from Years 6 to 9 were celebrated for making exceptional progress this year—some achieving over 155 positive praise points! These students enjoyed an afternoon of pizza, ice cream, chips, and celebration!

As we wrap up this academic year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. My gratitude also goes to our dedicated staff and Governing Body, whose commitment ensures that every student at St Augustine's receives the best possible education and experience.

Enjoy a peaceful and restful summer.

Ms Kelly

Head of St Augustine's CE High School



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF FEDERATION

Dear Parents/carers

Ms Kelly has outlined a number of wonderful events at the High School and the many reasons that we have to celebrate. As a Federation we also have to celebrate the really good Ofsted Report that the Primary School has achieved recently and that is available on their website (see link below).

<https://www.staprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Ofsted-Inspection-Report-April-2025.pdf>

I would like to add my thanks to you for your support of the school as we work together in the best interests of your child. I wish you a restful, safe and peaceful summer.

Best wishes
 Eugene Moriarty
 Head of Federation





155 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST AUGUSTINE'S!

On Friday 16th May 2025, St Augustine's CE High School celebrated its 155th Birthday! We were founded in 1870 by the parish of St Augustine, Kilburn, through Fr Kirkpatrick, the first vicar, and Mother Emily Ayckbown of the Community of Sisters of the Church. St Augustine's was officially opened on 16th May 1870 with just seven boys as its first students, with the high school specifically opening in 1884 as an all-boys' secondary school.

Mother Emily was born in 1836 and from an early age demonstrated a strong social conscience. She challenged the wealthiest to think about those less fortunate.

Mother Emily extended her work to helping the homeless, the poor and established orphanages in Kilburn. She believed that a child properly nurtured stood a real chance of embarking upon a happy and creative life, something that we continue to provide for our students now.



St Augustine's in 1906



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This is one of the earliest photographs that we have of our students from 1905. This was the boys cricket team and although a lot has changed in the last 155 years, our character has remained the same.

Our school was originally established to educate the local community. In 1876, education became compulsory for all children. However, parents were still required to pay school fees. As a result, many parents continued to keep their children out of school. To address this, the government abolished school fees in 1881 and took over the funding of education.

From then on, children between the ages of 5 and 10 were required to attend school. The school-leaving age was later raised to 11 in 1893, and again to 12 in 1899.

Finally, in 1972, the school-leaving age in England was officially raised to 16—the same year the Education Act was introduced, marking a significant step in connecting education with practical work experience.



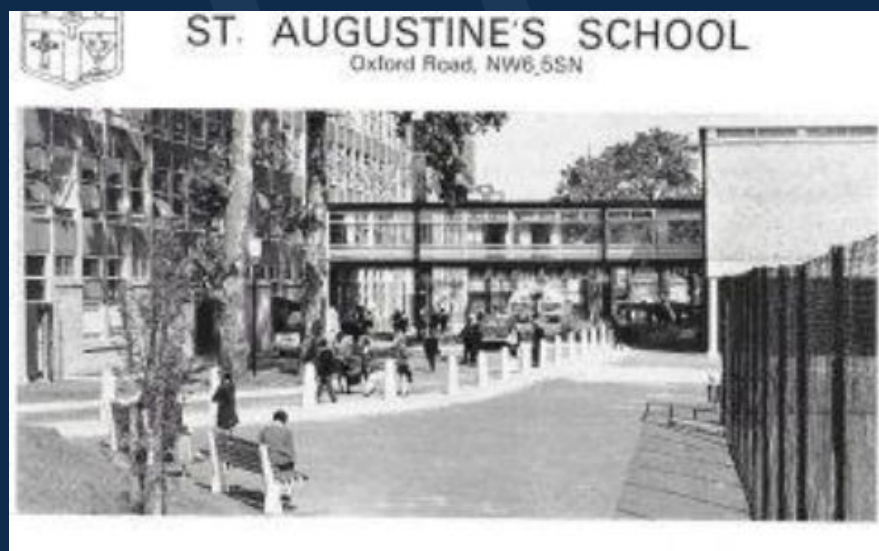
A student from 1903

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The Junior Boys Football team of 1958-59

Since 1870 the school has been rebuilt twice. In 1969 building work started on creating a new school for the community, and the school was then officially reopened after a 4-year project.





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The current school was then rebuilt again in 2009 and continues to educate and serve the community to over 1200 students in the Primary and Secondary Schools. Throughout our 155 years, St Augustine's has continued to uphold the Christian Ethos that it was built on. Over the years, our school has grown into a diverse and flourishing community, and we are proud to honour its rich history through various celebratory events in 2025.

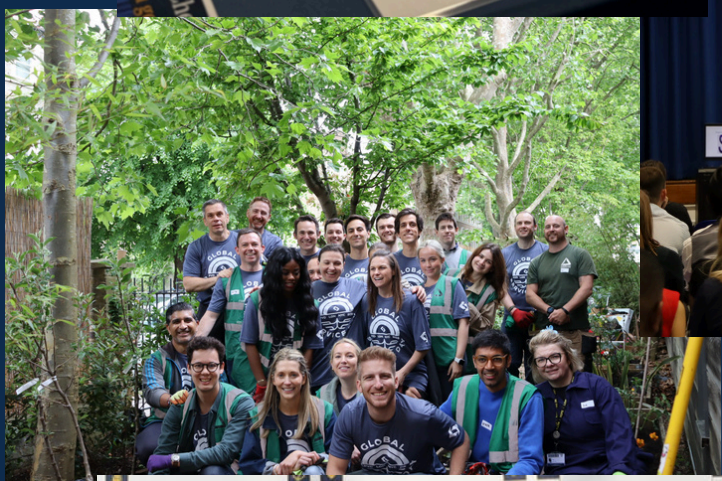
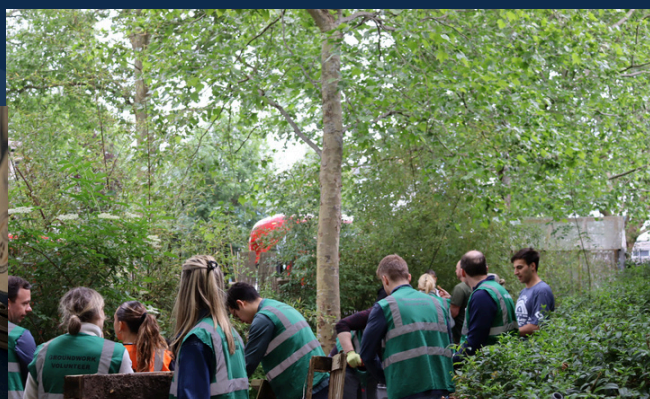
During 2025, we have marked our 155th year by having a variety of activities and events that our school community could get involved in. Our staff and students have completed the following:

- 155 hours of kindness – Students and Staff have volunteered their time to lead events, support activities and develop their leadership totalling 155 hours! This has included collecting 155 items of clothing to donate to the charity Shelter, which staff and 6th Form students have been raising money for and completed the 'Walk for Shelter' event in December 2024. Year 10 students have been collating 155 items of food to deliver to a food bank in our local community.
- Students have also been involved in designing a new prayer to celebrate our 155th Birthday, led collective worship, run charity days and staff and Year 4 and 5 students have also been involved in cake decorating! Key Stage 3 have designed a new prayer to celebrate our Birthday.
- The School Council have collated items for a Time Capsule to be buried in our playground this summer.
- Year 7 have been challenged to read 1,550,000 words on accelerated reader this year, sports day in July has a special 155m race this year and we are waiting for confirmation of 155 flowers to arrive for our students to plant around the school!
- Our Year 8 students participated in our 155 drone footage which you can see below from our Church playground.
- We have also had a special badge designed to celebrate our 155th Birthday, a special event which was led by student leaders with VIP guests on Friday 16th May 2025.





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CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN ACTION -MISS CARNEY-



On Thursday 5th June, a wonderful group of 50 students from the Netherlands joined us to experience a day in the life of an English/inner London School. They were welcomed by our Prefects & Head Students who provided an overview of the history of the school, the student leadership opportunities the school provides, the subjects they study & how they became Prefects. This presentation was then repeated by the Head Girl of the Stedelijk College Zuid who explained the bilingual element of the school and the purpose of the trip to England.



The day was interspersed with friendly discussions, a Q & A, and a lot of laughs! We look forward to welcoming the students back in future years and thank them for their visit.

REWARD TRIP TO QUEEN'S PARK BOOKS -MS SANCHEZ-

With the occasion of St Augustine's 155 birthday, we run a reading competition among the Year 7 students through our literacy software Reading Cloud. Our Top 28 readers plus 2 exceptional EAL students were invited to visit the lovely Queen's Park Books bookshop to browse and choose a book for them to own and choose titles for the library.



We had secured a £500 grant from the Siobhan Dowd Trust through the School Library Association to purchase books.

We had a number of students that read over 100,000 words but our top three surpassed the half million words: Ayah, Jenna and Wilhelm.





WRL: YEAR 10 STUDENTS INVITED BY VEOLIA FOR AN INSIGHT DAY

-MR YDRI-

A small group of year 10 students took part in an insight day at Veolia in Victoria. The aim was to introduce the role of Veolia as a local company in managing waste and contributing to the sustainable development of communities and industries. That was followed by a couple of talks by two young employees to present to students the work they do and the educational route they took to get their current jobs.

Next, it was going through what makes a good CV and how to present it before having a tour of the office to meet other employees and hear about their roles and how they collaborate as a team.



'We went to the company Veolia in Victoria and they gave us a presentation on who they are, what they do and how to create a CV. The best part in my opinion, was the tour of the building. Next time, I will ask for more time to be able to interact more with the staff who were talking to us about their role.' (Hamzah – Y10 student)

'It was our first event with Veolia and its success will definitely lead to more work-related learning activities that our students will benefit from in the near future. Veolia have an inclusive approach to recruitment encouraging applications from a diverse pool of job applicants.' Mr Ydri (School Careers Lead)

Have you topped up
Parent Pay for lunch
and break?

Click [here](#) for the link!

RACHEL YANKEY OBE VISIT

-MR WHENT-

England's first professional female footballer, Rachel Yankey OBE, has just launched the Rachel Yankey Foundation. To celebrate, in April, she has visited our school. She gave a talk, signed t-shirts and held a session with the girl's football team on our pitch.





STA STUDENTS SELECTED TO REPRESENT QPR IN MILAN -MR DEVENNEY-

Over the Easter Holidays, Michael, B9 and Stevie, B7, had the incredible opportunity to represent QPR in Milan, Italy for a few days!



Mr Devenney, who was there to support them, said the boys represented QPR with the utmost professionalism.

REMINDER

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



Michael and Stevie, have played their hearts out, showing off their skill, dedication, and passion throughout the tournament.





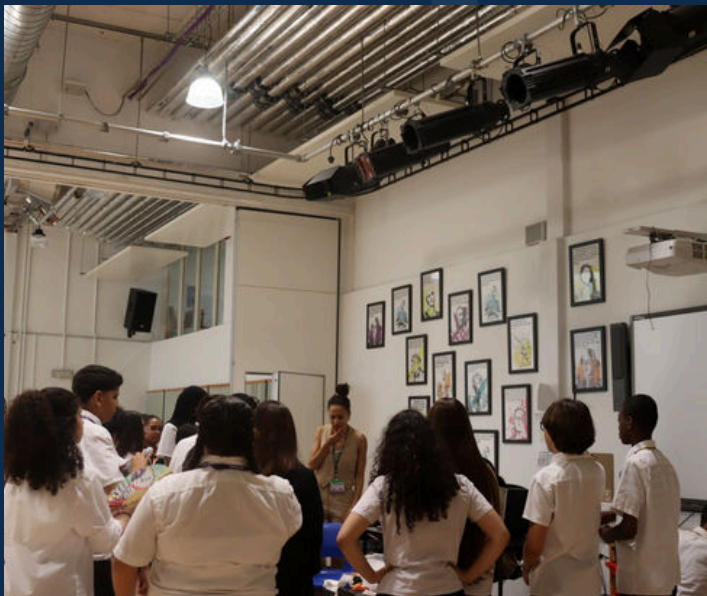
DONMAR WORKSHOP

-MS JACOBS-

This week was the final workshop our year 9 students had with the Donmar Warehouse. We have had a great academic year filled with workshops and trips to the theatre with them.

The year 9's have found this experience truly invaluable to their learning and continued development with exploring the Performing Arts.

They conducted themselves really well in this workshop and are now looking forward to following this up with a trip to see the production at the Donmar .



FRANKENSTEIN PERFORMANCE

-MS JACOBS-



On Monday 7th July, the entire Year 7 and Year 8 cohort were able to be a part of the Donmar Warehouse's Frankenstein School Tour. We were given the opportunity to experience two shows at our school based on 'Frankenstein', but brought into the 21st century with the use of AI technology.

The students demonstrated great engagement throughout both shows. There were lovely moments full of laughter, dancing, and most surprisingly the reactions to the few surprise jump scares. It was lovely to see them enjoy the show and how relatable they found the whole experience.

I also want to say a huge thank you to my fellow colleagues who were instrumental with the day running smoothly.



UNICEF'S RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS DAY -MISS CARNEY-

On Friday 27th June, Year 12 completed their "It's My Future" week with a focus on debate, discussion & 'disagreeing agreeably' with a focus on Rights & Responsibilities, together with our school value of respect. The day was centred on UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools, with small group work on topics such as Rights & Refugees, Rights & the Environment, Where do Rights come from & how are our rights protected by the law.

Following a launch with Miss Carney where students shared existing knowledge on their rights & responsibilities as young citizens, each session saw discussion, team work & finished with a debate.



Every single student contributed positively, with students commenting - "This day was really good fun. It got me out of my comfort zone & I worked with different people." Another student commented - "The debate skills will be really important for university and it was a really good way to finish futures week."

Teachers were very impressed with both the knowledge & eloquence of our Year 12s. We look forward to further developing our Rights Respecting Schools status in the coming year.

WRL: YEAR 9 PWC TEAMWORK SKILLS WORKSHOP -MR YDRI-

More than fifty year 9 students took part in a teamwork skills workshop led by three PwC facilitators on Thursday 15th May. The agenda included an overview of PwC as a global company and an insight into apprenticeship opportunities within PwC and the range of programmes available to students while still at secondary school.

That was followed by activities aimed at helping students develop and practice transferable skills such as teamwork and listening skills which are valued by employers. Students debated what makes a good team member effective and the essence of group decision and how important it is to share the same vision.





Mr Ydri – our Careers Lead thought our students were excellent during their activities at processing their real-life workplace situation, listening actively to each other's ideas and working together to complete their group task.

'I found the workshop very informative and a great way to learn about a range of job roles in the company. I had a lot of fun interacting and contributing in our task and with the facilitators. They helped me learn about the world of work.' (Keira – Y9)

'I thought the workshop was fun and interesting. The facilitators were nice and made it interactive and challenged us with a decision-making activity. The team exercise showed us all how to work as a team and make choices that everyone is happy with' (Vitoria – Y9)

'I found the workshop very fun and entertaining. It gave me the opportunity to figure out conclusions using teamwork skills in different situations.' (Annabely – Y9)



School badges, ties, lanyards and ID cards can all be purchased from [Parent Pay](#).

OUR HEROES RETURN!

-MISS CARNEY-

As the final afternoon of Year 12 "It's My Future" week draws to a close, the sixth form team were delighted to welcome back 4 of our Class of 2024, Anesa, Omar, Rajeeka & Yousuf. They talked to our students about their degrees in Maths/Economics, History, Law & Medicine, alongside their top tips for A levels and beyond!

The Year 12s were able to ask questions & gained some great advice. We're so proud of all our ex students and it was wonderful to hear all about their experiences.





TEA WITH THE HEAD

-MS KELLY-

On Tuesday 8th July, I had the pleasure of inviting 130 Year 6-9 students to spend the afternoon with myself celebrating their achievements from across the whole academic year!

All students were set a target this year of aiming to achieve 155 positive praise points in recognition of our 155th Birthday! 130 students achieved this target and I was very proud to acknowledge their hard work and progress by presenting them with a certificate, a gold star pin badge and treat them to food, refreshments and an ice-cream from Pappa-G's ice cream truck!

Huge congratulations to the top performing students in each year group who were Ashari in E7 achieving 284 positive praise points, Alounny in C8 for achieving 278 positive praise points and Hodo in B9 who achieved 208 positive praise points!



YEAR 10 F1 EXPERIENCE WITH MCLAREN

-MR WHENT-

Year 10 students interested in STEM careers attended a VIP event at Trafalgar Square run by formula 1 racing team McLaren.

The students had the chance to attend workshops with mechanical engineers, data analysts, race strategists, media and marketing staff and many more as well as meet F1 Academy driver Ella Lloyd. Students also tested their skills in the F1 simulators - we clearly have some potential drivers in our midst.

The students were blown away by the access they had and we are really excited by the links we now have to STEM careers within McLaren. Watch this space!





LOCAL MP VISITS STA FOR ALL CHILD EVENT

**-MISS CARNEY, MS FANE, MS
WILKINSON-**

Friday 4th July saw a youth assembly on building power for safer communities held at St Augustine's and attended by approximately 70 people, including local MP Georgia Gould. The event was held in collaboration with All Child, City of Westminster College and Citizens UK.



A youth assembly is a space for:

- Young people to speak up about their experiences and demand change
- Schools and youth groups to come together and build collective power
- Connecting across communities – including youth organisations, faith groups, universities, and local politicians



What happened at the youth assembly?

- We heard stories from the campaign so far
- We hosted cross-borough listening conversations around the question: Do you feel safe?
- We built a shared understanding of the impact of not feeling safe on young people in our communities
- We worked together to think about developing long-term action on the root causes of youth violence

A huge well done to all the young people from both St Augustine's and City of Westminster College who spoke about their experiences around safety in the local community.





YEAR 11 GRADUATION, PROM & SHIRT SIGNING -YEAR 11 TEAM-

It's with great pride that we reflect on the recent leavers' events marking the end of an incredible journey for our Year 11 students. These moments are always filled with emotion, celebration, and reflection—and this year was no exception.

On Thursday 26th June, we kicked off our farewell celebrations with the highly anticipated Year 11 Shirt Signing, held in the school sports hall. This beloved tradition was not only well attended, but truly captured the spirit and camaraderie of this exceptional year group. There was a palpable buzz throughout the hall as students joyfully signed one another's shirts, leaving behind kind messages, well-wishes, and inside jokes that have been five years in the making.



The celebrations continued into the evening of Friday 27th June with our much-anticipated Year 11 Graduation Ceremony, held in the heart of the school atrium. The students clearly understood the significance of the evening—arriving in an array of stunning suits and dazzling dresses, truly making the event one to remember.

Kindness



The atrium was filled to capacity with proud family members, friends, and staff, all gathered to witness this important milestone. The ceremony began with a formal procession, as each of the seven Year 11 tutor groups took to the stage to receive their graduation certificates. Form tutors read out the names of each student—some for what may be the very last time—and to recognise them for their journey through secondary school.

Following the certificate presentations, we moved into a very special part of the evening: the St. Augustine Value Awards. These awards celebrate the nine core values of our school community, with each recipient selected by votes from all Year 11 teachers. The competition was incredibly close this year, a true testament to the many students who consistently embody our values in their words and actions.



Joy

A huge congratulations to the following award winners:

- Kindness: Lucy (BII)
- Joy: Abdul (EII)
- Integrity: Abdullah (CII)
- Perseverance: Esraa (FII)
- Curiosity: Neha (AII)
- Respect: Samiya (AII)
- Wisdom: Leon (EII)
- Inclusion: Mahmoud (CII)
- Courage: Zoey (DII)

And finally, the most prestigious recognition of the evening, the St. Augustine's Award—given to the student who most consistently demonstrated all nine values—was awarded to Sophia Hamdan. An incredible achievement and one thoroughly well-deserved.



Curiosity



Respect



Wisdom



Integrity



Inclusion



Courage



St Augustine's Award



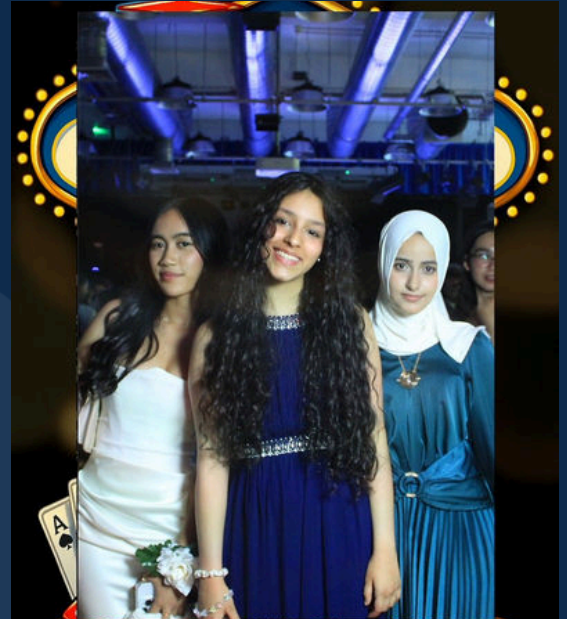
To bring our leavers' celebrations to a close, we ended the evening of Friday 27th June with the Year 11 Prom—a truly unforgettable finale that followed directly after the Graduation Ceremony. With prom tickets in hand and excitement in the air, students made their way from the atrium to the transformed main hall, ready to celebrate the end of their school journey in style.

This was a momentous occasion—likely the last time the entire year group would come together to relax, sing, and dance as one ... and what a send-off it was. The theme for the evening was Las Vegas, and the atmosphere certainly lived up to the glitz and glamour of the strip. Dressed in sparkling suits and elegant dresses, our students embraced the theme wholeheartedly, filling the dancefloor with energy, smiles, and unforgettable moves.



A heartfelt thank you to all staff who volunteered their time to support the event and helped make the night such a success. A special mention must go to Ms Toone, whose hard work and meticulous planning ensured everything ran smoothly and gave our students the send-off they truly deserved.

The Prom marked the final chapter in our official Year 11 celebrations—and what a way to end. It was a night filled with joy, laughter, and emotion; a fitting farewell to a year group who have brought so much life, character, and warmth to our school community.





YEAR 13 GRADUATION, -SIXTH FORM TEAM-

Sixth Form Graduation is always a real celebration, albeit tinged with sadness as we say our goodbyes to our wonderful Year 13s. The evening is a mix of congratulations to both students & parents, our Value Awards, speeches & thanksgiving to teachers, tutors & the pastoral team.



The Year 13s really did bring the party atmosphere, with the Head Students, Salam, Elisse & Ryan, giving humorous yet heartfelt speeches about their time at St A's. The overall Values Awards winners were Ryan & Zeinab who the staff felt had done the most to embody our school values.

They have been a fantastic year group, going onto a range of exciting destinations including top universities, apprenticeships & even a gap year working in Australia. We are certain they are going onto achieve brilliant things.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT UPDATE

As previously communicated with you, the school jumper for your child(ren) needs to be either a Plain Navy-Blue V-Neck Jumper or Plain Navy-Blue V-Neck cardigan with buttons, not zips. These items can be purchased from any retailer and must ensure they have no logos or badges, collars, embellishments or patterns.

Outdoor Coats – This should only be worn outside and over a school blazer. Students must be wearing their blazer at all times. If you need to order new PE kit for your child(ren) so it can be delivered in time for their first day in September, please make your orders via the link below.

PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Please can all parent/carers please ensure that their child/ren's account is cleared and not in any debt by Thursday 17th July 2025. If you need any support about setting up a payment plan or an extension to this date, please contact the main office. We want to ensure that all students are in credit for their first day back in September. If a student account goes over minus £5 in debt, then your child(ren) will still be able to eat, but they will be reduced to limited options, such as sandwiches only, in order to manage the debt and get back into credit as soon as possible.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you currently live in Westminster and have a child(ren) in Year 7, 8 or 9, your child(ren) would have received a free school meal at lunchtime, which has been fully funded by Westminster council for the whole of this academic year 2023-24. This is not being provided by Westminster Council from September 2025. Therefore, you will either need to provide your child(ren) with a packed lunch, top up your Parent Pay account for your child(ren) to buy break and lunchtime snacks or apply for Free School Meals which will then cover the cost of a meal at lunchtime.

Uniform Check

Check if you are eligible for Free School Meals - [Click here!](#)

Apply for Free School Meals - [Click here!](#)

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

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





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM DATES FOR 2025-26 AND 2026-27

Please find a link to our school website where parents/carers can see the school term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27. <https://www.stahigh.org/parent-carer-information-2/term-dates/> We will be contacting you in September with the new Attendance expectations that the Department for Education have put in place for all schools, students and parents/carers.

Can we please remind all parent/carers to continue to talk to their child(ren) over the summer holidays about staying safe online and their use of social media. We want all our students to continue to use these platforms in a kind and respectful manner and want to ensure all our students use any personal device appropriately. Ask your child(ren) to show you what they are looking at or what groups they are in, to be sure they are being sensible and are safe.

If you need to collect new ties and school badges from the main office, the school will be open on Thursday 28th August 2025. Please ensure these items are purchased via Parent Pay before collecting them from Reception.

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YEAR 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 - DON'T FORGET YOUR LANYARDS



START DATES FOR STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 8:45am – Year 7 and Year 13 Prefects Only
- Wednesday 3rd September 2025, 8:45am – Year 7 and 12 students only
- Thursday 4th September 2025, 8:45am – Year 7, 11, 12 and 13 students only
- Friday 5th September 2025, 8:45am – All Year Groups



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns over the summer holidays, please see attached a number of ways to report the issues:

STA Safeguarding email: safeguarding@stahigh.org

Childline: 0800 1111

Brent Social Care: 020 8937 4300 (option 1)/ 020 8863 5250 (outside hours)

Camden Social Care: 020 7974 3317/ 020 7974 4444 (outside hours)

Westminster Social Care: 020 7641 4000/020 7641 2388 (outside hours)