

23rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over this half term. We are extremely grateful for the attendance of parents/carers at our various Parents Evenings and Parent Events we have had this half term and appreciate the time and effort you dedicate to working with us.

End of Half Term Arrangements

All students will break up on Friday 24th October at 2:40pm. This is a normal day for students, so students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Return dates from Half Term:

The half term is two weeks (Monday 27th October to Friday 7th November 2025). Therefore, all students are expected to return to school on **Monday 10th November at 8.40am in full school uniform.**

Reminders for Next Half Term:

- Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (Including Lanyard, card and Blazer with the school badge. If you need to order new PE kit, please click on the link below.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/staugustinescehighnw65sn>

- If your child wants a jumper or cardigan for the winter months, this must be a plain Navy-blue V-neck jumper or V-neck cardigan (no logos or round neck sweatshirts).
- Please check your child/ren's Parent Pay accounts and top up if needed before we return.
- Library Books – Please ensure that these are returned straight after half term.

Update on September to October 2025:

It has been a half term of embedding expectations, routines and introducing our new Year 7 and Year 12 students to our community. We have had a very calm, positive and productive half term.

- Year 7 have settled very well and we are very impressed with their attitude to learning, their creativity and how they have had a smooth transition from primary school.
- Our Year 8 students have adjusted to starting year 2 of Key Stage 3 and our Year 9 students are demonstrating excellent leadership skills as they start their final year as a Key Stage 3 student.
- Year 10 have made a positive start to Key Stage 4 and their GCSE subjects.
- Year 11 have returned from the summer with more focus and determination, with many attending our Sixth Form Open Evening and getting prepared for their mock exams.
- It has been lovely to have so many of our Year 11 students return and now be in Year 12 and we welcome our external students into the Sixth Form. They have



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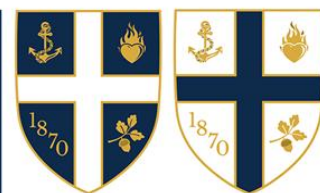
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settled quickly and are already taking on leadership roles with Year 7 students and taking an active role in contributing to school life.

- Year 13 have completed their UCAS exams and are now preparing for real January exams if they are studying vocational subjects and also finalising predictions ready for university applications.

We have continued to ensure our personal development opportunity for students remains outstanding with students getting involved with visits, trips and workshops across a wide range of topics. We have had students learning about Food Production, theatre workshops and tickets to shows, leadership training at Lords, various speakers to celebrate Black History Month and a Cultural Evening to showcase the many talents of our students with Music, Dance and Poetry. Students have been completing their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition and students being able to experience our links with different businesses and careers across a wide range of industries.

We have also recorded our highest ever number of positive praise points as a school with more than 31,310 positives being awarded to our students across all year groups. We have also visited lessons in all subjects this half term. We have been impressed with the attitude of the students to their learning and the quality of the work being produced. We are excited to see the curiosity our students have shown in the lessons and how they persevere to challenge themselves.

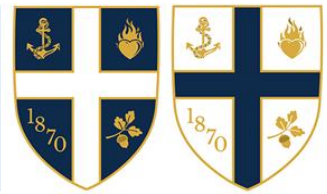
One strategy that we will be introducing next half term is our process on how we will deal with the few students who may be later to lessons than we would like. We will be transparent with our students and all will be told how we are going to monitor and record any lateness to lessons during the first week after half term. Once that has been shared with all students, anyone who is more than 4 minutes late to their learning (without a valid reason) will have an automatic restorative detention that day afterschool. I encourage all parents and carers to speak to their child/ren about lateness to lessons over the half term as there is a direct link with missing learning time and how this impacts on outcomes.

Next half term we have the following parent/carers events:

- 18/11/25 - Year 7 Coffee Afternoon – Subject Drop in – English, Maths and Science, 4pm
- 20/11/25 – Year 12 and 13 Parent Evening, 4:30pm-7pm
- 25/11/25 – Year 7 Coffee Afternoon – Subject Drop In – History, Geography, Art, RS, Social Science, 4pm
- 2/12/25 – Year 7 Coffee Afternoon – How to support your child with Maths, 4pm
- 4/12/25 – Year 10 Parents Evening, 4:30pm-7pm
- 9/12/25 – Year 7 Coffee Afternoon – Free London! 4pm
- 10/12/25 – Year 9 Parents Evening, 4:30pm-7pm

Thank you again to all our parent/carers who continue to support the school with upholding our ethos and values with your child/ren and also supporting us with our policies. By working





collaboratively, we can continue to have a positive impact on your child/ren to ensure they will be successful at St Augustine's.

I wish you all a restful two week half term. Enjoy family time together and I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday 10th November.

Ms R Kelly
Head of St Augustine's High School



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