



JUNE 2018—NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Thank you. At this time of year I have the opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff who work so hard on behalf of the students in St Augustine's High School. Every day I see staff, teaching and non-teaching, going that extra mile in supporting and caring for the students. I am very grateful to them all and I know from the number of conversations with parents and letters I receive, that you agree with me. So a special thank you to them all.

I would also like to thank all our parents for their support throughout an extremely busy and successful year.

Staffing. As we start the new term in August we will be welcoming a number of new staff:-

- Mrs Hall/Ms Croome - Biology
- Ms Graham - Modern Languages
- Ms Lewis - Geography
- Ms O'Sullivan - English
- Ms Kelly - Pupil Support Leader
- Mrs Heeps - Support for Learning Leader
- Mrs Dove - Mathematics (Probationer)
- Mr Timms - Religious Education

Our thanks to Mrs Barry and Mrs MacPherson who are both retiring. Mrs Barry is retiring after 32 years of dedicated service to St Augustine's.

To Mr O'Donnell, Ms Philp and Mrs Coppola who are moving on to new adventures, we wish them all the best.

The recent few weeks have been very busy with our Awards Ceremony, Leavers' Ceremony, S6 Prom, P7 Induction days and of course our Commonwealth Games — all of which were excellent occasions.

Inevitably, during the holidays, your thoughts will turn to purchasing new school uniform. Please bear in mind the school uniform policy outlined on page 11. I know young people can try to persuade parents to buy trainers, hoodies, designer clothing etc but please resist the pressure put upon you and stick rigidly to the school uniform policy. This will help us enormously with security and in matters of health and safety.

I wish everyone, pupils, parents and staff a relaxing and enjoyable holiday—however you choose to spend it.

Michael McGee
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 30 June
Non-Uniform Day
End of Term Service

Mon 13 & Tues 14 August
In-service staff only

Wed 15 August
Pupils resume

Thurs 30 August
Parent Council Meeting 6pm

Thurs 6 September
UCAS Parents' Evening 7pm

Wed 12 September
S4 Tracking Report

Thurs 13 September
Senior Awards Ceremony 2.15pm

Mon 17 September
HOLIDAY

Tues 18 September
All resume

Wed 26 September
S4 Mock Interviews

Mon 1—Fri 5 October
S4 Work Experience

Thurs 11 October
S1 Parents' Evening
Parent Council Meeting 6pm

Fri 12 October
Feast Day Mass 11am
End of Term

Mon 15—Fri 19 October
HOLIDAY

Mon 22 October
In-service staff only

Tues 23 October
Pupils resume

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following our twitter feed @stahsnews**

Junior Awards Ceremony: Thursday 31 May 2017



The school hosted its Junior Awards Ceremony on Thursday 1 May and again, it proved to be a fantastic evening. Over 450 pupils, parents and staff were in attendance to congratulate all Junior Award winners who had worked very hard throughout the year. It was a fabulous occasion to showcase the talents of all of our young people and it was wonderful to see the support from all their parents, guardians and extended family.

We were lucky to have an outstanding speaker, Miss Joanna Cherry, MP, QC who spoke about how school can have a lasting positive effect on all our young people and hopefully pupils can build upon their fantastic successes this year.

Well done to all award winners and a special thanks to the performers in the choir, Sarah, Patryk and to the Music department for providing wonderful entertainment on the night.



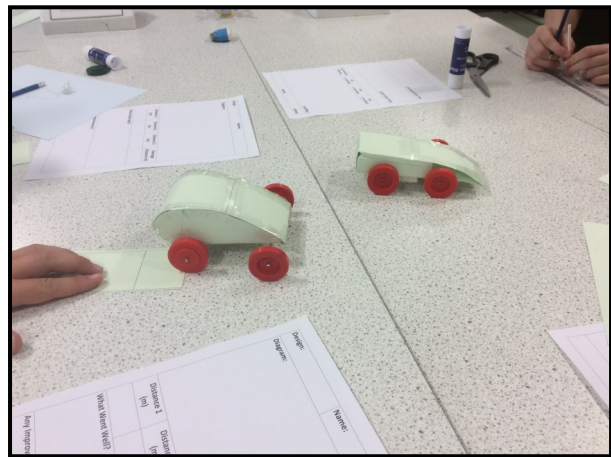
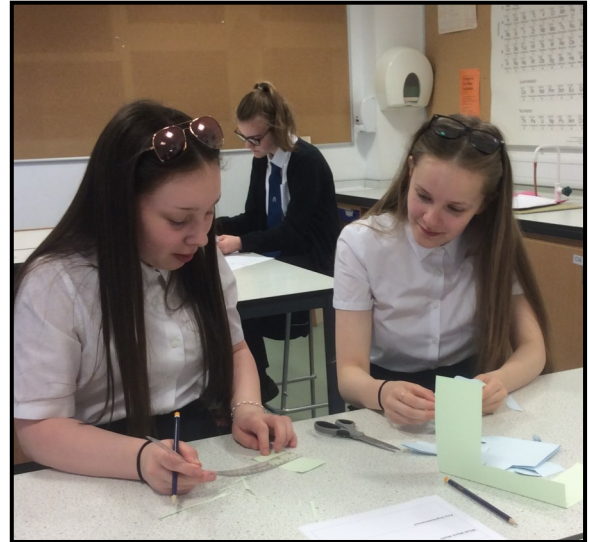
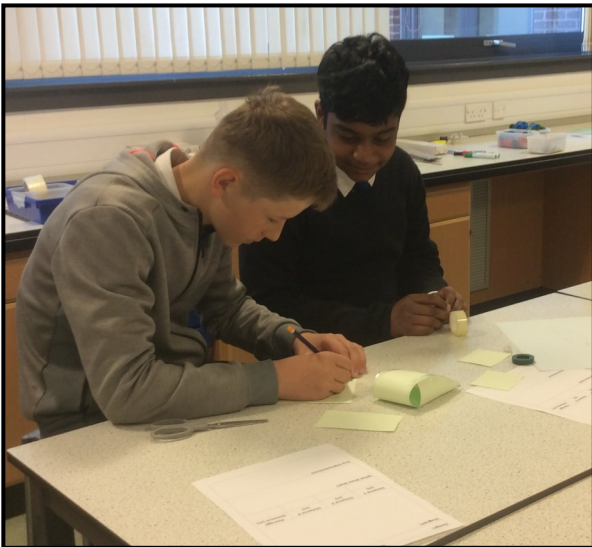
A final special thanks to Mhairi & Sean for their superb hosting of the evening!

Well done to Beth,
winner of the
**Heriot-Watt University
Leadership Award**
at the Celebration of
Leadership event at the
university on 5 June. She
was nominated for this
award for her work with
the TRUE Colours
equalities group.



Interdisciplinary Learning

During May all S2 pupils took part in a new interdisciplinary learning fortnight. During this time they worked on two projects, designed to develop both knowledge and skills. For one week they explored rocket cars, investigating fuels, aerodynamics, land speed record attempts and car safety. They used this understanding to design and build rocket cars, investigating how microbit processors could be used to capture data. They launched their cars and used their measurements and their learning to compile presentations showcasing their learning through the week.



For the second week pupils explored Edinburgh Council's 'Edinburgh 2050' project. To develop an understanding of the Edinburgh of today they travelled by tram into the city and enjoyed a treasure hunt in glorious sunshine. They then explored the history of the city's development and culture before developing a proposal, outlining their vision for Edinburgh in 2050. They modelled their proposal during a marketplace showcase to local Engineers.

The projects provided an opportunity for pupils to learn in a manner that encourages them to bring together their skills and understanding from across the curriculum, whilst developing communication and collaborative group working skills, essential for the world of work.

Girls' Rugby

We have recently started a new afterschool girls rugby club on Tuesday afternoons. The girls have been developing their skills in passing, catching, defending and attacking and have recently used these skills in a Rugby Festival held at Leith Academy.



The girls teamed up with Balerno High School to make a team called the West of Edinburgh.

Throughout the day, they worked hard, winning three out of six games.

An amazing effort considering they have only trained three times



John Swinney—Deputy First Minister and Education Secretary Visit

Our Chemistry teacher, Mr Wootton made sure his lesson kept John Swinney's attention.

Mr Swinney visited to meet with our young people to discuss attainment and our impressive positive destination results.



Lourdes

Sean MacDonnell and Adam Mclean are going back to Lourdes to work with sick and vulnerable people on the Pilgrimage. Joining them this year will be Eva Laing, Niamh Gillies. Ben Methven and Joedy Lyons.



Welcome to Diana Barry, our RE:SET worker. RE:SET (REvising youth mindSET) is the only service of its kind in Scotland, tackling the routes of exclusion through full-time early intervention and prevention services.



Diana will be working alongside our Pupil Support Leaders and our Nurture and Inclusion Development Officers to support individuals who may be experiencing difficulty in and outwith the mainstream school setting, to achieve their potential.

Further information can be found at:-

<https://goo.gl/81y8c5>

ParentPay - our online payment service

The online payment system is now up and running in all schools in Edinburgh. We can accept payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and school ties. Using the secure website ParentPay you can pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay is our preferred method of receiving payments to school. Currently 41% of our pupils parent/guardians have activated their ParentPay accounts and are using the system. If you require an activation code or any further assistance please contact the school office.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

For more information go to: www.parentpay.com/Parents

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for St Augustine's? There are nearly 3000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to St Augustine's to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

- **Go to easyfundraising.org.uk**
- **Search for St Augustine's RC High School, Edinburgh as the cause you are supporting**
- **Sign up for free**
- **Get shopping** – your donations will be collected by easy fundraising and automatically sent to St Augustine's. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Augustine's will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

St Augustine's Parent Council

Caritas Award

Over 1 000 pupils from across Scotland gathered at the Clyde Auditorium for the annual Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award ceremony.

Congratulations to twenty-three of our S6 pupils who successfully achieved the award this year. They have spent the year giving their time in loving service to our school community and to fifteen local Faith Communities.

Their loving service in school has included contributing to Liturgies, volunteering for the Peace and Justice Group, being involved in MVP, contributing to Masses, leading Stations of the Cross and running the Chess club. In Parishes and Mosques, they have worked with young people, helped with Arabic lessons, served as pass keepers and cleaned. They have volunteered at St Catharine's homeless project and a Church café, spoken in Parishes during Catholic Education Week and led assemblies on behalf of SCIAF in our cluster Primary schools.



Y P I

Over the last three months, our S3 pupils have taken part in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative.

Almost 100 pupils have met with and interviewed 24 local charities to find out about the work they do and how they help people in our community.

Pupils have worked in teams to create presentations on their chosen charity and have researched social issues in Edinburgh.



The YPI final consisted of 6 groups presenting to a panel of judges including their Year Head Mrs Chrystal, Mrs Hogg from the Parent Council, Sabia and Patrick representing the senior school.

The overall winners were Sadihya, Holly, Barbara and Rachel who presented a cheque for £3000 to the Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre.

Monday 18 June – Marty Robot Coding Final

Congratulations to Claire, Michael, Erin, Maria and Rachel who won first prize in the final of the Edinburgh ‘Marty Robot Coding Final’ beating five other schools. £1000 to be spent on ICT equipment in school—brilliant.



All schools in Edinburgh were invited to take part in the first round of the competition which involved making a dance video including Marty the Robot. The final comprised of six schools and they had to successfully program Marty to complete an obstacle course and another dance.

Marty wearing an outfit designed and created by the team



Bart, Angela, Richa and Elisabetta on 14 June, with donations collected at St Augustine's and Forrester for the **Re-Act Refugee Action Scotland** charity

Re-Act volunteers asked us to thank everyone for their donations. In the next few weeks they are: sending a pallet of tools and art supplies to the Alpha Centre in Samos; sending a supply of wheelchairs to a refugee centre in Erbil, N Iraq; sending a container of clothing to a refugee centre in Lesbos, Greece; and sending a pallet of items for mothers and babies to a centre in Athens.



School Calendar 2018-2019

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug 13	Inset Staff only	Inset Staff only	Pupils resume		
			Holiday of Obligation Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary		
20					
27				Parent Council Meeting 6pm	
Sept 3			Primary Info Evening St Margaret's 7pm	UCAS Parents' Evening 7.00-8.30pm	
10	Primary Info Evening St Joseph's 7pm	Primary Info Evening St David's 7pm	S4 Tracking Report Home	Senior Awards Ceremony 2.15pm	
			Primary Info Evening St Cuthbert's 7pm	Primary Info Evening St Andrew's 7pm	
17	Holiday	All resume			
24		S4 Mock Interviews			
Oct 1	S4 Work Experience Week	Open Evening	S2 Reports Home		
8	Skills Scotland Event			S1 Parents' Evening Parent Council Meeting 6pm	Feast Day Mass 11am
Oct 15- 19	Holiday				
22	Inset Staff only	Pupils resume	S5/6 Tracking Report Home		
29				S5/6 Parents' Evening	
Nov 5				Holiday of Obligation - Solemnity of All Saints	
12	S3 Reports Home			Mass of Remembrance Oratory 7pm	
Nov 19					
26				S3 Parents' Evening	

Dec 3	S4-S6 PRELIMS BEGIN	PRELIMS	PRELIMS	PRELIMS	PRELIMS
	S1 Reports Home				
10	PRELIMS	PRELIMS	PRELIMS	PRELIMS	S4-S6 PRELIMS END
17			Christmas Celebration 7pm		End of term Service Non-uniform
Dec 24- Jan 6	Holiday				
Jan 7	Holiday	Inset Staff only	Pupils resume		
14				Parent Council Meeting 6pm	
21			S4 Parents' Evening		
28				S2 Parents' Information Evening 7pm	
Feb 4	Dip, Tet, Polio & Men ACWY Immunisations			S2 Parents' Evening	Non-Uniform
Feb 11- 15	Holiday				
18	All resume				
Feb 25					
Mar 4			S4 Attainment Reports Home		
11			S5/6 Attainment Reports Home	Parent Council Meeting 6pm	
18					
25					
Apr 1				HPV Immunisations	End of term- Service Non-uniform
Apr 8- 19	Holiday				
22	Holiday	All resume			

Apr 29					
May 6	Holiday	Inset Staff only	Pupils resume		
13	S2 Reports Home				
20	Holiday	All resume		Junior Awards Ceremony 7pm	
27			S3 Reports Home	Holiday of Obligation – Ascension of the Lord	Leavers Ceremony 12.30pm
June 3	NEW Timetable begins	S6 Induction all day	S1 Reports Home	Parent Council Meeting 6pm	S5 Reflection
10					
17		P7 Induction	P7 Induction Parents' Evening 7pm	P7 Induction (Sports Day)	
24	Activities Week				End of term Service Non-uniform

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL HAS UP TO DATE
ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, EMAIL AND EMERGENCY
CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR CHILD.

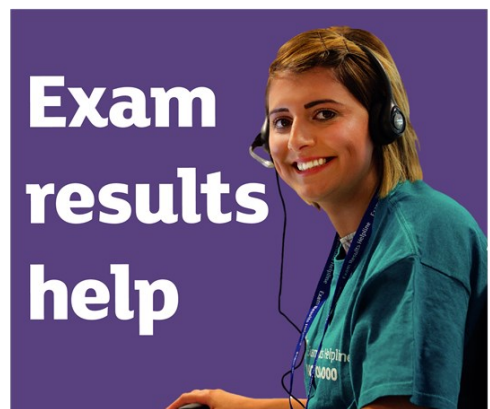
THANK YOU.



Exam results help—from 07 August 2018

Skills Development Scotland will be offering a range of support for learners receiving exam results on 7 August, who need help with what to do next. Find out more at Scotland's online careers service, My World of Work myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults

Whether your #examresults are better than expected or not, help is available from @skillsdevscot. Call the Exam Results Helpline on 0808 100 8000 or head to @myworldofwork <https://bit.ly/2bcsyol>



Parent Council Facebook page— St Augustine's RC Parent Council, Edinburgh. To get updates from the Parent Council we invite you to like the page.

School Uniform Policy

Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging the wearing of the school uniform. Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos and helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing.

- **Black tailored trousers or skirts of a suitable length**
- **White school shirt**
- **School Tie**
- **Sensible black school shoes**
- **Blue School Blazer with school badge (for years S5 & S6)**

A plain black v-neck cardigan or v-neck jumper will be acceptable over a white school shirt and school tie

Ties can be purchased from the School Office

**Jeans, joggers, leggings, jeggings, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and designer tops, caps and boots
are not appropriate school wear
(including ankle boots)**

Free Schools Meal & Clothing Grant—FAQs

A parent/guardian will qualify for FSM and CG if they meet any of the following conditions;

- ▶ Income support
- ▶ Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- ▶ Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- ▶ Child Tax Credit (CTC), **but not** Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- ▶ Both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is under £6,420
- ▶ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ▶ Universal Credit where take home pay is less than £610 per month

What is the Clothing Grant Rate? - £100.00 for primary and secondary children

How will clothing grants be paid? – The payment will be paid direct into your nominated bank account. The payment will show in the bank statement as 'CEC-EXPEN1'.

Where can I apply for FSM/CG? Instructions are on website; www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants

Will the school be told that a child has been awarded a free school meal? Yes, the school system (SEEMiS) will be updated to show that your child has been assessed as eligible for a free school meal.

Will I get my FSM / CG automatically renewed? All of the following conditions must be met for automatic renewal;

- You were awarded a Clothing Grant / Free School Meal for the 17/18 school year by City of Edinburgh Council, **and**;
- You are in receipt of Housing Benefit and /or Council Tax Reduction, **and**;
- You are in receipt any of the following;
 - Income Support
 - Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
 - Any income related element of Employment Support Allowance

We would encourage you all to apply if you are entitled to do so. Money for free meals is put automatically on to pupils Young Scot cards. The cards can be used to purchase food at lunchtime and a variety of hot and cold food is available. If your child does not have a Young Scot card, or has lost their card, the school office can issue a pin number and give details of how to get a new card. If you think you are entitled please do apply! Help with the form is available through your child's pupil support teacher.