



Head Teacher's Update 5th February 2021

My name is Tony O'Doherty and I have the honour and privilege of being Acting Head Teacher of St. Augustine's RC High School. I officially started on Monday and have been overwhelmed by the warm and generous welcome I have received. The strong sense of community here at St. Augustine's is comforting.

Working closely with the Senior Leadership Team and staff we recognise that circumstances have changed and as such so have our plans. Please find an update regarding several areas of school life. Please do contact the school if you have any queries but please note our response will be delayed due to the holiday.

Remote Learning

Staff continue to work hard to produce remote learning materials; some learners have engaged fully and maximised the opportunity to deepen their learning – well done! To support parents/carers and learners, as a school we will now be reporting fortnightly on how well a learner has engaged in each subject's provision of remote learning.

This week we will email parents/carers of Senior Phase learners an engagement report stating a score (1 to 4) for every subject. 1 is excellent engagement and 4 is no engagement. Please use this meaningful information to support your child in their engagement.

In conversation around Parent Evenings for S4, S5/6 and S3 this term; will go ahead but in a very different format from normal. Subject staff will use telephones or email to interact with you and answer any queries/concerns you may have. Please note that the timing of these events will have to be strict for the system to work. We appreciate your support in this matter. More information will follow in due course.

Please know we are here to support, and you can contact the school about any concerns or issues you may have.

Staff have responded to feedback and are scheduling "live" lessons more; we appreciate you supporting your child to check their calendar and attend these. When we return from half term on Tuesday 16th February it will be Week B.

Formal Assessments - Seniors

Please note that our intention is to have further Formal Assessments as close to the SQA deadline as possible (probably the last two weeks of May); this has still to be finalised. As this year has shown, we do not know what the future holds and as such we cannot rely on the fact that these will actually take place.

Your child's grade will be decided by their subject teacher. I cannot state strongly enough how important it is for seniors to engage with their teachers and complete the tasks assigned to the best of their ability. Staff will base their judgement on a holistic approach, taking into account the Formal Assessments – if they happen. Please support your child in maximising their chance for success by engaging in remote learning activities to the best of their ability.

Congratulations!

**Isabela Kolinska,
Victoria Rumenova,
Itamar De La Paz,
Angela Njoko,
Alexis Monlawin,
Kornelia Wiecek**



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La música latina en el mundo anglosajón

Pages 68-69

These learners have been published!

Please find here the link for Napier University's Languages magazine:

https://issuu.com/edinburgh_napier_languages/docs/wwn6

Our amazing Advanced Higher pupils are on page 68. They discuss the influence of Latina music amongst English speaking countries.

A moment of reflection – (courtesy of Mr Timms)

*“Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.”*

St Teresa of Avila

May God keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.