



It is with deep sadness that we announce that Mgr Tony Duffy, our school Chaplain and friend died this week. He really loved his time here pinching chips at lunchtime, telling learners their tie was on upside down and being there for us when we needed him.

He was always a huge presence for us and very happy to be part of our community and we appreciate for some learners he was there throughout their time at St Cuthbert's Primary school as well.

We remember him with love and fondness and ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

*Words by Ms Hind*

Please [click here](#) to read a post regarding Mgr Dufy on the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh.

We will organise an opportunity to say our farewells more formally at a later date.

## Head Teacher's Update 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Please find an update on several aspects of St. Augustine's RC High School.

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May is Week A.**

### Senior Assessment Timetable: 10<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Please find a summary of the proposed senior assessments for next week. Your child should be aware of these and if there are any questions, your child should contact their class teacher in the first instance. The information below has the year group, the timetable column, subject and subject level.

#### **17 May**

<input type="checkbox"/> 00:00 Week A →
<input type="checkbox"/> 4D - Biology N5 Written Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 4F Administration N5 Practical Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4F Computing Science N5 Practical Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6D H/N5 Administration Practical Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6D H/N5 Business Management Written Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 6D AH English Textual Analysis Assessment

#### **18 May**

<input type="checkbox"/> ← Week A
<input type="checkbox"/> 4F Administration N5 Practical Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 4F Business Management N5 Written Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 4F French Listening Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6D H/N5 Administration Practical Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6D H/N5 Business Management Written Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6E H RMPS Written Formal Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6E Higher Photography Written Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5/6E History H&N5

## 19 May

- ← Week A →
- 4A N5 Maths P1B
- 4E Spanish Listening Assessment
- 5/6B - Biology Higher Written Assessment
- 5/6B - Biology Nat 5 Written Assessment
- 5/6C N5/H/AH Maths P1B
- 5/6E French Speaking

## 21 May

- ← 00:00 Week A
- 4D Biology N5 Written Assessment
- 4D Physics N5 Written Assessment
- 4G Biology N5 Written Assessment
- 4G Computing Studies N5 Written Assessment
- 5/6B - Biology Higher Written Assessment
- 5/6B - Biology Nat 5 Written Assessment
- 5/6B English H/N5 Scottish Text Assessment
- 5/6B Physics Higher Written Assessment
- 5/6C Higher Music Listening
- 6B AH Physics

## 20 May

- ← Week A
- 4F Administration N5 Practical Assessment
- 4F Business Management N5 Written Assessment
- 4F Computing Studies N5 Written Assessment
- 5/6A Biology Higher
- 5/6A Maths N5/H P1B
- 5/6D AH/H/N5 Computing Studies Written Assessment
- 5/6D H/N5 Administration Practical Assessment
- 5/6D H/N5 Business Management Written Assessment
- 5/6E H RMPS Written Assessment

### Merit Competition

Staff award merits to learners who have show “above and beyond” actions. The winner has an additional £5 added to their school account and the runner up has a “priority pass” to skip the queue for lunch.

Congratulations to **Ebony Auguste-Lancaster 1D1** who was awarded the most merits. Well done to Kenny Alli 5A2 who was runner up and receives the priority pass!

All those awarded merits should be proud. A new week means a new start. Keep up the great work everyone!

### Message from Active Schools

Please [click here](#) to read a message from Active Schools.

### Water Bottles

Many thanks to all the learners who bring their own water bottle to school using the available fountains to replenish. We have noticed an increase in learners asking for cups to use the fountain (we are not allowed to drink directly due COVID-19 restrictions), please note that this is unsustainable. We appreciate your support in reminding your child to bring a water bottle to school.

### Weather Disruption

I apologise for all the learners who were caught out this week in the rain. Scotland is a fantastic country that has many wonderous elements including

changeable weather. I am always reminded of the Mark Twain quote: "If you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes."

Please note that the Senior Leadership Team make judgement calls each day in terms of whether the learners are in the building or not. This is the same case for the PE department. Unfortunately, this week the sudden downpour caught us off guard. Please note that we have learned from this and will better react in the future.

As the weather is so changeable, we do recommend that learners have appropriate clothing in case the weather does turn for the worse. If you need any support in this, please contact the school.

### Seniors Update

We are aware that seniors are working very hard and undertaking assessments at the moment. If any learner needs support, please guide them to talk to us. Other support can be found on our website:

[Mental Health and Wellbeing – St Augustine's RC High School \(staugustinesrchs.uk\)](http://staugustinesrchs.uk)

[Learn at Home Resources – St Augustine's RC High School \(staugustinesrchs.uk\)](http://staugustinesrchs.uk)

The senior engagement reports for this week will be distributed soon, please remember that these only describe how well the learners are engaging in class and do not reflect attainment in any way.

### National offer of support for Senior Phase (repeat notice)

A national resource is available to support senior learners in their studies.

Please follow this link to see the full range on offer:

[Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](http://www.e-sgoil.com)

## HELP DESK SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

The Senior Phase Help Desk supports young people through "live" spotlight sessions which signpost learners, and teachers, to the Live, Recorded and Supported resources.

<http://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase-help-desk/>



Learners will need their GLOW login details, which they can get from school.

We have also attached a flyer that provides a variety of different supports for learners to engage with: SEIC Study Resource

### Class Assessments (repeat notice)

Please note that teaching staff are under clear guidance from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) to award grades based on demonstrated attainment. We would like to emphasise how important it is for senior students to attend class assessments. We appreciate that some students might have to self-isolate or are unwell and we will cater for this as best we can.

### Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) LIVE: e-sgoil (repeat notice)

Please visit our website ([click here](#)) to see a brochure giving a wealth of opportunities for learners of all ages to engage in developing the young workforce agenda. We hope you support your child in accessing this resource.

### Safety Precautions (repeat notice)

Please remember that if anyone in your household is showing symptoms: high temperature, continuous cough, breathing difficulties and/or no sense of smell or taste then all members of the household must self-isolate. Please book a test as quickly as possible and wait for the result. If positive, the whole household must self-isolate for 10 days, if negative then the household can stop self-isolating immediately.

### Home Testing Kits (repeat notice)

Please sign the consent form and support your child in accessing the home testing kits for COVID-19. These are used if you do **not** have symptoms and will substantially support the suppression of the virus. The more of our community that engage in this, the safer our community is. Please find a short video (6 mins) [here](#) of how to take the test. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss further or require support.

### Local Community (repeat notice)

A thank-you to all learners who are aware of the local community by keeping the 2m social distance from all adults and following protocols in local services. Another thank-you to all learners who dispose of their litter responsibly. Please keep this going!

### A moment of reflection - (courtesy of the RE Faculty)

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Have a good week and stay safe!