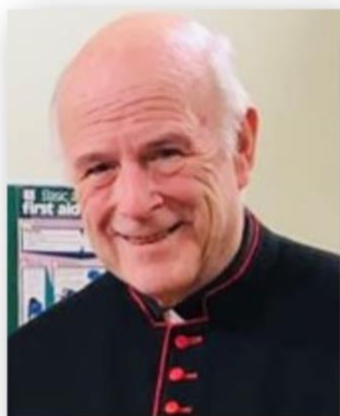




## Monsignor Tony Duffy



(1947 - 2021)

*Rest in Peace*

The funeral mass for Monsignor Tony will be held in St Cuthbert's RC Church on Tuesday 25th May at 12 noon.

Due to Covid restrictions only 50 people are permitted to attend and only those who have been invited by the family will be allowed into the church.

Others will be able to join the funeral mass online using the following link:

<https://porteousfunerals.com/video-stream/>

Please log on at 11:50am. Password: porteous2316

More info can be found on the parish website:

[www.stcuthbertschurch.com](http://www.stcuthbertschurch.com)

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

We hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend, please remember that learners do not return to school until **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 0840**. Please find an update on several aspects of St. Augustine's RC High School.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May is Week B.**

### Monsignor Duffy

We will have a celebration of Monsignor Duffy during tutor time on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. He was a strong advocate for Lourdes, and we will sponsor a young person every year, in his name, to make that pilgrimage. There are a few other arrangements that the school are organising to mark the wonderful contribution Monsignor Duffy had in St. Augustine's. We know that the community are keen to support and we will give more details next week.

### Leavers' Date

Please note that we will require individuals to complete all course assessments before they leave school. The official leavers' date this year is the 31<sup>st</sup> May, but there will be some learners who need to attend school in June to undertake these assessments. Most learners will have completed these by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June with only a few exceptions that might need to attend the following week.

Learners will be given a “Leavers Sheet” which they will need to have completed by all their class teachers. Leavers will need to hand in their iPad to Mr Boothroyd and we welcome any donations of school uniform including blazers to support our community in these difficult times. Only when this paperwork is completed will students be able to leave the school roll.

We recognise that some subjects will have completed their assessments and so learners are welcome to study for other subjects in those classes. Please note, that this is only with the blessing of the class teacher and learners must stay in that classroom where they are registered.

We also recognise that there will be no usual celebrations for the end of a school career. School staff, in particular Mrs McKillop, have been working hard to create a “Goodbye Experience” in class during lessons 1 and 2 on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. We hope that seniors will attend to participate. The materials from this celebration will be made available online afterwards so that parents/carers can share the celebration.

### Senior Assessment Timetable: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Please find a summary of the proposed senior assessments for this 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.

#### 26 May

- 00:00 Week B →
- 4E Biology N5 Written Assessment
- 4E Spanish Reading Assessment
- 5/6B Physics Higher Written Assessment
- 5/6B Physics N5 Written Assessment
- 6B AH Physics

#### 28 May

- ← 00:00 Week B
- 4B ESOL
- 4B N5 English Critical Essay Assessment
- 4G Biology N5 Written Assessment
- 4G Chemistry N5
- 4G Computing Studies N5 Written Assessment
- 5/6B Higher and N5 Chemistry
- 5/6B N5 Practical Metalwork Written Assessment
- 5/6B Physics Higher Written Assessment
- 5/6B Physics N5 Written Assessment
- 5/6C N5/H/AH Maths P2A
- 5C Spanish Reading Assessment

#### 27 May

- ← Week B
- 4A Maths N5 P2A
- 4F Administration N5 Practical Assessment
- 4F Computing Studies N5 Written Assessment
- 4F N5 Practical Woodworking Written Assessment
- 5/6D AH/H/N5 Computing Studies Written Assessment
- 5/6D H Administration Written Assessment
- 5/6D H/N5 English Scottish Text Assessment
- 5/6D N5 Administration Practical Assessment
- 5/6E AH and N5 Chemistry
- 5E H RMPS Written Formal Assessment
- 5E Higher Chemistry Paper 1 written

## 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 **Natalia Kordas 1D1** who was awarded the most merits. Well done to Queenie Sterling 2D2 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!

## Expectations at St. Augustine’s

A huge thank-you to all the learners that make it to school on time and in uniform. We appreciate that some learners might need support in arriving to school/lessons on time. To that end, the Senior Leadership Team will offer support to these learners (who are late to school) at lunch time. Thank you for your support in reinforcing this message.

## Safety Precautions

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.

Please note: the NHS are now advising siblings of children who have been identified as a close contact to self-isolate as well until the individual who has been identified as a close contact has been tested with a PCR test and had their test result. This is in addition to previous practice and adds another level of preventative protection.

## Water Bottles (repeat notice)

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 (repeat notice)

I apologise for all the learners who were caught out this week in the rain. Scotland is a fantastic country that has many wonderful 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 (repeat notice)

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 \(staugustinesrchs.uk\)](https://www.staugustinesrchs.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing)

[Learn at Home Resources – St Augustine's RC High School \(staugustinesrchs.uk\)](https://www.staugustinesrchs.uk/learn-at-home-resources)

### 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.

### Safety Precautions (repeat notice)

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### 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)



Have a good week and stay safe!