



Head Teacher's Update 4th June 2021

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

Monday 7th June – Friday 11th June is Week B.

Senior Assessment Timetable: 7th June – 11th June 2021

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

7 June <input type="checkbox"/> 00:00 Week B → <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE and A Level Polish	8 June <input type="checkbox"/> ← Week B <input type="checkbox"/> 4G Practical Cookery - Practical Assessment for Nat 3 - 4 pupils, periods 1-5
9 June <input type="checkbox"/> ← Week B → <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00:00 Marking and Moderation Phase → <input type="checkbox"/> Inset	10 June <input type="checkbox"/> ← Week B → <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ← Marking and Moderation Phase → <input type="checkbox"/> 4G Practical Cookery - Practical Assessment for Nat 4 - 4 pupils, periods 1-5
11 June <input type="checkbox"/> ← 00:00 Week B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ← Marking and Moderation Phase →	

You will notice that we have now completed the assessment calendar and any further undertakings will be based on individual needs.

All leavers are expected to be in school everyday until their final assessment is completed. At this point, they should have their leaver's form completed by staff (to ensure no more work is needed) and hand this in to their Pupil Support Leader.

All S4 and S5 learners who are staying on will continue to attend lessons where they will complete any outstanding qualifications. After this, there are a number of different short courses available. These courses are accredited and will enhance the attainment of each learner. From Monday 14th June, we have organised a well-being award for seniors to undertake, again this will increase their portfolio of qualifications and support their own wellbeing.

Wednesday 9th June – INSET day

Please remember that Wednesday 9th June is for staff only. **The school is closed for learners on that day.** Thank you.

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 **Mithila Alamgir 2D2** who was awarded the most merits. Well done to Hend Alaswad 1M2 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!

Provisional Grades Update

Please note that we will inform learners and parents of provisional grades during the final week of term. The authority is co-ordinating a council-wide communication and have yet to finalise the details of this. We will let you know what these are when they are made public.

Please find an update regarding the appeals process from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) [here](#). Please note that we will be arranging further communication on this.

Standards at St. Augustine's

I would like to congratulate all the learners that attend class, on time, in uniform, try their best and focus on their learning. You are giving yourself every chance of success and to fulfil your potential! Well done!

The Senior Leadership Team undertook their daily “sweeps” this week and were so proud to see so many of our young learners working hard and focused on their learning!

Our message is clear that we expect uniform to be worn and outdoor clothing to be removed in class while the weather is warm. We do not expect you to buy any new uniform for the final three weeks of term. When you are preparing the new term in August please remember to purchase clothing that aligns with the school uniform policy, especially all black shoes.

We know that some families can struggle financially, and the pandemic has exacerbated this. There is a clothing grant you can apply for to support in the buying of school uniform. If eligible, £100 will be given directly to you. Please find the online application form here:

[Apply for free school meals, milk and clothing grant – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

If you need support, please contact the Claire Gibson (Pupil Support Officer):
Claire.Gibson@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk

The school uniform is:

School tie <u>must</u> be worn	✓	
A white school shirt <u>must</u> be worn	✓	
A black v neck jumper or black v neck cardigan	✓	Not acceptable: Hoodies/round neck jumpers/cardigans Fashion logos eg Hollister, Jack Wills etc
Smart black trousers	✓	Not acceptable: Jeans, joggers, leggings, jeggings, combats
Black skirt of an <u>appropriate length</u>	✓	Not acceptable: Short/tube skirts unsuitable for active learning in classrooms
Black leggings can <u>only</u> be worn with a skirt	✓	Not acceptable: Leggings on their own
Outdoor coats/jackets must be removed in the school building	✓	
Blue school blazer with school badge (for years S5 & S6)	✓	
Plain black shoes <u>must</u> be worn. Plimsolls, trainers or leather shoes can be worn if <u>fully black</u>	✓	NOT ACCEPTABLE: Coloured trainers/plimsolls Black shoes with white rims/logos/stripes
		

We are aware that this uniform code needs updating, and we will consult with parents/carers and learners in the new term. We appreciate your support in this.

Medic Insight Opportunity

The following pupils: **Alexis Caringal** 5m1; **Alecia McKinely** 5m1; **Sana Rezig** 5d1; have been successful in achieving a place on the Medic insight delivery taking place next week Tuesday to Friday. They have opted to come into school to engage online with this opportunity.

Medic Insight is a unique platform that provides information to and supports high-school students commencing on their journey to study medicine. This programme is run for high schools in Edinburgh and the surrounding council areas.

Aimed at S5 high-school students the week aims to give students a further insight into their potential future career. They organise clinical attachments, put on workshops and run talks all carefully considered by their team in order to give learners the greatest chance of succeeding in your application to study medicine.

Well done to these learners and we hope they find the experience useful.

Local Community News

The school received notification about a planned construction of a telecommunications mast. The letter and location of the proposed installation can be found [here](#).

Nuffield Work Placement

Two of Chemistry Higher pupils have been selected to take part in a Nuffield placement this summer. **Alessandra Giovanelli** will be working with Dr Francisco Inesta from the University of Dundee's School of Medicine on a project entitled "Effects of outdoor air pollution on human health" and **Alecia McKinley** will be working with Dr Jennifer Paxton from the University of Edinburgh Deanery of Biomedical Sciences on "3D structured light scanning as a tool for anatomy public engagement".

Both girls will benefit greatly from being part of these projects, especially after the last year of minimal practical activities. We wish them all the best for this great experience!

Session date change Christmas holidays 2021 (Notice from the Authority)

At its March meeting, the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to change the scheduled Christmas holiday dates from **Friday 24 December 2021 - Monday 10 January 2022** to **Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January 2022**.

The change was based on a similar amendment to the previous year's holiday dates. The reasons for the change are set out in this committee report: <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s31995/7.10%20School%20Session%20Dates%20Amendment%202021-22.pdf>

The report did not include consideration of the in-service day after the holidays. This will be Wednesday 5 January 2022. To ensure that pupils are in

school for the required 190 days, the summer term will be amended to finish on **Friday 1 July 2022** instead of **Thursday 30 June**.

The agreed changes are now on the Council website, along with dates for dates for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Internship Update and Masterclass 3 update

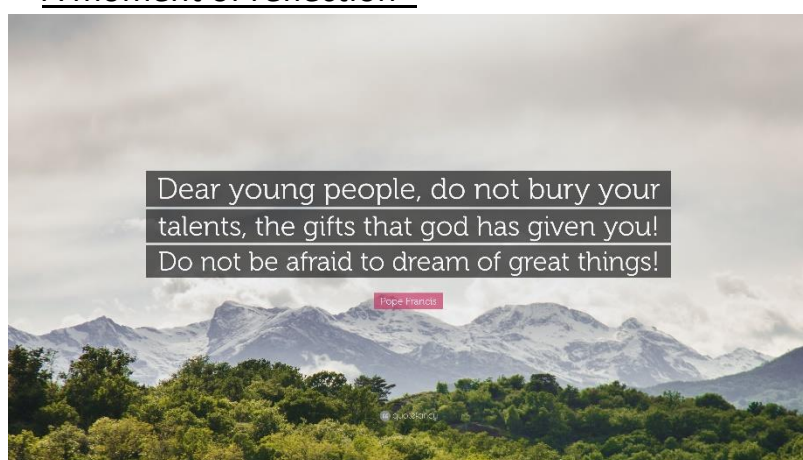
Delighted to update that this year we have 6 S5 pupils going out on Internships through the Career Ready programme. This was cancelled last year, and we were unsure how this would work out for the current Year 1 students.

Students are currently going through the onboarding and recruitment process in order to be prepared to start their internship. The Business Partners will be providing students with IT to support their remote work at home.

Students have been meeting with their mentors and continue to be positive ambassadors for our school community. These placements will be completed over the Summer. Congratulations to these learners for undertaking these internships and wish them all the best.

Student Name	Employer
Jack Buckley	BNY Mellon Edinburgh, Lothian Road
Tai Alli	Business Stream
Victor Manhando	Canon Medical
Peace Oriabure	Heriot-Watt University
Siploma Diya	HSBC UK Edinburgh, Lochside Avenue
Shannon Stewart	Standard Life Aberdeen Edinburgh, Brandon Street

A moment of reflection -



Have a good week and stay safe!