



Head Teacher's Update 25th June 2021

Happy Summer!!! Please find the last update of this academic year.

Provisional Grades 2021

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the online event last night. You can find a copy of the presentation [here](#). Information from the SQA regarding the appeal process can be found at: www.sqa.org.uk/appeals

There is a booklet from SQA that provides further detail and can be found at: [SQA Appeals 2021 - what you need to know](#)

Advice and support with provisional results is available throughout the summer via Skills Development Scotland's *Results Help Toolkit* which can be found at this link:

[sds-results-help-toolkit-2021.pdf \(skillsdevelopmentScotland.co.uk\)](https://www.skillsdevelopmentScotland.co.uk/sds-results-help-toolkit-2021.pdf)

Junior (S1-S3) Awards Ceremony

A huge congratulations to all learners of S1-S3, especially the recipients of an award!

A special thanks to Miss Cox who planned and delivered the event, it was very successful. The awards ceremony is available through your child's team channel for their year group.

Merit Competition

Congratulations to **Divine Ofosuhene 5A2** who was awarded the most merits. Well done to Antoni Krzos 2A2 who was runner up and receives the priority pass!

All those awarded merits should be proud. The merit system will return in a different format after the Summer. More details will follow in August...

Message from Mrs Chbira

THANK YOU to all our Art & Design pupils for showing great resilience and creativity.

Wishes to all for a glorious summer holiday



A view from the Art Balcony by Sophie Connelly S1

7 days of Summer Performances

Message from Miss Maxwell

A massive thank you to Miss Maxwell for the sharing of the performances from the learners. Congratulations to all the performers who entertain us so wonderfully.

There was be a good mix of instruments and pop/classical stuff. Please see the links below:

Day 3:

Today's performances focus on Brass and feature Teagan Mukaro (s4) playing 'Pink Panther' on trumpet and Grace McWalter (s3) playing 'Pure Imagination' again on trumpet. Here are the links:

Teagan - <https://youtu.be/hRdJwUPLdbI>

Day 4:

Today's performance features Ariuna Walker in S5 playing Film Noire on piano. Ariuna also represented St Aug's and performed this piece as part of an Edinburgh-wide digital concert which aired last night.

Ariuna - <https://youtu.be/CnlhnUwnoDw>

Day 5:

Today we have a junior and a senior performance. Firstly, we have Tanmayi Karnati, Grace Wesselon-Noble and Ciara Sharp playing a group arrangement of Mamma Mia on cello. Then secondly, we have Jenna Ho who recently joined S4 playing Mozart's Piano Sonata no. 16.

Tanmayi, Grace & Ciara - <https://youtu.be/gxwP15MXy-o>

Jenna - <https://youtu.be/vauK77aTOZQ>

Day 6:

Today we have Katie Hardie and Grace McGinley from S4 each playing a piece on guitar. Katie is playing 'A Song and A Dance' and Grace is playing 'Allegretto'.

Katie - <https://youtu.be/EeVFKPtzo3U>

Grace - <https://youtu.be/VV3n2iO797c>

These are also available through the faculty twitter account: @stahs_pa

Activities over the Summer

*Message from Fiona Damen –
Active Schools Co-ordinator*

Please be aware that we have free park camps available over the Summer!

We have used local coaches where possible so a lot of the pupils will know them from the cluster clubs we run at the high school and the primary pre covid.

Each event is from 2pm – 4pm.

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PEOPLE AGED
P7 -S3. USE LINKS
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Message from Ms Pietropaolo

Today was my last lesson with 2M2- I have absolutely loved teaching them, what a great bunch they are!

High praise indeed for 2M2, I know Mrs McKillop is very proud.

Fr Duffy Memorial Fund

Message from Ms Hind

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fr Duffy Memorial Fund. With the generosity of staff and pupils from St Augustine's and St Cuthbert's Primary School and our community we have reached our target of £800.

This money will allow a sick person to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes in France, a pilgrimage that Monsignor Duffy made every year.

University Drop-in Sessions for S5 Students

Message from university of Edinburgh

Thinking of applying to The University of Edinburgh in 2022?

Received provisional grades and wondering what subject combination to take next year?

Join us for our live drop-in session to speak to one of our admissions specialists who can help advise your next steps. We will be online each Friday between 14:00 – 16:00 on the following dates:

Friday 25 June: 14:00 – 16:00

Friday 2 July: 14:00 – 16:00

Friday 9 July: 14:00 – 16:00

Friday 16 July: 14:00 – 16:00

Friday 23 July: 14:00 – 16:00

Friday 30 July: 14:00 – 16:00

Friday 6 August: 14:00 – 16:00

The following link is for all sessions

<https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/ccd954a91eba40bea2ab00f206d444bc>

Mobile Phone Use

As we are integrating technology more and more these days we welcome the positives that this can bring. That said, we also are aware of the distractions that can happen; thus, please remember that mobile phones should **not** be out in class. We will remind learners of this in the new academic term!

S1 Reports

Please note that the S1 reports were sent out earlier this week. Thank you to all staff in completing these and I hope they highlight how well the learners have transitioned to St. Augustine's. It has been a difficult year and the learners have shown great resilience. As they move to S2 I am confident they will continue to do well!

Equalities Update – A message from Mrs Evans (Equalities Co-ordinator) (repeat notice)

I thought it would be useful for the school community to have an update on what's been happening behind the scenes in Equalities over the last few months! It has been a very busy time and the Equalities Committee members are extremely happy with what we have achieved and are excited for the next phase in August.

We have created an STA-Equalities address:
sta-equalities@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk.

This means that pupils, staff and parents can email the equalities group directly with any ideas, complaints or issues. It gives everyone a recognisable contact point and should hopefully open up channels of communication.

Staff and pupils in the Equalities group created a video that was shared during tutor time. The video outlined our plans for the school, set out what we are currently doing and asked the community to let us know what we could do to improve.

Mr O'Doherty sent out a survey to all staff after the publication of the council report. The responses and comments will be fed into a plan for Equalities work and training for staff in school.

The Equalities group met to discuss what the school priorities were for our work. We used the council report to establish 3 key areas: policies/procedures, ethos/culture and curriculum. We then met with staff and pupil representatives to ensure that we all agreed with these priorities and discussed the ideas we had for taking this forward. We have now created our phase 1 plan which will be shared with all staff and parents at a launch in August.



We are excited to announce that we have adopted The Halo Code, the UK's first Black hair code. We are only the second school in the whole of Scotland to have joined the programme! No Black staff or students should have to change their natural or protective hairstyle in order to thrive at our school. We hope that the Halo Code will move us one step closer to a world free from discrimination, where all

Black members of our community have their identities fully recognised and celebrated. The next step for the school will be to speak to our young people about how the code can be integrated into our uniform policy. More information to follow!

Mrs Reith helped us to organise and chaired a meeting with Deborah Kayembe, Rector of Edinburgh University, Human Rights Lawyer and Activist. We were extremely privileged to have this opportunity to talk to her about our anti-racist work. The amazing news is that she is keen to work with our community and support us in our equalities journey. Restrictions permitted she will be coming into school in the new term – more information to follow!

We have been working with a number of outside agencies to improve the opportunities for the young people in school. From August we will be running a lunchtime True Colours group for students. Intercultural Youth Scotland will also be working with us on supporting staff/pupils, running an anti-racist class for seniors, an ambassadors programme and a lunchtime club. We have also had the Heart Stones Pilot running in our cluster primary schools. P7s have been working on this and will continue to do so as part of transition in English time.

More information by following the links below:

[Halo- School \(halocollective.co.uk\)](http://halocollective.co.uk)

[DRC: Meet Debora Kayembe, new rector at University of Edinburgh \(theafricareport.com\)](http://theafricareport.com)

[Intercultural Youth Scotland - ABOUT US](#)

[True Colours – ELREC](#)

[Heartstone](#)

Standards at St. Augustine's (repeat notice)

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 fully black	✓	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 September. We appreciate your support in this.

A special note of thanks

We have strived to do our best in trying to minimise the impact the pandemic has had on our young people. As we finish this academic year I would like to thank all the staff of St. Augustine's who have consistently acted in the best interests of your child.

Personally, **I would like to thank you** (the parents and carers) for your support of the school. Our learners have shown great resilience and character in dealing with the challenges presented to them and are a credit to you and themselves.

Head Teacher Position

It is with great honour I have been appointed the permanent Head Teacher of St. Augustine's RC High School. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of our community.

A moment of reflection -

As we start the Summer holidays, I think the words of our school prayer are very appropriate.

Have a happy and safe holiday, celebrating the good with love in our lives!



THE SCHOOL PRAYER

God Our Father

Let us pray

That there will be respect for our world

Peace for its people

Love in our lives

Celebration of the good

Forgiveness for past wrongs

And, from now on, a new start.

St Augustine, pray for us.