



Head Teacher's Update 27th August 2021

A short update this week. Learners are establishing good routines and settling in to the work and life of the school.

New Staff Members

Please note that we welcome a number of new members of staff to the school this year:

- Melanie Balfour – Teacher of Mod Studies (FT)
- Diana Barry – Teacher of History (FT)
- Kieran Fey – Teacher of Biology (FT)
- Megan Greer – Teacher of CDT (FT)
- Chris Halliday – Probationer Teacher of Geography
- Kerrae Kerr – Teacher of Biology (FT)
- Gillian Kelly – Pupil Support Leader (temp)
- Ingrid Loyra – Pupil Support Assistant
- Ant Mayer – Teacher of CDT (part time)
- Liam McMulkin – Probationer Teacher of Biology
- Sonika Michael – Pupil Support Assistant (joined us in June)
- Andrew Milne – Probationer Teacher of Physics

Exhibition at the French Institute

<https://tolerance-project.org/about>

We are delighted to be hosting The Tolerance Project in September. The Tolerance Project is a travelling poster collection that celebrates and honours the starting point of all meaningful discourse: tolerance. Free, flexible, and ever-expanding, The Tolerance Project has brought a message of social acceptance to more than 300,000 people in twenty-four countries worldwide.

S1 at break and lunch

Please note that as S1 settle into our community, finding new friends and adjusting to secondary school, we ask that all S1 remain on the school campus throughout the day for their safety. We will re-evaluate this at the October break. Thank you for your support

Parking in the local area

We understand that drop off and pick up of your child at St. Augustine's can be tricky. This is amplified with our shared campus. Please be aware of the local residents (our fellow community members); we thank you for your consideration.

New Pastoral System

We have moved to a Head of House system which should provide more capacity to support our learners. Every learner is a member of a House Team at St. Augustine's, please note the key members of staff supporting your child.

House	Pupil Support Leader	Head of House
St. Andrew	Ms. G Kelly	Mrs. Chrystal
St. David	Mrs. G Kelly (new member of staff)	Mrs. Baird
St. Margaret	Mrs. McKillop	Mr Dalglish

Standards at St. Augustine's

It was a fantastic sight to see our learners return last week, all in school uniform. Thank you for your support in this important part of our community's identity.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we will be making rounds next week to praise those learners who are in full school uniform and thank them for their commitment.

We have noticed that a few learners are wearing inappropriate footwear.



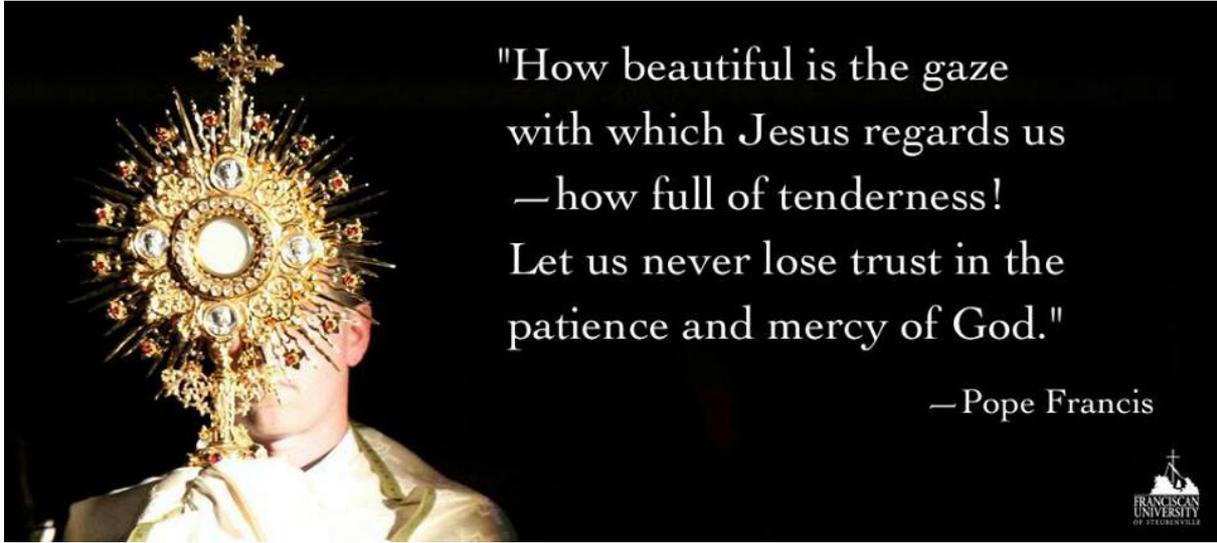
Please support us by ensuring that shoes worn to school are black. The converse shoe shown here is **not** appropriate. Again, thank you for your support.

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 feel free to contact Claire Gibson (Pupil Support Officer): Claire.Gibson@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk

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 moment of reflection](#)



"How beautiful is the gaze
with which Jesus regards us
—how full of tenderness!
Let us never lose trust in the
patience and mercy of God."

—Pope Francis



Have a great weekend!