



Head Teacher's Update 17th September 2021

Please find an update regarding various topics about life at St. Augustine's. Please note it is a bank holiday weekend, we look forward to welcoming the learners back in school on Tuesday!

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1. Seniors: "Your Ed+" Update

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Please find an update regarding our partnership with Edinburgh University [here](#). Thank you to Ms. Kelly for all her work in this area and producing the update!



2. New Sports Ambassadors

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Congratulations to the new Sports Ambassadors for St. Augustine's RC High School. The successful candidates are:

Mia Villamizer
Olivia Clarke

Tifney Aheumbisbwe
Shallum Auguste- Lancaster

These four young leaders join our S5/6 ambassadors who support the provision of sport clubs at our school.

3. Fond Farewell

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We wish Sheila Eunson, our Music Teacher, a happy retirement! After all her years of service, we wish her all the best.

As we say goodbye to Mrs Eunson, we welcome a new staff member to the Music Department: **Ms Nicole Murray**.

4. Return of Active School Clubs

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Please find a draft timetable for the Active School Clubs returning to St. Augustine's. All activities will follow current health and safety procedures for the pandemic. A huge thank you for all the support the PE staff give to ensure these clubs take place. If you or your child need more information, please contact the PE Department directly.

Term 1 - St Augustine HS DRAFT ACTIVE SCHOOLS CLUBS 2021 -2022

Club	Age	Location	Day	Time	Start Dates	Internal deliver/contact	External deliver or senior pupils
Senior Netball	S4-6	Games hall	Monday	3.35-4.35	27/9/21	Miss Cox	
Dance	S1-3	Gym	Monday	3.35- 4.15	27/9/21	Mrs Damen	Lauren and Katie - Dance Ambassadors
Girls Swimming (limited places)	S1 – S6	Swim Pool	Monday	3.30-4.30	27/9/21	Mrs Damen	WBC & Hearts Sophie & Baylee sports Ambassadors
Recreational Senior Basketball	S4-6	Games Hall	Tuesday	3.30-4.15	28/9/21	Mrs Haskett	
Recreational Senior Volleyball	S4-6	Games Hall	Tuesday	3.30-4.15	28/9/21	Mrs Haskett	
Cheerleading	S1- S3	Gym	Tuesday	3.30-4.30	28/9/21	Mrs Damen	Katy Capital All Stars
Girls and boys Rugby	S1-2	Meet at PE then on the grass pitch	Tuesday	3.30-4.30	28/9/21	Mr Milne	Evie & Brooke Rugby Sports Ambassador
Mixed Football	S1-2	Meet at PE then on to the Astro	Tuesday	3.30-4.30	TBC		Sports Ambassadors Freddie and Praise
Junior Netball	S1-S3	Games hall	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	28/9/21	Miss Cox	Sports Ambassadors
Water Polo	S1-S6	Swim Pool	Wednesday	4.00-4.45	22/9/21	Mrs Damen	Julie, Stingray Swim club
Water Polo Club session	S1-S6	Swim pool	Wednesday	4.45-5.45	22/9/21	Mrs Damen	Julie, StingRay Swim Club
Basketball	S1-3	Games Hall	Thursday	3.30-4.30	30/9/21	Mr Murray	Coach Tarek and Sports Ambassadors Channel & Stephanie
Boys Swimming	S1-S6	Swim Pool	Thursday	3.30-4.15	23/9/21	Mrs Damen	Julie, Stingray Swim club

5. Litter

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A huge thank you to all the learners who look after our environment ensuring any waste is placed in a bin. Residents from the local community have contacted the school concerned over the increase in litter. We appreciate your support in reinforcing the message with your child about the significant impact litter has on the environment.

6. 16-19 yr olds Money for staying on at school in 2021-22 academic year

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(message from Mrs Gibson, Pupil Support Officer)

Your child may be eligible for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). Funded by the Scottish Government, it is a grant of £30 per week to support 16-19-year olds from low income families, staying on at school in Edinburgh after they reach school leaving age.

If you received EMA in 2020-21 you need to renew your application.

Apply online now – www.edinburgh.gov.uk/ema Criteria you must meet:

- Combined parental income must be: £24,421 or less for households with one dependent child: £26,884 or less for households with more than one dependent child

- Pupil must attend school for at least 21 hours per week • Complete a 'learning agreement' and maintain 100% attendance each week

How is it paid?

- Money is paid directly into the young person's bank account
- Payment is for each week of the school year (excluding holidays)
- Young person must attend school each week to receive payment.

Applications received by **30 September** will be backdated to the start of term.

If you have any questions or need support please contact Mrs Gibson:

Claire.Gibson@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk

7. Water Provision

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We encourage learners to bring a water bottle and fill up through the day at break and/or lunch. There are an increasing number of learners are using class time to fill their bottle or visit the office for a plastic cup. We appreciate your support in providing a bottle for your child and reminding them that lesson time is for learning.

8. Senior Cast List for "A Christmas Carol"

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After tough competition and two casting sessions, the Performing Arts faculty proudly announced the cast list for our Christmas show this year: "A Christmas Carol". A massive congratulations to all who put themselves forward for a role. Please find the cast list on the next page:

Principal Cast			Chorus and variety of roles	
Carol Scrooge	Khanyi Duma		Young Carol	Paris Aine Babs
Bob Cratchit	Dylan Rowley		Younger Carol	Grace McGinley
Fred	Fatoumata Ndure		Fran	Aliyah Kilani
Mummy 1	Finn McEwan		Headmaster	Kevin Ruiz Mendosa
Mummy 2	Hamish Hazlewood		Fezziwig	Peace Oriabure
Mummy 3	Mary Mwagulu		Fezziwigs Daughters	Ashleigh, Thea, Sofia
Mummy 4	Mia Pilley		Cratchit children	Aliyah, Nell, Mildred
Caroline	Maria Mcanumel		Brokers	Mildred Okoro, Bervely Baidoo, Matilda
Thomas	Mary Oilutona		Despicable people	India Rawat, Erin Ryan, Zuzanna Baranska
Marleys Ghost	Tai Alli		Freds Friends	Paris Aine Babs
Christmas Past	Matilda Johnstone			
Christmas Present	Bervely Baidoo			
Mrs Cratchit	Peace Oriabure			

S1-3 will become involved through their Performing Arts lessons, so be ready!

9. S1-S3 Sports Academy Hockey Trials

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The City of Edinburgh Schools Sports Academy is a training and support programme designed to assist pupils to reach their sporting potential.

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HOCKEY TRIALS

AGE GROUP: S1, S2, S3

VENUE: University of Edinburgh Peffermill Hockey Playing Fields
Peffermill Road
Edinburgh
EH16 5LL

DATE: FRIDAY 08/10/21

TIME: 3.00 - 4.30pm



Scan the QR code to download your application form:



CONTACT
sportsacademy@edinburgh.gov.uk



Applications should be returned by e-mail to SportsAcademy@edinburgh.gov.uk by **Friday 1/10/21**.

10. Importance of Vaccination (repeat notice)

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An important strand of the Scottish Government's strategy to deal with the pandemic is to vaccinate as much of the adult population as possible. This does not only provide protection for the individuals but the community also.

Drop-in arrangements for Covid vaccination clinics for all aged 16 or over can be found [here](#).

Please note the location of the vaccination bus over this coming week:

 Venue: **Edinburgh College**, 46 Dalhousie Rd, Eskbank, Dalkeith EH22 3FR

 Date: **Fri 17th Sept 2021**

 Time: **11.00am – 7.00pm**

 Venue: **Fort Kinnaird**, 32 Fleming House, Newcraighall, Edinburgh EH15,

 Date: **Sat 18th & Sun 19th Sept 2021**

 Time: **11.00am – 7.00pm**

11. Access to Language and Work (repeat notice)

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আপনি কি এডিনবার্গে বেকার বাবা-মা? অ্যাক্সেস প্রোগ্রেস, আমরা আপনাকে একটি চাকরী, শিক্ষা বা প্রশিক্ষণ সম্বন্ধে স্বতন্ত্র সহায়তা সরবরাহ করি। আজই আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন!

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12. Staffing Notice (repeat notice)

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Congratulations to our own Mr. Callum Timms who will be undertaking the role of Pupil Support leader for St. David house **every Thursday**, starting from the 23rd September 2021.

Here are the key individuals for your child's support within our House System:

House	Pupil Support Leader	Head of House
St. Andrew	Ms. G Kelly	Mrs. Chrystal
St. David	Mrs. G Kelly (Mon – Wed and Fri) Mr. C Timms (Thurs only)	Mrs. Baird
St. Margaret	Mrs. McKillop	Mr Dalglish

A moment of reflection

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"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

-Mother Teresa

Have a great bank holiday weekend everyone!