



Head Teacher's Update 1st June 2022

As the Jubilee weekend begins – please remember that school will be closed for Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June. We look forward to seeing all the learners back in school, wearing full uniform, for Monday 6th June at 0840; when pupils move up to the next year groups and the new timings of the school day will take effect!

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Moment of Reflection

1. New Timings for School Week

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	Tutor time	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Lunch	Period 6	Period 7
Monday	8.40-8.53	8.53-9.41	9.41-10.29	10.29 – 10.44	10.44 – 11.32	11.32-12.20	12.20 – 1.08	1.08 – 1.48	1.48 – 2.36	2.36 – 3.24
Tuesday	8.40-8.53	8.53-9.41	9.41-10.29	10.29 – 10.44	10.44 – 11.32	11.32-12.20	12.20 – 1.08	1.08 – 1.48	1.48 – 2.36	2.36 – 3.24
Wednesday	8.40-8.53	8.53-9.41	9.41-10.29	10.29 – 10.44	10.44 – 11.32	11.32-12.20	12.20 – 1.08	1.08 – 1.48	1.48 – 2.36	2.36 – 3.24
Thursday	8.40-8.53	8.53-9.41	9.41-10.29	10.29 – 10.44	10.44 – 11.32	11.32-12.20	12.20 – 1.08	1.08 – 1.48	1.48 – 2.36	2.36 – 3.24
Friday	8.40-8.53	8.53-9.41	9.41-10.29	10.29 – 10.44	10.44 – 11.32	11.32-12.20	12.20 – 1.09			

Please note that timings of the school buses have been amended accordingly.

2. Back to Basics

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With the return of our seniors after their examinations, we as a whole school will have a focus on “the basics”:

1. Uniform
2. Timekeeping
3. Out of class
4. Inappropriate use of mobile phone
5. Pupil co-operation



Uniform

If any learner has an issue with sourcing appropriate uniform, then we can help – please contact Mrs. Gibson: Claire.Gibson@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk

We believe that uniform is an important part of ensuring our young people come to school ready to engage in their learning. It also is equitable with everyone wearing the same attire as well as an added security precaution.

Seniors: we are expecting seniors to wear St. Augustine’s RC High School blazers. Information on attaining a blazer was distributed several weeks ago.

If you have any concerns or issues with this, please contact your child’s Pupil Support Leader or Mrs Gibson. There is also support from the authority and we can help access this on your behalf. Please follow this link for more info: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing>

If you have a blazer (in good condition) that you are willing to donate, then please hand in to the school office.

Our school uniform focus is on having pupils wear completely black trousers, denims or skirt, white shirt, school tie, and **completely black shoes**. Learners can also wear a plain black jumper/cardigan. All jackets, hoodies and hats should be removed when entering the school building. If leggings are worn, there must be a skirt over them.

With the support of tutor teachers and the uniform function in class charts, any learner who does not have school uniform twice in one week, will receive a Friday after school detention. All staff have agreed to ensure any instances of non-uniform are logged. **We really appreciate and need your support in this matter.**

Again, please note that if any assistance is required in sourcing appropriate uniform then contact your child’s Pupil Support Leader or Mrs. Gibson: Claire.Gibson@st-augustines.edin.sch.uk



Timekeeping

We understand that learners can be caught out by one-off situations. There is an increasing trend that learners regularly show up to lessons late. If learners are on the astro-pitch for break/lunch, then it is their responsibility to ensure they return to class on time.

As a staff we will action this in the form of a consequence to emphasise the importance of being punctual. If a learner does not complete this then it will be escalated to a Friday after school detention.

Out of class

Any learner who is out of class **without** written permission from the class teacher will be issued a consequence by that class teacher. The main vehicle for learning are lessons and these must be fully attended to maximise the impact. Please note that this only applies to learners who do not have a valid reason or their teacher's permission to be out of class.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones

As a staff we have decided that no mobile phones should be in lessons whatsoever. Please note that all learners have a school iPad that will cater for any device needs within lessons.

If a learner is seen with a mobile phone and/or ear buds in a lesson, then the staff member will request the items to be put away and remind them that if out again they will be confiscated. If the items are seen again, then the staff member will ask for the item to be handed over. If this is done without any issue, then the item(s) will be returned at the end of the lesson.



If this must be escalated due to a lack of co-operation from the learner, then the item(s) will be confiscated till the end of the day and an appropriate consequence will be actioned.

Pupil Co-operation

We welcome open dialogue and seek to build better engagement through understanding and discussion. As learning remains our priority, we welcome these discussions at times where it does not interfere in the learning of a class.



Thus, we respectfully expect learners follow reasonable instructions asked of them promptly. Further discussions will always be accommodated at a more appropriate time.

Staff will give one warning and then set a consequence if any learner refuses to follow a reasonable instruction. Again, if this must be escalated due to a lack of co-operation from the learner, then an appropriate consequence will be actioned.

Please emphasise the importance of these basic expectations with your child.
Our learning environment is much more encouraging when the focus is on the learning!

3. S3 Achievement in Karate

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Loukas Harrison in S3, St. David's House, competed in the Swedish Karate Open in April, achieving bronze in the individual competition and gold in the team event! Fantastic achievement! Well Done Loukas.



4. Lenten Charity Drive

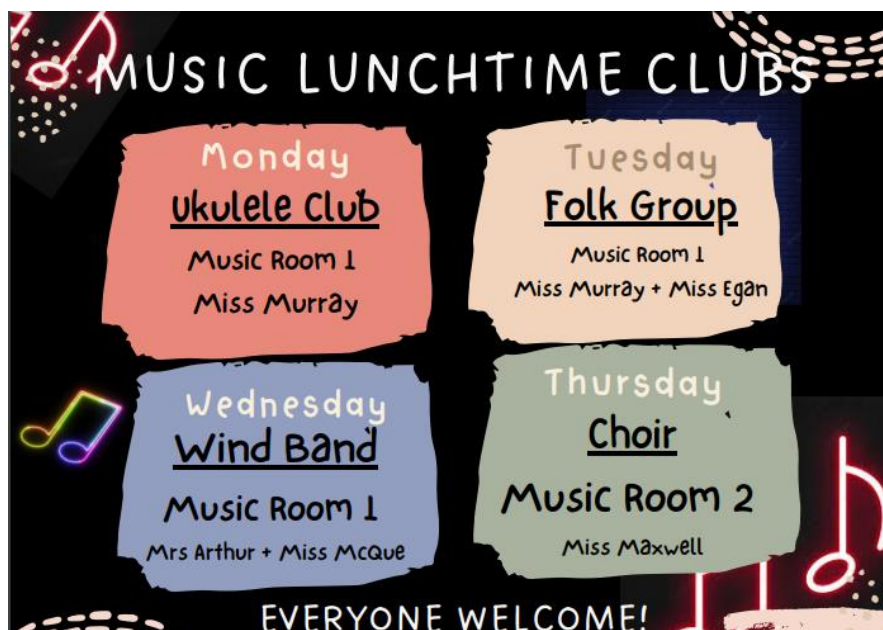
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A huge thank you to our Charities' Committee, led by Owen Sime for raising £678 over lent. As a school, we added to this and sent a cheque for £1000 to the SCIAF Ukrainian Appeal. If you would like to donate or read more information please [click here](#).

5. Music Lunchtime Clubs

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6. Edinburgh Minecraft Build Challenge

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An Edinburgh challenge was open to all CEC schools and was very popular in Ms Croome's STEM class. The pictures are of the winning team from St. Augustine's RC High School. Congratulations!

7. Edinburgh Fringe Project 2022

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Please [click here](#) for a letter from Mrs Reith explaining a new and exciting project for our learners in S2 moving into S3 will have!

8. Advanced Higher Art 2022

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We had three talented young artists this year; all of whom Mrs Chbira is very proud of. Please see overleaf for some of their work and their next step after St. Augustine's RC High School – we wish them all the best!

Jude Malone

Positive Destination:

Heriot Watt University- Galashiels Campus

Design for Textiles -BA Hons

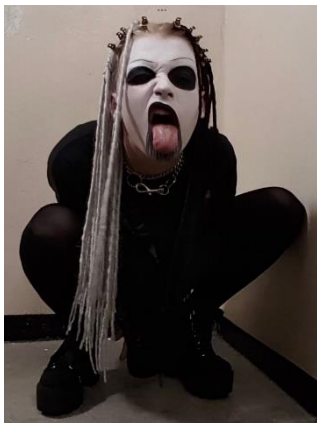


Oliwia Predotka

Positive Destination:

UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design

Granton Campus



Maja Terlecka

Positive Destination:

Contemporary Art Practice HND Edinburgh College

HIGHER

Kacper Czupczynski

Positive Destination:

Interior & Spatial Design

Napier University BA (Des) Hons



Former Student

Ms C Brownlee 😊

9. Junior Awards Ceremony 2022

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Please note that we had the Junior Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 1st June 2022. A special thanks to Mrs McLean and Mrs Kelly for all their hard work in organising and the smooth running of the event. We will look to celebrate the award winners online and will keep you posted when this is published and accessible.

For now, I just want to say a massive congratulations to all the winners for their dedication, hard work, commitment and success! Well done.

As a new timetable starts, as our young people move up a year, as we ensure we follow the basics and as we focus on our learning, our only limitations is what we put in place ourselves.

**"START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY,
THEN WHAT'S POSSIBLE, AND SUDDENLY
YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE."**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



You will surprise yourself with what you can achieve! Always remember, we are here to support.

Take care and may God bless you and your families.