



Date: 21st December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Christmas News

I thoroughly enjoy sharing good news stories of our fantastic young people and how they have shown resilience, determination, commitment and care. These stories truly inspire me and remind me of how honoured I am to be a part of this community. I will continue to produce updates to celebrate these wonderful learners with a bumper edition planned for the New Year.

Fond Farewell

We say goodbye to two long serving members of staff this Christmas.

Mrs Alison King has been part of the Science department for the last 25 years helping shape our community. We wish her all the best as she begins her retirement in earnest. A huge thank-you goes out to Mrs King and all the work she has done over the years.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Catherine Chrystal our Depute Head Teacher. Mrs Chrystal has been working for this community over 24 years and as a senior leader for 15 of them! We wish her all the best as she moves to her new role in the authority. On a personal note, I have valued the support and expertise that Mrs Chrystal has given me over my time here.

The New Year and new term will provide an opportunity to reset our expectations at St Augustine's RC High School. Please note that we will focus on our basics:

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

I hope you will trust and support us as we reset these expectations for our learners. Please note that there is support for any families who may struggle with acquiring uniform. By having the focus on these five aspects and a clear policy, I am confident that St. Augustine's will continue to display the high standards it is known for.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on **Thursday 5th January** ready for an **0840 start**.

I pray that God keeps you and your families happy and healthy over the festive period.

Yours faithfully,

A. O'Doherty
Head Teacher