

THE AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCER



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello from Chaplain's Corner as we near the end of a very hot summer term.

Fr. Dooley helped us to say farewell to year 11 students with a Mass of Celebration. This was particularly fitting as they began their journey with us in year 7 with a Mass of Welcome. The Mass was the perfect opportunity to celebrate all they had achieved together during their time at St Augustine's.

The Faith in Action team in school continues to go from strength to strength. Students have organised many acts of service in the community such as, an intergenerational concert at the Dementia Unit of a local nursing home, planning and delivering assemblies and liturgies to each house in school and organising a Baby Basics campaign. Working closely with the St. Helens Hope centre baby items were collected sorted and presented to vulnerable mothers in St. Helens. Students also planned an awareness day for Young Carers in St. Helens. They sent information to form classes to be used in collective worship and sold cakes to raise funds



Faith in Action students at their award ceremony, Lowe House

In July, students were recognised for the good work they do in school and the community with an award ceremony at St. Marys Lowe House. The award was presented by Most Rev. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool. The award allowed the Church to celebrate, recognise and reward all that active young people of faith already give to the community and the Church.

The award ceremony was an opportunity to thank our young people, your children, for all the hard work they have done during the past year and the positive impact their faith in action has had in school and in the wider community. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our young people on achieving their awards. We are fortunate and blessed to have such caring and compassionate students who, supported by you, their parents and carers, have had such a positive impact in the world.

As we prepare for the summer break we pray:

Lord,

We ask for your blessing on each of us today. We pray for our families, friends and all those with whom we'll spend time with this holiday. Keep us all safe, and give us refreshment and renewal in the weeks ahead. We thank you for all the blessings and benefits that this year has brought. May we never forget the privilege of being a part of the St Augustine's community.

Amen

Margaret Thompson, School Chaplain

CLASS OF 2018



This year's Prom was held at The Totally Wicked Stadium at Saints. Around 90 of our Year 11s' hard work and commitment was rewarded by an invitation to this highly anticipated event. For the first time in a number of years the students voted for a sit down meal which lived up to expectations and went down very well with students and staff alike. The room looked spectacular and sophisticated with a black and silver theme running through to reflect the sophistication of the guests.

The girls glittered in their fabulous dresses and the boys scrubbed up quite nicely too! The dance floor was never empty all evening and the general feeling was that it was 'the best Prom ever'.

Mr Ford deserves a special mention for his entertaining dance routines and managing to get the whole of the room involved in the YMCA!

The Management Team at the venue, the DJ's and security staff all complimented the school on the behaviour of the pupils, including their manners and attitude. They were a credit to their parents/carers and St Augustine's.

I hope you like the photographs here and look forward to seeing the whole album on Presentation Evening.

Good Luck Year 11!



Wellbeing Group

The Wellbeing group has met weekly since October in room 8 and have been aiming toward earning the 5 badges from the Healthy Living Teams '5 Ways to Wellbeing' – Connect, Be Creative, Keep Learning, Take Notice, Be Active.

Connect Badge – we brought the group together and met weekly to discuss what badges we would like to work towards.

Take Notice – we made glitter jars. These are jars that can be used to help with relaxation and meditation. We also made memory jars to remember important people in our lives who may no longer be with us and the good memories we had of them.

Be Creative – coming up to the Christmas Fayre we made Candy Cane Reindeers and Christmas ornaments to sell at the Fayre

Keep Learning – we attempted to learn crocheting and knitting. For the less able (me!) we bought in embroidery squares and spent time making bookmarks, squares, etc.

Thank you so much to Mrs Hatton, mum of Cadence Y7, for providing endless supplies of wool and crochet needles.

Before the end of term we are going to get together for an afternoon tea to celebrate this great start to the Wellbeing group.

NEW PASTORAL STRUCTURE

It has been an exciting few weeks for the Pastoral Team as we have moved from vertical tutoring to a year group system. Moving from the old House system to a year group system has ensured smaller cohorts and double the amount of staff to support the learners in each year.

“It feels more grown up”
with just Y10 in form.

The Pastoral Managers and Heads of Year are the first point of contact for any pastoral needs and will support all of the students in their particular year group with whatever issues might arise.

“I like it better than house”
forms because I’m with
more of my friends.

Meet the team for 2018/19:

Year 7	Miss Burns and Mrs Kenyon
Year 8	Mr Ainsworth and Mrs Johnson
Year 9	Mrs Long and Mrs Ledger
Year 10	Miss Evans and Miss Conley
Year 11	Mr Holdsworth and Mrs Jackson

**HOMEWORK &
REVISION CLUB**

WEDNESDAYS

2:45 - 3:30PM

YEARS 7-10 WELCOME



GAMES CLUB

Games club will return in September! Come along on Tuesday after school to try your hand at chess, draughts, connect 4, shut the box, dominoes, cards and plenty of other favourites.

Tuesdays - 2:45 - 3:30pm. Room 33
All Years Welcome!

MATHS CHALLENGE

The Weekly Maths Challenge finished earlier this term with an amazing 4310 entries for the year! Whilst Mr Ainsworth won the trophy for best form in school in the Autumn and Spring terms, Mr Littler's form fought back to snatch it for the Summer term in the final week, fighting off competition from Mrs Long as well as Mr Ainsworth. The switch in forms meant we could not celebrate house winners for Summer term, but the Challenge will be back in September.

UKMT CHALLENGE

Our year 7 and year 8 sets 1 & 2 participated in the UKMT challenge in April of this year. Special congratulations to Caitlyn Foster in year 8, who won Best in School, Best in Year and received a silver certificate. Hannah Palmer and Keira Rigby also won bronze certificates, whilst in year 7, Jann Mariano won Best in Year and also received a bronze certificate, along with Adrean Sangalang and Aleksis Harrison.

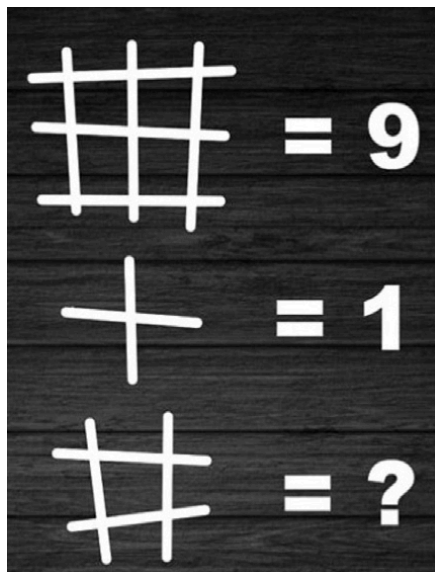


Aleksis Harrison, Jann Mariano & Adrean Sangalang



Keira Rigby, Hannah Palmer & Caitlyn Foster

MATHS QUIZ



FILL IN THE BLANK

A number from 0 to 9 belongs in each box shown. Can you use the numbers we've provided as clues to help figure out where the missing numbers belong?

$1 \times \square = 48$
 $\square \times \square = 63$
 $5 \times \square = 0$
 $\square \times \square = 1$

Now try this set of problems.

$100 \div \square = 5$
 $\square \div 5 = 6$
 $\square \div \square = 7$
 $\square \div \square = 13$

MATHMANIA

Illustration: Jerry Zimmerman



What is the Angle for X?

MOVE JUST ONE STICK TO FIX THE EQUATION

$6 + 4 = 4$

6	+		+	3	=	
+		+		+		+
3	+		+		=	10
+		+		+		+
	+	5	+	8	=	
=		=		=		=
	+	13	+	15	=	50

+ + = 30
 + + = 20
 + + = 9
 + \times = ?

“I” Matter

For the past 12 weeks, 34 year 7 and 8 students and 15 year 10 students have been involved in Youth Sport Trusts “I” Matter programme. The aim of the programme was to use Year 10 Mentors to develop younger students confidence and help them manage any anxiety or stress they may be feeling both in and out of school.

“ I enjoyed this project because it was really enjoyable and brought my confidence levels up. If we are to carry on with the project I think the other students would really enjoy it.

A. Bromilow

During the 12 weeks, students have taken part in a variety of sessions including self-defence, boxercise, managing stress and healthy eating. Whilst completing the sessions, they worked closely with their mentors. We have also been fortunate to have Neil Danns, former GB and European skateboarder, visit our school on two occasions. The first was to train our mentors and the second was to focus on team building skills.



The programme ended with a trip to Rampworx, in Liverpool, where they took part in skateboarding, scooters and rollerblading. Neil Danns was there to give some 1-1 coaching alongside the Rampworx staff. Although there was a little bit of hesitancy at the beginning of the day by the end of the day our students were showing Neil and the other staff how it was done.

Before leaving, the Rampworx staff performed some amazing stunts, including a somersault whilst on a scooter, and other tricks on skateboards, scooters and rollerblades.

The programme has been a massive success and I would like to thank all the students involved. Well Done!





MEMORIAL SERVICE

1878 Haydock Wood Pit Disaster

On 7th June the choir attended the Memorial service for the 1878 Haydock Wood pit disaster. Over 100 people attended the event including retired miners, locals, and members of the council. Freya Maudsley Year 8 read the poem Weep Mothers Weep and lit a candle in remembrance of the 204 people that died in the disaster.

After the performance Connor McGinn MP came over to congratulate the choir for their moving performance, they sang Run by Coldplay and A Miners Song by Dan and Laura Curtis. We received lots of wonderful comments from councillors and the public after the performance.

“ Fantastic performance the pupils are a real credit to the school, they did a great job of helping with the healing process. ”

A big thank you to Haydock library for inviting us to perform and providing us with lovely refreshments and a book each commemorating the event.

Well done to the choir, we are very proud of you.



FIRE SERVICE ASSEMBLY

The St Helens Fire Service very kindly came into school recently to hold Assemblies for each year group, to talk about the dangers and consequences surrounding fires. The talks were interesting and informative and also highlighted how firefighters risk their own lives on a daily basis whilst undertaking their jobs, sometimes in situations which could, and should, have been avoided.



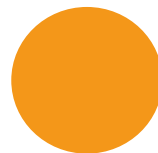
UNIVERSITY OF
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YEAR 10 VISIT LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

The visit consisted of a trip to Liverpool University where students had a tour of the campus, and experienced lessons such as Sociology, Zoology and Chinese where they needed to understand how to use chopsticks, count to 100 and play bingo in another language.



SHAPING FUTURES WITH CHEMISTRY



Well done to all of the year 9 and year 10 students, 60 in total, who took part in round 2 of Shaping Futures with Chemistry programme.

The project brought in lecturers from Liverpool John Moores University for the second time to raise awareness of the importance of science as a future career choice. Students were challenged to look at the wide range of opportunities resulting from a degree in chemistry and more importantly, their earning potential in the market place. Students got chance to create an object using polymorph, a type of plastic that could be easily shaped and moulded but would set within seconds. They also considered the future of plastics and it's impact on our environment. It is very clear that our problems with plastic pollution lies within the hands of our next generation of scientists to develop and pioneer new, biodegradable plastics. Perhaps one day, a scientist from St Augustines.

The programme also included a trip to the labs in Liverpool John Moores University. Year 9 focussed on using techniques and equipment seen in CSI investigations, such as blood typing, drug testing and microscopy to solve a murder case. Year 10s used state of the art equipment to test food items for vitamin content, iron content and the presence of colorants used in the drinks industry.

The top 3 scientists from each participating year group will be announced so please keep your eyes and ear open as they will be receiving a very special award very soon.

Mrs Graney





University Centre St Helens and Shaping Futures inspire over 100 local students

Discovery Day 2018 saw over 100 students from a range of schools in both the St Helens and Knowsley boroughs participate in a series of higher education workshops at University Centre St Helens, as part of a joint project between University Centre St Helens and the new outreach programme for the Liverpool City Region, Shaping Futures.

Receiving an inspirational speech upon arrival from St Helens born Emmerdale actor, Michael Parr, students from several schools, including St Augustine's, went on to discover the benefits of university level study, locally.

Attendees spent the day participating in a range of interactive sessions, in subjects including Creative Media, Criminal Justice, Graphic Design, Game Art and Microbiology, all designed to give students a flavour of what it is like to study at degree level, before moving onto CV writing and self-reflection workshops.

Over lunch, students heard from former soldier and campaigner, Andy Reid, winner of The Sun's Millie Award for Overcoming Adversity in 2010. Since winning the award, Andy has become a passionate Ambassador for the charity and spoke inspirationally to students about the adversity he has overcome since stepping on an IED plate whilst serving in Afghanistan in 2009. Encouraging students to breakdown their goals into bite sized, achievable chunks, Andy's speech encompassed the overall aims of the day, as University Centre St Helens and Shaping Futures work together to try and widen both access to, and participation with, higher level study for local youngsters.

Emmerdale Actor Michael Parr was impressed by the initiative and said, "I think it's important to explore all avenues but university is a good way to move forward. If you're from a working-class background, like a lot



of families in St Helens, then why not stay at home, save money but still go to a good quality university on your doorstep to gain a degree.”

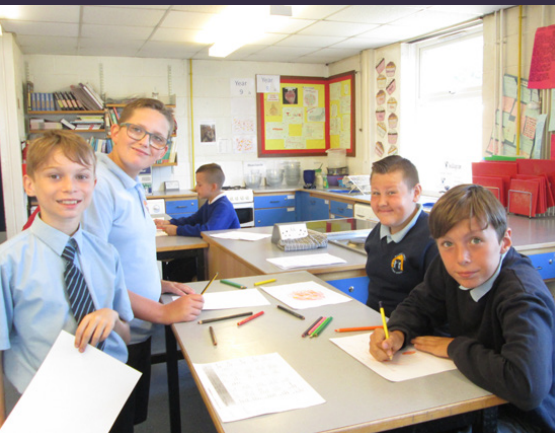
Jennifer Dempsey, Director of Sixth Form at The Sutton Academy added, “Sixth Form students from Sutton Academy were truly inspired at the recent University Centre St Helens and Shaping Futures Discovery Day. It was great for the students to see the range of degree options available to them locally, as well as experiencing student life on the University Centre St Helens campus. Hearing from inspirational speakers really motivated the group and the variety of sessions, covering a range of new subjects, provided real insight into different career pathways that the students may not previously have considered.”

The campaign gave students some real insight into the range of

degree courses available to them locally and the various pathways available to reach those goals. University Centre St Helens hopes to turn the Discovery Day into an annual event for local students in years 10 - 13, aiming to encourage the next generation to aspire.

As part of the campaign, University Centre St Helens have taken guests such as Saints star Jon Wilkin, Olympic swimmer Fran Halsall, ITV Granada Reports Sports Correspondent Mike Hall and Sky Soccer Saturday commentator and former Liverpool and England Captain, Phil Thompson to visit schools to deliver inspirational talks to over 500 students.

YEAR 6 TASTER DAYS





READING STARS

During our time in Year 7, we have been involved in Reading Stars which is on a Thursday dinner. It is a club to help us develop our reading and literacy skills. We have read the Hunger Games with Year 11 volunteers and done IDL. IDL is something that helps you in reading, spelling and punctuation. Our teacher who is called Mrs Stirrup has been very supportive towards our learning.

By Harry Kirby, Storm Owen
and Josh Gains



KNOWSLEY SAFARI TRIP

A group of students were invited to attend a number of workshops at Knowsley Safari Park, here's what one student got out of it:

From the trip I have learned to try every opportunity you get and have a go at everything no matter what it is, if it's a challenge you take the challenge on. Also I've learnt what it's like to run a zoo and what jobs are available, so the trip has helped people come out there comfort zones. It's taught me to always try and if you get it wrong at least you tried. Hayley has inspired me to try everything and have a go at everything even though you don't like what you're doing. I enjoyed the monkey part of the trip it was funny and exciting.

Deanna Ellison, Year 9



SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 11 BOYS RUGBY



A huge congratulations to the Year 11 Rugby team who signed off in style last night (Tuesday, 19 June) beating Haydock High School 22-20 in an excellent game of school rugby at The Totally Wicked Stadium.

A fantastic achievement by all players involved and they should be incredibly proud of their efforts and achievement.

A great way to finish their time at St Augustines and I wish them all the best for their futures.

Thank you for the support of all parents, friends and students a great game played in a great atmosphere.

Mr Holdsworth

RUGBY RULES!



Who could turn down the opportunity of free rugby sessions for our girls? Certainly not us! Following sponsorship from the RFU and O2, we were able to offer our year 7 and 8 girls some free coaching in their PE lessons, with the help of our very own former student, Lynn Doyle (and yes Mrs Radforth used to teach her... 29 years ago! Yes Mrs Radforth is THAT old!) A squad of girls was selected and the serious coaching began.

Despite only starting after Easter, the girls have really taken to the new game. The girls showed their potential at Widnes RUFC where they qualified for the Merseyside Youth Games.

Huge congratulations to all of our year 7 and 8 girls who then went

on to compete at the Merseyside School Games Rugby tournament last week. Despite temperatures in the high twenties, there were plenty of positive results and some excellent performances from all of our girls. They have shown superb commitment and determination, as well as developing a great team spirit.

A big thank you from Mrs Radforth and Mrs McDonnell, and a big thank you to Lynn Doyle for her hard work and patience in coaching our teams.

Any girls who are interested in playing should contact the PE department who can put them in touch with Lynn at West Park.

ROUNDERS

This term has seen a great turnout for rounders practices after school with students developing their skills in batting, bowling and fielding. Well done to all those who have attended.

SPORTS DAY SCUPPERED

We managed to sizzle and bake our way through the heats and the field events but with forecasts of blistering heat, we decided it would be just too hot to continue with the finals, especially as there is really no shade over on the field. We have been able to find a winning team, and with our very last Inter House competition, it was a tight, tight finish. The winners were NUGENT and SVP both finishing with 133 points.

Well done to all of our competitors who competed so well and in such extreme heat. Also a huge thank you to our year 10 Sports Leaders who helped to run the competitions so professionally.

Thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to Mrs Sadler for providing bottles of water – a very kind and much welcomed gift of kindness.

THANK YOU!

The PE department would like to thank all of our students who have represented our school with pride and determination. And Mrs Radforth would like to thank Mrs McDonnell and Mr Holdsworth for all of their hard work and time they put in to give you so many opportunities in such a range of sports: football, netball, athletics, rounders, gymnastics, rugby, badminton, table tennis, basketball...

Not bad for a department with only three staff.

Any ideas for clubs after school? Then please see one of our Sports Captains or a member of the PE department.



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