

Headteacher's Message

The end of the Summer Term marks significant changes for all schools and St Augustine's is no different. This year, we say goodbye to a number of colleagues who leave us for a variety of reasons. Our two Miss Holdens from the English department are both leaving; Miss J Holden leaves for the opportunities offered in the USA, while Miss M Holden embarks on her English teaching career following a successful year training with us. Another Graduate Trainee, Mr Haythornthwaite, also qualified as a teacher this year, as did Mrs Boardman from the Learning Support department, and we wish them well in their future careers. Mrs Selwood from the Technology department moves out of the area due to family commitments to teach at another St Augustine's High School, this one in Redditch. Other staff leaving include Mr Hickey who has helped out in the absence of Mrs Hudson in Music and RE, Mrs Asquith, Mr Parkinson and Miss Davies (Learning Support) and Miss Laing (Science). I would like to offer my thanks to all these staff for everything they have done for the school, and wish them every success and happiness in their new ventures.

We also wish our Year 11 Leavers all the best as they set off on their future pathways in education, training and employment. We were able to send them off in fine style with a lovely Mass in school and a wonderful evening celebration at Mytton Fold.



Diary Dates

Monday 22nd July - Awards Assemblies
Tuesday 23rd July - School Closes (Early finish at 12.15pm)
Wednesday 4th September - Return to School

Wednesday 9th October—50th Anniversary Mass 6.30pm with Bishop Brain

Thursday 17th October - Open Evening (Early Closure)
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half Term Holiday
Friday 20th December - School Closes for Christmas Holidays



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New Pupil Leadership Team

The new pupil leadership team for next year was announced earlier this term following a vote by staff and pupils. Joseph Rebello will be the new Head Boy and Emma Proctor the new Head Girl. Deputy Head Girls are Karen Wilkinson and Liberty Turner, while Deputy Head Boys are Matthew Bunn and Toby Uttley-Muldoon. The pupils will be responsible for organising prefects as well as being ambassadors for the school at a number of public events.



The first duty of Joseph and Emma was to represent the student body at a Mass for the Year of Faith at Salford Cathedral. Art work created by pupils at school was selected to be part of a new altar cloth commissioned by the Diocese to commemorate the events of the last year.



HCPT Receive Donation



Well done to all Year 7 forms for their hard work in raising money to support HCPT - a charity which supports young people who travel to Lourdes. Father Jude from Coach 72 visited school to explain the work of HCPT and receive a cheque for over £1200.

Some of our fantastic fund-raisers from Year 7 presented the cheque.

Year of Faith 2012-2013 : "Credo, Domine, Adauge Nobis Fidem" - I believe, Lord, increase our faith.

Super Sports at St Augustine's



Sports Day proved to be a great success again this year as records tumbled in a number of events. The enthusiasm of our competitors was matched by the support given to them by their houses.

The annual staff vs student Tug of War proved to be a highlight with huge cheers when the pupils won one of the rounds (despite ending up on the floor!).



This year's Guest of Honour at the Sports Presentation Evening was gold medal-winning Jennie Meadows. As well as distributing the awards, Jennie gave an inspirational talk to the pupils about the importance of determination and hard work. The Sports Personality of the Year went to Lucy Lennon, who was unable to attend the evening as she is representing Great Britain with Ella Roberts at the European Catholic Schools Games in Hungary.



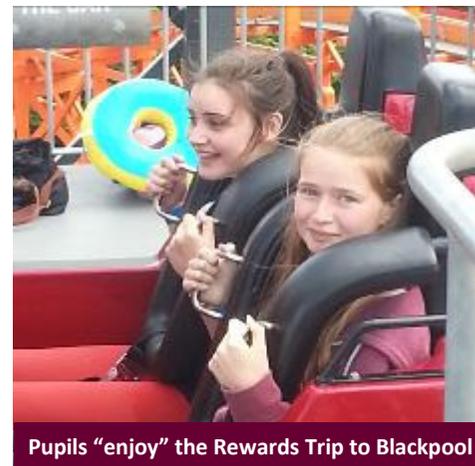
New Intake Mass

On Tuesday 25th June we welcomed parents, grandparents and siblings along with Year 6 pupils who will be joining St Augustine's in September. The occasion was a special Mass to welcome them, celebrated by Father Dowd. As well as music performed by current pupils at the school, the Year 6 pupils formed their own very impressive choir and "raised the roof".



Chill Out!

In one of the most welcome fundraising events this term, pupils were able to support local charities by buying an ice cream, on one of the hottest days of the year. The ice cream was generously donated by **Moo 2 You** (Huntley's) and the vintage ice cream van was provided by a parent, Mr Warbrick.



Pupils "enjoy" the Rewards Trip to Blackpool

Traffic

A number of parents have been collecting their children from Elker Mews as a convenient parking / turning point for their vehicles. We have been informed that Elker Mews is a private road and therefore request that parents do not use the area for parking or collecting children.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.