



St Augustine's RC High School

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We have had another fantastic week with lots of practice in demonstrating the SARCHS standards. Our Year 7 pupils have settled beautifully into the St. Augustine family and we look forward to seeing our Year 7 parents and carers at the Welcome Mass on the 26th September.

I am grateful for the continued support of our parents, carers, and families in ensuring the highest standards of uniform, punctuality, attendance, and attitude to learning are maintained. My thanks to all our Year 10 and Year 11 parents and carers who attended their child's "welcome back" evening. Witnessing the positive start that our pupils have made leaves me in no doubt that we will have a successful year with many achievements to celebrate.

Over the coming weeks, I will be meeting Year 6 parents of our feeder primary schools, and I had the pleasure to meet the Year 6 parents of St. Wulstan's, St Hubert's and St. Charles this week. I look forward to working together to deliver the highest standard of Catholic education to the children and young people in our parishes.

In this week's Gospel, we are reminded of God's call to follow Him. May we always have the courage to answer that call in everything that we do.

Wishing you a safe and restful weekend,

Mrs Hunt

Key Dates

Tuesday 24th September - Year 11 Photographs

Thursday 26th September – Year 7 Welcome Mass at 6.30pm in the school hall

Friday 27th September – Whole School Sponsored Walk

Thursday 3rd October - Open Evening (early closure at 12.15pm for all pupils)

Monday 7th October – Year 11 GRAB Careers Event 3.00 – 7.00pm at Holmes Mill



▪ Ambition and Success

▪ Care and Support

▪ Faith and Love

Romero
Catholic Academy Trust

Saint Augustine's Roman Catholic High School

Open Evening

Thursday, 3rd October 2024
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Elker Lane, Billington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9JA.
Telephone – 01254 823362, Email – info@sarchs.com, Website – www.sarchs.com
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Bowland High

BRAG Careers Event
Holmes Mill, Clitheroe
Monday 7th October
3.00pm – 6.30pm
Year 11



Come and have a chat with

Colleges/Sixth Forms

Local Businesses

Training Providers



'Brag about your Future'





The Feast of Saint Ambrose Barlow

This week, Mrs Priest's Year 8 form group celebrated the feast of Saint Ambrose Barlow, one of our house saints and an inspiring local martyr with a special connection to our Diocese of Salford.

10th September marks the feast of Saint Ambrose Barlow – a Manchester-born monk who was martyred on the same date in 1641. The story of St Ambrose Barlow is well-known throughout our diocese, which is home to remarkable relics of the saint, including his skull, kept at the bishop's residence at Wardley Hall.



Year 7 and 9 Photographs

Both year 7 and year 9 pupils had their school photographs taken this week. All pupils have been given a slip to take home which carries a QR code. Please use this code to view your child's photograph and purchase if you wish.



Sponsored Walk 2024

Our annual sponsored walk is planned to take place on Friday 27th September. Sponsor forms have been sent home with pupils, please can completed sponsor sheets be returned to form teachers by Wednesday 18th September. We have always enjoyed tremendous support from all our families.

The event has helped to fund some great projects including minibuses, our "al fresco area" and lighting and sound systems for our stage and hall.

This year's appeal will again support the school in a number of ways which will improve the quality of our recreational and learning environments. The Sponsored Walk also finances some of the rewards given to pupils for effort and achievement.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!



Extra-Curricular Fair

In the coming weeks, we will be holding an extra-curricular fair in the school hall throughout lunch, all pupils will be invited to come down and find out what enrichment activities are available in school.

At St. Augustine's we have a rich variety of school clubs, from Duo Lingo, to creative writing and basketball! We cannot wait to get started.

Post 16 Talks

We have lots of local post 16 providers booked in for year 11 assemblies in the coming weeks. Pupils are excited about what options are available to them and are ready to start applying!

Careers appointments with each pupil are well underway also. If you feel like your child may need some support, or if you have any questions at all, please email Mrs Eatough (eatoughc@sarchs.com)



School Uniform

Looking clean, decent and well-groomed influences how others treat us and gives us a head start in life. We are pleased that our pupils are regularly complimented on their appearance. Our rules on uniform and appearance have evolved over time and are strongly influenced by the feedback we get from parents who set high standards at home and like to see these being reinforced at school. They want their children to go to school dressed in an appropriate way and they support our emphasis on respect for the dignity of young people. In turn, we value the strong backing we get from parents over uniform matters.

Our uniform is compulsory and must be worn correctly by all pupils at all times in school. Every child admitted to the school has been given a place on the clear understanding that their parents or carers accept and comply with our policies.



School Office Notices

- **Time to check Talaxy**

Please check that we have 3 emergency contacts on the system - Are phone numbers, emails and addresses correct?

Are your child's medical conditions up to date or have they changed? If you have any updates please do these through Talaxy.

- **Administration of Medication**

Pupils should not carry any medication on them in school - if they need to take any medication in school, it must be brought to the school office and this will be administered to them when required.

Parents/carers are required to fill in a form - which is available on the school website under the parent's section for 'useful forms' - and this needs to be handed in with the medication to the school office

Application of the C System

The table summarises some of the behaviour that may warrant application of the C system. Please note this list is not exhaustive.

Stage	Examples of Behaviour
C1 / C2	Talking in class Shouting out Distracting others from their learning Avoiding work Lack of cooperation Not following instructions
C3 (30-minute detention)	Repetition of previous behaviour for which a C1 or C2 has been issued Behaviour to and from school Damage to property Litter Thoughtless behaviour Challenging C1/C2 during lesson Walking away whilst being spoken to Chewing gum
C4 (60-minute detention)	Repetition of previous behaviour for which a C1/C2/C3 has been issued Swearing in front of adults Bullying Dangerous or reckless behaviour on a bus Possession of a banned item Vaping / Smoking or Being in the company of any pupil smoking or vaping
C5 Ready to Learn Room – Removal from Lesson	Repetition of previous behaviour for which a C3 / C4 has been issued Refusal to comply with behaviour policy Truancy Theft *Investigated by YLs and consult SLT where necessary
C6 Ready to Learn Room – Serious Incident	Swearing at adults Inappropriate language directed at staff (not including direct swearing) Bullying Prejudice based language Racist or discriminatory behaviour Violence and aggression Possession of banned items Persistent defiant behaviour*

Behaviour Points

Stage	Attached Behaviour Points
C1	0 (verbal warning only, not recorded on Talaxy)
C2	0 (logged on Talaxy)
C3	1
C4	2
C5	3 Ready to Learn – AM or PM (+C4)
C6	5 Ready to Learn – full day
Suspension	8 Suspension



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

EAST

**Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 31 October 2024

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01254 220747.

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)



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Council





New Attendance Legislation

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence and lateness in term time. These changes came into effect on 19 August 2024.

Therefore, we can't stress enough the continued importance of not only attendance, but also arriving to school on time. Any absences for your child, whilst school is open as normal and all other pupils are in attendance learning, means gaps in their knowledge can form in relation to their peers and could mean they will find it more difficult to catch up and meet their full potential.

Absences can and do have a lasting effect on learning. Missing a week of school for example means your child will miss 25 hours of learning. Whilst requests for absence can still be made using our appropriate form, it is only in the most exceptional of circumstances that any requested absence will be authorised. Holidays will continue not to be considered an exceptional circumstance

May school take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in working alongside us here at St. Augustine's to stress to your child, the importance of not only their attendance at school, but their punctuality too; ensuring they are in school on time, in their lessons, learning alongside their peers. It continues to be very much appreciated.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.

St Augustine's PTFA



50-50 Club

How it works and how you can join



The PTFA 50-50 Club has proved to be a big success in terms of raising much needed funds to resource additional incentives and facilities for children at St Augustine's. Your contributions make a huge difference to our children.

The 50-50 Club works by friends of the school purchasing numbers at a cost of £1 each. You can buy any amount of numbers from **two upwards (minimum £2 per month)**. These numbers will then be entered into a draw at the end of each month. At present, the first prize is £40, second prize £20 and third prize £15; prizes will increase as more members join. The remaining funds then go to the PTFA to fund school initiatives. The more numbers you buy the more chances you have to win. Draws take place at the start of every month in school. Winners are then contacted and listed on our website and social media accounts.

We really need new members to make running the club viable and your support would be greatly appreciated.

To take part, please register your commitment using this online form: [PTFA 50-50 Registration](#) and then set up a **monthly direct debit direct/standing order (minimum £2 per month) via your online banking** using these details for payment. PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAW WITHOUT THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS SET UP.

Beneficiary Details								
Bank	Barclay's Bank PLC Clitheroe							
Account number	6	0	6	2	6	0	9	0
Sort Code	2	0	0	9	7	2		
Beneficiary Name	St Augustine's Association							

**If you are already a 50-50 Club member, a HUGE thank you for your continued support!
If you are intending to become a member, thank you in anticipation!**

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Another way to support the school PTFA is by registering with Easyfundraising.org.uk which provides a donation to school (at no cost to you) whenever you make purchases online. Most of the popular online retailers are part of this scheme and signing up is a simple process. So far over £2000 has been raised via Easyfundraising.org.uk. For details of how to sign up visit the school website under the PTFA section.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bury

Assistant Headteacher



Commit to Quit



**Does your child vape or smoke?
Do you want to find out how to
support your child?**

**Join our FREE monthly
Parent Information
online drop-in sessions**

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am & 6.30pm



**Use QR code to book with Eventbrite
to secure your FREE place**

smokefreelancashire.org.uk

spoc.smokefree@wearewithyou.org.uk

Useful Resources and Support

Useful Online Safety Websites

National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on-line.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Useful contacts to report a concern

If you are worried and need help, then please contact one of the following:

Tel: 0800 1111

www.ceop.police.uk

Web:

www.childline.co.uk

childline



Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community which includes a live chat with the team feature, discussion boards, magazines and helpful articles and a daily journal.



Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person. Call 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967 (opening hours: 9.00am – 12.00am, 365 days a year)



Samaritans are here to listen 24/7, 365 days a year. Call 116 123 for support

Online Resources

There are apps available, such as 'Calm Harm' and 'Clear Fear' that you can download to your mobile, or if you have a tablet. These can provide useful distraction techniques for managing anxiety and thoughts of self-harm.

Useful Contacts

- The Mental Health Crisis Line in Lancashire are available 24/7 over the phone and can be contacted on 0800 953 0110
- The Well-Being Helpline is available Monday – Friday, 7.00pm – 11.00pm plus Saturday & Sunday 12.00pm – 12.00am, it is staffed by volunteers who can offer emotional support or if you would like to chat about your mental health. This helpline can be reached on 0800 915 4640 or by texting the word 'Hello@' to 07860 022846
- Hopeline UK is a young person's suicide prevention charity. They can be called on 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967
- www.youngminds.org.uk Information for children and young people about mental health and wellbeing. Free 24/7 crisis messenger – text YM to 85258
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/> advice and practical tips to help look after your mental health and wellbeing.
- www.itsgoodtotalk.org.uk Listings of local counsellors
- www.themix.org.uk The Mix's Crisis Messenger text service is available 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you're in crisis and need to talk, text THEMIX to 85258 Helpline: 0800 808 4994
- www.thecalmzone.net Support for young men who are down or in a crisis. Helpline 0800585858
- <http://www.centreplace.org.uk/talkzone.htm> counselling, live chat on-line or telephone
- www.the-lookout.org.uk Support around domestic abuse for young people and families, run by Children & Family Wellbeing service.
- www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-young-people Information and support for mental health and wellbeing issues.
- <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk> - Helping gender-diverse kids, young people and their families