

St Mary's College - 90 Year Anniversary

On Saturday 19th September 2015, St Mary's College is hosting a day of celebrations to mark its 90th Anniversary for former students or staff members.

The College will open for tours of the building. Mass will be held at 5pm followed by a celebration 3 course dinner starting at 6.30pm with bar, music and entertainment into the evening. Tickets for the evening dinner are now on sale at a price of £25 via the college website.

Uniform Matters

Please be sure to check the *Appearance and Uniform* guidelines before buying uniform over the summer holiday.

Skirts - Our approved stockists have new stock of medium grey stitch-down pleated skirts which should be knee-length. Please ensure skirts are of a suitable length when purchasing them .

Shoes - Please buy suitable school shoes, *not canvas* and *not black trainers*.

School Bus Services

We have been informed that from September 2015 Pilkington Buses will operate services 530, 547 , 870, 892. If you pay for travel to school day singles & returns or weekly tickets will be available. The 884 will be amalgamated with the 531 service and will also be run by Pilkington's. For more details visit www.pilkingtonbus.com .

Crazy Tie Day



Year 7 pupils made a big effort to raise money for The Stroke Association and Cancer Research by wearing the craziest ties they could find. From sparkly bow ties to "Dad Classics", and even some home-made creations, the variety was amazing.

The event formed part of the fundraising efforts of the pupils this term which has included Race for Life, CAFOD, Mary's Meals and many others.

Diary Dates

- Friday 17th July - School Closes (Early finish at 12.15pm)
- Thursday 3rd September - Return to School
- Thursday 8th October - Open Evening (Early Closure)
- Thursday 22nd October—Celebration Evening
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October- Half Term Holiday
- Friday 18th December - School Closes for Christmas Holidays



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ST AUGUSTINE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2015



Farewell to our Leavers



From Mr. Wright: As we reach the end of another school year we say farewell to a number of colleagues who have made a valuable contribution to St Augustine's over the years. Mrs Astin-Kilgallon (Miss Astin) has taught in the Technology department at school for 33 years and her passion for teaching in textiles and art will be greatly missed as she retires this summer. Also leaving are Mr Jackson who has been promoted to Head of English at Fisher More in Colne, Miss Gardner who has been promoted to help lead the languages department at Mount Carmel in Accrington and Mr Whiteside who is leaving to take up a post at Loreto School in Chorlton. Mr Bedford, Mr Hogan, Mr Bracewell and Miss Coyle also leave us to pursue careers in education and we wish them well. 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.

New staff for September include Mrs Curl (Curriculum Leader of English), Mrs Clossick (English) and Mrs Jones (Art). We look forward to them joining us next year.

We also wish our Year 11 Leavers all the best as they set off on their future pathways in education, training and employment and many sampled life after St Augustine's at the St Mary's College Intake Day held earlier this month. We were able to send them off in fine style with a lovely Mass in school and a wonderful evening celebration at Mytton Fold.



Pupil Leadership Team Announced



Congratulations to our new Pupil Leadership Team who were appointed this term. Head Girl, Martha Barrett; Deputy Head Girls, Blythe Fourie and Charlotte Campbell; Head Boy, William Golding; Deputy Head Boys, James Hughes-Gooding and George Kelly. The team take up their new roles following the departure of our Year 11 pupils.

Big Band Night Goes with a Swing

The school Swing Band was joined by the St Mary's Reunion Jazz Orchestra to perform an evening of jazz classics and raised just under £1000 for CAFOD and for the PTFA Minibus Appeal on 4th July. The Independence Day themed evening was a roaring success with great music and solo singing performances from Breanna Howard, Tom Muldoon and Joseph Kitching.



STEM Challenge



It was a 'clean sweep' for St Augustine's at the area Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Challenge. The Year 8 team won the overall competition and the Year 7 team came second. There were 7 teams involved from local schools. Joe Tattersall and Sam Haworth also won the Maths competition. Pictured left; the Year 7 team pose with their tetrahedron structure that tested their mathematical, construction and problem solving skills as well as developing effective teamwork.

Lancashire Chairman's Challenge - Gold Award

Well done to the Year 10 team who won the Lancashire Chairman's Challenge following a presentation of the work that they have done on Child Sexual Exploitation. The team won this prestigious event in the face of tough competition from schools across Lancashire and collected a cheque for £1000 in the process



This year's theme was "Safety and Wellbeing" and the School Council created resources that were initially created for use by pupils at school but are now being used across Lancashire. Teams from Lancashire primary and secondary schools were invited to the Council Chamber at County Hall in Preston to present their projects to a panel of county councillors; a nerve-racking experience for any student, but one which proved successful for the team members; James Hughes-Gooding, Isobel Ellis, Martha Barrett, William Golding, Charlotte Campbell and Philip Clews.

Sporting Successes

Sporting successes for this academic year were celebrated at the annual Sports Presentation Evening held at the end of June. Our special guests were Sam Lavelle and Sam Joel from Blackburn Rovers who handed out medals, cups and certificates that recognised the efforts and achievements of our students in their sporting endeavours this year.



SARCHS PTFA - Help Us Reach Our Minibus Target Fundraising for Free

For a free and easy way to support the work of the school's PTFA log on to WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK or visit the link on the school website.

50/50 Club

Join our 50/50 club for a monthly chance to win cash prizes while supporting the PTFA. Details of how to join are on the school website.