



ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL

July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

As I write to you for the first time as the new Headteacher of St Augustine's, I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to all those who have already made me feel so welcome in this wonderful community. It has been a joy to meet staff and students, and I am truly excited to begin this journey with you.

I would also like to take a moment to offer a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Miss Robinson, who will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Her dedication, leadership, and care for the students and staff of St Augustine's have left a lasting legacy, and she will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.

It is a privilege to be joining a school with such a strong Catholic ethos, where faith, compassion, and community are at the heart of everything we do, lived out through our Mission 'To love and serve through Christ'. I am deeply committed to building on this foundation and ensuring that every child is supported to flourish academically, spiritually, and personally.

As we look forward to September, I want to be clear about our renewed focus on high expectations and standards. Please take time to remind yourselves of the **uniform expectations** at St Augustine's which can be found in full on the uniform expectations document. This can also be found on the website. Some key highlights from this include:

- **Students cannot wear black trainers.** It is an expectation that all students wear black shoes, as well as wearing their uniform professionally, and with pride. There will be frequent uniform checks to ensure consistency in our approach to upholding high standards of uniform.
- Please also note that students **cannot wear translucent plastic piercings** in 'replacement' of jewellery – these are still items of jewellery and are visible when worn.
- All students need to be fully equipped for each school day. **This includes bringing a bag to school.** Students who do not bring a bag will be provided with one. A reminder that essential equipment includes:
 - X2 black pens
 - Red pen
 - Ruler
 - Rubber
 - X2 pencils
 - School planner

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There are now specific equipment items that are used for mathematics which we have introduced to the compulsory items list. Students are expected to have the following as a part of their equipment:

- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific calculator

If you have any concerns or questions regarding uniform and equipment, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always here to support our families should you require anything. We will provide an option to purchase a scientific calculator through the school in September.

Our expectations around attendance remain high – the absolute minimum each student should aim for is 95%. There is a clear correlation between academic success with GCSE outcomes and sustained high attendance across all 5 years at secondary school. Communication will occur with families for those students who become close to dropping below 95%, and indeed below this figure. St Augustine's has much to celebrate with attendance this year; we are currently the highest performing secondary school in our local area for attendance! We always want to strive for more, and so we will continue to support our students in ensuring they attend school each day.

At St Augustine's, we believe in high support and high challenge. Every student will be encouraged to aim high, and they will be supported every step of the way to achieve their full potential. September will see the introduction of the '**St Augustine's Best**' – a focus to ensure that all students are able to reach and exceed our high expectations which can then help not only their academic progress, but their own personal development as an individual.

Finally, I ask that if you have not yet downloaded the parent Arbor App, that you do so over the summer. This app is essential for effective communication between us. This is where parents evening appointments will be booked, be able to access your child's report, attendance and more.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to meeting many of you in person in September and working together to ensure the very best for every student at St Augustine's.

God Bless,



Miss R Flanagan
Headteacher