



ST AUGUSTINE'S
SCHOOL

SUMMER

Newsletter 2025

St Cuthbert's
ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

SAVE THE
DATES

School re-opens :

Wednesday 3rd September
(Year 7 and 11)

Thursday 4th September
(Year 8, 9 and 10)

Half term:
Monday 27th October -
Monday 3rd November.

Please note the staff inset
day that has been added
on Monday 3rd November.

School reopens:
Tuesday 4th November

School closes for
Christmas:
Friday 19th December at
12:30.

For more info please visit
the schools website:
www.sasyorks.org



We value your views and
feedback. If you currently have
a child at St Augustine's, please
scan the QR code below to visit
the ParentView website and
share your thoughts.



Dear Parent/Guardians,
What a fantastic year we have all had. We have celebrated many of
our children in the awards evening last week, provided many
sporting opportunities and ensured that every child had
encounters with Christ to develop their faith.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of
you for your continued support at my time throughout St
Augustine's.
It has been an absolute pleasure working collaboratively to ensure
that your child flourishes at our amazing school.
I hope that your child continues to be successful and live their
lives with the values that we have instilled in them to Love and
Serve Through Christ. I can honestly say I will never forget every
child that entered St Augustine's and the families I have served. It
has been an honour and I am leaving with memories that I will
hold onto forever.
Have the best Summer holiday, enjoy spending time with loved
ones, rest, recover and stay safe.

God Bless
A Robinson



A. Robinson

MISS A ROBINSON
HEAD OF SCHOOL



LIBRARY & LITERACY

SPOTLIGHT!



As we end another academic year it is always good to look back at the wonderful journey of learning, growth, and literacy rich experiences shared in the library and throughout our school.

We have been encouraging all our pupils to engage and rediscover the joy of reading, writing and oracy through visits from inspiring authors, poets, national competitions, national book awards, SJT workshops, as well as linking with Scarborough museums and galleries, to name just a few of the literacy rich opportunities in school. We have had a busy year!

ST AUGUSTINE'S READING MILLIONAIRES

Reading Success! Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have read over 8 million more words than last year. Reading is part of our school culture and as such we celebrate every success. The 2025 reading trophy has been awarded to Marwa from Year 8, achieving over 6 million words read this academic year.

ST AUGUSTINE'S READING GROUPS

Year 9 and Year 10 took part in the Carnegie Medal children's book award. Shadowing this award allows staff and pupils to connect and discuss books. Along with Year 7 and Year 8 in-house book groups, we also came together to raise money to support the Readathon charity by pledging to read as many words as possible over a week.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SPORTS DAY CHESS TOURNAMENT

The knockout tournament included representatives from each tutor group across Year 7, 8, 9 & 10. Well done to the overall winners, Luke house. The Champion of Champions trophy was won by Theo, in Year 8.

ST AUGUSTINE'S ONE YEAR CULTURAL CONVERSATION CLUB CELEBRATION

Our Cultural Conversation club members organized a magnificent celebration of their collective cultural dancing and favourite foods.





Chaplaincy News



It has been a busy summer with all sorts of Catholic Life events taking place. from pilgrimages far and near to sunflower planting!

In May a wonderful group of Y9 and Y10 students joined the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. There were over 120 young people from our area; all there to put their faith into action and serve others.

Through doing this they were able to explore their own faith deeply, with other young people, experiencing moments of hope, moments of joy and many moments of FUN!

It was a very enriching experience and one the young people will treasure as they continue to grow on their journey of faith. We will have more information about the 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage on our return in September if your child would like to go.



Year 8 had their opportunity for spiritual enrichment when 38 of them journeyed to Savio House in Cheshire to spend 3 days with the Silesian Order of Don Bosco. This was an opportunity to make new friendships whilst enjoying the great outdoors. The theme of the retreat was Choices and how to make good choices in life, supported by faith.



All of our students have taken advantage of the many opportunities to grow in their faith as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year.

Father Eddie continues to offer regular lunchtime Mass. Faith in Action Team and Eco-team have been doing litter-picks, renewing our school commitment to recycling and planting seeds of hope in the form of sunflowers.

In June it was wonderful to see such a great number of our young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. All the students have had the experience of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel; praying in the real presence of Jesus.



Thank you for supporting the faith journeys of your fantastic children. They are such a credit to their families and it is a delight to be part of their story.

ECO TEAM



Thank you for your kind donations for the cake stall last term. Thanks to the money raised, this term we have implemented whole school recycling of paper and plastic bottles in all classrooms and offices. Students are doing a good job of recycling and emptying the bins. We have even had to order a new big blue bin to collect it all.

This half term, Ecoteam have started to move their campaign to the dining hall and outside areas during break and lunch to ensure that all our bottles are collected and not ending up in general waste.

We held a basketball competition on the yard using the empty bottles to see if they could get them in the bin through a basketball hoop. Lots of perseverance was needed to combat the side winds!



SPORT NEWS



A brilliant way to end a successful sporting year for St Augustines, with sports day being an outstanding success and John house taking victory this year.

Thank you to the sports captains and vice captains who helped to run the day.

We completed a total of 87 fixtures this year, with all pupils demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and showing St Augustine in the best possible light.



CAREERS UPDATE

Year 10s took part in work experience week in May with 83% of students going on an external work placement. They thoroughly enjoyed it and as usual the feedback from employers was excellent!

Year 10s had a visit to York St John University where they had a campus tour, a talk on student finance and societies and also took part in some design competitions

They also went to S6F to do some taster sessions on their chosen subjects, experiencing life of a sixth form student.



Rewards



Over the course of the academic year, we have been delighted to be able to offer a range of rewards to our students. In 2024-2025, we have awarded:

130,898 House Points Awarded (Over 62,000 more than 2023-2024)

In addition, we have:

- Presented 445 students with at least 1 Club 100 certificate this academic year!
- Awarded 5 form groups a team prize (sweet treat) for being the highest attending form each half-term so far this year
- Posted over 1000 individual student 'shout-outs' on Social Media
- Posted 35 weekly House Group 'shout-outs' on Social Media
- Served over 200 Hot Chocolates to those with the highest House Points in half-term 1.
- Presented over 100 Selection Boxes to the top individual House Points scorers in half term 2.
- Given all students in Matthew House a chance to enjoy a Halloween and Christmas Movie for being the winning House in half term 1 and 2.
- Given all students in John House a chance to enjoy a Movie at February and Easter for being the winning House in half term 3 and 4.
- 100 students attended a Pizza Party for having the highest House Points scores in half term 3.
- Awarded 25 luxury Easter Eggs to the highest House Points scorers in half term 4.
- Given all students in Luke House a Movie in June for being the winning House in HT5.
- Served almost 200 ice cream sundaes to the top House Points scorers in half term 5.
- Issued over 3,500 Mission Points.





Attendance

We are extremely pleased to share that our whole school attendance is 1.3% higher than this point last year. Mr. Podlewski would like to personally acknowledge what an achievement this is, and thank you, as families, for your ongoing support.

Highest Year Group Attendance this year - Year 7 (94.7%)

Highest Form Group Attendance this year - 7 Mark (95.9%)



House Points

This academic year, a staggering 130,898 House Points have been awarded across school. This is more than double the number awarded during the last academic year.

On average, every student has 210 House Points. You can track your child's progress on our parental app!

Top 3 House Points Scorers this year -

Year 7 - Sreya V, Julia P, Cole A

Year 8 - Evie W, Ethan J, Annie F

Year 9 - Dominic V, Nandhana V, Tyler E

Year 10 - Sophie I, Olivia S, Mizzy B

Year 11 - Kacper J, Beth H, Lily-Mae M



Well done to all students!



PRESENTATION EVENING 2025

We were delighted to celebrate with our prize winners and their families in Years 7-10 at our inaugural presentation evening on July 10th.



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*A farewell message for Miss. Robinson
from Mr. Podlewski on behalf of the
school community.*

The end of the school year sees a moment that has been long anticipated but never fully prepared for, Aishling Robinson, our headteacher will depart St. Augustine's after spending her entire teaching career at our school. Her decision to step down from her post will both leave a hole in the organisation of the school but also in the hearts of the many students and families who have supported her journey with unwavering dedication.

On a personal note, I feel blessed to have worked with Aishling for the past 18 months. She embodies the spirit of St. Augustine's with a relentless work ethic, exceptional leadership, and an indomitable will. For our school, this will not just be the departure of a member of staff – it will be the end of an era.

Aishling's story at St. Augustine's is one of devotion and perseverance, ever since joining the school as an NQT in September 2013. From that moment, Aishling quickly became one of the cornerstones of the school. From my time working with Aishling, her focus has always been an ensuring our students have the best possible opportunities. Her leadership, and her integrity set her apart. She has an un-paralleled ability to rally both staff and students alike, her never-give-up attitude, and her commitment to leading our school the right way earned her the respect of staff, students and our families.

For the past 2 years she has served as our Headteacher, a role that has allowed her to act as a guiding force in both good times and bad. I am sure everyone will agree, Aishling has been more than just a teacher at St. Augustine's; she has been a symbol of hope, determination, and what it meant to be a part of something larger than oneself. Aishling has not just been a member of staff in a lanyard; she has been a representation of the values that St. Augustine's holds dear.

In the modern world of education, schools will often go through peaks and valleys, but when this has been the case at our school, Aishling had remained a constant—a reassuring presence that we could count on to lead us through the roughest of times. Aishling's leadership and character were qualities that resonated with everyone, I have no doubt her time at St. Augustine's will be remembered fondly for years to come.

Whilst Aishling's departure leaves a void in both the staff room and the local community, it also opens the door for the next part of the storied journey of St. Augustine's. I know I share the excitement of our incoming Head, Miss. Flanagan, in continuing the brilliant work started by Aishling as we begin the new academic year in September.

Aishling leaves St. Augustine's in an excellent position for the future – testament to someone who has given everything to the school and, in return, left an indelible mark on the hearts of our community.

As the landscape of education shifts, it is hugely uncommon for a member of staff to spend their entire career in one school. In many ways, Aishling's farewell is a reminder of the reason we enter this vocation: the connections we form with the students and families we serve, and the way they become part of the fabric of our lives.

As the school moves forward without her, we will carry with us the lessons of Aishling's career at the school: to give it your all, to never give up, and to always strive to give each and every child the best possible chance in life. Aishling Robinson's legacy will endure, both in the history books and in the hearts all connected to St. Augustine's for years to come!



*Thank You & Good Luck
from all at St
Augustine's.*



Out of Hours Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding Children is Everyone's Responsibility

If you are concerned that any child is at risk of immediate harm, you should contact the police using 999

You can refer to the Children and Families Service (Children's Social Care) for support by contacting 0300 1312131

Other useful numbers for families over the holiday period:

All ages mental health crisis service 0800 0516171

Text SHOUT to 85258 for 27/7 confidential mental health support

IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) 03000 110110

North Yorkshire Horizons Drug and Alcohol Service 01723 330730

The Rainbow Centre for food parcels and a range of other support services 01723 500663



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Child Protection & Safeguarding Procedure

If you have a concern about any child in our school
please contact the staff listed below:



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Natalie Cullen (ext. 131)
ncullen@sasyorks.org



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mika Dufton-Stewart (ext. 128)
mstewart@sasyorks.org



Trust Safeguarding Lead
Nicola Spray
nspray@scrcat.org

Tel: 01723 363280

The Safeguarding Offices are located in St Columba, they can be accessed via the side stairs or main stairs.
Copies of the Child Protection Policy & Safeguarding Procedure are available in the school office, the staffroom, on the school's computer network and on the school website.

Children's Social Care (Local Authority) contact numbers

- North Yorkshire Duty LADO 01609 533 080
- During school holidays you should call NYCC Customer Services on 0300 131 2131



HELPFUL CONTACTS

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For main reception and enquiries:
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