



**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the Autumn Term draws to a close and the season of Christmas begins, I reflect upon all that has happened within the family of St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy.

St Augustine's continues to thrive. Please watch the weekly Cultural Capital PowerPoints available on the school website, to get a flavour of what has been happening this term.

We have seen many of our students benefit from our new reward shop and attendance prizes, we will continue to reward our students for their excellent efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout what has been at times a challenging term and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout 2024.

School will resume as normal on Monday 8th January 2024. School starts at 8.30am and students are expected to be in their form lines at 8.25am. Punctuality is essential and any student arriving after 8.30am will be marked as late and receive a sanction.

Toilet usage has increased over the last term, and we are seeing students using the toilet more often than ever before in lessons. We need students to maximise learning time and be responsible and use the toilet at the designated times. From January, unless students have a toilet pass, students will not be allowed to use the toilet during lesson time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Students can use the toilet before school, at break time, lunch time and after school. All toilet passes will be reviewed for January 2024 - please ensure medical evidence is provided by 12th January 2024.

To get off to the best possible start in January, we are asking that all students come fully equipped to school. This includes having a pencil case with two blue or black pens, a red pen, a purple pen, a sharpened pencil, ruler, and a rubber. A school bag is also essential to keep all equipment and books safe and in good condition throughout the year.

Please can I remind you of the uniform policy which clearly states that students are not to wear earrings, false nails, makeup, and trainers during the school day and this needs to be strictly adhered to on return in January. Further details are available on the school website. Please note that communications from school, such as this letter, are sent via Edulink and you should receive an email alert to inform you. You should previously have received information about logging in to Edulink and also the Arbor system. If you are unable to access either of these please let school know.

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The current term will end this Friday, 22nd December 2023. Pupils will have an early lunch and will be dismissed from 1.00pm onwards. Please ensure your child is clear on bus time etc for the earlier finish or organise alternative arrangements.

We say goodbye and extend our thanks and good wishes to Mr Mannion (SENDCo) who has had a massive impact on ensuring our SEND students have the best learning experience in St Augustine's. We wish him well as he takes up a promotion on the Leadership Team of a school in Lancashire. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mr Drumm from our science department who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

There is much to celebrate and look forward to in the new term, including a new extracurricular offer and a number of trips, including Paris.

In the meantime, it remains for me to wish you and all your family a happy, holy, and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Miss Quarless

Acting Headteacher

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:8-12

