

St Augustine's Gazette



Friday 11th September 2026

Taught by Jesus Christ, faith, hope and love inspire everything we do. We aim for the highest standards of learning, and we look for the development of wisdom. In this way the gifts possessed by every individual can be valued.



CALENDAR

17th & 18th September: Year 7 Retreats
22nd & 23rd September: Sixth Form Retreats
24th September: Engagement Evening Year 8 & 9
28th September: Engagement Evening Sixth Form
7th October: School photos Years 7, 11 & 13
8th October: Open Evening- Lower school



Pastoral &

Well-being Notices

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mr J Mockett

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs L Penny

Pastoral Team 01225 350001 Ext 224.

(We have streamlined our systems and now have one dedicated email address.)

Safeguarding email:

safeguarding@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk

SEND Team Email address:

sendco@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk

Headteacher's *message*

Welcome back, and welcome to St Augustine's. It has been an exciting week seeing our new school community gathering for the first time. A special welcome to all members of our community who are new to St Augustine's, and my thanks for all the positive feedback we have received so far about the start of this new term. This Sunday is Education Sunday within the Church, and a special Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at Clifton Cathedral at 6.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend. The significant role that education plays in the life of every young person is something we should never take for granted. As a Lasallian school, we recognise the value of each and every person and the privilege and responsibility we have as educators to walk alongside our young people as they grow and develop. Our Gazette this week is filled with a whole array of news and information, and each week we hope it will become a regular point of reference for every family, helping you to keep up to date with the life of St Augustine's. We are delighted with the way in which students have responded to the new mobile phone policy, and we look forward to seeing the benefits that this will bring in the days and months ahead. We would very much welcome feedback from parents and guardians about any changes you are noticing as a result of the new policy. Finally, a reminder to all parents and guardians to please use your child's tutor as the first point of contact for any concerns or queries you may have. We also look forward to seeing you at our upcoming engagement evenings over the next few weeks.

Mr Dowle



Important Notices



The following letters have gone out this term. You will find all letters home on our website, follow the below link:

Term 1

Year 7 Retreat

Sixth Form Retreat letter

Letter from Mr Dowle re. engagement evenings

<https://www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk>

POLITE REMINDER

Polite reminder to all students to please bring a refillable water bottle with them to school every day.



St. Augustine's
Catholic College
Trowbridge

Open Evening Thursday 8th October 6-8pm

"The desire to provide educational opportunities which make individuals the best they can be drives all the school does."
OFSTED May 2024

www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Mon - Wed: 9:15-4:30

Thurs - Fri: 9:15-2:45

At St Augustines we have a wonderful school library that supports the learning of all our students. This means that the content of some of the books we have may not be suitable for all of our younger students. To aid this there are two areas of fiction which contain titles designated as Year 10+ and 6th form+. We do not advocate for censorship and believe that parents are well-placed alongside librarians and teachers to decide whether their children are mature enough for the content in these books. As such if a child requests to read books in these categories they will be asked to wait until a discussion has been had with their parents, often in the form of an email. If you believe your child is mature enough to handle the content of these titles you are more than welcome to email myself lowna@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk in advance advising me that you are happy for them to borrow books from any category in the library.



SCHOOL NURSE



Our Specialist School Nurse is:

Emily Davies

Providing information and support on a variety of health and wellbeing issues.

A confidential drop in clinic is held during break and lunchtime every Wednesday in the Wellbeing Room.

1:1 appointments are available for drop ins. These appointments last 30 minutes and are given to pupils that we have received referrals for either from the school; parents or the young person themselves. We can offer 6 1:1 sessions for a range of health reasons – Emotional Wellbeing; healthy eating; suspected eating disorders; self-harm; hygiene, healthy relationships, sexual health STI and pregnancy testing and safe sex.

For an appointment:

Ask your Tutor

Parents can contact the service by using the single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0090

SPA email address:

bswchildrens.enquiries@hcrgrcaregroup.com

Website: wiltsschildandfamily.co.uk

Support Helpline

Following the troubling testimonies of sexual harassment and abuse documented on the Everyone's Invited website, the NSPCC can help on 0800 136 663 or emailing help@nspcc.org.uk

When looking to make a payment in Parent Mail please check both 'Payments – To Pay' and 'Payments – Shop' (the trolley icon). Dinner Accounts can be topped up through 'Accounts'. Stationery orders should be collected from the finance office (next to the conference room)

Library Expectations

The library is a learning environment. Students are expected to be reading, studying or completing homework and to use the library in a way that doesn't disrupt the learning of others, including during break and lunch time and after school.

This includes:

1. No food or drink (only bottled water)
2. Computers are for studying and homework
3. One person per computer
4. Quiet reading
5. Please follow the instructions of staff
6. No mobile phones

The normal College Code of Conduct applies at all times.

ST Augustine's Food Focus Flyer September 2026

STREATERIES

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GENERAL, TASTY, FUN, CREATIVITY, DISCOVERY, INSPIRATION, EDUCATION, GROWTH, CHANGE

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Just for a laugh!

What is a plumber's least favourite vegetable?

A leek!



Seasonal Food & fun fact – Leeks

People have been consuming Leeks for almost 6,000 years, Leeks are native to the Middle East and the eastern Mediterranean areas. Leeks are a super food as they are low in calories and packed with essential nutrients and antioxidant

LET YOUR TASTE BUDS DO THE travelling!



MID MORNING BREAK
CONNECT

Refuelling you between breakfast and your lunchtime destination!



HOT RIGHT NOW!

TASTE THE NEXT TREND ON YOUR COUNTERS NOW!

DON'T MISS OUT - WHILE STOCKS LAST



Current Vacancies



Governance Professional

EDV/2026/SACC/15243

We are looking for a governance professional who can provide advice and guidance to the governing or trust board on governance, constitutional and procedural matters.

📍 Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9EN

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

£ £14.59 - £15.31 Hourly
term time only (+ 2 weeks)



[Apply Now](#)

New • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 23rd Sep, 2026 • Job start: TBC

Careers Coordinator

EDV/2026/SACC/44704

We are seeking a part-time Careers Coordinator for to oversee the planning, organising and implementation of the College's careers education programme, ensuring that we meet our Gatsby benchmarks.

📍 Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9EN

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

£ £18.44 - £19.47 Hourly
term time only. days to be agreed



[Apply Now](#)

New • Apply by Midnight, Friday 18th Sep, 2026 • Job start: TBC

Receptionist

EDV/2026/SACC/80846

We are looking for a part-time receptionist to join our team. The role is for 22 hours worked over a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

📍 Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9EN

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

£ £13.07 - £13.48 Hourly
20 hours per week , term time only



[Apply Now](#)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 18th Sep, 2026 • Job start: TBC

Cover Supervisor

EDV/2026/SACC/52870

We are seeking a committed and confident Cover Supervisor to support the smooth running of the College by providing high-quality classroom supervision during teacher absence. Working from...

📍 Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9EN

🕒 Permanent | Full-Time

£ £14.59 - £15.31 Hourly
Term time only. Worked over 5 days.



[Apply Now](#)



The Lasallian Induction CPD 2026 in Malta



During the summer holiday, Ms Harding had the opportunity to spend a week in Malta learning about what it means to work and study in a Lasallian school. This is her reflection: “During the week we not only learned about, but also experienced what it means to be Lasallian.

Going to Malta was a leap of faith. In the frantic business of the end of term I had no time to think about what I would find when I arrived. Almost as soon as I left school, I grabbed a few hours’ shut-eye before rushing to the airport in the small hours of the night.

But, even before I landed in Malta, my mind quietened as I watched a silver ball encircled with wisps of cloud transform before my eyes into a glorious golden sunrise. I remembered I was in the holy presence of God. Respect and gratitude for all the staff at the centre who worked so generously when Malta’s overstretched infrastructure threw challenges our way. Respect too for the person in our group who noticed litter gathering outside the gate and quietly, regularly, cleared it away. No show – she just got on with what needed to be done – a reminder to respect the small acts of service that make our world a better place.

Our community included a Spanish Scouser and a big-hearted Maltese who doubled as both a tour guide and a mermaid life-guard. Who would have thought you could put five random women together in the ancient town of Mdina – where The Game of Thrones was filmed - and we would have such fun?

Most memorably, we walked for a little while alongside colleagues from Jerusalem. I was humbled by their matter-of-fact accounts of living and educating in circumstances more challenging than most of us can imagine. Discussion with colleagues from Jerusalem lent a new dimension to the idea of concern for the poor. Conversations about what we can do in our own schools to support young people who experience invisible poverty have widened my understanding of my vocation as a teacher in the twenty-first century, as we strive to enable all our students to access the quality education needed to thrive.

I am thankful for the education we experienced during the week – a journey of reflection that re-shaped my sense of vocation. I am grateful for the gift of silence and the community of leaders and peers. Above all, I value how the week enabled us to pause, listen and hear the voice of God.

This journey was an adventure shaped by the gift of time and space, where shared moments grew into lasting friendships. The world around us reflected this beauty: the rhythm of the waves, the glint of silver fish, and a lizard resting on a sun-warmed wall in the ancient citadel of Gozo. I walked in the footsteps of those who came before, connecting with history through the cave painting of the Madonna and child in the hilltop sanctuary, and honouring the courage of the Maltese people in the labyrinth of the World War Two air raid shelters.

From wild prickly pears, to the woman feeding feral cats, every memory and experience points to the same reality: we are all, always, in the holy presence of God.”

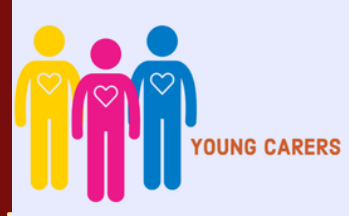
If you wish to know more about this please follow the link below:

<https://www.lasalleigbm.org>





Young Carers



Headteacher's Commendation Award

We were so proud to see one of our Young Carers, Imogen K receive the very first Headteacher's Commendation Award at our end-of-year Oscar's ceremony. She has played a big part in raising awareness of Young Carers across the school and has shown such a positive attitude and commitment along the way. It was lovely to see her hard work and resilience recognised with this special award. A fantastic achievement and very well deserved. Can we also include this about the Young Carer V Staff world cup sweepstake.

Young Carers vs Staff World Cup Sweepstake

Before the end of the summer term, our Young Carers took on the staff in our World Cup Sweepstake! Staff and Young Carers were randomly allocated a country, with everyone hoping they had picked the eventual winner. After plenty of friendly competition, Spain were crowned World Cup champions, meaning our winners were Emily H and Mrs Gant! The sweepstake was great fun and a lovely way for our Young Carers and staff to get involved in something together.

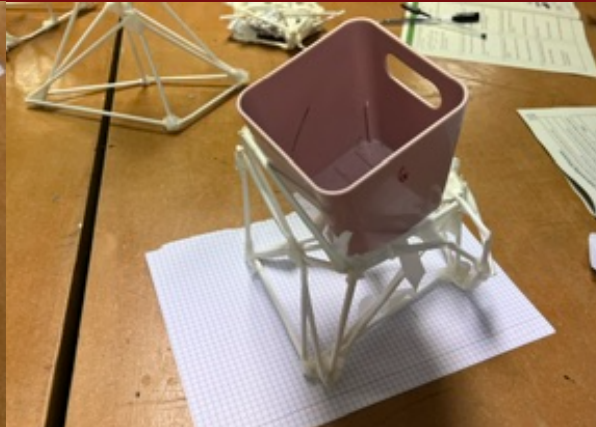
Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make it such a success.

Miss Carter



Year 9 Product design structure challenge

Mrs May kindly provided us with some pictures of her year 9 students' product design challenge entries.



ART COMPETITION

The Centre for Personalised Medicine is holding an art competition that may be of interest to some of our students. For more details please follow the link below:

<https://cpm.ox.ac.uk/art-competition/>

PE Department Curricular Activities Terms 1 and 2 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1.35 – 2.15pm	Table Tennis GCSE PE Sports Studies		Sixth Form Sport	KS3 Badminton Sports hall <i>Mr Adegun</i>	KS3 Fitness Gym (15 students) <i>Mr Adegun</i>
Afterschool 3.30 – 4.45pm	KS3/4 Basketball Training Sports Hall <i>Trowbridge Basketball</i>	Basketball Fixtures (Basketball team) Sports Hall <i>Mr Adegun</i>	Yrs. 8/9 Football (Term 1) <i>Mr Adegun, Field</i> KS4/5 Volleyball club Sports Hall KS4/5 Fencing Club <i>Mr Bennett, Lasallian TBC</i>	Yr. 7 Football (Term 1) <i>Mr Andrews, Field</i> Badminton Club Graham Long Yrs. 7– 9 3.30 – 4.45pm 24 students Yrs. 10–13 4.45 – 5.45pm 24 students	KS3 Girls Football Field <i>Mr Mockett</i>
		Yr. 9-11/6 th form Netball Club Courts <i>Mrs Bass, Mrs Portingale-Cowper</i>	KS5 Sports Afternoon. Sports Hall/Field.	KS3/4 Dance Lasallian/Dance studio <i>Miss Johnson</i> 30 students per term Yr. 7-8 Netball <i>Mrs Bass</i>	Staff Sports Clubs Sports Hall Courts Field Gym
		Netball Fixtures		Netball Fixtures	

*KS4 Football Term 2

BASKETBALL CLUB!

TRAIN. IMPROVE. PLAY. BELONG.
Whether you're new to the game or already love it – **everyone** is welcome!



MONDAYS
3:15 – 4:30PM



ALL KEY STAGES
ALL GENDERS
EVERYONE WELCOME!



OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THE COLLEGE
IN THE

WILTSHIRE LEAGUE!



For those who want to take their game to the next level.

WHY JOIN BASKETBALL CLUB?



IMPROVE FITNESS & HEALTH
Build stamina, strength and coordination.



DEVELOP SKILLS
Improve your dribbling, shooting, passing and game awareness.



BUILD CONFIDENCE
Challenge yourself, see progress and achieve your goals.



MAKE FRIENDS & HAVE FUN
Be part of a positive team environment and enjoy the game!



BOOST MENTAL WELLBEING
Reduce stress, improve focus and feel better.



TRAINING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Not interested in playing in the league? No problem! Come along to train, improve your skills, stay active and enjoy basketball at your own pace.

EVERY SESSION. EVERY PLAYER. EVERYONE MATTERS.

COME ALONG, GET INVOLVED AND BE PART OF THE TEAM!



WORK HARD. PLAY HARD. BE PROUD. | #STASBASKETBALL



ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC COLLEGE





CAREERS



Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS FT

Careers Evening 1st October 2026

The event offers a fantastic opportunity for professions to showcase their area to students in year 7-13 about the various career on offer within the NHS.

The event offers a fantastic opportunity for students in year 7 or above (who live and/or study in the RUH catchment area) to meet various staff members and talk about different careers in the NHS.

There will be two time slots available to book 5 - 6pm or 6.30 - 7.30pm. Booking is essential, please note due to capacity only 1 parent/guardian will be able to accompany you.



The RUH, where you matter

Within our community

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Online Course

Supporting My Teen with Anxiety

Friday 18 September 10:00 - 12:00



Book by
11 September
2026

- Understand the challenges teens face and how anxiety affects them
- Learn practical ways to boost your teen's emotional wellbeing at home
- Discover strategies to help your teen manage anxiety in everyday life

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: individual income less than £26,800 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



Wiltshire Council

Online Course

Understanding School Anxiety

Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Two Dates Available:

Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00

Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00



Booking
closes 7
days before
course start
date



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code,
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.



Wiltshire Council

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Thursday
17 September
10:00-12:00
Online



- Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family
- Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

Booking closes 10 September

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

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Wiltshire Council

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WILTSHIRE
& SWINDON
Community
Foundation

VOCATIONAL GRANTS

NEED HELP WITH THE COSTS OF TRAINING OR AN APPRENTICESHIP?

We offer grants of up to £1,000 for young people who need support with the costs of vocational training for courses at school, college or sixth form or for training through an apprenticeship.

Grants can be used towards:

- educational resources or equipment
- IT equipment
- course related study/field trips
- travel costs.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE

01380 729284
www.wscf.org.uk
Registered charity no. 1123126



You can apply for a grant if:

- you, your parents or guardians receive one means-tested benefit or you are in the care of the local authority
- you are 24 or under at the time of application
- you have been living in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least two years*
- will be studying at school, college, sixth form or doing an apprenticeship.

*There are some exceptions to this so please call us to discuss.



BOA SECONDARY Mighty Girls Meet Up

THURSDAYS SEP 24TH - OCT 22ND

BRADFORD ON AVON
6.00-7.15PM.
SECONDARY AGE 11-15

LEARN MORE WWW.MIGHTYGIRLS.CO.UK



Self Defence half day workshop

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

HOLT VILLAGE HALL,
TROWBRIDGE
2PM - 5PM.

AGE: 10-15 YR 6-YR 10

COST £19 (SUBSIDISED PRICE)

www.mightygirls.co.uk



Empowering

The Art of Being Me Art & Photography Workshop

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

BRADFORD ON AVON
10-4PM.

AGE: 10-15

COST: £25 (subsidised)

A fun, **creative day of art, photography** and self-expression, celebrating individuality and **challenging stereotypes** — with a unique **mixed-media self-portrait** to take home!

www.mightygirls.co.uk

