

St Augustine's Gazette



Friday 18th 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.

September

CALENDAR

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, 9, 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*

Dear parents and guardians,

This Sunday's Gospel reading, from Matthew's Gospel, reminds us of the extraordinary generosity of God – a generosity that goes far beyond our human expectations. It is a powerful reminder that God's love and grace are freely given to each of us. In our assemblies this week, we have reflected on how we carry with us each day the things that really matter in our lives: the people we love, our hopes and aspirations, our worries and concerns, and the experiences that shape who we are. Sometimes, amid the busyness of everyday life, we simply need a reminder that God walks the road with us, always. The new term is now in full swing, and the atmosphere across the College is both calm and purposeful. It has been particularly lovely this week to see our Year 7 pupils taking part in their retreat at the Parish Centre. Our theme has been one of building a new community, recognising and celebrating the different gifts and talents that each person brings. As our newest pupils continue to settle into College life, this is an important opportunity for them to reflect on the part they can each play in building the community we want to belong to at school. A reminder to all parents and guardians that our Engagement Evenings begin with Year 7 on Monday at 6.00 pm. It is really important that every family is represented. During the evening, we will unveil our new reporting and assessment system, designed to give parents a clearer understanding of their child's progress and enable you to play an active part in supporting continuous progress in learning. The evening will also include a number of important updates for the academic year ahead. We very much look forward to welcoming you. Please check the dates and times below for your child's year group.

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

Letter from Mr Dowle: 16th September

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



POLITE REMINDERS



Polite reminder to all students to please bring a refillable water bottle with them to school every day. Also to remind parents and students that chewing gum, sweets, caffeine drinks and fizzy drinks are not allowed on site so should not be bought into school.



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

Engagement evening dates and times

Monday 21 September – Year 7 6.00–7.15pm | Main Hall

Thursday 24 September – Years 8 & 9 6.00–7.15pm | Main Hall

Monday 28 September – Sixth Form 6.00–7.15pm | The Lasallian Centre

Thursday 1 October – Years 10 & 11 6.00–7.15pm | Main Hall



Friends of St Augustine's



Did you know we have a FoSta Facebook group, we advertise all our sale dates and meetings on here. It is also a good place to ask questions or contact other parents in the school community. To find the page please search for FoSta on Facebook. If you would like to join our small and friendly group of helpers please don't hesitate to get in touch at FoStacommittee@gmail.com



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)

Five-a-Day: Strengthening Teaching and Learning for Every Student

This year, one of our whole-school priorities is to continue strengthening the support we provide for every student in the classroom. As part of this work, our staff are focusing on the Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF) Five-a-Day approach: five evidence-informed teaching practices which can make a particularly important difference for pupils with additional needs, while benefiting all learners.

The Five-a-Day approaches are:

Explicit instruction – making new learning clear through careful explanation, modelling and guided practice.

Cognitive and metacognitive strategies – helping students to think about how they learn, plan their approach and become increasingly independent.

Scaffolding – providing temporary support that enables students to access challenging learning before gradually removing that support as confidence grows.

Flexible grouping – using different groupings where appropriate so that students can learn effectively with and from one another.

Using technology – making purposeful use of technology where it can improve access, participation or learning.

None of these approaches is new to our teachers. They reflect much of the strong practice already taking place every day across St Augustine's. Our focus this year is about developing a shared language, drawing on the best available evidence and giving colleagues regular opportunities to reflect on and further refine their classroom practice.

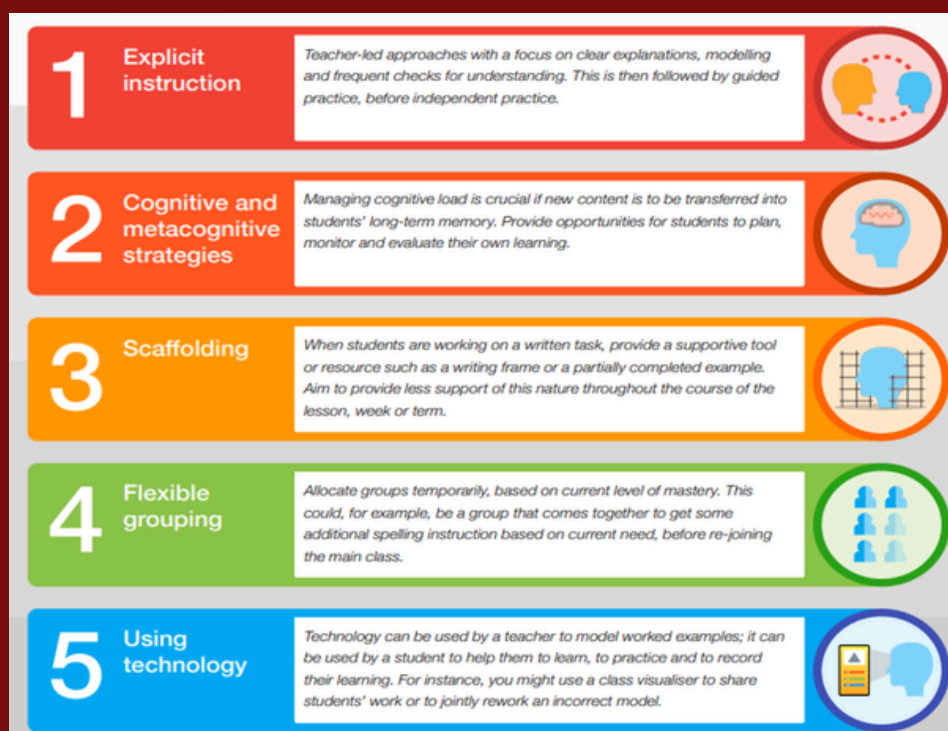
Across the year, our professional development programme will explore each of the Five-a-Day strategies in greater depth. Staff will consider how they can be applied effectively within different subjects, age groups and classroom contexts, sharing ideas and learning from one another.

Importantly, this is not about expecting every lesson to look the same. Effective teaching depends upon teachers knowing their subject, their classes and the individual young people in front of them. The Five-a-Day provides a helpful evidence-informed framework within which teachers can make those professional decisions.

For students, some of this work may be visible: a teacher modelling a difficult task more explicitly, providing a scaffold to help organise an answer, asking students to reflect on which learning strategy worked best, or changing groupings for a particular activity. Much of it, however, will simply feel like thoughtful, responsive teaching.

Our aim is straightforward: to ensure that every student can participate, experience appropriate challenge and make strong progress, while continuing to invest in the professional expertise of our teachers.

By making sustained professional learning a central part of school life, we want to keep improving what matters most — the quality of students' everyday experience in the classroom.



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.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Mon - Wed: 9:15-4:30

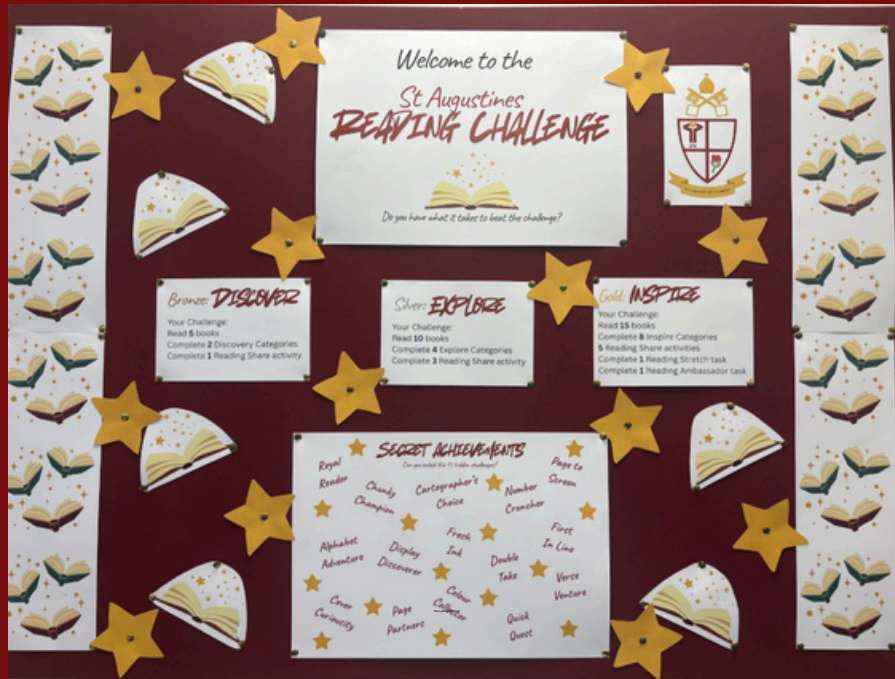
Thurs - Fri: 9:15-2:45



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.

Reading Challenge Display

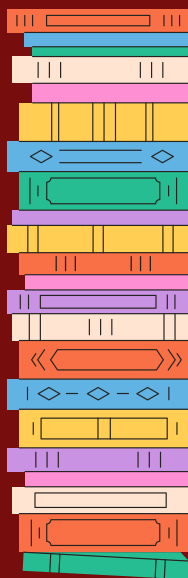
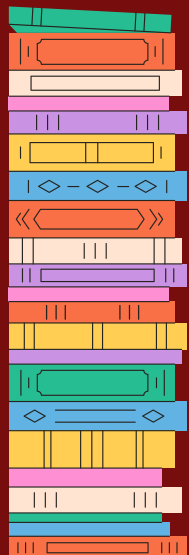
This week, we have launched our revamped Reading Challenge with Years 7–9. The challenge encourages students to discover new books, explore different types of reading and build their confidence as readers. As they progress, students reflect on their reading, share recommendations and inspire others to read. We encourage parents to get involved by talking about what their child is reading, sharing recommendations and celebrating their progress. Why not ask them about their latest book and see where it takes them?



Carnegie Display 2026



Below is a picture of our current Carnegie Display. This display showcases some of the amazing books that have made it on to this years shortlist for the Carnegie medal. The Carnegies are the UK's longest running and best-loved children's book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people for 90 years as of this year!





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

ST Augustine's Food Focus Flyer September 2026

STREATERIES WEEK 1	
MAINS	VEGETARIAN
CAJUN CHICKEN MACARONI CHEESE WITH GARLIC CRISPY CRUMB	MIXED BEAN FALTA WITH OVEN BAKED WEDGES
HOMEMADE SAUSAGE ROLL	VEGGIE SAUSAGE ROLL
WHOLEGRAIN RICE SALAD	WHOLEGRAIN RICE SALAD
ROAST CHICKEN & GRAVY	CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI CHEESE BAKE
STUFFING & SKIN ON ROASTIES	SKIN ON ROASTIES & GRAVY
CHILLI CON CARNE	VEGETABLE BEAN CHILLI
RICE	RICE
BATTERED FISH	PIZZA SLICE
CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE	VEGGIE SAUSAGE
VEGETABLES/SALAD	
MONDAY MIXED SALAD	TUESDAY VEGETABLE SLICES
WEDNESDAY CARROTS & PEAS	THURSDAY MIXED SALAD
FRIDAY GARDEN PEAS ON BAKED BEANS	

STREATERIES WEEK 2	
MAINS	VEGETARIAN
CREAMY CHICKEN CARBONARA STYLE LASAGNE WITH HOMEMADE GARLIC FOCACCIA	CHEDDAR & TOMATO PUFF PASTRY TART WITH OVEN BAKED WEDGES
BURGERS & MASH WITH GRAVY	VEGGIE BURGERS & MASH WITH GRAVY
ROAST CHICKEN & GRAVY	TOMATO & LENTIL LASAGNE
STUFFING & SKIN ON ROASTIES	SKIN ON ROASTIES & GRAVY
BEEF WHOLE GRAIN PASTA BOLOGNESE	VEGGIE WHOLE GRAIN PASTA BOLOGNESE
BATTERED FISH	PIZZA SLICE
CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE	VEGGIE SAUSAGE
VEGETABLES/SALAD	
MONDAY MIXED SALAD	TUESDAY GREEN BEANS & SWEET CORN
WEDNESDAY CARROTS & CABBAGE	THURSDAY SWEET CORN
FRIDAY GARDEN PEAS ON BAKED BEANS	

STREATERIES WEEK 3	
MAINS	VEGETARIAN
SPICY MEXICAN BEEF CORN TACOS WITH RICE	SPICY BEAN & CHEESE QUESADILLA WITH RICE
CRISPY HONEY SESAME CHICKEN WITH NOODLES	SWEET CHILLI AUBERGINE, MUSHROOM & SESAME STIR FRY WITH NOODLES
ROAST CHICKEN & GRAVY	MED VEG WELLINGTON
STUFFING & SKIN ON ROASTIES	SKIN ON ROASTIES & GRAVY
JERK CHICKEN WRAP WITH RICE	SWEET POTATO & BEAN COCONUT STEW WITH RICE
BATTERED FISH	PIZZA SLICE
CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE	VEGGIE SAUSAGE
VEGETABLES/SALAD	
MONDAY MIXED SALAD	TUESDAY ASIAN GARDEN
WEDNESDAY PEAS & CARROTS	THURSDAY SWEET CORN
FRIDAY GARDEN PEAS ON BAKED BEANS	

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!

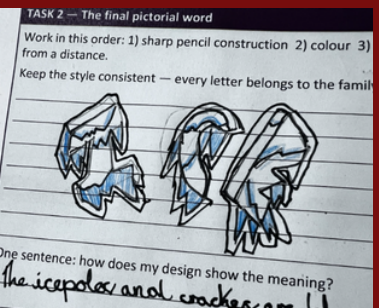
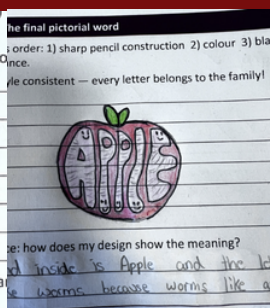
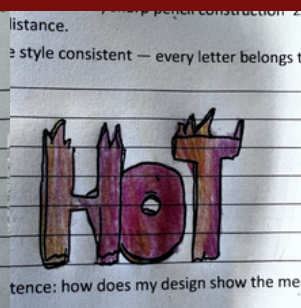
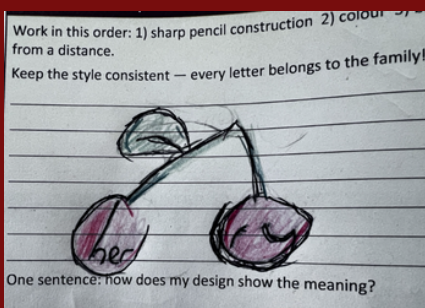
HOT RIGHT NOW!

TASTE THE NEXT TREND ON YOUR COUNTERS NOW!
DON'T MISS OUT - WHILE STOCKS LAST

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



Year 7 have made a fantastic start in DT! Here are some of the pictorial words that they have been creating in Graphics with Isla getting designer of the week with her Wormy Apple! Amazing work.



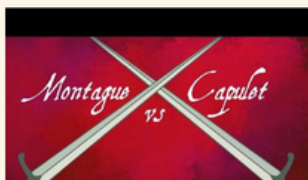
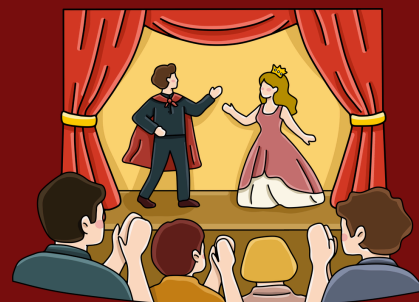


DRAMA NEWS



The Drama Department are excited to announce an information session about our Coram Shakespeare Festival production of 'Romeo and Juliet' for March 2027 (for performance at the Merlin Theatre)

The information session will be after school on **Wednesday 23rd Sept-** from 15.15 until 16.00- pupils in all year groups are welcome to attend.
Venue: the Theatre!



At the information session...

...Find out about our audition process:

- **Workshop audition** to be held on **Weds 30th Sept (15.15 until 16.30)**
- **Call-back auditions** by invitation on **Weds 14th Oct (15.15 until 16.30)**

In the information session we will go through the plot, the characters, the way the auditions will work and everything else you might need to know. We will also talk about key dates, the commitment you will be making and what to expect in the auditions (what to wear, anything to prepare, etc).

Let Dr. Barnsley or Mr. Flowerdew know if you cannot make it to the information session and we will get some information to you. But please do your best to make it!



Drama clubs- come along and try out a club to build your confidence, learn new skills and make new friends

- **Monday- Year 7 Drama Club- Theatre**
- **Wednesday- Year 8 and 9 Drama Club- Theatre**
- **Thursday- Impro Club with sixth formers Matti, Marysia, Tally & Hannah- bring your lunch and discover the wonderful world of improvisation- Theatre (open to all year groups)**



The Drama Group

Support
Understand
Belong ♥

You're
Not Alone ♥

Young Carers Club

Every Other Friday (Week A)
Lunchtime



Logos Room

Near Don Bosco

Different
People
Same
Community ♥

A
LISTENING
SPACE

FRIENDLY
FACES

YOU
MATTER ♥



Come along and join us!



STRONGER
TOGETHER



A KINDER
BRIGHTER
SCHOOL
COMMUNITY ♥

CARE • FRIENDSHIP • SUPPORT • BELONGING

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) Mr Adegun, Field KS4/5 Volleyball club Sports Hall KS4/5 Fencing Club <i>Mr Bennett, Lasallian</i> TBC	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

Netball Is Back – Let's Get the Season Started!

The new netball season is officially underway, and it has been fantastic to see so many students back on court already! A huge thank you to everyone who has attended training so far – your enthusiasm, energy and commitment have been brilliant. If you haven't joined us yet, there is still plenty of time to get involved!



Tuesday | 3:15–4:30pm
Years 9, 10 & 11

Thursday | 3:15–4:30pm
Years 7 & 8



There's no need to sign up in advance – just bring your kit, get changed and meet us on the Netball Courts!

Fixtures are starting! 🏆

Our competitive fixtures begin next week, with our Year 10 and 11 teams up first as we welcome John of Gaunt to St Augustine's.

Good luck to all of our players for the season ahead. We hope to see lots of enthusiasm, teamwork, resilience and, most importantly, enjoyment on court. Go St A's! 🏐 Mrs Bass & Mrs Portingale-Cowper

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!

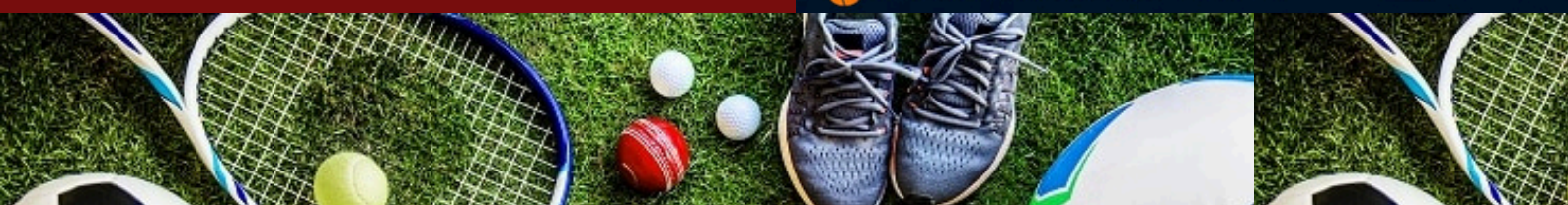
Not interested in playing in the league? No problem! Come along to train, improve your skills, stay active and enjoy basketball at your own pace.

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



 Wiltshire College
& University Centre

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OPEN EVENTS 2026/2027

September/October

Wed 30 September	5pm-7pm	Trowbridge
Sat 3 October	10am-12pm	Lackham
Tues 6 October	5pm-7pm	Chippenham
Thurs 8 October	5pm-7pm	Salisbury

November

Sat 7 November	10am-12pm	Trowbridge
Sat 14 November	10am-12pm	Lackham
Sat 14 November	10am-12pm	Chippenham
Sat 21 November	10am-12pm	Salisbury

January/February

Wed 27 January	5pm-7pm	Trowbridge
Sat 30 January	10am-12pm	Lackham
Tues 2 February	5pm-7pm	Chippenham
Thurs 4 February	5pm-7pm	Salisbury

April

Tues 20 April	5pm-7pm	Trowbridge
Thurs 22 April	5pm-7pm	Lackham
Tues 27 April	5pm-7pm	Chippenham
Thurs 29 April	5pm-7pm	Salisbury

Scan to sign up
for an Open Event



Scan to see our
prospectuses



Visit wiltshire.ac.uk
for more info and to
apply for a course

Within our community

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Online Course

Supporting My Teen with Anxiety

Tuesday 27 October 10:00 - 12:00



Book by
20 October
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

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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

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.



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



TERM TIME OPENING
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

4PM - 8PM

SATURDAYS 11AM - 4PM

Trowbridge town park



Under 16's must have a waiver signed by an adult.



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

