



St Augustine's Gazette



Friday 2nd October 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

2nd October: FOSTA uniform sale
3rd October: FOSTA uniform sale
6th October: Clubs Fair for students
7th October: School photos Years 7, 9, 11 & 13
8th October: Students finishing at 1:35pm
8th October: Open Evening- Lower school 6-8pm
15th - 18th October: Berlin Trip



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*

Today we celebrated our opening Mass of the academic year, led by Father Richard. It was a valuable opportunity to gather as a College community, to give thanks and to ask for God's blessing on the year ahead. As we move into October, traditionally the month of the Rosary, we are reminded of Mary's willingness to respond to God's call. It is also a chance for each of us to reflect on our own calling: to recognise the gifts and talents we have been given and how we can use them in the service of others. My thanks to all the parents and carers who have joined us for our engagement evenings over the past two weeks. Your involvement in your child's education makes an enormous difference, and I would encourage you to continue using the links on our website to explore with your children what they are studying and learning each day. This week we also said farewell to Mrs Sharon Sharp, who retires after more than 18 years as part of our reception team. For so many pupils, parents, staff and visitors, Mrs Sharp has been both the face and voice of St Augustine's. In the truest Lasallian tradition, she has always understood the importance of making each person feel noticed, valued and welcome. We wish Sharon every happiness in her retirement, although she has promised to visit us regularly. Making someone feel welcome may seem a simple gesture, but it can make an enormous difference. Taking the time to notice another person and help them feel that they belong is something each of us can do. It is a small action which says something very important: **you matter and you are welcome here.**

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

Iceland Trip 2027

Berlin Trip 2027

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>



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

Clubs Fair Tuesday 6th October: Main Hall - Lunch Time



Second Hand Uniform and Book Sales

Friday 2nd Oct 3.15 – 4pm and Saturday 3rd Oct 10 – 11am in the college dining area . We accept card and cash payments If you have any uniform or books that your child has finished with, please do donate them. We need to replenish our stocks. Please leave donations at the college labelled 'for FoStA' or drop off to us at the sale. The money raised goes back to the college to benefit the students. We are looking for volunteers to help sort on either of these days for an hour please do email FoStAuniform@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)



Farewell to Mrs Sharp



Sadly we said goodbye to our beloved receptionist Mrs Sharp this week who has now retired. Your dedication, warmth, and hard work have left an unforgettable mark on the students, staff and parents at St. Augustine's. You have been a pillar of support for so many, and your presence will be greatly missed every single day. Thank you for everything you have contributed to our success and culture. We wish you nothing but the absolute best in your next chapter!

— HAPPY —
Retirement

Farewell



MASS



This week we had our year group masses. Weekly tutor masses will continue as of next week starting with 7C.

YOUNG CARERS HALLOWEEN COMPETITION

GUESS HOW MANY HALLOWEEN SWEETS ARE IN THE BAG!

Young carers can come to the Pastoral Office and speak to Miss Carter to give their guess.

Nearest number wins a **SPOOKY PRIZE!**

WE CAN'T OFFER ANY PLACES WITHOUT A CONSENT FORM

If you are able to make your own way directly to the venue, this will allow us to allocate transport to those who do not have alternative means of travel.



Netball



Our competitive Netball Season has begun!

The new netball season got underway this week with a fantastic evening of fixtures at St Augustine's, as our Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 teams all welcomed John of Gaunt for their first matches of the season.

Our Year 9 team faced a very strong John of Gaunt side and were defeated 14 - 1. Despite the scoreline, the team's resilience, attitude and professionalism remained excellent throughout. They continued to work hard for one another until the final whistle and will take plenty from their first competitive outing, with lots to work on as the season progresses. Congratulations to Lara C who was awarded Player of the Match.

Year 10 produced an excellent performance, securing a convincing 12 - 1 victory. The team played with confidence from the outset, communicating brilliantly and linking play effectively through the court. It was a strong all-round team performance and a very positive way to begin their season. Congratulations to Ruby A who took Player of the Match.

The final game saw Year 11 earn a 14 - 6 win in a tough and competitive contest. The defence was particularly impressive, led by Jayla, who was deservedly named Player of the Match. The mid-court worked tirelessly to bring the ball through court, while our shooters had to work extremely hard against a strong John of Gaunt defence in the D. When the opportunities came, however, the shooting was brilliant and helped us secure a convincing victory.

It is always a pleasure to play John of Gaunt, whose teams demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship. With all three games taking place at the same time, there was a brilliant atmosphere around the courts and really brought our community together showcasing some brilliant netball.

Well done to everyone who participated – a lovely way to start the 2026-27 season!

Year 11 - Lulu, Bri W, Amelia J, Odharnait, Maddie S, Fahren, Erin D, Amelia B, Jayla

Year 10 - Maddie H, Ruby A, Eulalia S, Eden S, Claudia J, Heather J, Phoebe P, Fionnuala M

Year 9 - Rose W, Lara C, Martha O, Bella R, Verity S, Neveah S, Xintong G, Edie S, Tilly C, Julia W



BASKETBALL



Basketball at St Augustine's – A Journey of Progress

It was an exciting milestone for our KS4 Basketball team as they took part in their first officiated fixture, against John of Gaunt on Tuesday afternoon. For many of our players, this was their first ever competitive basketball match, so the fixture was a fantastic opportunity to gain experience, build confidence and put their skills into practice. John of Gaunt were also developing their team, with many of their players having only played their first proper match the previous week. The game was a great learning experience for both sides. John of Gaunt had one particularly experienced player, who represents Trowbridge Basketball Club, and his experience made a significant difference throughout the match. The final score finished 33-22 to John of Gaunt. From No Club to Competitive Teams What makes this fixture even more exciting is how far basketball has come here at St Augustine's. Just a few years ago, we didn't have a basketball club. Now, we regularly have 30+ students attending Monday after school training, and we are entering teams into competitive fixtures and competitions. That is a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of the enthusiasm our students have for basketball. We are looking forward to seeing even more students joining us on Monday evenings – although we may soon have the enjoyable problem of working out where to fit everyone! A special thank you goes to Coach Ebanks, who gave up his time to officiate the fixture and continues to give his time to develop the skills and fitness of our basketball players.

The future of basketball at St Augustine's is looking very exciting!



Team:

Jonathan M

Jayden M

Tobias F

Elrych A

Seon P

Joseph G

Jayden S (Player of the Match)

Louise B





DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



Year 12

The students in Year 12 product design have made a constructive start to the course. They had to design a materials testing rig using technical drawings, then they had to swap the drawings with one another to build someone else's design!



Year 8

Below is a photo of some Pewter casting results that the Year 8 Product Design group are working on. They are creating moulds on CAD, which are Lazer cut and then casting them with Pewter.



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
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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



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!



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)





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Online Course

Discovering Resilience

Monday 26 October
10:00am-12:00pm



**Bookings close
7 days before course starts**

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Online Course Discovering Confidence

Monday 19 October
10:00am-12:00pm



**Bookings close
7 days before course
starts**

- Recognise your strengths
- Develop confidence in your abilities
- Boost your wellbeing

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or scan the QR code



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Confidence and New Directions

Mondays, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov
10:00am-12:00pm

Online Course



**Bookings close
7 days before
course starts**

Make small changes for a brighter future

- Feel more confident in your daily life
- Manage stress and boost wellbeing
- Set SMART targets to achieve your goals



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Working in Schools

Online course

Starts Friday 6 November 10am-12pm

Friday 10am - 12pm

6 13 20 27 November 4 December

**Book by
30 October**



Feel more confident applying for jobs in schools

- ✓ Roles and responsibilities when supporting learning
- ✓ Behaviour management and Five to Thrive
- ✓ Ways to promote wellbeing and safety
- ✓ Using curriculum guidance



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Want to boost your cycle skills and learn how to ride confidently and safely on the road?



Join our Bikeability Level 1 & 2 course

Thursday 22 & Friday 23 October
Studley Green Community Centre,
Trowbridge
09:30-15:00 each day

Cost: £20 per rider.

No charge for pupils receiving free school meals

Open to riders aged 10 and over (Year 6 plus)
You must be able to ride a bike already (pedal and glide) to take part in this training.

For more information and how to book, please email
bikeability@wiltshire.gov.uk



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