



ST. AIDAN'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

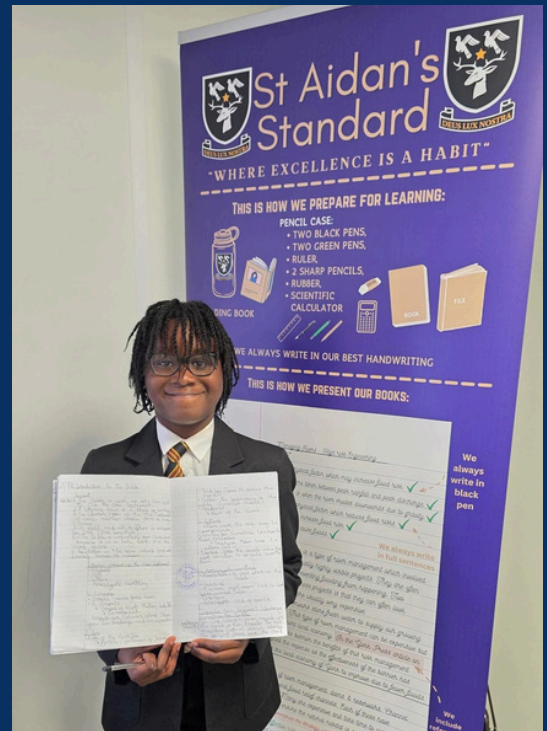
"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Every week 4 of our cycle we celebrate our wonderful young people. This week has been no exception. Over 200 pupils have brought their best pieces of work to our St. Aidan's Standard table over lunches this week, demonstrating pride in their books.

All pupils have taken part in our celebration assemblies, this week focusing on the theme that Greatness is built long before anyone sees it. During this assembly we celebrated all the young men who come to school every day, consistently following our core values and learning habits.

Please take the time to congratulate your son on an excellent first four weeks of this academic year.

Mrs Whitten Headteacher



>>> WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 1 Week 3 :

Morality - Mo/ra/li/ty

Word Class: Noun

Etymology: From Latin *moralis*, meaning "relating to customs"

Student-friendly Definition: Ideas about what is right and wrong behaviour.

Example sentence: In *The Kite Runner*, the story raises questions about morality and responsibility.

Cycle 1 Week 4 :

Malevolent – Ma/le/vo/lent

Word Class: Adjective

Etymology: From Latin *male* "badly" and *velle* "to wish"

Student-friendly Definition: Showing a wish to do harm; evil in intention.

Example sentence: In *The Woman in Black*, the house seems to be haunted by a **malevolent** force.



>>> WELLBEING STATEMENTS



Cycle 1 Week 3 :

Build positive relationships by treating others with kindness, respect, and understanding.

Cycle 1 Week 4 :

Ask for help from a trusted adult when you need support or guidance.

>>> LIBRARY BOOK DONATION

A very grateful start to the year with this donation of books from one of our Year 7 pupils and his family.

This will help our total move in the right direction for our new library.



We are also starting this week off strong with another donation to our ever-growing new library stock.

Thank you so much this time to a member of staff.

Always appreciated!



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>>> YOM KIPPUR

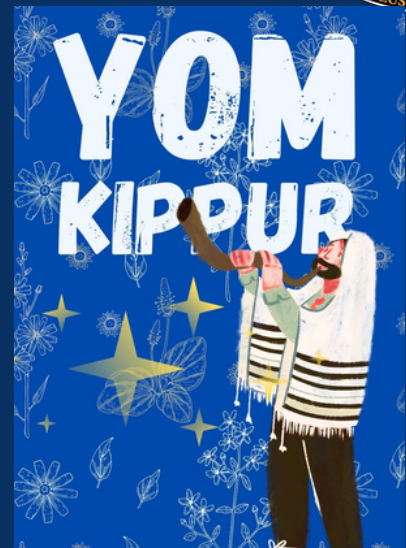


On Wednesday 23rd September 2026, Jewish communities around the world observe Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

It is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar!

As part of their GCSE Judaism studies, our RE students learn about the meaning of Yom Kippur, including repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Understanding different faiths helps our students develop respect, empathy and cultural awareness.



>>> JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS

This October we celebrate the Jubilee of St. Francis.

St Francis shows us that even the smallest act of kindness can make a difference. When we help, encourage or include others, we share God's love.

This week, look for someone who needs a helping hand, a kind word or a reason to smile—and choose to be the person who makes a difference.



>>> KICKBOXING SUCCESS



Our Year 9 pupil Dray (9C) has recently graduated as a Junior Black Belt in kickboxing.

This is an amazing achievement and he has worked extremely hard to reach this grading level. Well done Dray!



>>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families for their amazing generosity and support.

From donating cakes, purchasing raffle tickets, attending our coffee morning, and taking part in our fundraising day, your kindness has been overwhelming.

Thanks to your wonderful support, we have so far raised £3236.21 for Jude, with donations still being counted. This is a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of the caring and supportive spirit of our school community.



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>>> CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY



Are you passionate about food and enjoy working in a friendly, fast-paced environment?

We're looking for a Catering Assistant to join our school's kitchen team.

In this role, you'll help prepare and serve nutritious meals to our students, maintain a clean and safe kitchen environment, and support the smooth running of daily food service.

To apply please complete the application form and accompanying forms which are available from the school or trust website.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/139538/EDV-2026-SACA-25938>

Part Term Hours: Term time plus 5 days

Closing Date: Friday 9th October 2026

>>> GENERAL REMINDERS

ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents are required to call the student absence line each day to report any absence. Please dial the main school number and select Option 1.

Please ensure that you provide your child's full name, form group and a reason for the absence.

PASS OUT REQUESTS

Pass Out requests should be emailed to contactus@staca.co.uk. Please include your child's full name, form, date, reason for the Pass Out and collection/leaving time.

Parents will receive an email to confirm that the Pass Out has been completed.

Students need to collect their Pass Out slips from the Student Support office prior to their appointment. They should present the slip to their class teacher at the time stated on the Pass Out and make their way to the Main Reception.



>>> DATES FOR THE DIARY



Wednesday 30th September - Friday 2nd October 2026

Yr 7 Mountain Visits

Thursday 15th October 2026

Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Yr 7 Parents Evening 2.15pm - 6.15pm

Friday 23rd October 2026

Inset Day - School Closed

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

Half Term holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Yr 8 Parents Evening 2.15pm - 6.15pm



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