



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope all first years are beginning to settle into St. Augustine's College. I realise it will require time and set out a three day induction to allow them to navigate their way around the school. Please read the school code of conduct in your son/daughters school diary with your child so you are aware as parents/guardians of the behaviour code in school. I would also ask all parents/guardians not to drive up the main driveway of school in the mornings to drop off your child. It is not permitted and is for staff use only or for students with additional needs that require direct access. Please drop off all students at the designated parking zones near the bus shelter outside the main school gates.

During 1st year induction, all 1st years completed first year induction with Brother Lennon Year Head, Fr. Gerry Horan Year Head and Ms. Elaine Moore Guidance Counsellor. They also had a teenager motivation seminar with 'Rayse the Game'. Keep an eye on @friaryguidance twitter page for more information.

All 1st year students completed an Augustinian ethos workshop with Brother Lennon and Fr. Gerry Horan on the three Augustinian Values, '*Unitas, Veritas and Caritas*'. and learned about the core values of being a St. Augustine's College student. All students were given a map of the school, a printed timetable and student diary by their Year Heads. They were also shown their pods and outside zones for break-times. Copy of school map here.

https://www.staugustines.ie/images/Friary_Map_2020_ROOM_NOS-6.pdf

Topics covered during 1st year induction with Guest Speaker @Rayse the Game on 'Making the Move' to secondary school included;

Teen Motivation, studyskills, the difference between homework and study, organisation, time management, meeting new friends, handy helpers, student support team, how to get into the miracle morning frame of mind, how to plan the week and being kind. Each student was given a booklet for notes and a weekly planner.

In St. Augustine's College we strive for educational excellence and to help our students achieve to their best ability and understand how they learn, all our 1st year students were assessed to see what their needs are and how teachers can best help them learn and achieve. As part of this process, all 1st year students were administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) by the Guidance & SEN Team. Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) is made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment.

On behalf of the entire team at St. Augustine' College, I would like to wish all our 1st year student the best of luck for the year ahead.

Regards,
Michael O'Sullivan
Principal.