



# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

*A Mercy Academy committed to excellence*

# Spotlight



**SUMMER 2015**



# Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear Parents,

## Are you an alumna of St. Anthony's?

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If you are a past pupil of St. Anthony's, or have a friend or relative who is a past pupil, please join our Alumni network. It is very easy:

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## Post-16 Information, Advice and Guidance Event 2015

We have an important up and coming Information, Advice and Guidance event for sixth form students on Personal Development Day 2015. The universities, firms and alumni who have confirmed to date are:

- Durham University
- Leeds Trinity University
- The University of Leeds
- Liverpool Hope University
- Cumbria University
- Northumbria University
- Teesside University
- Sunderland University
- The Army
- The Navy
- Eversheds Solicitors
- Accenture
- NECC
- Springboard
- The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team
- 8 Alumni from various professions

## New school update see @St\_Anthonys3



We have had an extremely busy year but a very happy one. Building work continues to go to plan and is meeting the time schedule. There are lots of images of the new facilities on our twitter account.

We will be moving into the new building in October 2016. The whole project will not be complete until Autumn 2017. Wishing you all a safe and pleasant Summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

**M. Shepherd (Mrs.)**  
Head Teacher



# New Academy Day

## NEW SCHOOL DAY

As we begin the process of moving into our new building in 2015 we will also introduce a new academy day. From September we will move to a 5 period day. This will allow us more flexibility in our timetabling of subjects and also provide us with contact time with Mathematics and English. It also keeps the strength of our pastoral provision as a focal point at the start of each day.

8.30am	Staff Briefing	12.20pm	Lunch
8.35am	Student Registration and Pastoral time	1.20pm	Student Registration
9.00am	Lesson 1	1.25pm	Lesson 4
10.00am	Morning Break	2.25pm	Lesson 5
10.20am	Lesson 2	3.25pm	End of Student Day
11.20am	Lesson 3		

## The new GCSE Grading System from 2017

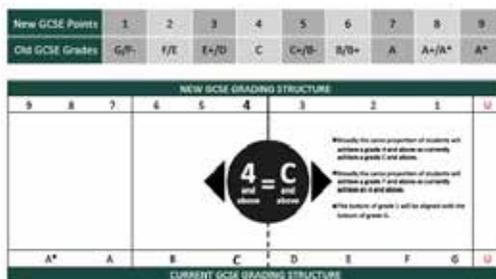
If your daughter is starting Year 10 this September she will sit the new GCSEs in English and Mathematics. When she receives her results in these subjects in 2017 they will be given by the numbers 9 to 1 instead of the familiar grades A\*–G.

Quite simply the higher the number, the better the result.

9 is the top grade, decreasing down to 1 at the bottom.

But you probably want to understand is how these grades will map across to the current A\*–G grades. There are 8 existing letter-based grades, but 9 numerical ones. So, that simple matching across from one to the other cannot happen.

The digaram should help you with this matching up.



As you can see a grade 4 is going to be set at the level of a current grade C. What this means practically is that the same proportion of students who would achieve at least a grade C will now achieve at least grade 4 under the new system. Also a grade 7 is going to be set at the level of the current grade A. At the other end, grade 1 is expected to cover the F and G grades.

# Art

## Art News

As always, our year began with the Awe and Wonder Exhibition in Durham Cathedral which saw our students displaying the usual exceptional quality of work along with other schools in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership.

Miss Connorton, Sister Adrienne and Mrs Manning undertook a visit to Barcelona in February with students from Years 13, 12 and 10. This was a very successful tour and the Awe and Wonder theme carried on with the work of Gaudi and Dali inspiring us all. Many thanks to the girls for their usual good humour and joy of life which made this tour such a memorable one.

Students from Year 9 took part in a joint Art and Science venture at the Glass Centre in Sunderland with Mr Martin. This gave them the experience of glass-blowing and was very much enjoyed by all who took part. Our thanks to The Catholic Partnership for organising such a great day for our staff and students.

The standard of this year's exam work really is outstanding. We wish all students good luck with all of their exams and especially bid a fond farewell to Year 13. Many of these students are going on to Art College both for foundation and degree courses. Our open exhibition took place on June 11th, when we celebrated our students' creativity and hard work.

This will be my last article for Spotlight as I am retiring from the teaching profession at the end of this term. I will miss the creativity of the students and seeing their work develop. I wish them and the department well for the next exciting phase of its development.

M J Manning.

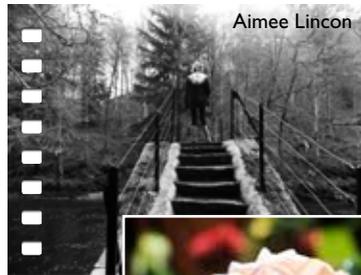


## The Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership KS3 Photography Exhibition 2015

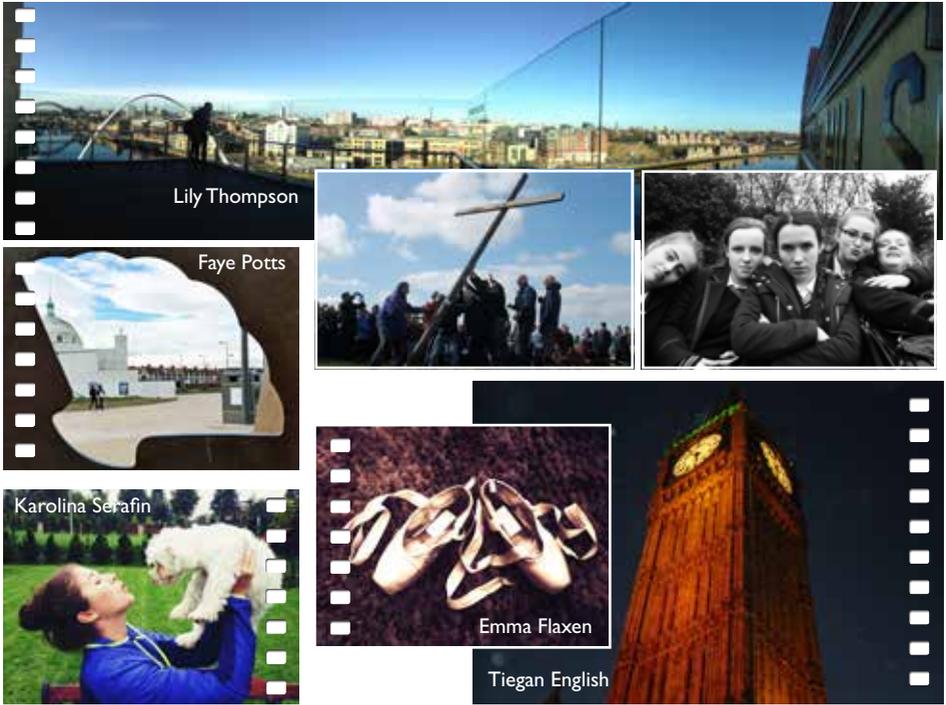
Students from The Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership gathered to display their photographs at the National Glass Centre on the 21st of April. More than 140 photographs taken by students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were on display in 13 different categories, inspired by natural forms, altered states, documentary, abstract, structures, movement, portrait, faith and landscapes amongst others. A number of awards were given out on the night. St Anthony's won 6 of the categories, with Lily Thompson scooping the top prizes in four on her own, with Emma Flaxen and Aimee Lincon also taking the top spots. Coming close with highly commended were Karolina Serafin and Faye Potts, giving St Anthony's a total of eight awards on the night. This was a great result for our girls who proved they have a keen eye when it comes to photography. It was a fantastic event and there was some incredible talent on show from some of our younger students.

Exhibiting work at the iconic National Glass Centre was a highlight for the girls. Not only is the venue inspirational to young photographers but as part of the University of Sunderland, it is at the forefront of glass research and its facilities are internationally recognised.

Well done to all our girls.



# Art



## Lauren Wicker Organiser: The National School Photography Awards 2015.

The judging took place at the Kettering Park Hotel in Northamptonshire on Thursday 21st May. I met with the National Schools Photography judging panel which included; Tony Hardacre - Photographer for The Times Education Supplement; John Robertson - Photographer for The Guardian; Daniel Baxby – Headteacher at Wrenn School; and Ian Savage – Head of Training & Development at Jessops.

We had a fantastic day looking through all the images and the judges had a tough time deciding the winners as we had some brilliant entries shortlisted. I'm very pleased to inform you that Franz Pancho has won **2nd place in the Post 16 Category** with her image "Art Dance & Music"

Our judges said: *"The image has an interesting and creative approach. Technically it is a superb image, very well done. Light painting is hard to get spot on – but this is tremendous. It has left us wondering more, and that is the sign of a good picture. Shows a lot of creative thought with great vibrant colours."*

Congratulations to Franz who has won a digital camera and a Manfrotto backpack.

<http://www.fsdesign.co.uk/nspa2015/shortlisted-entries/>



# Business & Economics

## Year 7 Enterprise Competition

A group of 34 very enthusiastic Year 7 girls took part in an enterprise competition, which involved setting up a mini enterprise with a Christmas theme and selling products at the school Christmas Fayre. The money raised was given to Manzini Youth Care. The girls gave a presentation about their business. The girls were very creative and developed some valuable skills in terms of teamwork, taking risks and decision-making.

The winning team was the "Shining Snowflakes" who sold bauble products, Santa "stop here" signs, window stickers, snow globes, Christmas teddies and notepads. Team members were Kirsten Halliday, Lilli Kitson and Khushi Patel.



In second place were The Sparklers who said 'our experience in the competition/club has been very eye-opening and has given us a real taste of life and what it would be like to have a job in the enterprise business. It's been great!'. Team members were Lucy Cooper, Grace Loftus, Taylore Eve Ross and Zoe Thompson.

Participants were Isabella Robinson, Madeleine Smith, Georgina Donkin, Lucy Hutchinson, Gabriella Machin, Caitlin Finlayson, Olivia Gowan, Abby Dolan, Courtney Ward, Eve Buckley, Cherry Tobias, Grace Allan, Sophie Lawton, Madyson Ciaraldi, Helena Morrell, Elinor Wallbank, Olivia Smith, Greta Kleinovate, Alex Reay, Sonya Stores, Olivia Jackson, Evie Wood, Ellie Mcdermond, Jade Winter, Emily Rose MacDonald, Laurie Rand and Caitlin Jarvis.

**A big well-deserved 'well done' to all girls who took part.**

## Business Plans

Year 12 Applied Business Studies students are starting their Unit 3 Coursework, where they will be creating their own business plan to support a business idea that they have the potential to take through and develop themselves in real life, once they have left education. They will have to create: a marketing plan, production plan, financial plan and human resources plan, including all of the detailed accounts from profit and loss to cash flow forecasts. They will have to research their potential competitors and decide on a suitable location for their business. The class comprises: Courtney Collins, Elle Horwood, Louise Parker and Rebecca Renney, who have all done well in their AS Coursework and are looking to further improve their grades with this important file of work.

# Business & Economics

## The Management Game

The Management Game is a competition for students across the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership and is a unique and exciting experience; students are able to engage in a business challenge that enables them to develop key employability skills and understand what it's like to be a Chartered Accountant. The competition is an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about careers in business and finance, meet potential employers, strengthen their CV and sharpen their skills. The competition offers an experience unlike anything in the classroom.

Courtney Collins, Jennifer Connolly, Lydia Ellison, Elle Horwood, Georgia Maw, Louise Parker and Rebecca Renney will be observed on how well they work as a team, how effectively they communicate and how they manage their time under tight deadlines. They will also need to demonstrate to the judges that they are organised, pro-active in their approach to tasks, and that they can think outside of the box. They will then need to use their best presentation and communication skills, when pitching to the panel of judges.



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## EXAMS 2015-16:

### November session

3 November – 13 November 2015

GCSE English/ Maths, Functional Skills Eng/  
Maths

7 January 2016 – Results

### January Session

7 – 14 January 2016

Functional Skills English/ Maths

3 March 2016 – Results

### March Session

29 Feb – 4 March 2016

Functional Skills English/ Maths

14 April 2016 - Results

### Summer Session

13 May – 29 June 2016

GCE, GCSE, FSKL, BTEC, CAMNAT  
Examinations

18 August 2016 – GCE Results

25 August 2016 – GCSE Results

# Childcare

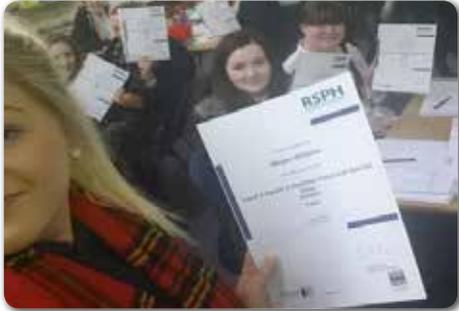
## Healthy Eating for Year 12 Childcare students!

The Year 12 Childcare students have been studying the effects of poor diet and nutrition with Mariyeh, a specialist from South Tyneside Primary Health Trust.

The sessions were very hands-on, as you can see Megan Williams experienced what carrying around the equivalent of one stone of excess weight was like!

The topics covered included not only how to eat healthily but the girls learned about specialist diets and food labelling and packaging. This will be very useful for their placement experiences with babies and very young children next year.

As well as experiencing and learning about special diets and healthy eating, the girls achieved a Level 2 Certificate, this will be great on their Curriculum Vitae and help them to gain employment.



Year 12 with their Certificates

## Making Malleable Materials

Year 10 Childcare students have been experimenting making play dough in preparation for their work experience. They are beginning to understand the importance of sensory activities in helping children to share and improve fine manipulative skills.

They have been learning about how children play at different ages and have made a good start to Coursework, exploring what toys and resources might help children's development.



Jessica, Beth and Nikki making play-dough.

# Careers

## Careers News

Well done to our School Council Anti-Bullying Team who achieved an award for their work. They enjoyed a trip to the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre to receive their Award at the Celebration Event.



## Work Experience Year 10 6th – 10th July 2015



Well done to all of Year 10 who have managed to meet the deadline in handing in their Personal Placement Forms. Once again the students are going to a range of placements which they are really excited about. Good luck girls!

As part of Work Discovery Week 29th June – 3rd July 2015 we have some exciting events which students will take part in. Year 9 pupils will be attending the Launch Day at the Stadium of Light which will consist of a Careers Fair and students will have the opportunity to meet and discuss careers with various representatives from a variety of Sectors. Some students are attending the Education Sector Day at the City of Sunderland College, others are attending a Health Care Day where they will follow two patient's journeys and will be able to gain an insight into the roles of the health care professionals they come into contact with. The Barbour Factory is the destination for Year 12 Textiles students where they will tour the factory and observe the manufacturing process for themselves.

Employer	Job Role
St Cuthbert's Primary School	Classroom Assistant
Brewlab	Laboratory Assistant
North East Accident Repair Centre	Administration Assistant
Pets at Home	Retail Assistant
Siblings Nursery	Daycare Assistant
Pure Bliss Beauty	Salon Assistant
Nissan Motor Manufacturing	Administration Assistant
Shotley Bridge Dental Care	Assistant
Asda Store	Retail Assistant
Seaham Leisure Centre	Leisure Assistant
Spark FM	Media Assistant
Hatton Gallery	Assistant Learning Officer
The Worx Dance Theatre	Dance and Drama Assistant
Peter Dunn & Co Solicitor	Legal Assistant

# Chaplaincy

## Chaplaincy

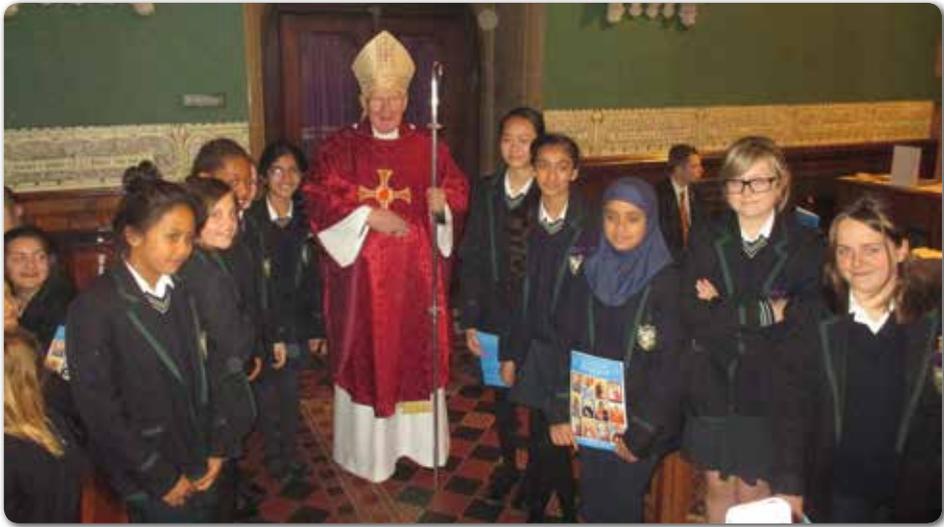
Greetings to you all from the Chaplaincy Department! Since we last wrote to you all, lots of things have happened to gladden both our, and your, hearts. We have been so proud of the way all the girls we have worked with have responded to the various enterprises we have undertaken these past 2 terms:-

- The Form 6 RE classes have worked so enthusiastically with the local Primary Schools encouraging the Mini-Vinnie projects and developing young leaders.
- The Year 7 liturgical dance group were real ambassadors for the school when they danced “Testify” for the “flash mob” at Newcastle Central Station in partnership with the diocesan Evangelisation Team, and they also enhanced our whole school Lenten liturgies with their prayerful interpretation of the hymn “Love is the answer.”
- Three Yr. 7 girls spoke about their faith in an assembly with Fr. Marc at Venerable Bede School.
- The Flame Train, and whole Wembley event, was a day to remember. All the girls who took part enjoyed the experience and came away realising how special they are to God.
- On June 2nd we celebrated the annual Partnership Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral with Bishop Seamus and pupils from all partnership schools. Girls from 7FI read the bidding prayers beautifully and we were very proud of the Icons of St. Anthony produced by Molly Todd O’Neil and Jasmine Staples.
- “God Camp”, too, was a marvellous experience for our girls (Yr. 10+) who entered into everything provided at the Festival with lively interest and willing co-operation.
- Well done to all the girls who have served on the Youth Council and inspired a new team of girls to train as leaders for the coming year!
- We extend our Congratulations to our Confirmation girls (from Yr. 9 +) who have been so faithful to our monthly sessions and who will receive the Sacrament on July 14th and 15th this year. Well done!
- We have 11 girls already who have expressed an interest in going for the “Gold Award” in the exciting new venture of the John Paul 2 award!!! Watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the Chaplaincy in whatever capacity e.g. setting up for Masses, liturgies, assemblies, readers, worship choir, dance group, friendship clubs. We look forward to exciting times ahead as we eagerly await our new chapel in the Autumn term!!!



# Chaplaincy



# Design Technology & Computing

## Girls Into Computing at Durham University



On Wednesday 11th March, a group of Year 9 pupils from St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy visited Durham University. They were offered the opportunity to go to the Computer Science Department as part of an initiative to encourage girls into computing, and they had been part of the St Anthony's Computer Club at lunchtime. Whilst there, the girls participated in a number of educational activities. These included an hour-long seminar using a computer lab to code 3D shapes. They also observed music-based coding in which Dr Bradley performed a rendition of the 1980's hit, 'Sweet Dreams'. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work in collaboration with Durham University to promote girls into computing.

Reported by:  
Lucy Robinson (Year 10)

## Computing at Software City



On Tuesday 10th March, the Year 10 GCSE ICT class, as well as a group of Year 8 pupils attended an event at 'Software City' in Sunderland. The aim of the trip was to find out about career opportunities in the North East, and several schools in Sunderland, including St Anthony's attended. The girls gained an insight into graduate schemes, careers and apprenticeships in Computing. During the visit, companies and educators gave speeches about the different pathways into employment which are available. They showed the girls innovative new technologies and some of them tried out virtual reality headsets which enabled them to wander the hallways and buildings of St Peter's Campus at Sunderland University. They discovered that there are lots of jobs available and that you need to open your mind to new opportunities. The girls enjoyed the trip; and when asked about it said that they didn't think that apprenticeships were right for them, preferring the graduate route into Computer Science as a profession.

There was a reporter from the Sunderland Echo, and Rebecca Old and Yasmin Strain were asked about the visit; this article appeared in the newspaper shortly afterwards. Miss Rochester felt that the overriding message to come out of the visit was that there are more careers in Computer Science than there are graduates to fill them.

Reported by:  
Lucy Robinson. (Year 10)

## Year 9 HNCP Bake Off Winners

Mrs Sherriff selected two hard-working and talented Year 9 students to represent St Anthony's at the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership 'Bake Off' Competition in February. Sarah McKeown and Lauren Taylor practised relentlessly to perfect their winning menu. They took first prize for their Showstopper Challenge, and were overall winners of the Bake Off, too. Well done, ladies!!

Their winning menu consisted of:

### Technical Bake Challenge

Chocolate orange éclairs filled with orange crème patisserie

### Signature Quick Bake

Creamy leek, baby mozzarella, cherry tomato and basil tartlets

### Showstopper Challenge

3 decorated cupcakes



# Design Technology & Computing

## Year 9 Costume Club

Costume Club have been working very hard this year preparing leaves for the school production of 'Into The Woods'. Students began research back in the autumn as the leaves began to fall. They collected leaves to help inspire the designing and making of the fabric leaves used for the set and costumes. They will be producing and altering costumes for the cast and are looking forward to seeing their hard work on stage!

In December some members produced a Christmas card for the 'Fairtrade' Christmas card competition and as you can see by the photographs they produced some amazing work. All members of the club have worked very hard and with enthusiasm every week, with great results. Well done!



## Year 7 Jewellery-Making Club

The workshop aims to allow pupils to experiment with their own ideas and introduces the pupils to basic workshop skills and jewellery-making techniques. Pupils this term have been using pewter to cast their own pewter charms.

Photographs show Caitlin Finlayson 7SMo and Lucy Hutchinson 7SMo using a blowtorch to melt the pewter: The girls have designed a mould using CAD and the laser cutter manufactured the mould. The girls then poured the pewter into the mould.



Year 7 work this term

## Year 8 Sushi Workshop

Miss Swainston ran a 2 week Sushi workshop with 15 year 8 pupils. The aim of the Sushi workshop was to give pupils the chance to experiment with new foods and flavours. All the girls worked fantastically and made some lovely Sushi rolls, being very creative with the flavours and use of vibrant colours! Fantastic work Year 8!

Photographs show Anna Greenwell 8 and Larna Bamlet 7 rolling their Sushi.



# Duke of Edinburgh



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update

We have been running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St Anthony's for several years now, and it has been growing in popularity year on year, with the current Year 10 breaking all previous records for numbers getting involved.

The Award consists of four parts, and participants must be self-motivated to complete every section themselves by seeking out opportunities and support from others. The pupils are invited to join our group in Year 10, ensuring they are all over 14 years old, and have to complete a physical activity, a skill and volunteering.

The pupils also have to plan and carry out a multi-day walking expedition where they must navigate their route from start to finish, carrying everything they need for the whole weekend in their rucksacks. It is a character-building, challenging and unforgettable experience, especially in poor weather!



## Boots Needed!

We provide a lot of kit for pupils to borrow, but one thing we are finding ourselves increasingly short of is walking boots in smaller sizes.

If you have some walking boots which you are able and willing to donate to the school, whether it be because your own children have grown out of them or they have been sitting gathering dust for years, we would be extremely grateful to receive them.

Please send any unwanted walking boots to Westburn Reception marked for the attention of Mr T Williams.



# Extended Curricular

## Extended Schools

The extended schools programme continues to run, allowing primary school students the chance to attend after-school activities at St. Anthony's, mixing with students from other schools as well as students from the academy. The extended schools programme is designed to ease the transition of students from Primary to Secondary education by allowing them to have some experience of the environment they will encounter when they move into Year 7.

The activities running have been the Cook-It Club, where students prepare a wide variety of recipes using the academy Food Technology facilities, and also an Arts and Crafts club where students take part in a variety of craft activities such as making wall decorations, decorating bird boxes, making simple jewellery and so on.

For further information on the Extended Schools activities check out the school website.



Students at the Cook-It Club preparing ingredients.



2 St Anthony's Students at the Arts & Crafts Club making bath bombs!

## Year 8 Writing Gets Creative.

Recently, a group of talented Year 8 students, who had demonstrated their interest in creative writing, had the opportunity to spend an afternoon working with a published writer. Susannah Pickering from 'New Writing North' worked with the pupils, taking them through the creative process and introducing techniques which sparked their imaginations and got their creative juices flowing!

The girls had a hugely enjoyable afternoon and produced some excellent poetry on the theme of love. Well done to everyone involved.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2015

As usual, World Book Day proved to be a very exciting day in the English department. With staff, students (and this year even classrooms) dressed up, we were ready for some serious reading and talking about books.

It was decided this year that we would try to address the often-heard

statement 'I don't read because I haven't found anything I'm interested in'. We aimed, therefore, to expose our pupils to genres they might not be familiar with, or even remind them of things that they have enjoyed but may have forgotten about. Consequently, the themed English rooms included: Children's Fiction, Romance, Fantasy, the Gothic, Crime Fiction, and WW2 Non-fiction. Pupils had the chance to read (and be read to) from these genres, and staff and pupils shared 'good reads' and enthusiastic responses. Some classes were even heard being dismissed to the sound of an air-raid siren...

Most of our pupils do understand the value and enjoyment of a good book. We encourage students to try out different genres and written styles and we firmly believe that there is something out there for everyone. Go and find it, girls!

## Writing's in 'Vogue'

Talented Year 11 student Stephanie Wilson has recently entered a prestigious writing competition held each year by her favourite magazine – 'Vogue'. The competition involves submitting three pieces of writing: an original descriptive interview, a short article based around a topic of interest or current affairs and a proposal for a further feature piece for the magazine.

Stephanie chose to interview a successful career woman (Mrs. Shepherd) who kindly agreed to give some of her valuable time. She then decided to write an article based around the current issue of extremist groups radicalising young British women. Her proposal for a feature piece included looking at the current format of fashion shows and seeing how technology is influencing ideas about fashion and self.

Although it will be a while until we find out whether her entry is successful, it was a pleasure to work with Stephanie on this and see her knowledge, talent and dedication shine through. We are keeping our fingers crossed that her entry is successful and in the meantime, we are working on ideas for next year's entry – when Stephanie will be in Sixth Form – just in case!



# English

## A Level Drama

The AS and A2 students taking Drama and Theatre Studies gained a very practical insight into the life of a touring theatre company this term as we took our show – literally – ‘on the road’! Because there are no stage facilities here at present, St Aidan’s kindly let us use their stage and hall for two days so that we could present our final practical work, worth 40% of the marks, under proper stage conditions.



Having been preparing since January, we packed our bags – and the boot of Mrs Adamson’s car – with an assortment of vital equipment,

costumes and props, and then spent a hectic afternoon rehearsing in our new environment and finally getting to grips with lighting, sound and stage management.

It was a very steep learning curve, but we discovered some hidden technical talents amongst the group! The afternoon of



Monday 27th April saw the groups performing for the Moderator and Chief Moderator, as well as a specially invited audience. Year 12 students presented prepared extracts from ‘Hobson’s Choice’

and ‘A Streetcar Named Desire’, having directed themselves and created the set and costumes. Year 13 presented their original devised piece



– a very moving thirty minute play called ‘Open Doors’, exploring the choices and pressures on a group of three friends as they reached the end of their time at school.

Thanks particularly to the staff of St Aidan’s who made us so welcome (even when we managed to fuse the stage lights!) and to Mrs Adamson and Mrs Dudley who provided much practical and moral support. Next year, we should have a drama studio and a hall at our disposal – what a luxury that will be!

All three A2 students are planning to take their drama studies further next year and we wish them every success as they move on. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed working with them over the last two years and will be very sorry to see them go!



## Talking her way to the top

Rachel Krajovska literally talked her way to the top in the annual Catenians Public Speaking Competition held at the Ramside Hall Hotel this year. The competition was fierce but Rachel battled her way through to win the runners-up prize in her category – a real success for Rachel and St. Anthony’s.

Watch out next year as Rachel is determined to win...



# Geography



## The Restless Earth - Explosive Volcanoes!

As part of the Year 9 course in Geography this year we looked at the GCSE topic The

Restless Earth and the girls learnt that our planet never sleeps! We researched areas where earthquakes are shaking things up and how we can prepare for these sometimes massive events around the world. The best part however, was studying different types of volcano and how different they can be. The girls made model volcanoes as part of their research project and in groups presented their explosive work outdoors so the volcanoes could erupt!



## World Environment Day – 3R's

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on the 5th June. It celebrates and raises awareness for work of the United Nations Environment Programme. Pupils across key stage three took part in a 'recycle race' and enjoyed listening to Jack Johnson's song 'The 3R's' which helps us learn about how we can help the environment by reducing what we use and waste, re-using items such as shopping bags and recycling what we can, when we can. After much discussion the girls decided that, however much or however little we choose to do, it all helps to make the world a cleaner, brighter, happier place to live, so we should all try to make a start on saving our planet.



## Coastal walks – The Coast

The Year 8 girls have thoroughly enjoyed landform-spotting along our coastline and walked the National Trust 'Souter Saunter' pathway and on to South Shields for a well-earned ice-cream! We looked out for landforms in the Magnesian limestone rocks that form stacks, arches, headlands, bays and caves.

The girls were really rather proud that they were able to take what they had learned in the classroom and recognise the features of the coastline on their doorstep!



# Geography

## Living Streets

During the course of the year the Living Streets group in St. Anthony's have run three campaigns. We did a two-week Walking Challenge in October, when pupils could sign up to a website and use a pedometer or use an App for their phone to count their steps. This was to measure all activity, but we were also hoping that people would walk more of the way to the academy. This was a house competition and a pupil from the colour with the most steps logged won a shopping voucher and one from the most improved house also. In the Spring Term this was rolled out to be a month-long challenge. We have been awarded a glass trophy for our successful participation in that event by Living Streets/Go Smarter. Years 12 and 13 were also involved in a Free Your Feet challenge. They logged their walking for a week and five lucky winners got High Street shopping vouchers. There were even staff winners – to encourage staff to return surveys carried out before and after the challenges. Well done all those who took part, and thank you to our Living Streets Smart Walk team who led assemblies, collected questionnaires, gave out pedometers and helped other pupils with the website sign up. They enjoyed a pizza party as a thank you. We were also involved in University research into the Living Streets national campaigns.



# History & Politics

## History Visit to Berlin

Over the Easter break, 38 Year 11 pupils took part in a visit to Berlin as part of their study of Nazi Germany along with Mrs Marshall, Miss Moran and Miss Horner. They visited the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, the Jewish Museum and many other sites during their stay. The pupils were particularly moved by their visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp and Wannsee, where pupils dealt with some difficult issues but were very mature throughout. Both the pupils and the staff really enjoyed the visit and pupils commented on how much they enjoyed seeing the sites that they discuss in class.



## VE Day celebrations

The 8th of May saw the 70th anniversary of VE Day. Year 7 pupils studied the importance of this event and why it resulted in wild celebrations across the country, where even Princess Elizabeth crept out of the palace to celebrate. Some classes enjoyed tea parties like the ones seen in streets across Britain in 1945 and developed an understanding of the significance of this event and the people who fought to make it happen.



## School Election

The History department organised a school election to coincide with May's General Election, where five candidates from each year represented the five main parties. Candidates delivered speeches in assemblies to convince their voters to support them. Students and staff were very impressed by the depth and clarity of ideas, and these were hotly debated in the school corridors. As for the results; it was a clean sweep for Labour, a very different result to the General Election! Special thanks to Y12 Politics students for counting and verifying the results. It was brilliant to see so many girls interested and involved in the election!



## History Club

History Club have turned their eyes to Tudor fashion, analysing Tudor dress styles and creating their own versions of the favourite fashions of Henry VIII's wives'. They created beautiful designs, culminating in a fashion show at the end of term; designs were placed onto paper dolls on a miniature Tudor runway.

History Club then fixed their attention on creating Top Trumps for women throughout History. They chose two women to compete for top woman in History, with categories including most gruesome death, and impact of actions after life. Girls then battled it out for the title of the 'Best Woman in History'. Anne Frank was the winner after fierce competition and a public vote.

# History & Politics

## World War One Centenary

Girls throughout the school have been taking part in a variety of activities to commemorate the centenary of WWI.



In December, a group of Year 9 pupils attended a workshop along with other schools in the Catholic Partnership. During the 'Christmas Truce Workshop' pupils took part in an artefact handling session where they gained a greater understanding of the life of a soldier in WWI. They developed their understanding of how Durham University was involved in the war effort and they completed their own designs for Princess Mary tins and shell casings as if they had been involved in the Christmas Day Truce.

In March, Mrs Hoey, Charlotte Jurgens (Year 9) and Hannah Donkin (Year 13) travelled to the Battlefields in northern France and Belgium. The Department of Education arranged for two pupils from all state-funded secondary schools to travel to the battlefields as part of national centenary celebrations. Therefore the representatives from the academy travelled with 12 other schools from the North East. The pupils were chosen from a large cohort based on their extra efforts in school, particularly History lessons.

During the visit, the pupils and Mrs Hoey visited the battlefields in Flanders and the Somme, they travelled to the Theipval Memorial at the site of the Somme and attended the death cells in Popping where they discussed whether soldiers should have been shot for cowardice. Also during the trip pupils visited a German war cemetery and Flanders Field

museum. Finally, pupils visited Tyne Cot Cemetery where they laid their own memorial wreath and pupils from the academy laid a memorial cross on the grave of soldier who was connected to the school. Pupils had researched this individual before travelling to the battlefields.

Since their return home pupils have been involved in the Legacy 110 project with the aim of informing 110 people what they learned and what they gained from the trip. This has involved the girls going into assemblies and informing younger pupils about what they have learned.

From January to February, Sainsbury's hosted a cross-curricular competition between PE and History. Pupils were asked to submit a piece of propaganda to encourage men to join the Christmas Day Truce. Sarah Knight (Year 9) was our winning entry, and she attended the Sainsbury's School Games as a reporter, along with other children from the local authority. There Sarah won a bronze medal for her performance and interaction on the day.

In April, pupils from Year 9 attended a workshop to commemorate 100 years since the first gas attack. During the workshop pupils made a prototype for their own gas mask and they toured Durham City Centre to gain an understanding of how the buildings were used during the war.

Finally in May, a group of Year 8 pupils attended a Sunderland City Council heritage event at Barnes

Park, to help students understand life in 1915. As well as learning about mining and rationing, pupils were given a vegetable plant to take home and had a ride on the 'shuggy boats'!



# International Links

## China Student Exchange

In January, St Anthony's was delighted to play host to 14 Chinese students from a school in Daqing, China. They stayed with us for eight weeks and were each given a buddy to shadow. They followed their buddies to lessons, ate in the canteen, took part in lunch-time activities, completed homework – in fact they did everything and became a real part of our school community. The girls would have been used to the building work here, as in November 2014 they moved into a brand new school. It was an empty shell when Miss Robinson visited in October but was already a very imposing building as the pictures below show. Whilst they were here, the students (alongside 14 boys who went to school at St Aidan's) visited lots of places both locally and further afield, including a trip to London and to the theatre in Newcastle. One of the highlights was a trip to the Stadium of Light to see Sunderland play, and many of them bought red and white souvenirs to take home! Mrs Laydon and Mr Hermon ran an excellent session for the students one weekend, where they could make traditional English crafts and take part in archery. The girls really enjoyed making friends and they have been dearly missed since they returned to Daqing. Thank you to everybody who made the girls feel so welcome in school, but a special thank you to the buddies who did such a fantastic job looking after our visitors. Hopefully some long-term friendships have been made.



Daqing Foreign Language School



Mrs Burns accepting a present from Daqing on behalf of the school

## Chinese Teacher Visit

St Anthony's welcomed a visit from two teachers from Number 69 Middle School in Harbin, China, last November. The teachers stayed for 3 days and observed a range of lessons, as well as teaching some Mandarin to a group of Y8 students. Here are the girls showing off their lucky happiness bookmarks given to them as a present:



During the visit, there was a special ceremony held at the Civic Centre where the new friendship agreement was signed between Sunderland and Harbin. Three of Miss Robinson's Mandarin students were lucky enough to attend and were a real credit to the school. Here's what Bethany Dixon, Eve Barks and Ellen Barrett wrote about the visit:

"On Thursday afternoon we went to the Civic Centre where we had to do a presentation about what we had learned in Mandarin club. We told the other schools and Chinese visitors about the trips we had been on and we even spoke some Mandarin! We met the mayor of Sunderland and the Education Minister of Harbin and had our picture taken with them. We had a wonderful time and although we were nervous we really enjoyed being able to show off our language skills to other students."



# Learning Resource Centre News

## Pupil Librarian Scheme

This year's Pupil Librarians have now completed their training scheme and to celebrate will attend an award ceremony in July. This year it will be held at the Stadium of Light and the guest speaker will be the known author Alan Gibbons. The girls will be presented with a certificate and receive a signed copy of one of his books.



Well done, girls!

Nafisa Anjum  
Samantha Barrett  
Julia Brunton  
Yasmine Fayaz  
Olivia Glover  
Olivia Kerr  
Roshini Raji  
Jane Usher  
Abigail Wilson



## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day 2015, we had a competition in the library where the girls had to create a Book Jacket. We had some fantastic entries and after much deliberation the winners were;

Faye Barker Yr 7  
Olivia Glover Yr 8  
Leah Tubman Yr 9  
Noshin Rouf Yr 10



## Scholastic Book Club

The termly Scholastic Book Club leaflets have proved very popular and I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who have supported it this year.



## Accelerated Reader

### Reading Club

Reading Club runs every morning from 8.30am until 9.10am in the library. It is run by Mrs Hall with help from Ms Jackson, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Grieves and Mrs Hartley.

We use a computer programme called Accelerated Reader which enables us to pick books from the library and then take a quiz on them.

The aim of our club is to get ourselves **“caught reading.”** Not all books are fun for everyone, so Reading Club is about finding books that we find fun, interesting and not too hard to read.

This year, we have taken over **738** quizzes. We have also read over **2,505,649** words.

**The Stars of Reading Club this year have been:**

**The Most Words Read Award:**

- **Michelle Liu** in Year 7 words read **616,471**



**100% Quizzes Passed Award**

- **Kadiza Begum** in Year 7 passed **ALL** 45 quizzes taken

**Most Quizzes Taken and Passed Award**

- **Olivia Kaigg** in Year 8 took 60 quizzes

Some of our girls have received certificates for amazing achievements in reading this year.

**WELL DONE, GIRLS!**



# Literacy Events

## WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2015

Thursday 5th March saw St Anthony's celebrating World Book Day 2015. Staff and pupils took part in dressing as their favourite book characters for the World Book Day charity, Book Aid International, raising a fantastic £247. Well done, girls!



### Congratulations to the winners of the World Book Day Competitions



Winners of copies of *GEEK GIRL* by Holly Smales were Dikan Tony-Obot and Faye Barker from Year 7. The Winners of the popular *Girl Online* by Zoella were Zoe Tipling (Year 8) and Jessie Bradford (Year 9).

Zoe Tipling winner from Year 8 with her copy of *Girl Online*



During the summer holiday why not spend some time reading one of these fantastic new novels, some of which were included in the 2015 CILIP Carnegie Medal shortlist? All novels are available in the school library.

- *Lions and Unicorns* Michael Murpurgo
- *Dandelion Clocks* Rebecca Wescott
- *A Boy Called Hope* Lara Williamson
- *Wonder* R.J Palacio
- *The Things We Did for Love* Natasha Farrant
- *The Sound of Whales* Kerr Thompson
- *An Island of our own* Sally Nichols
- *Scarlet Ibis* Gill Lewis
- *Harry and Hope* Sarah Lean
- *Tinder* Sally Gardner
- *The Fastest Boy in the World* Elizabeth Laird
- *The Middle of Nowhere* Geraldine McCaughrean



### Book in a Bag

A reminder that all key stage 3 pupils are required to have a reading book in their school bag. They may bring in their own reading book, or borrow one from the wide selection in the school library. However, Kindles should not be brought into school. From September, Year 7 and 8 pupils will be taking part in the Accelerated Reading programme and have reading time during lessons so it is therefore essential they have a suitable reading book. Please support this by encouraging your daughter to carry a reading book in her bag.



# Music

## And the winner is... St Anthony's Senior Choir!

Congratulations to our amazing Senior Choir who won the annual 'City Sings' competition at Sunderland Empire on March 15th this year. The choir won both the 'open' category and were crowned overall winners following their stunning performances of Seal Lullaby by Eric Whitacre and the show-stopping Hail Holy Queen from Sister Act. The judges commented on the choir's beautiful, warm sound and even commended their dance moves! As a prize they received tickets to see Top Hat at Sunderland Empire, a cheque, and the



Dr Gilbert trophy which is proudly on display in Mrs Dudley's classroom! Congratulations to all involved – a very well-deserved accolade!

## Evening Prayers with the Dean of Durham



A big thank you to some of our Senior Choir members who gave up their Sunday evening in the middle of exam time to sing at the monthly Evening Prayer service at Ushaw in May. The girls led the service along with organist Roger Kelly and sang a range of hymns to the congregation, Fr Marsland (president of Ushaw college) and the Dean of Durham. A lovely night, and we look forward to the next one!

## It's Into the Woods we go...

As you read this, the cast, chorus and technical crew will be basking in the glory of their production of Sondheim's Into the Woods. For over nine months the students have worked hard to put together a really difficult and demanding show, with difficult lines and even more challenging songs and music! More photos and reports in the next edition of Spotlight!



## Search for a Star

A big well done to 'St Anthony's Search for a Star' winner Olivia Smith and runner up Alice Liddle who represented the Academy at the regional final at Southmoor School in March. Both girls gave stunning performances to a packed hall, and although they weren't crowned the winners on the night they represented the Academy with professionalism and such musicality. Congratulations, girls!



# Music

## Antonian Awards Success!

The 2015 Antonian Awards were held in March and the competition was stronger than ever! Congratulations to our winners who were chosen from a bunch of very talented pupils:

**Victrix Ludorum:** Georgia McCluskey

Georgia has excelled in Music since passing her Grade 8 Singing exam earlier this year. She is studying AS Music and is working on her singing diploma, sings solos and duets regularly at concerts and events, and is playing Rapunzel in Into The Woods this year. A true talent; well done, Georgia!

**Outstanding Achievement:** Charlotte Galloway & Alice Liddle

We couldn't separate these two! Charlotte wins the award for passing her Grade 5 Piano exam with distinction, and at the same time achieving the Arthur Dickeson award for the highest mark in an examination year. Alice wins for entering the local 'Genfactor' competition and finishing in third place from over one hundred entrants. Charlotte and Alice are both studying GCSE music, are both principal roles in Into the Woods and can often be found in and around the music department, and are both truly outstanding students. Well done, girls!

**Best Team:** Senior Choir

After their most successful year yet, the award had to go to our Senior Choir. We are excited to see what they will do in the next academic year! Well done, girls!

**Best Ambassador:** Emma Ford

Emma is well known to everyone in the music department and beyond. She is studying AS Level music and represents the department at almost every event we do, from concerts and events to open evenings and workshops. She often leads sectional rehearsals with the Senior Choir, and is playing Cinderella in Into the Woods this year. Well done, Emma and thank you for all that you do!

**Paula Williams Rising Star:** Emmaleigh Poulton

Emmaleigh has been involved with the department since joining us in Year 7, but has suddenly risen through the ranks by being cast as Jack's Mother in Into the Woods and having a solo in the Christmas concert. She is also learning to play piano and can play the harp. Watch this space...! Well done, Emmaleigh!



## Spring Concert

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Spring Concert at St Mary's Church in March to listen to our fabulous ensembles and soloists. The church was packed, and we were treated to performances from the Senior, Junior and Year 9 choirs, the Orchestra, String Orchestra and Brass Band and the Guitar Group, as well as some amazing showcase pieces from soloists and duets. Thank you to Fr. Marc for having us once again!



# Music

## Arts Award Achievement



Congratulations to the 15 students who have successfully been awarded their Bronze Arts Award this year:

Georgia Bell, Ella Colgan, Grace Copeland, Anna Donkin, Ciara Ellis, Emma Ford, Charlotte Galloway, Alice Liddle, Abbie Little, Lydia Richardson-Dunn, Emma Robson, Ellie Strong, Lucy Surman-Wells, Sofia Trovero, Olivia Wildgoose.



Arts Award recognizes dedication to, and achievement in, a branch of the arts, and girls get a qualification for doing something that they love! Students need to take part in an arts activity (in or out of school), explore the arts as an audience member, research their arts inspirations, and then share their arts skills with others. Arts Award is open to anyone with a love of the arts, and runs every Wednesday lunchtime in MC2.

Some girls are now working on their Silver Arts Award, which requires them to organize an event in the arts. Well done to Emma Ford and Charlotte Galloway who successfully planned an afternoon service at Holy Cross Care Home, and arranged pieces and poems to perform to the residents by some of the Senior Choir. The service was planned to perfection and the staff at the care home were so impressed that they have already booked us in for Christmas! A lovely afternoon; well done, girls!

## Y6 Open Evening

Thank you to our lovely Year 7 pupils who helped show off St Anthony's Music department at the recent Y6 open evening and showed prospective parents their musical skills by playing the piano as they wandered around the department. The girls played a range of pieces from Baroque style to Coldplay, and parents were impressed with their talent and professionalism. Well done, girls!



Ellie Graham, Lydia Paget, Ella Surman-Wells, Caitlin Patterson, Catherine Burke.

## ABRSM success!

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Associated Board exam passes this year, with an astounding set of results:

Rebecca Begg	Grade 5 Theory with Distinction
Rebecca Gair	Grade 2 Piano with Merit
Charlotte Galloway	Grade 5 Theory with Merit Grade 5 Flute with Merit
Eve Grant	Grade 3 Clarinet with Merit
Abbie Little	Grade 1 Piano with Merit
Katrina O'Neill	Grade 1 Violin with Distinction
Chloe Redman	Grade 2 Piano with Distinction
Lauren Roberts	Grade 2 Piano with Distinction
Livia Scott	Grade 2 Piano with Merit
Jennifer Welsh	Grade 4 Piano with Distinction

## Rocking All Over The World!

Our drum students and AS level students were treated in March to a drum workshop led by Jeff Rich, drummer from Status Quo. The girls were kindly invited to St Aidan's where they spent a morning listening to Jeff teach them about the history of drums, how he became famous and how to play as an ensemble. Emma Ford (Y12) and Emily Brown (Y8) were even lucky enough to have a go on Jeff's drum kit, and then our drum teacher Mr Cassidy gave Jeff a run for his money and showed us what professional drummers sound like. A very exciting and enjoyable morning!



# Maths

## Awards for Success in Sixth Form Mathematics

The Mathematics Department awards two prizes for the Year 13 mathematicians who are not only academically good at Mathematics or Further Mathematics, but also have contributed to the school through their Mathematics.

### Year 13



Dana Lim

In 2015 Dana Lim was presented the **Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics**, while **Olivia Gough** received the **Further Mathematics Award**.

Both are outstanding Mathematicians, who deserve these awards, but there were many who could have received them. Good luck to all of the Year 12 and 13 mathematicians as they await their AS and A-Level results.

Anyone interested in AS or A2 Mathematics or Further Mathematics at St Anthony's are asked to contact Mr G Dunn or Mrs T Armstrong at any time.

## Intermediate Maths Challenge Results 2015

The top two Maths sets in Years 9, 10 and 11 competed in the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. The challenge is taken nationwide and is intended to stretch the most able mathematicians

across the country. As with the Junior Challenge, the top performing girls are presented with either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. A special mention must go to Bethaney Miller from Year 11, who achieved the certificate for 'Best in School.'



'Best in School', Bethaney Miller



Year 11 Certificate Winners



Year 10 Certificate Winners



Year 9 Certificate Winners



# Maths

## Mathematics Challenge Certificate Winners

The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 11

Best in Year:

Bethaney Miller

Silver Certificate

Bethaney Miller

Eleanor Duncan

Anya Mason

Rebecca Terry

Anna Mckie

Bronze Certificate

Kaylee McNally

Jennifer Szandrowska

Tayla Wilkinson

Sarah King

Ellie Clark

Zoe Jones

Amy Johnson

Amy Henshaw

Aimee Murphy

Lauren Ritchie

Lauren Roberts

Livia Scott

Faye Greenman

Beth Morland

### Year 10

Best in Year:

Lucy Roberts

Silver Certificate

Lucy Roberts

Rebecca Begg

Jannie Pineda

Bronze Certificate

Emily Lau

Chloe Reeves

Anna Redshaw

Jeesna George

Emmie Thompson

Jaymie Briton

Jesty Sojan

Beth Collinson

Rhiannon Laverick

Emily Marshall

Maisha Choudhury

Alice Liddle

### Year 9

Best in Year:

Ayesha Isahac and

Jane Matibag

Silver Certificate

Ayesha Isahac

Jane Matibag

Bronze Certificates

Bethany Jones

Jessica Robinson

Ellie Hamilton

Jess Mellett

Heather Adams

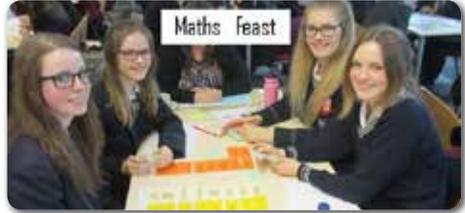
Lily Heskett-Saddlington

Lily Frankland

Bethany Griffiths

## Maths Feast

A group of four Year 10 girls (Becca Begg, Lucy Surman-Wells, Rhiannon Laverick and Lucy Robinson) represented St. Anthony's at the Maths Feast at Framwellgate School in County Durham. This event featured team challenges and competitions involving fourteen teams from the whole of the North East. The girls came first in two of the rounds and finished in second place overall. This is an outstanding result for our school and the girls involved really did us proud!



## Maths Primary Links



From September the Maths department have been working with a Year 6 pupil named Athena from Dame Dorothy Primary School to build on her Mathematics skills. We have been focusing on higher GCSE work and functional skills – incorporating maths into everyday life, looking at interest rates and prices of

items before and after a sale. Athena also completed a statistics project that focused on the measurement of Borrell leaves and a scrapbook compiling her work on algebra – which she presented at her primary school. Athena's favourite subject was algebra, enjoying how equations can be made simple and treating algebra like a big puzzle to solve! It has been a pleasure working with such a talented hard-working young pupil. We're sure she has a great future ahead of her.

# Maths

## Senior Maths Challenge 2014-15

Fourteen pupils have achieved an award in the UKMT Individual Senior Maths Challenge 2014-15. The challenge for pupils in Year 12 is based upon problem-solving, using Mathematics.

The top award of Gold and the Best in School goes to **Jessica Phipps**. Jessica also qualified for the higher level Senior Kangaroo challenge paper.

Silver awards go to **Dana Lim, Ellis Neal** and **Eve Watson**.

Bronze awards go to **Kate Hamilton, Catherine Taylor, Jessica Alldis, Emily Chisholm, Rachel Lim, Laura Mackel, Georgia McCluskey, Hannah Mearns, Sarah Mearns**

All the students have studied Advanced Level Mathematics and **Jessica, Dana, Ellis** and **Eve** also study Further Mathematics.



Back Row (left to right): Laura Mackel, Kate Hamilton, Catherine Taylor, Rachel Lim, Charlotte Potts, Eve Watson, Georgia McClusky, Jessica Alldis, Sarah Mearns, Hannah Mearns.

Front Row (left to right) Ellis Neal, Jessica Phipps, Dana Lim.

## GCSE Maths Revision Day

A number of our Year 11 students, recently attended a Maths Revision day at the Stadium of Light. Mr Dunn and Mrs Dugan led the day which involved intensive revision and was highly productive. Good luck to all of our Year 11 students as they take their final GCSE examinations.



## Year 11 Mathematics Award

The Mathematics Department awards the prize for Mathematics to an outstanding pupil in Year 11. This year Bethaney Miller was awarded this prize for her superb achievement and effort during her GCSE course. Competition for this award was tough this year with many girls deserving recognition. A huge well done to all girls in Year 11 for their commitment and hard work and best of luck as they await their examination results.

# Maths

## Senior Team Mathematics Challenge 2014/15



From left to right: Ellis Neal (Year 12), Dana Lim (Year 13), Jessica Phipps (Year 12) and Rachel Lim (Year 12)

A team of four Year 12 and 13 students represented the school in the regional heat of the UK Maths Trust Senior Team Challenge.

The girls achieved 7th place overall, which was fantastic given the level of difficulty of the activities and the tough competition.

A great time was had by all and as always our students were fantastic ambassadors for the Academy. Well done!



## Junior Maths Challenge Results 2014

The top two Maths sets in years 7 and 8 competed in the Junior Maths Challenge in April. The challenge is taken nationwide and is intended to stretch the most able of mathematicians across the country. The girls' scores are collated and certificates are distributed to the top performing candidates who are awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze. All of the girls who competed did very well, particularly Jasmine Staples from year 8 who was awarded the certificate for Best in School.

The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 8

Best in Year:

Hannah Cowgill and  
Ashna Saji

### Silver

Hannah Cowgill  
Ashna Saji  
Paige Dodd  
Rhiannon Bryant  
Christel Furtado  
Naomi Laverick  
Katie Bell

### Bronze

Yasmin Fayaz  
Melin Sunil  
Hannah Oxley  
Alex Tynan  
Hannah Blyth  
Tayla Freeman  
Lillie Muncaster  
Amellia Turnbull  
Rosie Coyne  
Jasmin Pahl  
Anna Greenwell  
Chelsea Nocon  
Fay Hildreth  
Jade Surtees

### Year 7

Best in School:

Danielle Gomez

Best in Year:

Danielle Gomez

### Gold Certificate

Danielle Gomez

### Silver Certificate

Jade Winter  
Ellie Graham  
Catherine Burke  
Caitlin Patterson  
Chloe Forster

### Bronze Certificate

Sophia Tan  
Lovepreet Singh  
Ella Surman-Wells  
Oluchi Davidson  
Aparna Saji  
Grace Finch  
Emily Lincoln  
Kate Graham  
Dikan Tony-Obot

# The Antonian

The fourth Antonian Awards Ceremony 2015 was held in the Grand Room in the Roker Hotel in April. Students from the Art, Music, Sports and PE, Technology and Drama Departments celebrated their accomplishments and achievements. Nominated students received certificates and specially designed "Antonian Awards" made by the DT Department. All staff worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the evening was a success.

Katie Storey (Sun FM) was the Master of Ceremonies and guest presenters were Andrea Deitz for Art, Emma Rogers for Music, Caitlin Hindmarsh for PE, Clara Shepherd for Drama and Rachel Raine for Technology. All are highly successful in their chosen careers and they are all past pupils of St Anthony's.

The students and their parents enjoyed a formal dinner with staff, governors and guests. This was followed by a disco which was enjoyed by all. The evening was a great success.



Award	Department	Runners up
<b>Victrix Ludorum (Best Girl)</b>	<b>Art</b>	Franz Pancho (13) Jessica Paterson 13
	<b>Music</b>	Amy Watson Yr 12 Emma Robson Yr 10
	<b>PE/Sport</b>	Lucy Weston Yr 7 Zeta Rutherford Yr 8
	<b>Drama</b>	Eve Doherty Yr 13 Roberta Glover Yr 13
	<b>Technology</b>	Gabrielle Winton Yr 11 Lauren Boyd Yr 11
<b>Best Outstanding Achievement</b>	<b>Art</b>	Olivia Collins Yr 10 Louise Smith Yr 13
	<b>Music</b>	Grace Copeland Yr 10
	<b>PE/Sport</b>	Grace Terry Yr 7 Anna Ball Yr 10
	<b>Drama</b>	Roberta Glover Yr 13
<b>Best Group/Team</b>	<b>Art</b>	Yr 9 Art Club – Kinga Lewandrow Yr 8 Big Doodle Group – Yasmin I
	<b>Music</b>	Orchestra (Emma Robson Yr 10) Arts Award Group (Emma Ford Yr 10)
	<b>PE/Sport</b>	Yr 7 Netball Team (Ellie Stanley-R Yr 9 & 10 Sports Hall Athletics Tea
	<b>Drama</b>	Yr 10 Debating Team 2014 (represented by Rachel Kravjoska)
<b>Best Ambassador</b>	<b>Technology</b>	Yr 8 Rocket Challenge – Sarah M Christmas Crafts Team – Rachel S
	<b>Art</b>	Shannon Young Yr 12 Charlotte Grieves Yr 12
	<b>Music</b>	Abi Davies Yr 8 Olivia Knowles Yr 12
	<b>PE/Sport</b>	Megan Peacock Yr 9 Merin Benny Yr 9
	<b>Drama</b>	Gemma Dodsworth Yr 10 Ellie Strong
<b>Paula Williams Rising Star Award</b>	<b>Technology</b>	Rachael Stoker Yr 12 Jannie Pineda Yr 10
	<b>Art</b>	Zoe Tipling Yr 8 Jamela Coloma Yr 8
	<b>Music</b>	Grace Scott Yr 8 Olivia Wildgoose Yr 9
	<b>PE/Sport</b>	Emily Lincoln Yr 7 Lily Paget Yr 7
	<b>Drama</b>	Sophia Trovero Yr 10 Jane Usher Yr 8
	<b>Technology</b>	Lucy Surman-Wells Yr 10 Achsah Finney Yr 10



# Awards 2015

	Winner
	Caressa Yadao Yr 13
	Georgia McCluskey Yr 12
	Rose Curle Yr 10
	Emily Dodds Yr 13
	Bethaney Miller Yr 11
	Celine Santiago Yr 13
	Charlotte Galloway Yr 10 Alice Liddle Yr 10
	Beth Parodi Yr 8
	Eve Doherty Yr 13
	Stephanie Wilson Yr 11
vska Fayaz	Yr 13 Team – Sarah Hill
-12)	Senior Choir (Charlotte Potts Yr13)
oberts)	KS4 Badminton Team (Thea Bolante)
am (Sarah Knight)	“Shakespeare Smash” Team 2013 and 2014 (represented by Gemma Dodsworth)
)	Catholic Partnership Bake Off Team – Lauren Taylor
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	Emma Ford Yr 12
	Abbie Little Yr 10
	Megan Bowie Yr 12
	Sarah Richardson Yr 12
	Jenny Stavers Yr 8
	Emmaleigh Poulton Yr 9
	Ellie Stanley Roberts Yr 7
	Anna Donkin Yr 10
	Rachel Green Yr 9



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## Café Kulture

The MFL department's Café Kulture has been another great success this year selling refreshments to students, parents and teachers at school events throughout the year. It has been run mainly by Sixth Form Language students, but other Year groups have helped out too. A big thank you to everyone who has helped out and supported us. We are looking forward to hosting another Café Kulture evening next year where we will invite Y6 students from local primary schools to join us for a fun evening celebrating Language learning. Look out for the Café at upcoming events – you could even impress us by ordering something in a foreign language!



## Y9/10 Paris study visit

Twenty Year 9 and Year 10 students are eagerly awaiting their upcoming trip to Paris in July! They will be visiting key places such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral and Montmartre, as well as spending a whole day at Parc Astérix, a French cartoon-themed park. They will also get the chance to see how chocolate is made in a real chocolaterie, and hopefully practise their French skills too! Fingers crossed the girls are as excited as Miss Robinson and Mrs Napier who will be accompanying them! If any current Y8 and Y9 students are interested in attending next year, they can find out more information from Miss Robinson in the MFL department.

## MFL Enterprise Day

We are all really looking forward to this year's MFL Enterprise Day which will involve the whole of Year 9 on Friday 10th July. During the day pupils will be working in teams to complete an apprentice-style challenge focused on selling Sunderland as a tourist destination to foreign visitors. By the end of the day pupils will have produced their own advert which they will perform to their peers in either French or Spanish. This event has proved extremely popular in previous years and we are hoping that it will be just as enjoyable this time around.



## MFL Film Club!

All Sixth Form are invited to the MFL Film Club!

Free entry to French and Spanish films shown on a fortnightly basis during lunchtimes.

It's a great way to improve your language skills, experience another culture as well as improve your university applications due to the cross-curricular themes within these specially chosen films. See posters around school for more details.



## Primary Links

Several of our MFL staff regularly teach languages in local Primary schools which is a great experience for both teachers and students. A few weeks ago the Year 5 class from English Martyrs RC Primary School performed presentations in French about the solar system during their weekly French lesson. The students spent several lessons learning how to describe the planets in French and showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout. Each student worked well individually to prepare their presentation and their performances were, without exception, fantastic! It is a great achievement to be able to speak in French to a group and even more impressive to speak about such a complicated topic. They should all be very proud of their achievement!



## Christmas Card Eurovision

On 10th December Carmel College hosted the Catholic Partnership Christmas Card Eurovision Song Contest. All students from Year 9 were invited to audition with Sophie Foster, Bethany Griffiths, Hope Irvine, Bethany Jones, Beth Leake, Emmaleigh Poulton, Robyn and Lauren Taylor forming the final group.

The task was to create an original song in a foreign language using an existing tune. They picked *Band Aid's* 80s hit *Do they know it's Christmas* to sing about their daily routine in French and Spanish. They produced their own lyrics, dance routine and costumes and spent many lunchtimes perfecting their performance.

On the day St Anthony's competed with five other partnership schools; two Year 11 students, Giulia Trovero and Olivia Johnson, both studying French and Spanish for GCSE, introduced the girls before taking their place as judges. The performance was lively with excellent pronunciation, actions and bright Christmas costumes, which entertained the other KS3 students from across the Diocese.

Following their performance the girls supported the other schools; joining in with actions and choruses. After lunch they participated in Mandarin and German Karaoke and a Spanish dance competition; having 10 minutes to create a performance ready routine!

St Anthony's came 3rd in the Eurovision and 1st for their wonderful dancing, choreography and enthusiasm! The girls agreed it was a fantastic experience; they enjoyed the creativity of the tasks, the thrill of performing, trying out new languages and getting to meet students from other Partnership schools.

Lauren said 'It was a very good way to meet people from other schools. I also liked it because it was fun and a good way to showcase our talent and represent our school. All of the schools were great and we won the dance competition which was so much fun!'



Students in all photos: Sophie Foster, Bethany Griffiths, Hope Irvine, Bethany Jones, Beth Leake, Emmaleigh Poulton, Robyn and Lauren Taylor.

# Pastoral Year 7

## Congratulations Year 7!!

### Easter Flash Mob!!

On Thursday 2nd April (Holy Thursday) a dedicated, enthusiastic and talented team of Year 7 girls set off to present a "Flash Mob" at the Central Station in Newcastle.

The "Flash Mob" was part of a number of events organised by the diocesan Evangelisation Team to witness to the Christian Faith during Holy Week. We were supported by "More than Dance" who gave us coaching and practical help in preparation for the event.

When the music began, a surprised yet excited crowd gathered around and showed their appreciation of the two dances performed: "Testify" and "Love is the answer!"

A group of girls from Sacred Heart School in Newcastle excitedly joined in the dancing and you can watch the girls perform on Youtube @ stanthonysEasterflashmob.



## Dukeshouse Wood Visit

A group of our Year 7 pupils participated in an activity weekend at Dukeshouse Wood. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their time there and took part in lots of different activities such as climbing and tackling assault courses. It was a great opportunity to meet pupils from other schools in the area – great fun was had by all and everyone was very tired on returning home!!!



## World Book Day

Year 7 pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day!! As you can see from the pictures Alice in Wonderland is a very popular book in Year 7! We had a fun assembly related to literature and teachers read out extracts from their favourite books... even in Italian and Spanish!!! Throughout the day, Year 7 pupils also wrote tweets about their favourite books for the St. Anthony's Twitter page and took part in lots of fun activities!!



## Year Leaders for a morning!

Year 7 forms have each created and presented an assembly to the year group about their form Saint! The girls have used a variety of different techniques to tell their stories, including drama! All Year 7 pupils and staff have learned lots of new facts about our Saints and have been very impressed at the quality of the assemblies that the girls have produced! Keep up the good work!

# Pastoral Year 8

## Remembering the Holocaust

We remembered the lives of the innocent people who died in the Holocaust. Remembering these lives will help us better understand the value of our own. In memory of these people, 8SMo created clay shoes to honour the memory of the people whose shoes were taken away from them when they were captured by the Nazis and killed in the concentration camps. It was a difficult process of crafting the shoes and we had a range of interesting designs and colours.

By Jade Surtees, Lillie Muncaster, Alicia Redman and Stephanie Welsh



## Nepal

As you may know there were two unexpected earthquakes which were devastating for the people of Nepal and others around the world. As a Year group we decided to raise money to go towards the Nepal disaster. We raised money by selling stationery and cakes throughout the school and we also collected spare change to go towards the final total. This money, and the money from the rest of the school, will go towards helping the people of Nepal so they can get a faster recovery. We send out our respect to all those who have lost loved ones; it has been estimated at nearly 8,000 deaths, and 19,000 have been injured. We are going to continue raising money for this cause.

By Hannah Blyth, Georgia Hales and Hayley Calvert 8SMa



## SafetyWorks!

Year 8 students have been given the opportunity to attend a series of safety workshops on Friday 26th June 2015 and Monday 29th June 2015, where they will receive information about staying safe and the wider consequences of anti-social behaviour. They will receive input from Tyne and Wear Fire Service, Northumbria Police, St. John's Ambulance, Nexus (for Metro Safety), Gentoo and Sunderland Council. Sunderland Council are providing the transport to and from the interactive safety centre, where students will participate in workshops focusing on: road and transport safety, fire safety, hazards in the kitchen and home, safety in parks and open water and many more. A lot of the information they will receive will be a lot of common sense, but we hope that this training will enable the Year 8 students to put it into common practice and to stay safe.

# Pastoral Year 8

## World Book Day

Our school celebrated World Book Day; the celebrations took place on Thursday 5th March 2015. Years 7, 8 and 9 all participated in dressing up as their favourite book character. In order to dress up we contributed a £1 towards the 'World Book Day' association. This money goes towards this charity.

It was a great day of fun; even the teachers took part. Everyone's costumes were amazing; they varied between Pink Ladies from Grease and characters from the Hunger Games. Miss Prestwood outshone us all with her outstanding Maleficent costume. In Year 8 the winners were: Paige Dodd as Pinocchio and Ilesha Heads as the Fantastic Mr. Fox. The day was very eventful, fun, with lots of activities taking place within school.

By Hannah Blyth, Georgia Hales and Hailey Calvert (SMA)



## Year 8 Attendance

In Year 8 we have talked about the importance of attendance and the impact it has on future studies and future careers. In assemblies we have looked at the impact that one day off has on learning and achievement and in the world of work, for the costs to a business of getting other people to cover for when staff are absent. Attendance over 96% is what students strive for in Year 8, which equates to 8 days or less absent over the academic year. Achieving 100% attendance is an important achievement and I would like to congratulate the following students:



Sabiha Ali	Neve James
Gabria Augustine	Holly Leadbitter
Eve Barkes	Aimee Lincoln
Olivia Bond	Lillie Muncaster
Riah Boparai	Roshini Raji
Julie Brunton	Ashna Saji
Hannah Cowgill	Megan Stronach
Fay Hildreth	Stephanie Welsh
Reema Jacob	

# Pastoral Year 9

## Charity news

Y9 has been extremely busy this year. Girls have worked hard selling cakes, donating money and food. We have donated money to Teenage Cancer Trust, Manzini, St Cuthbert's Care and then the girls spent time during Lent collecting non-perishable food for a local food bank. Samantha Dickinson coordinated this with Mrs Wolland and the food was collected by Mr and Mrs Dickinson. It was gratefully received.

## Fairtrade

Fairtrade selling has continued this year. We received a Nomination Certificate from Sunderland City Council for entering the Young Achievers Awards 2015. Well done, girls!

## Egg-Decorating

Well done to everyone who entered the egg-decorating competition for Easter. The winner was Bethany Griffiths. Eggcellent!

## Personal Development Days 2014-15

We have had interesting PD days this academic year. In December the girls had two talks. One was understanding Fairtrade by Mrs Wolland, and the other was on Safeguarding, delivered by our talented ITT students. The girls enjoyed these. This summer we are having a Bollywood workshop delivered by Y11 girls. Watch this space.....

## Youth Village/Emmaus

67 students from Year 9 have enjoyed an overnight stay at the Youth village in Consett in June and July. I am sure the girls have benefited greatly from this experience. We will give you more details in our next Spotlight edition.



Food bank collection from St Anthony's

Katrina and Hope with our certificate. Well done!



## Year 9 has Talent!



We have some very talented students in Year 9 who are not only highly committed to their studies but also to extra-curricular outside interests. Lauren Conlin (9SMa) is a talented acro-gymnastic champion. Lauren recently gained enough points in her Grade competition to take part in the National Acro-Gymnastic competition in Stoke in May. Lauren and her partner came

5th in the National competition. Lauren trains with her coach, Oliver Mattinson at South Tyneside Gymnastics Club at Temple Park in South Shields. Lauren is a very committed gymnast training after school 4 days a week. We in Year 9 are very proud of Lauren and her amazing achievements. Lauren now is aiming to represent England in the World Championships.

Well done to Lilly Thompson (9SMo) who has won a string of accolades this year as a result of her fantastic film-making skills. Lilly and her sister Emmie in Year 10 attended the INDI awards (part of the Leeds Film Festival) and won their age category for their animation: Mitchell Goldfield. Lilly also won an award at the Berwick Film Festival, the Custom Reels, and was nominated for an award at the BFI Film festival and the INTO Film Awards 2015. Lilly is a talented photographer and won all four categories that she entered at the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership photography competition.



As a result of this hard work and success she has now her own solo photography/art exhibition at the Customs House, South Shields called 'School Days'. Lilly is a very talented student and we wish her every success in her up-coming competitions.

## 9SHo Fundraising

Congratulations to 9SHo who have successfully raised £28 for HCPT Charity.



9SHo gave up their break time to sell cakes to raise money for HCPT Charity, The Pilgrimage Trust. The money raised helped children go on an unforgettable Easter trip to Lourdes; well done!

# Pastoral Year 10

## Year 10 Pastoral News

The pupils in Year 10 have settled in well into their GCSE courses and have been working hard completing controlled assessments, coursework and some GCSE exams. We would encourage all pupils to ensure that they stay organised with their work and that they complete any homework which is set over the holidays to help them to have a positive start in Year 11. Any pupils who have not yet purchased revision guides still have time to do this.

During the year the pupils have taken part in many different activities including carrying out a session on first aid during Personal Development Day and preparing for their time on work experience.

We look forward to the pupils continuing with their studies in Year 11 and then progressing on into the Sixth Form.

## HMS Ocean by Samantha Leonard Year 10

Samantha was given the opportunity and privilege of sailing onboard HMS Ocean with other Sea Cadets from the North East Brigades from Scotland to Sunderland during Monday 27th April till Friday 1st May. She has provided us with a summary of her experience.

On arrival we were given a tour of the ship and shown to our bunks, which were small and cramped; I lost count of how many times I banged my head on the bunk above! The days were long, up at 6am and ready for 6.30am breakfast and lights out at 11pm.

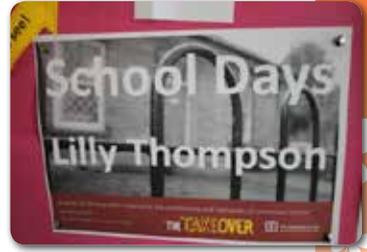
During the week we got a chance to experience various aspects of life in the Royal Navy including Engineering, Logistics, Medical and Warfare. Some of my many highlights were: I was given the opportunity to steer HMS Ocean, I shot various weapons, I was given a tour of the medical block (which is currently the biggest medical facility in the

Naval Fleet) and I looked around the Helicopters (Merlin and Sea King) on-board.

On arrival back in Sunderland we were given the privilege of standing on the flight deck with the whole ship's company in our dress uniforms whilst the ship docked. It was a very exciting and proud moment. The entire week was an amazing opportunity, enabling me to experience what life in the Royal Navy would be like. I had a great time and would love to do it again if given the opportunity.



# Pastoral Year 10

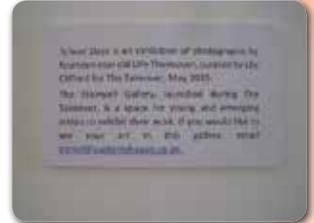


## Custom's House Takeover

Emmie Thompson (Year 10) and her sister Lilly Thompson (Year 9) took part in an Arts Event during the May Half Term which was held at the Customs House in South Shields. They have provided us with a summary of their experience:

"During the Half Term, Lilly and I took part in 'The Takeover' at The Customs House in South Shields. We were privileged enough to be chosen to work alongside David G Wilkinson, a local professional artist, to create a mural to transform a space in The Customs House. It took us two weeks to plan and three days to complete. The opportunity allowed us to develop and expand our skills, whilst gaining a new and exciting experience."

Lilly also has a photography exhibition on display in the Stairwell Gallery at the Custom's House; the exhibition contains photographs which have been taken in and around St Anthony's. It is definitely worth a visit if you are in the area.



# Pastoral Year 11

## SUPER SWIMMER YEAR 11 SC0

Amy Henshaw 11SC0 has recently qualified to compete for British National Swimming event and is one of only 18 young people in the country to do so. Well done, Amy!

Amy trains eight times each week with her Sunderland Club and has two of those sessions before she comes to school, so has a really early start to the day covering at least 6km before registration. She is always on time for school, and is well prepared for her lessons.

She is presently ranked in position eight for her event and is so modest about her sporting achievement that we only heard about her success when she mentioned she may not be able to make the Sixth Form Taster Day as she could be swimming that day!

GOOD LUCK, AMY! WE ARE ALL REALLY PROUD OF YOU 😊

## Lenten Alms



Eleanor Duncan and Laura Wilson from 11SH

A huge thank you to all those who have supported Lenten Alms this year. Year 11 were incredibly generous with their fantastic fundraising efforts, in particular 11SH who raised over £130 with a cake sale. A cheque was presented to St Cuthbert's Care at a special mass at Holy Cross Care Home by Eleanor Duncan and Laura Wilson from 11SH. An excellent effort was made by all involved for a very worthy cause.

## Year 11 Charity Event



As our Advent charity event Year 11 once more supported Mary's Meals. Their research shows that around the world thirty one million primary

school-aged girls are out of school. Providing a daily meal in a place of learning draws impoverished children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can be their ladder out of poverty. Mary's Meals is feeding more than 25% of the primary school population every day in Malawi – of those enrolled there just over half are girls. If all women had a primary school education there would be 15% fewer child deaths and 65% less maternal deaths. This links to the Mercy ethos of the academy. Our involvement was in the Backpack project, where each form class in Year 11 undertook to

provide a school bag for a child with stationery, clothing, footwear, toiletries and a toy. We were able to provide sixteen backpacks and two boxes of extra items. Thank you to all those pupils who donated to this cause.



# Pastoral Year 11

## Nearly there..!

Year 11 have now taken their GCSE exams and they formally left school after their Leavers' Presentation on Wednesday 24th June. We are very proud of all of the hard work and dedication that has gone towards their revision and preparation, and wish them all the best for their results which will be out in August. We hope they have a well deserved-extended Summer break. To those returning to Sixth Form, we will see you in September. To those moving onto pastures new, we wish you good luck. To all of you, here are some photos of your time in St Anthony's!



## Hairdressing

A number of Year 11 students have taken part in a 2-year hairdressing course organised by Mrs Perrett and run by Spoilt Rotten – a salon in Sunderland. Mrs Richardson-Dunn, Miss Brown and Mr Malkin were invited to the final presentation to help judge the work of the girls, who were praised for their hard work and dedication to the course. All girls were fantastic, but particular congratulations must go to Rebecca Green and Morgan Wright who were voted as overall winners, receiving a cash prize from the salon! Well done, girls!



# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Awards

Congratulations to all of Year 13 Students who will be leaving us this Summer and to those who have received awards for their hard work and contribution to academy life!

St Anthony's Academy Award for Economics.	Kate Hamilton
St Anthony's Academy Award for Food. (Shared)	Emily Harrison
St Anthony's Academy Award for Food. (Shared)	Charlotte Hopper
Rose Murray Award for English Literature.	Anna Old
St Anthony's Academy Award for Interactive Media	Eleanor Osada
St Anthony's Academic Award for Physics.	Rachel Parker
St Anthony's Academy Award for Law.	Alexandra Pearson
St Anthony's Academy Award for Classical Civilisation.	Elena Poulet
St Anthony's Academy Award for Sport and PE	Anna Robinson
St Anthony's Academy Award for Textiles.	Lydia Speed
Antonian Award for Biology.	Ann Mary Roy
St Anthony's Academy Award for Chemistry	Sandra Sibby
Angela Gardiner Award for M.F.L.	Meriel Smithson
St Anthony's Academy Award for Media.	Jane Thompson
St Anthony's Academy Award for I.C.T	Elle Thubron
St Anthony's Academy Award for Sociology. (Shared)	Charlotte Behan
St Anthony's Academy Award for History	Alexa Clark
St Anthony's Academy Award for Sociology. (Shared)	Heather Edmundson
St Anthony's Academy Award for Psychology.	Huddah Khalil
St Anthony's Academy Award for Geography.	Gabrielle Fish
St Anthony's Academy Award for Human Biology	Charlotte Potts
St Anthony's Academy Award for Spanish.	Alex Watson
Glenda Griffiths Award for Business. (Shared)	Emma Wilkinson
Lily Bowl - Childcare.	Emily Wright
St Anthony's Academy Award for Drama & Theatre	Roberta Glover
St Anthony's Academy Award for Further Mathematics	Olivia Gough
Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics.	Dana Lim
Glenda Griffiths Award for Business, Academic Excellence	Kate Lormor
Joanne Reah Award for Art.	Bethany Nichols
Sr Wilfrid Award for English Language.	Eleanor Osada
St Anthony's Academy Award for Design & Technology.	Sarah Fowler
St Anthony's Academy Award for Theology	Charlotte Potts
St Anthony's Academy Award for Photography	Eleanor Osada
St Anthony's Academy Award for Politics	Meriel Smithson
Eileen Welch Award for overall contribution to the Sixth Form. (Shared)	Charlotte Potts Sarah Fowler
Head Girl	Anna Old
Deputy Head Girl	Meriel Smithson

# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Head Teacher's Award for Service to the School

Sarah Fowler  
Charlotte Potts  
Kaitlin Common  
Emily Dodds  
Megan Greener  
Alex Watson  
Emily Harrison  
Catherine Taylor  
Emma Wilkinson  
Beth Armstrong  
Rachel Parker  
Annabelle Joyce  
Alexandra Pearson

## Head Girl

Anna Old

## Deputy Head Girl

Merial Smithson

## Head Teacher's Award for Service to the Community

Rebecca Dewhurst  
Sonal Mendocca  
Ann Mary Roy  
Sandra Sibby  
Olivia Moore  
Alex Pearson  
Lucy Ellis  
Hannah Donkin  
Jane Thompson  
Sofenna Lowe  
Sarah Hill  
Kate Hamilton

## Eileen Welch Award for overall contribution to the Sixth Form

Sarah Fowler  
Charlotte Potts

## Academy Award for overall academic achievement

Charlotte Behan  
Alexa Clark  
Kaitlin Common  
Hannah Donkin  
Gabrielle Fish  
Olivia Gough  
Kate Hamilton  
Emily Harrison  
Charlotte Hopper  
Meriel Smithson  
Huddah Khalil  
Dana Lim  
Kate Lormer  
Sonal Mendocca  
Eleanor Osada  
Rachael Parker  
Charlotte Potts  
Ann Mary Roy  
Sandra Sibby

## Reverent Mother's Awards to the Sixth Form Council

Elizabeth Cole  
Sophie Maddison  
Hannah Donkin  
Huddah Khalil  
Emily Harrison  
Sophie Baker  
Lucy Kay  
Sofenna Lowe  
Alex Miller  
Ann Mary Roy  
Charlotte Potts  
Sarah Williams

# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

The Summer Term is always very busy in the Sixth Form as we prepare to say goodbye for the last time to our Y13 students. They have celebrated their time at St Anthony's with several formal and informal occasions including a beautiful Presentation Mass on May 1st led by Fr Marc from St Mary's, a tearful Leavers' Assembly and lunch led by Mrs Smith, Deputy Director of Sixth Form, and the fantastic Leavers' Ceremony at The Stadium of Light, where proud parents were able to join in the celebration of the many achievements of this lovely Year group.



Year 13 Students celebrating their last day at St Anthony's.



Sarah Fowler and Charlotte Potts were awarded the prestigious Eileen Welch Award for Contribution to Academy Life.



Meriel Smithson with her awards for Politics, MFL and her contribution to the academy in her role as Deputy Head Girl.

There have been some changes to the structure of the Sixth Form over recent weeks. In January Mrs Collins took up the position of Director of Post-16 Education, supported by Mrs Smith as Deputy Director and the newly appointed Mrs Russell who will take up the role as Assistant Director in September.



Anna Old and Meriel Smithson handed over their titles of Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl to Charlie Steer-Stephenson and Hannah Day who have already started to plan many exciting projects for next year!

Charlie Steer-Stephenson (Head Girl) and Hannah Day (Deputy Head Girl) 2015-2016.

## Careers

In preparation for their university and job applications, Year 12 students have been seeking out opportunities nationwide! 2 students have been accepted on to the Oxford University Summer School, 4 are attending a residential at Cambridge University and 20 have been selected for the Northumbria University High Achievers Programme. A further 20 students are involved in a medical work experience initiative at Sunderland Royal Hospital and in June over 40 representatives from different universities and employers took part in a Careers Event to support students as they prepare for the next important step in their lives.

## Pre-general Election Debate

St. Anthony's Year 13 students were delighted to be invited to take part in a televised pre-general election debate at St. Aidan's Boys' Catholic Academy. The event was in three parts and included a live screening of the debate on ITV. Four local candidates took part representing Labour, Conservatives, UKIP and the Green Party. Ian Payne, the ITV North East news presenter, chaired the debate and said after a very lively discussion on the issues, "What a terrific debate – the school was the perfect venue for some candid straight-talking and questioning – akin to 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. These youngsters certainly don't just blindly accept politicians' claims.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the event, particularly the Politics group in Year 13 who are all taught together at St. Anthony's. The students' confidence and understanding of the issues impressed the candidates.



Kaitlin Common, Charlotte Behan, Olivia Moore, Alexa Clark and Morgan Irvine Hunter take the opportunity for a selfie with ITV North East news host Ian Payne. Kaitlin Common and Katie Simpson get involved.



# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Election Night

Yet again the speed of the Sunderland election night count was down to the nifty feet and careful hands of St. Anthony's students. Forty of Years 12 and 13 joined St Aidan's boys at the Puma centre, running with the ballot boxes to make sure that the three Sunderland constituencies declared their results first. Well done, girls!

Ready to start running with the Ballot boxes!

Victoria Kundu, Sophie Maddison, Alex Morton, Lauren Moon, Alexa Clark, Kaitlin Common, Libby Cole and Hannah Adams with Eamonn Holmes of Sky TV news.



## Duke of Westminster's Award

St. Anthony's Academy are very proud to announce that Rebecca Dewhurst in Year 13 was not only invested as the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for this year but that she is also one of only nine finalists for the highly prestigious Duke of Westminster's Award. All nine of the finalists are going on a two-week educational expedition to South Africa in July.

Rebecca will go to the House of Lords for a celebratory lunch on 30 June, where the overall winner will be announced.

CSM Rebecca Dewhurst, A Company Durham ACF Lord Lieutenant



## Fundraising

Charity work and fundraising have continued to play an important part in the life of the Sixth Form. Students have supported the Barnados 'Small Change Big Difference' Campaign this term as well as raising money for the tragedy in Nepal and continuing with their on-going work for Manzini Youth Care and many local projects through the Youth SVP. In the Summer holidays around 20 Y12 students will be joining forces with boys from St Aidan's Academy to lead an Edmund Rice Summer School for local primary school children. We also have a group of 12 students going to Lourdes on the annual Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Pilgrimage this year where they will spend a week working with sick pilgrims from the area.

Rebecca Hayden and Lucy Tilbury pack up the collection boxes for Barnados.



# Psychology & Sociology

Edinburgh Sixth Form Conference November 2014



Edinburgh: Conference for A Level students: "Science and Pseudo-science".

The conference explored what was good and bad science and how psychology fitted into science. The morning lectures were quite academically focused, whilst the afternoon presentations looked at:-

1. The Psychology of Magic and Illusion. Magicians appear to make solid objects vanish into thin air, defy the laws of gravity and predict the future. Professor Richard Wiseman invites you to step backstage and discover the secret science of sorcery.
2. Andrew Newton is one of the most successful and experienced hypnotists in the world. Andrew demonstrates the use of hypnosis whilst giving some interesting academic insights into how this process works on a psychological level. The audience are invited to participate.

What Sixth formers said about this event:-

"The Edinburgh trip was really interesting and useful for developing fresh perspectives on the syllabus. It was also very enjoyable, especially the hypnotist

and magician, who provided an entertaining outlook to the day. Overall, it was a worthwhile experience which I would recommend to anyone taking psychology." (Lucy Ellis, Year 13 Psychology)

"I really enjoyed the Psychology trip to Edinburgh. The lectures were really interesting and it was a great opportunity to get an insight into different aspects of Psychology. The hypnotist was really good too!" (Heidi Newton, Year 12 Psychology)

"The Edinburgh trip was an excellent day out to broaden my knowledge on Psychology. There were hypnotists and very interesting speakers who spoke about real life Psychology application. I definitely will go again! Not an opportunity to miss!" (Anna Greaves, Year 12 Psychology)

The Psychology conference was great. It wasn't based on just things we learn in the AS specification; it was about things in everyday life, such as sleeping patterns and the speed of neurons. The atmosphere was informal and there were Sixth Formers from all over the North of England. (Maxine McGough Year 12 Psychology)

## Sociology Department

A.S. Sociology students were lucky enough to have a visit in April from a guest speaker, Dr. Adél Pásztor of the Geography, Politics and Sociology Department at Newcastle University. Dr. Pásztor is in charge of the research methods units at the University and she came to deliver a workshop to our students as part of their module SCLY2. The lesson delivered was on semi-structured interviews and university choice, all of which were relevant for our students who, as usual, approached the session with enthusiasm and confidence. Newcastle University currently offers a scholarship of £1000 to undergraduates in their first year of study of a Sociology degree, who have very good 'A' level grades (AAB.) We hope to maintain this link in the future as well as establishing connections with other local universities.

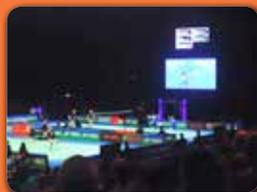
# PE & Sport



Search *St. Anthony's Girls' PE and Sport Department* and  
Our page to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

## KS4 Badminton Visit

The Year 10 Badminton team had a fantastic time at the All England Badminton Championships in Birmingham which were held on the 6th March. Here are some photos that were taken to document the experience!



## A fantastic Cross-Country Season

The St. Anthony's cross-country teams started the cross-country season in style and braved the cold and the gale force winds at the Wearside cross-country championships in December.

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected to represent Wearside in the county cross-country championships in January.



Grace Loftus – Year 7 - 7th  
Sarah Knight – Year 9 - 1st  
Jennifer Welsh – Year 11 - 1st  
Abbie Little – Year 10 - 2nd  
Alex Pearson – Year 13 – 2nd  
Meriel Smithson – Year 13 – 3rd

5 girls from the St. Anthony's cross-country team competed in the county cross-country championships in January at Meadowfield in Durham.



Grace Loftus – Year 7 - 50th  
Sarah Knight – Year 9 - 17th  
Abbie Little – Year 10 - 16th  
Jennifer Welsh – Year 11 - 26th  
Meriel Smithson – Year 13 - 16th

Meriel, Sarah & Abbie all qualified for the inter-county championships in February.

Also in February, the Years 7, 8 & 9 cross-country teams braved the cold and the mud to run the Summerhill Course in Hartepool at the Catholic Partnership cross-country. Special congratulations to Sarah Knight in Year 9 who finished third in her race and received a bronze medal.



# PE & Sport

## Dance News

The dance group from Years 10, 11 and 12 was successful in making it to the semi-finals of the Great Big Dance Off. They made it through the preliminary round and performed in the North East heats at the Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre. The girls worked together to choreograph a modern dance piece to the musical production 'Cats'. They used their expertise to compose an energetic, lively performance. The girls narrowly missed out on a place in the final. They performed an exceptional piece of dance and were amazing runners-up. The girls have danced together over the last five years, performing at prestigious events at the Sunderland Empire, Gala Theatre, The Sage and many Tyne and Wear/Sunderland dance festivals. Well done to all of the girls for all of their hard work, choreography skills and commitment to dance. We are extremely proud of you.



## GCSE & A Level PE

The performances in the A Level and GCSE PE practical exams were a great success. All pupils performed extremely well and the examiners were very impressed with all of the work that had been submitted. The PE department is very proud of you all. The Years 12 & 13 A-Level PE groups also attended a revision day at Emmanuel College on Saturday 2nd May. Well done for your hard work so far, girls. Best of luck for the results in August.



# PE & Sport

## Inter-house Netball

All Year groups took part in an Inter-House netball competition in March 2015. The standard of netball was excellent.

The results of the competition are as follows:

Overall Results: Year 7 – 131st:

Position	Team colour and saint
1st	Orange – St. Rita
2nd	Red - St. Margaret Clitheroe
3rd	Yellow – St. Hilda
4th	White – St. Clare
5th	Blue – St. Teresa of Avila
6th	Yellow – St. Hilda
7th	Purple – St. Angela Merici

Well done 😊

## Rounders Champions!

Congratulations to the Years 7 & 8 Rounders team who won the Sunderland Schools' Competition in May. They finished 1st in their pool to set up a close final with Sandhill View, which they won by half a rounder. The girls have now qualified to represent Sunderland at the Tyne and Wear Games' Final. Fantastic performance girls; well done!



## Sports Hall Athletics Star!



Congratulations to Beth Parodi in Year 8 who was selected to represent Tyne and Wear at the Regional Sports Hall Athletics Finals in Hull, back in March. Beth was selected due to her outstanding performance in the vertical jump when performing for the school, and then for the City of Sunderland. Due to her fantastic performance when competing for the North East

in Hull, she was selected to represent them again in Manchester on April 25th. Beth's performances were recognised by the academy and as a result she received an Antonian Award for Outstanding Achievement in PE and Sport. Well done, Beth!

## Tyne & Wear School Games Swimming Gala

Well done to the girls below from Years 7, 8 & 9. They represented the school in the Tyne & Wear Swimming Gala at the Aquatic Centre.

The Year 7 & 8 team were 8th in the Year 7 & 8 200m free-style relay and 200m medley relay and the Year 9 team were 4th in the free-style relay; and 5th in the medley relay in the Year 9 & 10 races. All the girls worked really hard in all races and were a credit to the school.



# PE & Sport

## Tyne and Wear Badminton Success

The Year 10 & 11 Badminton team were in action at the Tyne & Wear Badminton Finals, held at the Tyneside Badminton Centre in February. In what was a very high standard of competition, the girls finished as runners-up, coming 2nd only to Newcastle High School. A fantastic achievement girls; well done!



## Tyne and Wear Trampoline Competition

Well done to the girls who competed in the Tyne and Wear Trampoline Competition in April. The girls performed very well in both the Beginner and Novice sections.



Left to right: Emily Lanaghan, Emily Lincoln, Bethany Allsopp, Faye Potts, Oluchi Davidson, Lauren Conlin, Rachel Brown, Rhea Corner, Bethany Dixon and Ashley Barrett.

## U14 Football Success

Well done to the u14 Football team who played in the Sunderland Schools' Cup in February. The girls played both Sandhill View and Kepier, winning both games, 2-0. There were only three teams entered so the result was finalised the same night, crowning us Cup winners. The girls also won the league back in November and received their medals at a presentation evening at the Stadium of Light, where they are pictured below.



## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 Football team competed in the Sunderland Schools' Games Finals in February. They played exceptionally well, fought extremely hard and didn't lose a single game. The overall winner ended up being decided on goal difference, and they were two goals short of qualifying for the Tyne and Wear Finals. Unlucky, girls, but you should still be very proud of your performance!



# PE & Sport

## Year 7 Netball Champions

The year 7 netball team have done the double! They remain undefeated against all schools in Sunderland and Washington and were crowned Wearside League and Tournament champions. In other competitions they finished 3rd in the Tyne & Wear Tournament and 4th in the Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament.

At the Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament Ellie Stanley-Roberts was awarded the Denise Egan Rising Star award for exceptional play and leadership skills. Well done, Ellie!



## Youth Sport Trust Conference 2014

Sasha Hughes, Lucy Robinson, Lily Frankland and Sarah Knight were selected to attend the annual Youth Sport Trust Conference at Northumbria University. The girls demonstrated excellent levels of participation and commitment to sport. This conference allowed them to develop their leadership skills and bring new ideas for participation to the PE department.



## 'Theology: Visit & Retreat'



A joint Sixth Form RE visit took place to Leeds University Theology Department and a retreat to Myddelton Grange in Leeds, involving Philosophy students from St. Aidan's and Theology students from St. Anthony's.

The academic aim of this visit was to encourage students to think about continuing with their RE studies by taking Theology at degree level. Rachel Muers (Senior Lecturer in Christian Studies) organised a programme of sample Theology lectures including Biblical Studies and the early Christian community; this was followed by another lecture on South Asian religions in Britain. There was also an opportunity to

meet current university students and find out more information about the admissions process.

We then retreated to Myddelton Grange (Leeds diocesan retreat centre) for our spiritual input themed on 'discernment'. Fr Anthony Jackson led our retreat and gave excellent input on discernment and prayer to our students. We experienced a wide variety of prayer such as Mass, Adoration, Confession, Lectio Divina and the Divine Office. Our students loved the balance of the retreat between prayer, reflection and the very enjoyable social time that we all shared.

The Religious Education departments of St. Aidan's and St. Anthony's, Sunderland wanted to give students the opportunity to experience Theology at degree level and have space to connect with God who always has our future plans in mind.



AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL

### Amnesty International Competition Shortlist



Sarah Mearns, one of our Year 12 students, was awarded with a short list award from Amnesty International this spring. We offer many congratulations to Sarah for all her hard work in this competition which took place in her General RE lessons. She

produced a hard-hitting article concerning the welfare of child soldiers. Amnesty International contacted the school and gave their congratulations for her piece of writing. They commented, stating, "the judges were really impressed by your entry, especially the evidence used to support your article."

During this year's General RE lessons for Year 12 we conducted a project based on Amnesty International resources concerning the degradation of human rights around the world. Each pupil was given the chance to select an issue they felt passionately about and construct an argument using their learning from the project. We had a vast selection of articles that examined a variety of issues such as; Feminism through the work of Beyoncé, The Death Penalty in Iran and many more. We would like to thank Year 12 for their enthusiasm in this project and we will definitely be using their examples to help our next Year 12's in their own human rights campaign.

### Mini Vinnies at St Mary's School

Alongside a core group of our Year 13 pupils, the Mini Vinnie charity unit at St Mary's Catholic Primary School has now been made an official group by an SVP official. This Spring, Sister Josepha, accompanied by pupils; Dana Lim, Charlotte Hopper and Catherine Taylor, finally awarded the group full SVP Mini Vinnie status in an official ceremony in the school hall. This is part of our General RE classes who work with various charities across the Sunderland area. We hope to continue our work with the St Mary's Mini Vinnie group in the new school year and hopefully make even more money to help the poor and disadvantaged.



### Sixth Form RE Conference

Year 12 Theology students enjoyed a fabulous day at Ushaw College in March with the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership. Our young theologians had the opportunity to listen to lectures from eminent speakers from the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Durham. Topics such as God and Evil, Theology and Anxiety and Sexual Ethics provoked much thought. We also had the opportunity to visit Ushaw's wonderful library, home to an extensive collection of material from the 18th and 19th centuries to the present day. This annual event provides students with an insight into life at university and enriches their studies enormously.

Year 12 students in the Exhibition Hall at Ushaw College.



# Science

## Solar Eclipse 20 March 2015

An exciting astronomical event had the whole school peering skywards in March!

In the weeks before the best partial eclipse to be seen in the UK since the total Solar Eclipse of 11 August 1999, there was a build up of interest and excitement as many departments joined with Science to prepare for this rare event. For example, Languages with the French and Spanish words for celestial objects; Religious studies with the influence of heavenly objects on beliefs; Music had many examples where Stars or Moonlight are a theme, and Maths were able to get involved with calculations of distances, times and speed of light.



The excitement on the day was infectious with the partial cloud cover actually making viewing conditions better than it would have been with clear skies and dangerous full Sunlight. Most classes were following the fabulous BBC 'STARGAZING LIVE' coverage and absorbing the expert opinions of the astronomers covering the event.

But as the time of maximum occlusion approached classrooms emptied as Staff and girls poured out onto the field and yard areas to see for themselves. There were cheers as each break in the clouds revealed the strange sight of the Sun looking like a crescent Moon. The light dimmed and the temperature fell. It really was one of those **'I was there!'** moments.

Next eclipse over Europe is August 12 2025 – Hang on to those Solar Spectacles!

## Thinking about a career in Medicine – try the Mini Medical School at Newcastle

Several of our students studying Biology and Chemistry (Ann Andreas, Anumol Aukkal, Sarah Barber, Lucy Carter, Anna Greaves, Emma Morton, Jemine Pemu, Riya Raju, Della Sabu, Tamin Syeda and Rifah Tasnim) attended a series of 6 interactive lectures which explore the world of Medical Science. These lectures are open to anyone over the age of 15 but the places for these sessions are limited and it is essential to book. For information regarding opportunities in 2015 go to the website: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/biomedicine/news/mms/> The lectures covered during October to November 2014 were:

1. 24 hours in A&E
2. Diagnosis, art, science or hunch?
3. Seeing inside the body
4. I'm a Consultant...Get me out of here (reality and life in the O&G Jungle)

## NASA Houston – We're on our way!



In February 2016 sixty girls from the UK will fly to Houston to work in the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas with NASA Scientists and Engineers. St. Anthony's managed to secure twenty of these places for girls currently in Y11 and Y12.

They will work on projects designing and costing Mars Rover vehicles as well as being able to undergo some of the training done by astronauts in the neutral buoyancy tanks. There is a full schedule of daily tasks with each team expected to present their results and report on progress.

There will also be visits to the city of Houston, Galveston Bay and Kemah Board Walk, and the chance to experience Texan cuisine! The count-down has started for the trip of a life-time!!

This self-portrait of NASA's Curiosity Mars rover shows the vehicle at the "Mojave" site, where its drill collected the mission's second taste of Mount Sharp. The scene combines dozens of images taken during January 2015 by the MAHLI camera at the end of the rover's robotic arm.



Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS

Latest NASA image of a Martian crater

5. Life and Death under the microscope
6. Paediatric research informing clinical practice...by the time you leave medical school.

Here are some comments from the students:

- "At first I wasn't sure about Medicine but the course really gave me an insight into the career and motivated me to do well in my A-levels."
- "I hope to get more contacts next time."
- "I really enjoyed it as it gave me lots of different careers in Medicine to think about."
- "I absolutely enjoyed the opportunity Mini Medicine offered. There was a great variety of informative lectures from medical professionals and it was thoroughly exciting. This was a great learning curve."
- "Mini Medical School was a great experience in which I learnt so much about the medical profession, as well as about applying to Medical Schools. The lectures were fun and educational. I got to meet academics, fellow students and medical professionals. It was excellent."



# Science

## Annmary Roy achieves a Bronze Award in the British Biology Olympiad



This year a record 6,189 students from 582 schools took part in the British Biology Olympiad (BBO) including six Year 13 students at St. Anthony's. The test consisted of two very challenging one-hour multiple choice papers taken online in school in January.

For the first time in three years one of our students, Annmary Roy, has gained a Bronze award and is one of the 2,104 students invited to the Royal Institution in July for a Society of Biology awards ceremony.

The top gold medallists took part in round two of the BBO; a ninety-minute written paper at their schools in March and the highest achievers took part in the British Final at the University of Warwick at the end of March. A four-person team has been selected to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) which will take place in Aarhus, Denmark, in July sponsored by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and we wish them the best of luck. The IBO seeks to challenge both the theoretical knowledge and the practical skill of some of the top pre-university biology students in the world, with over 60 countries taking part. UK teams have had considerable success at IBO in previous years and maybe one year one of our own students may achieve a place on the team.

This has been another record-breaking year for participation and the standard of entries was very high, so competition is tough. Many congratulations to Annmary who has already been awarded her medal and certificate and is hoping to attend the awards ceremony.



## Primary Science Workshops

During the course of this academic year, each child in Year 5 of our feeder Primary schools has had the opportunity to participate in a practical Science workshop at Saint Anthony's.

They have successfully used separating techniques such as dissolving, decanting, filtration and evaporation to extract sodium chloride (common salt) from rock salt.

Seemingly the best bits were wearing safety goggles and lighting the Bunsen burners (and that was just the Primary teaching staff feedback!)

The pupils enjoyed using the equipment and facilities of a Science Laboratory which was a new experience for them all.

So far 275 pupils have attended, which is a lot of salt to purify!

## Sixth Form Big Bang Day



Earlier in the school year we took seven of our A-Level Science students to the Catholic Partnership Big Bang Science day.

The event was packed with talks and activities, including presentations from renowned people in the fields of Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Friend of the Catholic Partnership (and father to two former St Anthony's students) Professor John Kilcoyne delivered arguably the most entertaining of the presentations, with his enthusiasm for explosions, fire and fascinating facts.

The girls were also challenged to predict the future advancement of Science by producing an artefact displaying their thoughts, which was entered into competition against all the other Partnership schools. Their creativity and thoughtfulness won them the competition with their future issue of New Scientist!



Following the presentations our ladies were set a number of challenges, met and spoke with inspirational scientists, and were enthused and encouraged to consider scientific pursuits in their future careers.



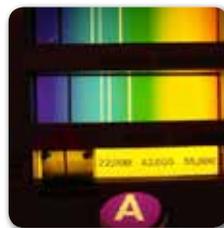
## Science Space Centre Visit

MISSION 3.....  
Star Date 15/07/2014 07.00GMT

The Third Science Department Mission to explore the National Space Centre in Leicester blasts off soon to explore.

Red Shift of Spectral lines

With so much to see, and learn about, it will be a very interesting day for all the Antonauts and the Mission controllers.



# Manzini

## Swaziland Summer 2015

It was with much regret that we had to cancel the visit for the students hoping to go to Manzini this year. However we must say a huge thank you to each of the girls for their fundraising efforts and their donations to MYC. Dr Emery and Mrs Laydon are going out to Swaziland on 26th June and will be taking £1,000 of their donations out with us to use where it is most needed.



We are hoping to follow up on the work we started last year with Enjambulweni teachers on English assessment methodology. If this has been successful, we will help introduce similar assessment methods in both Maths and Science.



We are looking forward to visiting the girl's home to take more dresses made by our Year 8 girls. Many thanks to Mrs Sheriff and her team for sharing their amazing talents with the Swazi girls.

Visiting the homestead where Khanyisile lives will be exciting.



Last year we left a donation for this Gogo (Grandmother) and her family to have a tap installed near her house. Hopefully she is finding life a little easier having the convenience of running water closer to home.



Khanyisile and Lindiwe with Lindiwe's grandchildren.

We look forward to sharing special times with Khanyisile and Lindiwe. Last year we were able to leave a donation for cement to help rebuild Lindiwe's home which was destroyed in heavy rains. Lindiwe and Khanyisile give amazing support to their community in so many ways.

Khanyisile has now completed her B'Ed and Postgraduate Teacher Training Qualifications. Many congratulations to her for 5 years hard work and a big thanks to all who supported her through fundraising. Your donations helped to pay for her university fees and expenses. Hopefully she will go on to share her expertise and best practice with her colleagues

# Manzini

Last year, instead of flying into Swaziland from Johannesburg, we arranged transport with Sandile – seen here in Swazi national costume. He picked us up from the airport and drove us through South Africa into Swaziland. During our visit we were treated to an amazing cultural tour of northwest Swaziland ending the day with a visit to his family homestead. His family did not know we were coming, it was an even bigger surprise for them than it was for us. It was lovely to meet everyone and hopefully, we may get the chance to visit them again this year.



Visiting Manzini market will be a given! We will be bringing Swazi crafts back home with us to sell to raise more funds for MYC. Here is the talented Sizar carving gifts for us to bring home.



Last year we were able to visit the boys in their homes to help them with their homework. We look forward spending some evenings with them again.

They really appreciate help with their English as it is not their first language and the exam papers are written in English. Dr Emery, we are sure will be in great demand to give extra support in Science and Maths.



As always, we will visit Sister Elsa at Hope House and meet with some of sick residents who are in recovery and being cared for by a fantastic team of doctors, nurses and volunteers.

We know while visiting the homes of many of the children we will be welcomed by many 'rays of sunshine'.



Once again, very many thanks for your continued support with this ongoing project. No doubt we will have a tale or two to tell on our return in July!

If you would like to make a donation by cheque, please make payable to ' Swaziland St Anthony's School – Many thanks.

# Ski

## AUSTRIA SKI TRIP 2015

The destination for the ski trip this year was Austria at Easter. The group stayed in the beautiful little town of IMST and skied in two resorts at OEST and SOLDEN.



The week was crammed with other activities as well, with a highlight being a visit to the Aqua Dome in Langenfeld for 3 hours in the top Spa in the whole of Austria. The group posed with the mascot Mammoth outside before going in to soak in the pools, as the sun set on the mountains around them.



The Aqua Dome at night.

The group ready to Ski on Snow



# Ski

In the middle of the week the group took a break from skiing to visit the beautiful city of Innsbruck where the Alpen Zoo and Swarovski shop were highlights. The excursion day included a funicular ride up the mountain for spectacular city views, as well as some scientific input with a visit to the Zeiss Planetarium in Schwaz.



Back at the ski slopes the weather turned very wintry with blizzards and high winds. We were now at the second resort of Sölden which had been selected to 'star' in the new James Bond movie as the Head quarters of 'Spectre'. Mrs T got this shot of film crew in February.



The girls' skiing had improved amazingly in their days on snow and before long they were looking very professional as the lines snaked down the mountain.



On the final day skies cleared again and we tried to capture the amazing views all around us.

All the activities from Skiing to Bowling, Star-gazing to Easter Bonnet-making, Shopping to Sight-seeing and April Fools (sorry girls!) added up to a fantastic adventure with memories that the girls and Staff will treasure. Many thanks from Ski Club to the parents for their support.



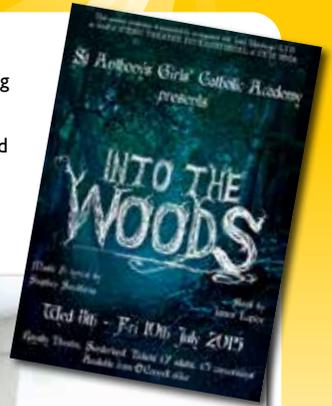
# Musical

## INTO THE WOODS

'Once upon a Time, in a far off Kingdom, Lived a fair young Maiden, a sad young Lad, and a childless Baker and his Wife...'

What do twenty Walking Trees, a singing Cow, a real Giantess, a magic Hen and a whole host of fairy tale characters have in common? They're all starring this summer in

St Anthony's School Production of Stephen Sondheim's fabulous musical, 'Into The Woods.'



# Musical



St Anthony's Academy have ventured into the world of theatrical management with this year's show hiring the Royalty Theatre to present our most challenging production to date. The show has been in rehearsal for most of this school year and the dedicated forty-strong cast have battled

through the challenges of their disintegrating scripts, some very complex harmonies, the lack of any stage to rehearse on and a lot of GCSE and A level exams to bring this mad mash-up of fairy stories to life.

We're really excited about seeing the whole thing finally come together. With sets created by the Technology department and costumes inspired by the Senior Choir's trip to Austria last September, we're confident it will look and sound absolutely magnificent!



## Important Summer Dates:



July	
Thursday 16th	End of term for students 3.30pm
Friday 17th	Staff Training Day
Monday 21st to Friday 24th	Summer School Year 6 (Booking Essential) – 10am to 4pm
August	
Thursday 13th August	A level Results Day Y13 – 8:30am
	AS level Results Day Y12 – 11.00am
Thursday 20th August	GCSE Results Day Y11 – 10.30am
	Registration Day new Y12 (Y11) – 10.30am-3.00pm
	GCSE Results Day Y10 – 1.30pm
Monday 31st August	Staff Training Day
September	
Tuesday 1st September	Start of Term Y7-Y12 – 8.45am
Wednesday 2nd September	Start of Term Y13 – 8.45am



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