



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Spotlight



CHRISTMAS 2016



Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear parents,



A once-in-a-lifetime meeting with Pope Francis in Rome - October 2016



Lilly Thompson (Year 11) St. Anthony's and Harry Ellis (Year 7) St. Aidan's present the Children's Codex to Pope Francis

We have been very fortunate this term to journey to Rome, with a group from the city and beyond, to present the Children's Codex to Pope Francis. The oldest surviving copy of the Vulgate Bible, the Codex Amiatinus, created at the monastery at Monkwearmouth, was presented to Pope Gregory around 1,300 years ago. Children from over 140 schools across the City of Sunderland have created a new Children's Codex of bible stories. This was presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace and Pope Francis at the Vatican. You can read more about this special journey on our website and in this edition of Spotlight.

The Diamond Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Westminster Abbey - November 2016

There are so many projects, clubs and awards to get involved in at St. Anthony's. Just to give one example, our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Team have gone on from strength to strength. We now have nearly a sixth of the school population working towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Thanks to the hard work undertaken by Mr. Hermon, and his staff team, we are now a "directly licensed" centre for the scheme. Given the very large numbers of children involved in the scheme, we had the privilege of being invited to Westminster Abbey to mark the Diamond Anniversary of the scheme in November 2016.

Welcoming Bishop Seamus to our new chapel December 2016

The last section of the phased redevelopment of the site, Somerleyton House, is due for completion this academic year. We welcome Bishop Seamus to celebrate Mass to mark the opening of our chapel (December 2016). The official opening of the new school is now earmarked for July 2017, following final completion of the last phase Spring 2017.

Join in – in 2017!

If your daughter is not involved in any of many activities described in Spotlight, please encourage her to participate in 2017. Involvement in clubs, societies, competitions etc. will not only enhance her university and/or job application(s), but will provide much enrichment and enjoyment.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Christmas 2016 and a peaceful New Year.



M. Shepherd (Mrs.)

Head Teacher
December 2016



New 9-1 GCSE Grades



New 9-1 GCSE Grades – A Simple Explanation

GCSEs are undergoing major changes in the way they are examined and graded.

Currently in Year 11 students studying Mathematics, English Language and English Literature are following new courses that will be graded 9-1 in the Summer. All other GCSEs for Year 11 are remaining with the familiar A*-G grades.

In Year 10 students are following the new course that will be graded 9-1 in the Summer of 2018 in all subjects except Textiles, Product Design and Business Studies

Year 7-9 Students will only study GCSEs that are graded 9-1.

The diagram show the equivalence between the 9-1 and the A*-G GCSEs.

Students are now expected to achieve a "GOOD GCSE" Grade which is defined as being a minimum of a grade 5. Grade 5 encompasses the top end of the old Grade C and the bottom of the old Grade B.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B GOOD PASS (DfE) 5 and above = top of C and above
5	
4	C AWARDING 4 and above = bottom of C and above
3	
2	D
1	E
	F
	G
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Target Grades at St Anthony's

This year we have introduced a new system of target grades for all students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Target grades for all students in Year 11 are the familiar A*-G grades in all subjects except English and Mathematics where the New GCSE 9-1 grades are being used. Only Mathematics and English have GCSEs in the new grading system, examinations in the new GCSE for all other subjects is not until 2018 at the earliest.

Target grades for all students in Year 10 are the New GCSE 9-1 grades in all subjects except Business Studies, Textiles and Product Design which are using the familiar A*-G grades. The new examinations in these three subjects do not begin until September 2017.

Target grades for all students in Year 9 upwards are now being set using these New GCSE 9-1 grades for all subjects

Target Grades for Year 7 & 8 are set using the new St Anthony's Ladder. Students are placed on a start step of the ladder based upon their prior attainment at Key Stage 2 are then set targets for year 7 and 8.

At St Anthony's we use target grades to monitor pupil progress throughout the year and support students in their learning.



Art

A Dog's Best Friend

In August sisters Emmie and Lilly Thompson were asked by Arts Centre Washington to design and paint them a little Snowdog, to be part of the 2016 Great North Snowdog Trail. They were very excited to have been the chosen artists and to also have been asked to help raise funds for St. Oswald's Hospice. The inspiration for their design came from the Washington legend "The Lambton Worm". The Snowdog Trail is officially open all over Tyne and Wear. You might have spotted a few Snowdogs already!

The chosen location for Emmie & Lilly's "Lambton Pup" is in The Washington Galleries Shopping Centre. The initiative comes from St. Oswald's Children's Hospice who have teamed up with Wild in Art to stage Tyne and Wear's biggest ever mass-participation, public art event – Great North Snowdogs!

The interactive trail features more than 50 large scale Snowdog sculptures, inspired by the much loved animated short film, "The Snowman™ and The Snowdog." During Autumn and Winter 2016 you will be able to follow the trail, collect points with a dedicated app and try to see as many of the sculptures as possible.

Eventually, after we have all enjoyed the Great North Snowdogs during their 10-week public extravaganza, the large sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for St. Oswald's Hospice.

Well done again, girls! We look forward to seeing what future projects lie in store.

If this looks like the sort of initiative you would like to be involved in please contact a member of the Art Department.

LAMBTON PUP

Arts Centre Washington are proud to share with you the Lambton Pup, designed and painted by award winning teenage artists Emmie and Lilly Thompson. They were inspired by a local Washington legend 'The Lambton Worm'. We hope you enjoy their illustrations and enjoy reading about the 'Fearful worm'!



Food Glorious Food!

This year the Art Department have designed homework tasks with a difference. Year 7 have been completing their personal learning and thinking skills homework (PLTS) over this first term and the outcomes have been fabulous!

The homework tasks are designed to give students the option of exploring materials and processes which they may not have the opportunity to use in school. Most recently students have been producing their favourite food made from found materials. The tasks are split over smaller periods of time to enable students to produce a final outcome which is both substantial and creative. These homework tasks are also an excellent way of involving others, whether it is friends or family, in the production of artwork, as they can then discuss and learn different techniques from one another.

A huge congratulations goes out to our fabulous Year 7s who have produced these magnificent food sculptures as part of their homework project. The quality was so high we couldn't just pick one to show case, so here they all are!

If this looks like something you are interested in contact a member of the Art Department for more information.



Art



The Big Doodle

A group of 6 highly creative and talented Year 8 Art Students (Elaiza Tesera, Anna Westwater-Lewis, Amy Lumsdon, Emily Adamson, Olivia Turvey, Georgia Lewis, Merin Sunil and Melisa McAney) attended the Catholic partnership 'Big Doodle' event at the start of October in the hosting school of St. Joseph's in Hebburn.



Amy Lumsdon,
Star Doodler.

Each of the girls was given the challenge to create their own individual 'Doodle Box' structure, which then formed part of a whole group sculptural piece along with the work of students from the other participating schools. All of the girls did absolutely brilliantly and produced some super imaginative doodling, with Amy Lumsdon collecting a prize for being a 'Star Doodler' on the day.

As usual each of the girls gave 100% to the workshops; they were an absolute pleasure to be with, and a credit to our school. The day was a brilliant success and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the chance to work in such a diverse way with other schools.

Well done, girls, and keep doodling!

The girls attended several workshops throughout the day. Each workshop was based on the theme of 'Line'. The girls considered the work of a range of artists, drawing techniques and styles, which they then used as inspiration for their own doodle designs.



Olivia Turvey, Anna Westwater-Lewis
and Emily Adamson



Year 8 Big Doodlers



Catholic Partnership Big Doodle Group



Big Doodle artwork



Business & Economics

Hexham and Newcastle Enterprise Competition – July 2016

Olivia Robertson, Aman Heer and Megan Haq competed as a team in the HNCP Enterprise Competition 2016. The competition took place at St. Leonard's Secondary School, Durham, and was organised and run by the Year 12 BTEC class. The students achieved points for a variety of activities including building a chair out of balloons as well as designing an app to support the Olympics. The girls threw themselves into each task, presenting their ideas relating to the app which took on aspects of the Olympic games themselves, including information about the athletes and the different events. They went on to develop the app further with a unique selling point to include a tourist guide as well as provide information and advice on the Zika virus. Their thorough planning and dedication to the task, as well as their excellent presentation skills, enabled them to accumulate even more points so that they were awarded 1st place for the competition! Olivia then went on to achieve the prize for excellent presentation skills. What an amazing achievement for all three girls!



Micro Tyco – Nov 2016

Raven Farong-Ey, Emily Lau, Jaymie Britton are all competing in the Micro Tyco competition organised by the charity Wildheart and one of the UK's biggest accountancy firms Deloitte. The students receive £1 start-up capital which has to be invested in order to generate as much money as possible to win the competition. The competition only lasts the month of November, so the girls have to think innovatively and find resources that they have access to in order to fundraise as effectively as possible. The students have done an amazing job of organising Movie lunch times, cake sales and raffles. They have also organised an entertainment evening at St. Joseph's church on Saturday 26th

November 2016 to take place after the Vigil Mass. There will be a small entrance fee and the event will include refreshments, a quiz, and Indian dancers. The students have also worked closely with staff to organise the Teachers' Lip Sync Battle.



Business & Economics



Lip Sync Battle

Organised by the Micro-Tyco Team, the Teachers' Lip Sync Battle took place on Thursday 17th November for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 students; and on Friday 18th November for Years 7, 8 and 9 students. It involved a fantastic performance from "Weyonce" (Mrs. Hoey, Miss Moran, Miss Shaw and Mrs Napier) lip syncing to four of Beyonce's greatest hits; Mrs. Wolland and her Year 8 team of backing dancers doing the Glee's The Time Warp; Miss Prestwood doing a mash-up of Sia (the Greatest), Meghan Trainor (No) and Miley Cyrus (Wrecking Ball); The Technology Department (Miss Brown, Mrs Conqueror, Miss Hearn, Miss Hunter and Mrs. Stringer) all performing to the Spice Girls' song, Wannabe; and The Maths Department (Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs Wheeler, Mr. Malkin, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Whitehouse, Miss Clarke and Miss Shaw) lip syncing to Adele's hit, Hello. The event was compered by Lucy Robinson, and judged by different judges over the two days including: Sr. Josepha, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Abbs, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Duncan and Mrs. Richardson-Dunn. There was also a range of support staff who worked behind the scenes including: Ms. Britton, Mrs. Tomlin, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Perrett, Miss Dixon and many more, as well as students including Chloe Mackel, Caitlin Robson and Gabriel Johnston to ensure that both events ran as smoothly as possible. The sound, lighting and videos were managed by Mrs Napier and coordinated by Rebecca Begg, Charlotte Galloway and Alice Liddle. A big thank you needs to also go to the kitchen and dinner staff who ensured that students were able to get their lunch as well as attend the event. The crowds who attended the event were amazing, clapping, cheering and supporting each act that came out. Their excellent behaviour was a credit to the school and to themselves. Overall, everyone was a winner for their fantastic performances and contributing to such an amazing cause. To date, the Micro-Tyco team have been able to raise just under £2,000 with all of their fundraising!



Careers

Careers – Discover Connexions



connexions



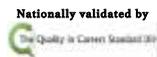
The launch for Year 10 Work Experience is underway! Students have been issued with their packs and are busy getting in touch with prospective employers for Work Experience Week placements in July 2017, and in CIAG lessons we are covering Health and Safety in the workplace to help with preparation.

After successful Work Experience Placements at the end of the last academic year, with fantastic feedback from employers, Year 11 are currently having their 1:1 Careers Interviews with Tracey Dale, our Connexions Personal Advisor, where they receive impartial advice and guidance as to their Post -16 Option Choices. We are looking forward to Personal Development Day where we will be getting a visit from Teesside University to inform Year 11 about Further Education and student life.



This academic year, as part of Work Discovery, Sunderland, we continue to offer Work Discovery Events in various Employment Sectors as and when they become available – students will be advised by tutors and subject teachers.

Exciting news!



Code of Practice

St. Anthony's Girls Catholic Academy is working towards the Inspiring IAG Gold Award.

The aim of the award is to:

1. Ensure young people get the support they need to make well informed, realistic decisions about their future, through Careers Education, information, advice and guidance.
2. Have appropriate, up-to-date, accurate and impartial information, and resources that all young people can access, regardless of race, gender, religion, ability, disability, social background or sexual orientation.
3. Ensure the organisational policies relating to Careers Education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) are up to date and regularly reviewed and reflect this code of practice.
4. Empower young people by informing them of how they can access CEIAG to help them plan their future and make well-informed, realistic decisions.
5. Provide young people, from Year 8 onwards, access to, impartial, professionally qualified careers guidance¹, and ensure formal regular assessment arrangements are carried out of the guidance practitioner, by appropriately qualified² senior staff to determine on-going competency.
6. Offer all young people access to impartial and independent³ careers guidance⁴, at a time and place that suits their needs.
7. Ensure that all staff working with young people are offered and can access ongoing training about qualifications/progression pathways and other relevant subjects, and that there is a formal system in place to ensure the competency of all staff in delivering CEIAG.
8. Work in partnership, where appropriate, with opportunity providers including employers, FE and training providers, and youth support services.
9. Working with parents/carers to offer them information, advice and guidance to help both them and their son/daughter.
10. Involve young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of CEIAG programmes.
11. Promote equality of opportunity, celebrating diversity, challenging stereotypes and raising aspirations.

¹ "Professionally qualified" means an approved Career Development Institute (CDI) advice and guidance qualification at Level 6 or above

² "Appropriately qualified" in this context means careers advice and guidance qualified

³ "Independent" means external to the organisation

⁴ "Career guidance" as defined by the DfE. "Careers Inspiration in Schools" March 2015

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Childcare



Exam date 9/1/17!!!!



Year 11 Childcare ALERT!

Top Tips for revision;

Read through your past papers and notes.

Learn the milestones and key terms.

Have an early night, get a good nights sleep.

Have a breakfast.

Have a go!

Read your answers



St Gerard

Year 10 Child Development students have been celebrating the feast day of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of mothers.

After learning a little about his life and miracles, the girls found out about maternal and neonatal statistics across the world. They were then able to present a prayer to St Gerard during a short service held by Sister Josepha in the hall.



Placing petitions and prayers to St. Gerard Majella



They have also been working on a booklet for new parents on 'Factors of Growth and Development'. Students have been able to demonstrate some good knowledge – an excellent start to the course!



Chaplaincy

School Mission Preparation

The Prayer Launch took place in all parishes on 18th September to prepare for our joint mission with St. Aidan's and St. Anthony's from 30.1.17 – 17.2.17. Both schools are working closely together to prepare, by attending joint meetings and diocesan prayer events such as "The Source" and a new venture called "The Event." This new initiative takes place once a month in St. Joseph's Academy, Hebburn, and is aimed at Years 6, 7 and 8.

Students thoroughly enjoy praise and worship, group-building activities, inspirational speakers - followed by pizza and juice! A great success!



CAFOD Leadership Course

The following Year 12 girls embarked on this very worthwhile course: Lucy Roberts, Rebecca Summerside, Alice Liddle, Lucy Robinson, Grace Copeland, Abbie Little, Rosie Smith, Ruth Chapman and Chuda (Jazz) Chansuwan. The first day was held at St. Mary's in Newcastle and was entitled "Understanding and Communicating CAFOD." Among many other skills they learned the difference between sympathy and empathy; that 24 people become homeless every minute; and that 51% of Refugees are under 18 years old. Their enthusiasm has already impacted on the annual CAFOD collection with their Year 7 "Treasure Hunt" initiative. In total the school raised the amazing amount of £725.67!! Well done to all!

John Paul 2nd Award

Currently, Year 13 students are completing their presentations, celebrating all the great volunteering they have done to achieve their Gold Award, and they are inspiring many of the Year 12 students to sign up for the Award, as well as 30 other candidates already registering to take part. They are involved in parish, school and social events across the city and beyond! Keep up the good work!



Chaplaincy



Youth Council

Great praise is deserved by these amazing girls who attend our Diocesan Youth Council.

They recently supported the CELEBRATE weekend at St. Joseph's Academy, and gave me a very welcome hand with all my resources! Well done for your continued commitment!



Liturgy for completion of the new school Chapel

A joyful and reflective service to mark the completion of our beautiful new chapel in school was celebrated on Thursday 13th October. Well done to those who took part with singing, reading and action.

There are many other events and activities taking place this term, including the Partnership Mass and Advent Liturgy, which this year is in St. Mary's, Blackhill. We are also very excited to be hosting a visit from Jean Stallings who worked alongside Martin Luther King and will be with us on the morning of 7th December as part of the city-wide Journey to Justice event.

Sincere thanks to everyone who gives such wonderful support to the Chaplaincy department, and we wish you peace and joy this Christmas.

Mini Vinnies – Youth SVP

A real bond of friendship has been developed with us and the Salvation Army in Southwick. We are supporting their "Adopt an Angel" appeal and inviting others to take an angel and buy a suitable present for the age/gender named on the back of each angel. These presents will then be distributed over Christmas to the most needy in our city.

Students from Year 12 are also working with pupils at English Martyrs School to set up their new Mini Vinnies group and their sessions on a Friday are most enjoyable.

CONNECT Network

Girls across the school are involved in many city-wide ecumenical events and are currently preparing for "Carols and Candlelight." This is a journey through the Bridges, singing carols together on 8th December, leaving the Minster at 6 p.m. We will also be distributing leaflets for "Ha-way in a Manger" which will take place in Keel Square on 10th December from 2-5 p.m. onwards. St. Anthony's has produced a gift of an angel in collaboration with Fab Lab, and CONNECT and will be handing them out at the Ha-way in a Manger event.

Bereavement Service

We had a wonderful Celebration of Remembrance on 2nd November in Our Lady's Hall with prayer, song and symbol. It was a moving tribute to all those we love, who have now died. May they rest in peace.



Classics

Classical Civilisation

In November the Classical Civilisation Sixth Formers took part in a session run by Durham University's Palace Green Library on object handling and Greek drama. For the first hour the students were given the chance to handle real ancient Greek and Roman artefacts and speculate on their uses and who might have owned them. The second hour saw the students throwing themselves into a drama session exploring the central aspects of a Greek Tragedy. With only half an hour to create and prepare their own Greek tragedy, the girls produced some excellent results, impressing the guests from Durham University.

Several of the Classicists attended an adaptation of a Greek Tragedy, *The Suppliant Women*, performed at Northern Stage. This play is one of the oldest Greek tragedies and this version was unusual in using a group of actresses picked directly from the community to play the chorus of suppliant women. The play was very moving and emotive, shedding light on the ancient and current plight of refugee women.



Classics Club

Classics Club is a new club this year that has got off to a brilliant start! Pupils from Years 7 and 8 dived straight in, learning Latin words and how to translate them into English. They have already tackled a Latin translation with great excitement and skill. Besides learning the language, Classics Club has started to explore the Roman world, including what Pompeii was like, which Roman god was the most powerful (and therefore the one you would make sure you worshipped) and which grizzled and battle-hardened gladiator they would have wanted to fight in the arena and how to defeat them!



Extended Curricular



Extended Schools Activities

These after school activities for Years 5 and 6 primary students, and for our own Years 7 and 8 students, continue to go from strength to strength. Both the Arts & Crafts club and the Cook-it club continue to be very popular, and the students attending these activities produce excellent outcomes. Ski Club is also a very popular activity with upwards of 70 students taking part in this club, based at Silksworth Ski Slope.

Extended Schools activities are designed to allow Years 5 and 6 students to come into the secondary school environment on a regular basis to experience what it is like moving to "big school". It also allows those students with a place at St. Anthony's Academy to get to know a few friendly faces amongst our current students and staff.

At the time of writing this article the Cook-It club is fully booked up, but there may be places available on the Arts & Crafts club and Ski Club. If you are interested in applying for a place on these activities please contact Mr. Holgate at ext-schools@st-anthonys-academy.com for further details.



Examples of Arts and Crafts Activities – Sock Bunnies!



Bookmarks & Chalkboard notices



St Anthony's staff and students again did us proud this year by volunteering their Sunday to help give out the goody bags at the 2016 Great North Run. The girls started their day at Gypsy's green at 9am, getting ready to hand out goody bags to the 57,000 runners who ran the 13.1 miles from Newcastle to South Shields.



They even got the chance to see Mo Farrah finish his half marathon.

Well done to all the staff and pupils for their efforts!



Design Technology & Computing

Barbour

A huge thank you to Matt Gillard of Barbour who visited St. Anthony's to give a talk to our current Year 13 students – Jennifer Hamilton, Stephanie Wilson, Poppy Taylor, Annabelle Blackett and Faye Greenman. They participated in a workshop which gave an insight into career opportunities in the fashion and clothing industry. They were enthusiastic throughout the session and they worked as a team to create design ideas for a new product type or garment which would appeal to a younger audience at Barbour. The results were very creative, and they confidently pitched their product to Matt Gillard.

The Tesco logo, featuring the word 'TESCO' in red capital letters above a blue horizontal bar with diagonal stripes.

FareShare FoodCloud

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fighting hunger, tackling food waste

FareShare and 10 week course of Jamie's Ministry of Food Workshops

September was an exciting time for the Food department. St Anthony's Academy has been selected for a pilot scheme to provide families in our school community with "rescued food" on the condition that our students and families can make use of the food. This pilot has come about because of Mrs Sherriff's personal interest in food waste. Did you know that food waste is a major issue? In the UK, we throw away millions of tonnes of food and drink from our homes every year, the majority of which could have been eaten. It's costing us £12.5bn a year and is bad for the environment, too. For more information visit <http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>. Sister Josepha plays an important role and helps distribute some of the rescued food to local food banks at the Salvation Army in Southwick, Elim Pentecostal Church and also a food bank she has links with in Newcastle.



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT

THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

10 lucky families have been chosen to take part in a 10- week course of Jamie's Ministry of Food Workshops. Workshops are run by the SAFC Foundation of Light in conjunction with the world-renowned celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's Food Foundation.

Workshops are designed to encourage healthy eating and will give families the opportunity to cook together and build on cooking skills. They will learn how to make delicious, nutritious home cooked food as part of the ten-week programme. You can follow our progress on the Academy's Twitter account.



Design Technology & Computing



Primary Links Within Design Technology

The Design Technology Department continues to invite our Primary Feeder schools to bring their Year 5 students into St. Anthony's Academy to take part in an afternoon of design and make activities. This year we are continuing the very popular Alien Pencil Holder project, where the students gain experience of working with a range of both hand and power tools including craft knives, pillar drills and hammers and nails, to make and decorate their pencil holder. The first school to attend this year has been St. Leonard's at Silksworth.



MasterChef

In November two of our Year 10 Food and Nutrition students took part in a MasterChef challenge. Holly Leadbitter and Jessica Curry worked throughout the morning to produce, on a budget, a tasty and nutritious starter and main course. The results were amazing! The girls decided on the menu, and opted for a vegetarian meal with an Indian theme. They produced Onion Bhajis, and Vegetable Samosas as starters, along with a Yoghurt and Cucumber Dip as a starter, and then a Vegetable Curry with Naan Bread, for the main course.



The food was taste-tested by Miss Wallis who really enjoyed it – especially the Onion Bhajis! All this, and they came in under budget at £4.60. Excellent work, girls!



English & Drama

Stars of the Show: St. Anthony's Students in the Media!

A lucky group of Year 12 and 13 girls attended a 'Women in the Media' Event delivered by Sky Sports News at Sunderland University's Media Centre. Rubbing shoulders with the Sky Sports presenters, pupils got the exciting chance to go behind the scenes of an influential media institution. Students were given the opportunity to participate in six different media workshops, showcasing the different aspects of working in the media. In one particular workshop some pupils enjoyed becoming news reporters, whilst others made up the extensive 'behind the scenes' team. Lucy Prior and Ellen Dixon (both Year 12) especially excelled in the TV gallery as Vision Mixer and Teleprompter while Ellie Coggins (Year 13) acted decisively as their Floor Manager.

Not only did the pupils get to try out exciting media roles, they also found out about the growing opportunities for women in the media industry. Panellists at the event's Q & A session included inspirational women, breaking through stereotypes and stigmas, to become involved in Sports Media. The girls heard from Zoë Vicarage, a former Sunderland University student, who followed her dream into sports journalism and broke into the male-dominated world of Horse Racing. Another panellist from the team managed to inspire some students to consider the glamorous yet hectic world of Public Relations. Overall, the day gave our students an insightful experience of working in the media as a young woman. We would like to say a huge thank you to the University and Sky Sports News team!



R-L: Ellie Coggins (Year 13) acting as Floor Manager; Rachel Taylor (Year 13) as News Presenter; Lucy Prior (Year 12) as Vision Mixer; and the entire group participating in a Q&A session.

Poetry Club

Year 12 students having been attending a weekly poetry club with Miss Donaldson to participate in the upcoming national Poetry by Heart competition. Poetry by Heart was created in 2011 and set up by the Department for Education to encourage students to read, memorise and recite poetry by heart. The students will memorise one poem for a school-based competition, judged by the English and Drama department. The winner will

then take her place in the county competition in Newcastle City Centre in February 2017. This is St Anthony's second year to take part in this fantastic competition, and we are hoping to beat our last year's placing of runner-up, to win the coveted top spot, securing a place for one of our students in the national finals held at Cambridge University! Good luck to those students taking part. Check back with our next edition of Spotlight to see how the girls get on!

POETRY BY
HEART



English & Drama



We love to read!

We love to read in English lessons, and we love to encourage all students to share our love of reading in school and at home.

We were delighted to meet the world-famous author of the 'Geek Girl' books, Holly Smale, when she visited our academy recently.

Holly is a real inspiration to all readers and she spoke about her love of reading and writing.

We hope all students will continue reading to help them make good progress in all areas of their studies in English.

Let's keep on reading...



'There was no possibility of taking a walk that day.'

(English Literature Visit to Haworth)

The weather for our visit put us in the mood for Brontëland from the outset as, "clouds so sombre" travelled with us. However, the spirits of the staff and students were not dampened as we were very excited about visiting Haworth Parsonage, the home of literary genius!

The first event on our agenda was a lecture and discussion, 'An Introduction to the Brontës', which provided valuable insights into the study of our texts and developed our contextual knowledge. The setting for this was atmospheric as we were sitting in the converted cellar of the house which had 'Heathcliff's headstone' propped in the corner.



This was followed by our tour of the house and it was lovely to imagine 'Jane Eyre', 'Wuthering Heights' and all the other wonderful writing being produced in that tranquil place. There was also an opportunity to dress up in nineteenth century costume, so time had to be invested in selfie-taking, of course, and the morning session ended with a detailed study of the gift shop.

After lunch in the village, where "Brontëburgers" were available, we returned to the parsonage for our second session, 'Interpretations of 'Jane Eyre''. This was thought-provoking and the responses of the students were impressive and confidently expressed.

Many thanks to Miss Wallis for organising this culturally rich experience, and well done to our charming students who made the day a pleasure for the staff.



Geography

Tour of Britain

This year in Geography pupils are completing a 'Tour of Britain' project as part of the Year 7 course. So far the girls have learnt about different places within Britain and the difference between the UK, British Isles and Great Britain. The project aims for the girls to expand on their geographical knowledge of Great Britain by planning a route for tourists visiting to see. The tour will take place over 5 days and the girls are busy preparing presentations to explain their choices for locations on the tour. The tour will include both physical and human tourist attractions across Great Britain and a detailed itinerary will be presented with lots of different reasons for destinations included. So far the girls have made a great effort using books from the library, preparing at home and also working in the Geography department at lunchtimes to prepare for their presentations.



European Day of Languages Cake Competition

At the beginning of the school year the Geography department competed in the European Day of Languages Cake Competition. The country assigned to the department was Iceland, and so we baked a 'tectonic' themed cake, fitting in with the current Year 12 curriculum. The cake was a destructive volcano! These Year 12 ladies are revising all about volcanoes in order to prepare for their exams, as one of the topics studied is Natural Hazards.



Geography



Living Streets, December 2016

Our Living Streets Club is a pupil-led campaign group looking at environmental issues. We meet every Thursday lunchtime in 2:43, and new members are always welcome. We began this year by preparing for an assembly for Year 7 – this was a follow-up to the Year 6 Transition Days last July. In the transition workshops, the Year 8 pupils had introduced ideas about how to include more walking for pupils coming to the academy, and

had distributed our St Anthony's walking map. The Year 6 pupils had then filled in pledge cards, which went into the "hat." So at our special pupil-led Year 7 Assembly, the three lucky winners were presented with a goody bag!

We have also been planting bulbs in the newly improved grounds of the new build at the front garden – we hope these will bring a splash of colour in the spring.

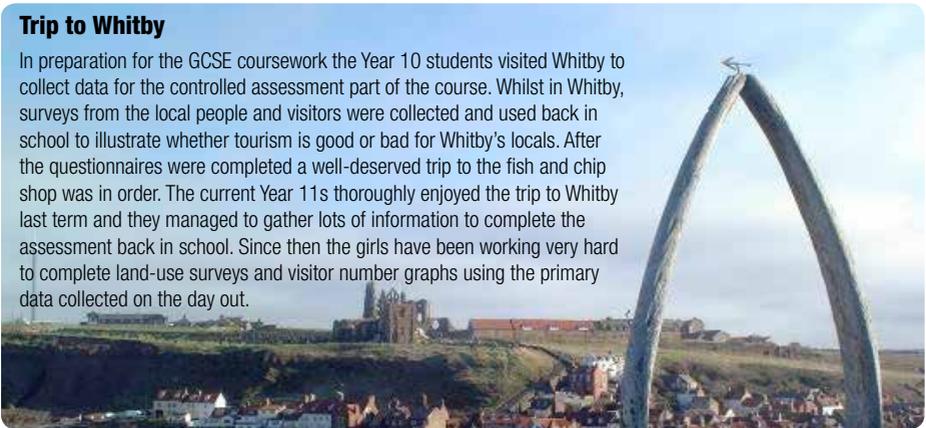


Poster Competition

Another activity has been a poster competition for the International Walk to School month. Our next events will be organising the entries for Road Safety Week and getting involved in the Be A Smarter Parker campaign.

Trip to Whitby

In preparation for the GCSE coursework the Year 10 students visited Whitby to collect data for the controlled assessment part of the course. Whilst in Whitby, surveys from the local people and visitors were collected and used back in school to illustrate whether tourism is good or bad for Whitby's locals. After the questionnaires were completed a well-deserved trip to the fish and chip shop was in order. The current Year 11s thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Whitby last term and they managed to gather lots of information to complete the assessment back in school. Since then the girls have been working very hard to complete land-use surveys and visitor number graphs using the primary data collected on the day out.



History

950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings

Year 7 commemorated the special anniversary (950 years) of the Battle of Hastings on October 14th. In their History lessons they designed their own scenes from the Bayeux Tapestry which will all be put together to make one large tapestry. In addition, many of our talented girls entered a competition to make a cake, a model, a picture, a piece of writing or a video diary of the Battle. The standard of entries was exceptional, with many girls going to great lengths to produce a high quality piece of work.

Winners of the sections were:

- Cake – Amelia Appleby (With lego figures on horseback and gold crown edging)
- Model – Dannah Mape – Golden Castle
- Painting – Lilliana Gieruszwska
- Essay – Olivia Leask

The overall winner of a voucher donated by Mrs. Shepherd was Dannah Mape.

Well done to all girls who took part!



Beamish July 2016

The History Department took Year 8 to Beamish Museum in July. The pupils took part in a suffragette rally, dressing up as Edwardian men and women. They were highly enthusiastic at this rally, chanting "Who rules the world? Girls!" and "Women can't think; get back to the kitchen sink!" depending on whether they were for or against suffrage. The debates were heated, with some excellent arguments on both sides. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially the chance to explore the Edwardian town, including the sweet shop.



History Club

Girls from Years 7, 8 and 9 have attended History Club each Tuesday lunchtime since the start of the year and have taken part in a number of fun craft activities related to different areas of History! **Kate Wilson** and **Olivia Smith (Year 9)** produced a fantastic presentation on the history of Whitby which was delivered to the group. The girls have also designed Roman pottery, looked at meanings behind a medieval coat of arms and also created some of their own illuminated letters, like those found in Anglo-Saxon manuscripts. Some of their creations can be seen in the photograph attached, including great work from **Erin Crawley, Caitlin Adamson, Veronica Wallace (Year 7)** and **Hannah Williams (Year 9)**. Any girls in Year 7, 8 or 9 wishing to join in can come to 3.69 on Tuesday lunchtimes!



Horner's Fundraising Corner



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's coffee morning raised **£141.05!**



Thank you to all the staff who donated prizes for the raffle, cakes for the coffee morning, and money for this great cause.

See you all again next year!



Year 9 & 10 Sportsability Festival

Some of the girls from Years 9 & 10 attended a sports festival at the Puma centre Wednesday 23rd November. They were joined by pupils from other schools in Sunderland. They took part in Boxercise, Tennis, Cricket and Fencing. The girls had a great morning learning new skills and making new friends. The comments the girls had when the festival was over was the 'it was great fun', 'can we come back again' and 'I loved it'.



We are hoping to attend other festivals in the area so the girls can progress their skills and continue making new friends from other schools.

Wear it Pink in PE

To help support breast cancer, the pupils were allowed to wear anything pink in their lessons.



The girls were absolutely great for remembering to wear pink clothes, but also for the very generous donations. We raised £322.13 to help support the fight against breast cancer!



International Links

A Glimpse of China

Miss Robinson and Mrs Napier were invited to attend an event called “A Glimpse of China” organised by the Confucius Institute at Newcastle University. The evening of Chinese dance and music was performed by students from Xiamen University, China, who flew in that morning! It was a real showcase of talent, ranging from a bamboo flautist who never seemed to breathe, to martial arts and beautiful singing. One of the students even did calligraphy on the stage; it was very mesmerising to watch. We hope to strengthen our links with the Confucius Institute and possibly even have our own performance in school in the future – fingers crossed!



Sweden Links

Our Links with Sweden are growing! Last year Mr Flores and Miss Wallis visited Linnaeus University in Vaxjo where they delivered seminars and lectures on Teaching, Learning and Assessment to teaching staff and ITT students. They also visited Katedralskolen, a High School in Vaxjo where they observed lessons and met with the teaching staff.

Mr Flores and Mrs Ward have been back to visit them this term, and we look forward to welcoming 12 ITT students to England in February as part of their training course where they will spend three weeks with us, developing our partnership for the future.



China Student Exchange

Twelve lucky Year 10 students are in the midst of fund-raising and saving up for the trip of a lifetime to China next May! The girls will be spending a few days sightseeing in Beijing before flying north to Harbin, where they will visit our two partner schools: Daqing Foreign Language School, and Harbin Middle School Number 59. The hard-working girls have already held cake sales within school, and car-boot sales outside of school, to help them raise enough money. There will be more fundraising events to come, including film showings and raffles, so keep an eye peeled, and please support if you can, to help these girls reach their fundraising targets.



The Great Wall of China and Forbidden City – two of the places the girls are hoping to visit on their trip.



International Links



Cambodia 2017

A group of girls from Years 11, 12 & 13 will be visiting Cambodia during July and August for a four-week expedition to Siem Reap and Phnom Penh. They are busy fundraising and saving up for the visit of a lifetime.



The girls will be living in 2 different camps, helping to build toilets, decorating classrooms, mixing cement for the buildings, and teaching English to the local pupils who attend the school. They will live in the Camps Beng Mealea - Siem Reap and Camp Beng Pae - Phnom Penh for 8 days whilst they help build and decorate for the local community.



The girls will also be visiting the temples of Ankor Wat, Genocide Museum S21 Prison, the Killing fields, the floating village of Kampong Kleang and other attractions to understand the culture and history surrounding Cambodia.



The newly-built English classrooms waiting to be finished



A long house where the girls will be sleeping



International Links

Year 10 Pen-Pal Exchange

With the help of Max, our lovely French Foreign Language Assistant, 10F1 are about to make friends with some French students from Le Collège d'Orlinde in Bretenoux! They will be writing letters and telling the French students all about themselves: their hobbies, family, personality, school life – all in French, so perfect for practising everything we have been learning! Max will deliver the letters for us over the Christmas holiday, and will bring responses back in the New Year. The girls are really excited to find out about their French counterparts, and hopefully if this is successful, we will be able to find more French pen-pals for more girls in the school. Watch this space!



The beautiful town of Bretenoux in the southwest of France

Qinhuangdao Summer Camp 2016

In July Mrs Napier spent the first three weeks of the summer holidays in China on behalf of the Academy. Our links with the Education Authority of Hebei Province meant that our lucky MFL teacher used her language skills to teach English to Chinese students from across the province at the Number One High School in Qinhuangdao. Students travelled from different schools to participate in lessons from native British and American teachers over a very intensive 2 weeks. Lessons focussed on Speaking and Listening activities, thus taking advantage of native English speakers.

Students loved experiencing a new style of teaching: working in groups, practicing vocabulary in funny voices, hunting for clues hidden around the room, plus many more activities which don't often feature in their normal school day. In the afternoon, students were able to attend lots of different lessons including: rugby, British history, art, volleyball, Spanish, drama, basketball, Irish dancing, Science club and Mrs Napier's French Club. Mrs Napier and the students from her English class particularly enjoyed Singing Day where they performed English language songs and dances; their favourites were "Let it go!" from Frozen, "Year 3000" by Busted, and dancing to "The Music Man" – which Mrs Napier suspects was due to her superb interpretation of Scottish dancing!

The Summer Camp ended with a Talent Show for students and staff with performances including: Chinese opera, a play about friendship, the cup song, a saxophone duet, a display of martial arts, and a "Grease" medley! On the final day students and staff celebrated with cake... but not by eating it! One thing the students did enjoy eating was the selection of British sweets that Mrs Napier brought with her;

though some found them a little too sweet compared to their own candies.

During her time in China, Mrs Napier saw some amazing historical sights and had the fantastic opportunity to work with students from another country helping them to improve their English speaking skills and their knowledge of British culture. It was a brilliant opportunity to see the importance of Language Education on a global scale as well as to teach students from the other side of the world.



Class K09



Cake Day with K09



International Links



My India Experience

An article by former St. Anthony's pupil, Aby Carlisle

I first went to Rajkot, Gujarat in India on an exchange project with St. Anthony's in February 2015. I was so overwhelmed with the kindness I received and the experiences that I had, that I decided to go back for 6 months as part of a gap year. I wanted to teach and to take part in the wonderful life I had sampled during my visit. Looking back, I am extremely happy that I took this opportunity to return, and am very grateful for the encouragement I got from my family, for the support from the Sisters of Mercy and also, naturally, for the help I had from so many kind people in India.

It was great to immerse myself in Indian culture – I ate wonderful meals, I took part in religious and other cultural events, I was welcomed into family homes, and took part in their daily lives. I was fortunate enough to spend 3 weeks living with Dr. D. K. Vadodaria, (Managing Trustee, Panschil School), and his family, and am still grateful for their affection and support. I feel so blessed to have been befriended by

so many wonderful people: invited to be Maid of Honour at a friend's engagement ceremony, and attending events as part of the typical Indian wedding celebrations. On these social occasions I was able to wear some of the Indian saris that I bought; learning how to wear one was challenging but I had a lot of enthusiastic help from Indian students! Throughout, I was well looked after by my "elder brother" Yogiraj Jadeja. I love the Indian custom of calling cousins and friends "brothers" and "sisters".

It was not always plain sailing, though, and I did suffer some disappointments: I missed Christmas at home with my family, I was hurt and disappointed not to teach in one school as much as I had expected. However, I always found that there were good people who gave me the warmth and affection that I needed to get through difficult times. I learned a great deal from the experience; I matured considerably and can now see life in an entirely different way. I feel that I have created a "second home" there and it will always have a place in my heart along with all the wonderful children of all ages I was able to help in the classes that I gave in English and French.



Aby Carlisle with one of her classes in Panschil School and taking part in cultural event



Getting in touch with the culture - Aby Carlisle learns how to use a loom

Sixth Form India Visit

Next February three Sixth Form girls alongside Miss Cousin will have the fantastic opportunity of visiting our partner schools: KVKV Girls' School, and Panschil School in Rajkot, India. Excitement is building as we make our last push to finalise arrangements; and all the girls are really looking forward to what will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Once there, our girls will be working with students in both schools with various workshops. Indian students will be teaching our girls Mehendi, folk dancing and Indian cooking amongst many other things. We will also be visiting Gir Forest Lion Sanctuary as well as Mother Theresa's orphanage. Hopefully, this opportunity will also be available for February 2018.

Any Year 12s who are interested, please watch this space for more information!



St. Anthony's students from a previous year's India visit.



Learning Resource Centre News

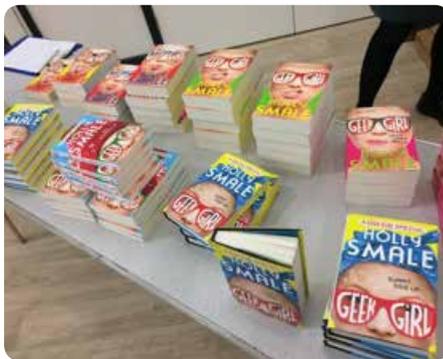
Learning Resource Centre

We have had a busy start to the academic Year with registration and inductions for the New Year 7 pupils. To get the girls back into reading after the Summer break, all Year 7 girls have been given a book as a gift from the school. They got to choose from a selection of 12 different genres, so hopefully there was something of interest for everyone.



Reading for Pleasure

Since the beginning of term the girls have borrowed 1,446 fiction books, which is an amazing amount. The most popular author this term has been Holly Smale who visited the school and gave a talk to some of the girls. Other popular books that the girls are reading are the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, the Harry Potter series and anything by Jacqueline Wilson.



Learning Resource Centre News



Pupil Librarian Course



A new Pupil Librarian Course started in October, and 9 girls from Year 8 and Year 9 have signed up. The girls have to complete 10 skills sheets, and they get to create bookmarks and posters to promote reading, write book reviews, and to help with topical displays. When they have completed the course they will attend an award ceremony where they will each receive a certificate and get to meet a famous author.

Scholastic Book Club

Don't forget to look out for the Scholastic Book Club leaflets as they have some great offers in. Books can be paid for in the library or online and then delivered to school free of charge as part of the school book club: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-anthonys-sr2>



Reading Club

Reading Club is held Monday - Thursday mornings from 8.30am until 9.00am in the library. It is run by Mrs Robinson, with help from Ms Jackson, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Grieves and Mrs Hartley.

We use a computer program 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 at Reading Club it's about finding books that we find interesting and not too hard to read. This term so far, we have taken over **142** quizzes and earned **118.2** points between us. We have also read over **807,529** words.

Some of our favourite books include:

Nag Club by Anne Fine

The boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

Running from the Rainbow by Karen McCombie

We have found that reading aloud to someone each night for 15 minutes increases our reading ability.



The Stars of Reading Club this term have been:

The Most Words Read Award:

- Cerys Vater in Year 7, words read: 112,481
- Zoe Howlett in Year 9, words read: 76,771

Most Quizzes Taken and Passed Award:

- Rebecca Henderson in Year 7 has taken and passed 25 quizzes this term.
- Emma Storey in Year 7 has taken and passed 15 quizzes this term.

All the girls have worked very hard.

WELL DONE!



Literacy Events

Holly Smale: Geek Girl Visit

This term, St Anthony's welcomed international best-selling author Holly Smale into school. St Anthony's was chosen as the final stop on her countrywide *Geek Girl* tour, to celebrate the launch of her fifth novel in the series *Geek Girl: Head over Heels*. The girls were excited to see Holly and her custom *Geek Girl* bus!

Years 8 and 9 pupils had the opportunity to listen to Holly's inspirational story of how experiences at school coupled with a teenage modelling career, led to her first novel *Geek Girl*. Pupils had the fantastic opportunity of meeting Holly and learning about her experiences as an author.

This was a superb event, supporting our whole school reading programme aimed at encouraging pupils to read more. We hope they continue to enjoy reading experiences.

Thank you to the English department and our marvellous librarian, Ms Jackson, for helping to organise this event.



Holly and pupils with the Geek Girl bus!



GCSE Success and Reading

Switch off the TV, turn off the tablet and have a break from social media.

Research by Cambridge University has highlighted the importance of reading against achieving successful grades at GCSE. They found that students who read regularly performed on average two GCSE grades higher than those who did not read regularly. Interestingly, they also looked at the impact of 'screen time' (time spent watching TV, using the internet and playing computer games) on student performance and found that for every extra hour of screen time grades could be affected by going down two levels, the equivalent of a B to a D grade.

Our advice for KS4 students is: instead of spending time staring at a screen, think about picking up a good book. We've some suggestions here – a mixture of modern romances and all time classics:

This year's CILIP Carnegie winner ***One*** by Sarah Crossan

Five Children and It on the Western Front by Kat Saunders, our Carnegie group favourite!

The Sun is also a star by Nicola Yoon

Black Powder by Ally Sherrick

The Perks of being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Wonder by R.J Palacio

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

The Sign of Four by Arthur Conan Doyle

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein



Check out the **Senior Fiction** section of the school library for more reading ideas.



Maths



A-Level Results 2016



Some of our successful students who achieved a grade A at AS Mathematics (from left):
Ellis Neale, Bethaney Miller, Olivia Smith, Tayla Wilkinson and Jennifer Szandrowska.

Last summer the A Level Results saw some outstanding performances in Mathematics.

At A2 Level 35% of passes were at A* or A grade with 65% at the top grades of A*-B, and with an overall pass rate of 100%.

At AS Level 16% of passes were at A grade with 35% at the top grades of A-B, and with an overall pass rate of 76%.

At AS Level Further Maths 23% of passes were at A grade with 36% at the top grades of A-B.

Congratulations to all who studied Mathematics with us and good luck with your future studies.

Anyone interested in AS or A2 Mathematics or Further Mathematics at St Anthony's is asked to contact Mrs Armstrong or Mr Dunn.

Chess Club

A new exciting club is starting this term for all the budding Kasperovs on Friday lunchtimes. All students from Years 7 and 8 are welcome to attend in Room 2:57. Come along and learn some new problem-solving and critical skills.

See Mr Dugdale in the Maths department for more information.



Grand masters of the future Callie McGinty, Zeebier Samra and Anna Watson, from Year 8



Maths

Maths GCSE Results 2016

A huge 'Well done!' to the Year 11 students who completed their GCSE course this Summer. 82% of students achieved grade A*-C with 25% of students achieving grade A or A* and over 50% achieving a B grade or above.

Outstanding results were achieved by many with the following girls being awarded the top grade of A*:

Nishat Awal, Rebecca Begg, Maisha Choudhury, Grace Copeland, Ciara Ellis, Charlotte Galloway, June Gomez, Toni Goodwin, Rhiannon Laverick, Alice Liddle, Hannah Metcalfe, Lucy Roberts, Jesty Sojan, Mariya Vinod.



Some of our A* students who are now studying Advanced Level Mathematics.
Back row (from left): Mariya Vinod, Lucy Roberts, Toni Goodwin, Charlotte Galloway.
Front row (from left): Nishat Awal, Jesty Sojan, June Gomez and Maisha Choudhury.

Congratulations to all students, and good luck with your future studies and career choices.



Maths Department in Lip Sync Battle

A Lip Sync Battle was recently organised by some Sixth Form students in aid of the Wildheart charity. The Maths department entry was Adele's 'Hello'. A great time was had by all involved, and lots of money raised for an excellent cause.

Can you recognise any of the Maths department?



Maths



Maths Support Programme

We are pleased to announce that we have launched a new Maths support programme this year. This initiative is aiming to improve the progress of our students in Mathematics across Key Stages 3 and 4. The programme will be run by various teachers in the Maths department during lunchtimes, and invited students will attend one session per week.

Day: Monday (Year 10/11 and Year 7), Tuesday (Year 9), Wednesday (Year 8)

Time: 12:20-12:45

Venue: Maths Department

Many thanks for your support in encouraging your daughter's attendance if she is part of the selected cohort.

New Online Maths Resources

A reminder that the Maths department use two pieces of online software with pupils to support their learning;

MyMaths



MyMaths is a fully interactive online learning resource, complete with interactive lessons, homework tasks, and games. Each pupil throughout the school who studies Maths has her own individual login so staff can set homework for students to complete at home. Students should see their Maths teacher if they forget their login details.

Students can login using any PC or laptop, and the free Puffin Academy app allows them to access MyMaths on mobile and tablet devices.

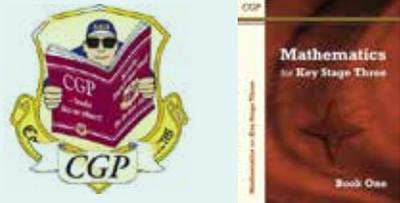
This is an excellent revision resource for students of every Year group to use to improve their Mathematics skills.

School Login details

School Login: stanthonys1

School Password: circle192

CGP Online Textbook



Our Key Stage 3 and 4 students have a passcode to enable them to access an online version of the textbook they use in their Maths lessons. This enables pupils to complete homework and personal study without the need to take home a textbook. The online version can be accessed from any computer once an account has been registered.

Remember to also check the school website regularly for new resources and revision materials.

School Website Revision Materials

The Mathematics section on the school website contains many revision materials for students to use. These will be particularly useful around mock examination, key assessment and final examination periods.

Year 11 students in particular should ensure they are making use of these materials throughout the school year in order to thoroughly prepare for their final examinations. There are booklets covering most topics covered in GCSE Maths, split into Foundation and Higher tiers.

Anyone needing any help accessing these materials should see their Maths teacher.



Manzini

Swaziland (Manzini Youth Care) Fundraising Information Letter

In July 2016, St Anthony's staff; Ann Laydon, Moira Miller with Helen Wolland and Sunderland University staff; Karen Tait and Margaret Parsons, tutors on the Childhood Studies team spent two weeks volunteering in Manzini in Swaziland.

One of the most exciting moments of the two weeks was the day we visited one of the poorest communities in Manzini and saw the real impact of the money raised by St Anthony's and Sunderland University.

Visitors from Sunderland have always worked very closely with Manzini Youth Care's school at Enjabulweni and this year was no exception. This time, there was some practical work to do, as the team organised the repair of ceilings in two classrooms, and then set about painting them. We had help from some of the boys and girls who worked hard to help finish the work on our very last day.



This is not 'just' a tap; it's so much more than this. This resource was paid for by money raised by students. Having a ready supply of fresh water makes a significant difference to the lives of families. It provides clean drinking water and allows families to grow their own food and so contributes to better health. It also allows families to do many of the things we take for granted, such as being able to wash clothes. We saw this when we visited another family who are making good use of their supply of fresh water from the tap that was provided by St Anthony's School in Sunderland; the crop of vegetables in the picture below wouldn't be possible without this.

Enjabulweni has a thriving training school for Early Years teachers, led by a dedicated and inspiring teacher called Sonto. She began working with a small number of students several years ago, and now has a big group of 48 trainees. When we arrived, the students had just come back from a placement and were keen to share their experiences. Margaret, from the Childhood Studies team, and Moira from St Anthony's School, led a training session for the students which focused on enabling environments. The students joined in with great enthusiasm and loved using the resources that Moira had brought.



Manzini



One of the things that really needs some attention at the pre-school at Enjabulweni is the outdoor area. Just like early years settings anywhere in the world, the young children love playing outside, and the school does have some play equipment that provides opportunities for.....

Climbing....



Swinging.....



and pretending.....



The equipment is sound and provides lots of opportunities for play but it is in need of some repair, and the outdoor area needs work to make it a safe environment for play. After discussing what is needed with staff at Enjabulweni, it was decided that the play equipment would be moved to a better and safer area, and that the equipment would be cleaned, repaired and repainted.

One of the joys of visiting Swaziland is the opportunity to see something of the country and its culture. For Margaret, this was her first visit, and she was surprised to find that a stop at the service station in southern Africa for coffee has much better views than anywhere on the A1.

Sandile, a good friend of the annual visitors from Sunderland, took us out for the day during the weekend to see some of the beauty of the landscape and culture. One of the highlights of the day was a visit to the pre-historic rock paintings at Nsangwini. The paintings are over 4,000 years old but still give us a vivid picture of the lives of the ancient San people. The Nsangwini rock paintings are one of many community tourism projects in Swaziland. Supported by seed-funding from the EU and the Swazi government, community tourist sites are maintained and developed by local people, who take great pride in ensuring the survival of their cultural heritage.

We ended the day at Sandile's home, and it was a great privilege to be able to find out more about his family life. Like many Swazis, Sandile has more than one job. As well as running his own tour company, he runs a small holding to provide for his immediate and extended family. This involves keeping chickens and growing maize, using tried and tested traditional methods to keep his animals and crops safe... see the Swazi chicken coop below.



Our final day at Enjabulweni was bitter-sweet. We were able to enjoy the wonderful singing of the school choir and a demonstration of traditional dancing and singing by some of the older girls, but we were sad to be leaving the country where we received such a warm welcome.



Thank you for your continued support for this charity, every penny raised really does count, all the money raised by St. Anthony's goes directly to where it is needed.





ROME



The group was seated so close to Pope Francis



Representing St. Anthony's at the Vatican. (L to R) Mr Wicker, Year 11 girls - Katrina O'Neil, Ashlin Roy, Leah Tubman, Devika Jayan, Lilly Thompson, Mrs Shepherd



The delegation gathered outside Basilica in Rome with Bishop Cunningham



Some of the crowd gathered for the Papal audience

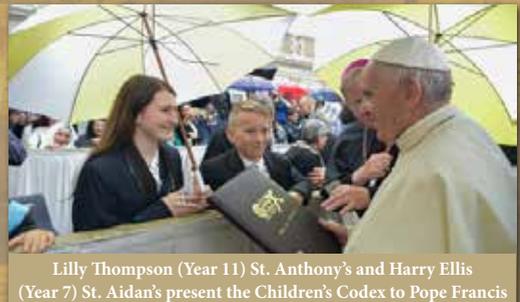


Children of the North East present the Word of God to Pope Francis in Rome

A delegation of young people from across schools in Sunderland and South Tyneside (representing 140 schools) joined with Bishop Seamus Cunningham (Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle) and Fr. Marc Lyden-Smith (Parish priest of St. Mary's Sunderland) in presenting the "Children's Codex" to Pope Francis at the end of his general audience at the Vatican in Rome. This was a historic moment of commemoration and celebration of the Word of God.

Schools represented from the diocese of Hexham & Newcastle were St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Academies, St. Mary's Primary Sunderland, together with St. Joseph's and St. Wilfred's, South Tyneside.

Mr Graham Nicol of Sunderland Minster explained that the idea behind the "Children's Codex" was to retrace the steps of the original Codex which was transcribed and illuminated at Wearmouth-Jarrow monastery, and left St Peter's Church in Sunderland for Rome in AD 716 as a gift from Abbot



Lilly Thompson (Year 11) St. Anthony's and Harry Ellis (Year 7) St. Aidan's present the Children's Codex to Pope Francis

Ceolfriith to Pope Gregory II. The Codex Amiatinus was produced 1,300 years ago and is the oldest surviving Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible in the world.

This was an interdenominational project by which the pupils of every school in Sunderland and Jarrow were invited to follow in the Monk's footsteps and contribute text and

ME 2016



St. Peter's
Seamus

St. Peter's Basilica



Pope Francis meeting with Bishop Seamus



At Castel Gandolfo which overlooks
Lake Albano



Relaxing by the fountain on Piazza Navona



The title page of the
Children's Codex

drawings based on biblical themes and characters. The leather bound "Children's Codex" taken to Rome represents the young people of Sunderland and Jarrow as the Church today, who also share in the deep cultural and historical heritage of the monastic past.

The delegation of young people and staff travelled with much excitement to Rome and joined thousands of other people from around the world at the general Papal audience

on Wednesday 26th October. Our group were extremely fortunate to be seated right next to the Holy Father throughout the audience.

Bishop Seamus explained the Children's Codex to Pope Francis, who was very interested and impressed with the work of the young people. Two students were selected to present the Children's Codex to the Holy Father: Harry Ellis (aged 12) from St. Aidan's, and Lilly Thompson (aged 15) from St Anthony's.

Lilly Thompson of St. Anthony's said,

"I feel very special and know that even some world leaders haven't met the Pope yet. The whole visit has made me realise how important my faith is to me."

The visit leaves the work of the young people on display at the Vatican, commemorating the work left by the monks of Wearmouth-Jarrow all those hundreds of years previously. The impact of this visit for those among the delegation is one which will stay with them as a significant moment where they proudly represented their areas and the work of all the young people in the presence of the Pope.

Music



The Choir hits the Capital!

This year the Senior Choir travelled to London on our annual tour and it was our most jam-packed tour yet!

Performing in St Paul's Cathedral, leading Evensong, was an absolute honour and we all felt very privileged to have been given this amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The rehearsal was tiring and the whole experience was demanding and nerve-wracking, but totally worth it for the excitement of singing at such a prestigious landmark. We also performed a varied repertoire at the Royal Albert Memorial in Kensington Gardens before going to see the BBC Strictly Come Dancing Proms in the Royal Albert Hall. I loved it because we all got dressed up in our posh dresses, and I was in awe of the ballroom dancing and sparkly costumes!

We were lucky enough to have fantastic weather the whole time we were there, making our tourist activities, such as sightseeing on the River Thames

cruise, a flight on the London Eye, and a lovely shopping spree in Covent Gardens, even more enjoyable. Mr. Brown joined us for his first choir tour which included for him an impromptu harmonica duet with a street musician in Trafalgar square!

My favourite part of the tour was going to see 'The Phantom of the Opera' in the West End because it was so dramatic. We also loved taking part in a choral workshop with members of the 'Les Miserables' production team which was very inspiring – we learned the song 'At the End of the Day' and then added movement and drama to it. It really gave an insight into what the theatrical world is like behind the scenes.

And a choir tour wouldn't be a choir tour without constant sing-a-longs, in true senior choir fashion, on our tour bus, to entertain us whilst we were stuck in the very busy London traffic.

By Ellie Strong, Year 13.



Music



Olivia has the Genfactor!

Huge congratulations to Olivia Glover (Year 10) who was crowned the winner of the Genfactor 2016 with her band Saturn Highway! Olivia is lead singer with the band, and their winning performance was their version of Nina Simone's 'Feelin' Good'. Olivia said:

"I took part in Genfactor last October 2016 (which is held by the local housing company Gentoo) and it was one of the best musical experiences I've ever had! We are still quite euphoric about the whole win, as the talent this year was very high. I am very glad that I took part this year and I would recommend anyone to audition for it as the experience was amazing; you gain new skills, make friends and get opportunities from it that are beneficial for you and the future".

Anna Greenwell (Year 10) and Emmaleigh Poulton (Year 11) were two more of the lucky acts who made it through 'boot-camp' into the last sixteen acts of the competition from several hundreds! Anna danced dressed as Dracula portraying the life of a vampire, and Emmaleigh performed her own Les Miserables medley, singing and accompanying herself on piano. An incredible night with immense talent – well done to all performers!



Music



Swedish Lessons from Seb Larsson!

This year's European Day of Languages had an unexpected twist for the Music department! We were visited by SAFC and Swedish international footballer Seb Larsson for the afternoon, where he gave our Year 12 and Year 13 classes a crash course in Swedish, and we performed some Abba songs for him. He was very impressed with the students, and commented on how polite and well-mannered they were (although he wasn't quite convinced by the fancy dress of the staff, particularly Mr Brown's purple trousers...!)

Year13 student Jennifer Roe said "Having Seb in Music was such a treat! Our performance of Waterloo really seemed to bring his day to a nostalgic end"



Headteacher's Mass

In November, the headteachers and co-ordinators of the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership held their annual mass at Hardwick Hall in Sedgefield, and St Anthony's Music department were invited once again to provide the music for the service. Our talented Sixth Form music pupils sang, accompanied hymns, and read for all of the staff present – a nerve-wracking experience! A big thank you to the girls for sharing their talent with everyone (and a special thank you to our lovely Srs Josepha and Francis for helping us!)



Music

ABRSM/LCM exam passes

Congratulations to the following pupils who have all passed Associated Board or London College of Music examinations since the Summer:

Georgia Bell	Grade 8 Musical Theatre with Distinction
Grace Copeland	Grade 8 Musical Theatre with Distinction
Grace Fitzakerly	Grade 4 Piano and Grade 4 Clarinet with Merit
Emma Ford	Grade 8 Musical Theatre with Distinction
Rebecca Gair	Grade 3 Piano
Charlotte Galloway	Grade 8 Musical Theatre with Distinction
Eve Grant	Grade 4 Clarinet
Georgia Hales	Grade 2 Flute with Merit
Alice Liddle	Grade 8 Musical Theatre with Distinction
Aimee Lincoln	Grade 2 Flute with Merit
India Lodge	Grade 3 Singing
Aisha Lord	Grade 3 Singing
Grace Mason	Grade 3 Flute with Merit
Madeleine Miller	Grade 3 Singing with Merit
Aimee Poulton	Grade 3 Clarinet
Emmaleigh Poulton	Grade 3 Piano
Lauren Roberts	Grade 3 Piano with Distinction



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

All of our lovely ensemble members are getting very excited (and very busy!) gearing up for their Christmas performances this year. The Senior Choir are performing carol services at Oaklea convent, Holy Cross Care Home and at St Mary's Church, and then they are joining our brilliant Wind Band, String Orchestra, Junior Choir, Rock Bands and the Woodwind ensembles, as well as some amazing soloists for the Christmas concert – the first one in our brand new academy hall on Thursday 15th December at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th February 2017

North East Festival of Youth Choirs

Saturday 11th March 2017

Music for Youth competition

Thursday 23rd March 2017

Spring Concert

Wednesday 28th June 2017

HINCP Concert at the Sage

Tuesday 4th July 2017

Musical Cabaret Evening

July 2017

Annual Senior Choir tour (TBA)





A Statue Unveiled

Mr and Mrs Craggs at the unveiling of the statue of St. Teresa of Avila, a great Spanish saint, commissioned in memory of their daughter Tracy. The name Tracy is a form of the name Teresa, being the English version of the French Thérèse, so this was a perfect statue for Mr and Mrs Craggs.

Tracy attended school at St. Anthony's and this is where she found her love of Spanish. It was a

love she continued throughout her life. She spent much time travelling but made Spain her home. Sadly, Tracy passed away at a young age, and her family donated a very generous sum of money to the Spanish department. We commissioned this statue to be placed in one of our Spanish base rooms. It has had a wonderful story so far and we have watched it being created with great interest. The statue is beautiful and we hope it inspires other students with their Spanish learning.

Mandarin

Year 7 and Year 8 Mandarin Club

Mandarin Club is once again up and running for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, but this time with a twist – we have our very own Chinese teacher, Kelly, to run the classes! Kelly is Chinese and has come over from Xiàmen University to teach Chinese at Newcastle University. She will be over here for a year before she returns to finish her PHD at university. We are delighted that she is able to come and teach us, and we have learnt loads of fantastic things already, including how to speak some Mandarin, and also learning about the culture. The club takes place on Wednesdays 3:30- 4:30 in room 3:62, and all Year 7 and Year 8 students are welcome. Please see Miss Robinson for more information.



The girls learning how to use chopsticks with Kelly





The French and Spanish choir singing La Bamba!

Café Kulture Evening

On Wednesday 19th October the canteen was transformed as the MFL Department welcomed the Year 6s and their families to celebrate Languages at our special Café Kulture evening. The objective behind the evening was to show the Year 6s all the fun things we do in Language lessons at St Anthony's, and get them excited about coming here in September. The night was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of staff and students. Miss Dixon and Miss Robinson gave a mini French and Spanish lesson; there was food tasting,

where our visitors had to give opinions in a foreign language; a multicultural quiz; and performances from the French and Spanish choir and some of our talented Bollywood dancers from Year 11. For some of the Year 6s, it was the first time they had been to our new school, and we felt very proud showing it off! You may have noticed our Café Kulture stall at Parents' Evenings and Open Evenings – it is the proceeds from these events that allow us to welcome the Year 6s every year, so thank you for your support in making this fantastic event a reality!

Viva l'Italia!



Italian Club is coming to the Academy! Students from Years 8 and 9 will be invited to participate in our brand new Language Club hosted by Signora Napier and Signorina Briggs! This after-school club is a fantastic opportunity to explore a new language and culture, while helping to practise and strengthen the skills needed for Language learning in general. Lessons will start this January on the Language corridor! We can't wait to get started! If you're in Year 8 or 9 and would like to learn Italian, please see Signora Napier or Signorina Briggs.



KS5 MFL Pupils receive extra support from the MFL Facebook team

The pupils studying languages at KS5 have been completing their independent study in a new and innovative way. We have been using Facebook to improve our spontaneous speech, language awareness and grammar workshops. It is great fun; we are given “realia” that we must use and load on to Facebook. Recently, we have seen Captain America visit the Youth Village and Princess Anna of Arendelle completing a mountain of homework! We are also ‘going live!’ with pupils, recording various news reports on microphones. The fun and innovation never ends!



On top of this, we have our fantastic meals out, where we speak exclusively in Spanish or French. It is exhausting but so much fun, especially when we all swap our Secret Santa gifts!

Here is last year's group at the Christmas meal – I can't wait for next year!



Grace Copeland

16 October at 15:29

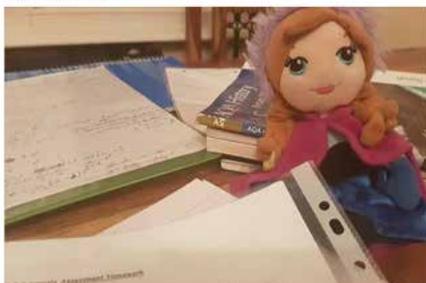
Les Nouvelles... 🤖



Hannah Metcalfe

20 October at 21:53

Esta noche no era más interesante. sin embargo completé muchos de mis deberes - es mucho mejor que tener mucha tela que cortar durante los vacaciones. Debo admitir que era difícil pero estoy convencido de que este año será más difícil.





St. Anthony's Celebrates European Day of Languages with Swedish International Seb Larsson and SAFC Women's Goalie Hilde Gunn Olsen



Seb Larsson and the St. Anthony's European Championships!

Once again, the entire academy celebrated European Day of Languages with great success. This year, the MFL department hosted a truly fantastic event.

We celebrated with prayers, greetings, presentations and foreign taster sessions, having a different linguistic approach in every lesson. Each department was assigned a country, and all teachers began their lessons with a few words in their chosen language. Students enjoyed fact-finding on European countries, and European parties were also celebrated. Staff were given the opportunity to dress up either as someone famous from that country, or possibly wearing the colours of the flags. If you looked closely, you could see some very glamorous Italians in the English Department, the Dutch football team delivering DT lessons and the philosopher Plato in the RE department.

The Music Department, dressed as ABBA, welcomed Swedish International and SAFC Midfielder who taught a little Swedish, and then participated in a little bit of ABBA tribute singing. Hilde Gunn Olsen (women's SAFC goal keeper and Norwegian International) joined the Art department and worked on Edvard Munch's 'The Scream' with our pupils. Both footballers also joined the PE department and participated in some 'European Championships'. It may have been overheard that Hilde is worried about the upcoming talent and competition from St. Anthony's!

Staff and pupils also competed in a 'Great European Bake Off' competition, with an array of baked delights on offer. The cafeteria also offered a range of continental dishes to tantalise taste buds, with all

staff and students sitting together to try the European cuisine.

Our entire community enjoyed the day; we went a long way to meeting our brief of 'Celebrating and promoting an awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.'

It really was a wonderful European Extravaganza!



Hilde working on 'The Scream' by Norwegian Artist Edvard Munch.



Our PE Department representing Germany





HNCP European Day of Languages celebrations

On Thursday 22nd September, St Anthony's joined other Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership schools to celebrate the European Day of Languages. It was a fantastic day and the ten Year 9 students who attended had a great time! The day consisted of five Language workshops. In Portuguese, the students learnt how to introduce themselves and have a mini conversation. Some excellent fairy tales were written in the French workshop, but perhaps the highlight of the day was the Japanese taster workshop, where students learnt how to write their name in Japanese. Dikan Tony-Obot (9SAa)

said "I have loved being able to learn lots of different languages and do things that you wouldn't normally do in lessons. I got a prize for being one of the best in my group, and I felt very special receiving it!" Madeleine Smith also received a prize, and all of the girls were given certificates for taking part, and for their excellent behaviour throughout the day. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate Languages with like-minded students and staff. As the Director of the HNCP told us, if you do a language, you'll always have a job, and you'll always have friends; so keep it up girls! All photographs from the event (and other HNCP events) can be found at: www.hncps.co.uk.





Primary European Day of Languages

As part of our celebration of European Day of Languages on 26th September, a group of our French and Spanish A Level students visited St Benet's R.C. Primary School and became teachers for the day! The students taught a variety of Language lessons to Year 3 and Year 4, ranging from Portuguese greetings, Italian animals, French numbers and colours, as well as Spanish pets and British Sign Language! The pupils at St Benet's thoroughly enjoyed learning about new cultures and languages – we may have some future MFL teachers in our 6th Form!



Livia Scott 13ST, Kathleen Santiago 13SR

Year 9 MFL Enterprise Day

At the end of the last school year, the current Year 10s were taken off timetable one Friday to take part in MFL Enterprise Day. The girls were put into groups and had to produce a leaflet and advert to promote Sunderland as a tourist destination to the people of France and Spain. The girls had to produce everything in the target language, and some Sixth Formers and Year 11s came in to help them do this. The creativity which came out of the day was amazing! We had girls pretending to be tour guides, doing news reports and using self-made props to get their message across. Six groups were chosen to perform in front of the whole Year group – not an easy task when you are talking in a foreign language! The girls then had to vote for their favourite, using French and Spanish flags. It was a fantastic day and hopefully the girls are now enjoying getting stuck into their GCSE languages.



Excellent performances in the Hall



Who will win? French vs Spanish!



Pastoral Year 7

Year 7 Christmas Charity

Every Christmas each Year Group raises money for different charities. This year, Year 7 will be fundraising for a very worthy cause: Lepra, a charity which works across the globe to help improve the lives of those suffering from the disease of leprosy. We will soon be having an assembly with a representative of the charity to explain to the girls exactly where all their hard-earned money from their fundraising efforts will go. There will also be an exciting surprise activity run by Lepra on Personal Development Day on Friday 16th December. We hope to raise lots of money to help those suffering from this illness. The Year Group Council will meet to discuss fundraising ideas.



Student Reporter: Kate Ryan 7SC0 Past St Mary's Pupils invited to the Royal Albert Hall!

I have been asked to attend an event at the Royal Albert Hall with my old junior school, St. Marys RC Primary. I have been in their school choir since Year 3. There are six St. Anthony girls attending, and we have been going to practice every Tuesday for the main event – I can't wait! We will be going on the 28th and 29th November, and are fund-raising for Barnardo's Charity. I really like still having a link with my old primary school. Watch this space for photos!

Student Reporter: Louise Bowens 7SJa Year 7 Sports Council: making a difference!



Hi, I'm Louise one of the members of the Year 7 Sports Council. In the Sports Council we will be talking about how to make the PE department even better than it already is! In our recent meeting, we talked about arranging new after-school activities in the new term. These clubs are: rugby, basketball, gymnastics, volleyball and hockey. The Sports Council have asked for skirts and leggings to be added to the PE uniform. If you want any sport-related clubs to be added in next term, tell your Sports Council representative, or Mrs Hansen, or Miss Horner.

Year 7 Homework Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime our hard-working Year 7s attend Homework Club with Mrs Stevenson and Miss Dixon. This is an excellent opportunity for girls to get organised and ask for support from the teachers or from each other to help them complete their work. Some may think that that the lunch hour is the time to meet up socially with friends in the Year 7 yard, but Homework Club is a relaxed environment for girls to chat to each other, whilst using their time productively. One of our regular attendees said, "Homework Club has helped me keep on top of all my homework, and I can still have a good time with my friends." Homework Club is open for all Year 7s every Tuesday 12.20-1.15 in MC4. See your Form Tutor, Miss Dixon or Mrs Stevenson for a lunch pass on Tuesday mornings, if you are interested in attending.



Alisha Cummings (7Sma) and Holly Kirby (7Sma) working hard at their History homework.

Year 7 Treasure Hunt

The Year 7s took part in a Treasure Hunt organised by the 6th Form students and Sister Josepha, to help raise money for CAFOD. The Year 7 yard has never been so lively! The Year 7 girls proved themselves to be excellent map-readers and helped to raise lots of money for such an important charity to St Anthony's.

Year 7 Mini Vinnies

The Year 7 Mini Vinnies and Sister Josepha have had a very busy term! Every Wednesday lunchtime, the girls have worked hard to help support a variety of charities and Inter-Church events. In the run up to Christmas, our Mini Vinnies have been working on the Adopt an Angel Appeal with the Salvation Army. This is a fantastic project as the girls have been making angels for every Year 7 form class to adopt. On the reverse side of every angel, the girls write who it is for e.g. 'Boy Aged 5'. Every form class then buys a gift for that child on their adopted angel. The Salvation Army will distribute all the gifts from Year 7 to needy families in Sunderland. Well done to the Mini Vinnies and to Sister Josepha for all their hard work!

On Thursday 8th December, the Mini Vinnies also represented St Anthony's in the 'Carols and Candles' Inter-Church event. It was a candle-lit carol-singing journey around Sunderland's city centre, and ended at Sunderland Minster with mulled wine and mince pies.



Pastoral Year 8



Lip Sync Challenge

Rachel Wigham Jessica Gair
Jessica Oliver Grace Fryer

The above girls were fabulous ambassadors for Year 8, taking part in the Lip Sync Challenge with Mrs Wolland. Well done!



Author Visit Year 8

Holly Smale visited St Anthony's this term, and the Year 8s were treated to a fantastic time, hearing about her career, and having a question and answer session about her books and her life. Holly was very interesting, and the girls were encouraged by her enthusiasm and love of reading. There was an opportunity to get books signed, too. What a wonderful experience!

Year 8 Stars

Tia Draper: First place; Tap Dance winner
Hannah Cowan: Has represented the school in many sporting competitions
Rebecca Smith: Won a Bronze Award for Music
Evie Compson: Competed in many sporting competitions, including Trampolining and cross-country
Katie Rowan: Competitive horse rider
Well done to all our stars!

Year 8 Council

The Year 8 girls have made an excellent contribution to the Year Council this term. They have brought fabulous ideas to the meetings and have presented them with enthusiasm. Well done!

Year 8 Cafod

CAFOD
Just one world

The Year 8s have been fabulous this year making money for Cafod. The girls did many sponsored activities, and sold cakes and sweets in the yard. They raised the great total of **£291.90** for the charity. A huge "Well done!" to everyone. Below is 8SCa's sponsored run for the cause.



Fairtrade

Year 8s have been selling Fairtrade goods in the yard at break times. Staff orders have also been taken for Christmas. Thanks to all our supporters.



Year 7 and Year 8 Hallowe'en Disco

A fun time was had by all at the Hallowe'en disco held at St Aidan's. Fabulous costumes, too!



Pastoral Year 9

Attendance

Attendance is so important in school, especially now that the Year 9s have started studying for their GCSE's in certain subjects this year.



Current statistics suggest that:

- a child who is absent one day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE, and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options, and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable

All Year 9 students aim to have their attendance above 96% and realise the importance of coming to school even if they have a sore throat or stomach, headache or a minor cold. Well done to those students who have surpassed this target so far. Congratulations to the following girls who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year! If anyone has concerns about their attendance then please speak to Mrs Hill for support.

Abbott Grace
Adamson Letitia
Bamborough Katie
Barker Faye
Boresli Munah
Boyes Eliesha
Burke Catherine
Chambers Sophie
Cijo Ciya
Cooper Lucy
Donkin Georgina
Forbes Ellie
Forster Chloe
Gee Elena
Graham Ellie
Helens Lucy
Hilton Lucy
Howlett Zoe
Hunt Olivia
Isahac Marie
Jackson Eve
Jackson Olivia
Kasomba Divine
Laws Amelia
Li Courtney
Machin Gabriella

Martins Abigail
McDonough Erin
McNamara Ailish
Morrell Helena
Paget Lily
Paget Lydia
Phillips Abby
Richardson Camille
Rowntree-Mallan Jessica
Rutter Holly
Sherwood Caitlin
Sidhu Avneet
Singh Lovepreet
Snowball Sophie
Surman-Wells Ella
Szerszen Paulina
Teasdale Eve
Toji Annette
Tony-Obot Dikan
Tucknutt Naomi
Wallbank Elinor
Ward Courtney
Winter Jade
Wood Evie

Year 9 – Cafod Collection



Year 9 students worked together as a Year group to raise money for the Cafod Collection in October. Year 9 pupils were asked to donate their spare change in order to raise as much money as possible. They raised **£161.74** which was the second highest amount raised by a Year group! So thank you very much for all the contributions from Year 9. It is amazing what a spare bit of change can do!

We have two new challenges for the Year 9s this term. The first challenge is: we are trying to collect toiletries for Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) to be distributed to those in need. Students will be looking to bring in soaps, shampoos, creams and other vital toiletries which will be donated to Women in Need, the Apostleship of the Sea and Streetcare.

The second challenge is: we will be raising money for our Christmas charity, which this year will be The Good Life Centre. This is an orphanage in India which helps homeless and disabled children, as well as elderly people, to have a good future. This is a charity very close to the heart of a pupil in Year 9.



Year 9 is a very generous group of students who realise the importance of supporting good causes.

Year 9 Homework Club

Mrs Hill has introduced the Year 9 Homework club on Tuesday lunchtimes; this gives the girls the opportunity to do homework in school and make the most of the facilities available to them. It has become very popular with a group of regular attendees, and several pupils who come on a 'drop-in' basis. All Year 9 pupils are welcome to come along on Tuesday lunchtimes, have a bite to eat, and do some work. Well done to all those who attend on a regular basis; keep it up!

Year 9 – Date for the Diary

January 30th – Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening. This will run as the usual Parents' Evening where parents can discuss their child's progress with each of their subject teachers. However, there will also be a talk about the Year 9 options process and how it works.

February 3rd – This will be the deadline for the Year 9 option choice forms to be handed in for their chosen GCSE subjects next year.



Pastoral Year 10

Year 10 Pastoral

Year 10 have been busy settling into their new GCSE classes. They have been working hard, learning new skills and even studying some new subjects such as Childcare, Hairdressing and Sports Leadership.

Sports Leadership

A number of pupils have signed up to complete a course on Sports Leadership, and, as part of their studies this term, they have organised a hockey competition for primary school pupils. This was a huge success, and now the girls are currently organising a Gymnastics Festival which will be attended by Year 1 pupils from our deanery primary schools. The girls have been dedicated to the course, and we have received high praise from the primary school teachers.

Sporting Achievement

Tammy Proctor (STo) competes at European level for Karate, and early in November she competed at the Venice Cup, where she won Bronze. Well done, Tammy!



On Saturday 10th September, Ilesha Heads (SHo) took part in the Junior Great North Run through Newcastle city centre. She completed the route in 26 minutes 43 seconds! Ilesha raised money for Muscular Dystrophy. Ilesha said "The atmosphere was amazing and I'd love to take part next year too!"

Hairdressing

Ten girls in the Year have started to complete a Level 2 qualification in Hairdressing. The girls attend the course each Thursday evening at 'Spoilt Rotten' salon in Sunderland city centre. It is a 2-year course and a great opportunity to learn in a workplace environment. So far they have learned to wash, condition and blow-dry hair, as well as plaiting and straightening. Shortly they will have their first exam which is Health & Safety.

Fundraising Advent Charity



This Advent pupils in Year 10 have raising money and collected items to help the Medaille Trust. The Medaille Trust provides support and safe housing for the victims of human trafficking. Pupils have sold bracelets, cakes and sweets to raise funds. Collectively, form groups have put together bags containing toiletries to send to the Medaille Trust and these will distributed to the victims over the coming weeks.

Following the success of our Advent fundraising, pupils are eager to continue, and so in the new year they will be collecting food items which will be passed on to the needy in Sunderland.



Lip Sync Battle

Year 10 tutors took to the stage during the staff Lip Sync battle. The competition helped Sixth Form students raise vital funds for the Wildheart Charity. It also provided some brilliant entertainment for the girls!



Pastoral Year 11

Cinema Visit

A group of Year 11 students were chosen by their form tutors to attend the Year 11 Reward Cinema Visit to see X-Men Apocalypse. The students had to meet certain criteria including; 96% attendance, excellent or considerably improved attitude to learning, or an excellent all-around effort. Students were given a letter to take home and then



their names were put into a raffle for the places available. The students who attended the visit were: Amelia Avent, Jessica Bradford, Reisha Chandler, Jennifer Emerson, Jasmine Ho, Brooke Makin, Hannah Marshall, Kiara Mkansi, Maimuna Nasrullah, Emmaleigh Poulton, Olivia Robertson, Olivia Spoons, Robyn Taylor, Lalljit Toor, Emma Waterworth and Charlotte Wiseman. Throughout the trip, the students were a credit to the school, demonstrating impeccable behaviour throughout

Year 11 Group Papal Visit

Six members of Year 11 had the opportunity-of-a-lifetime at half term as part of the group that was granted an audience with the Pope. They visited Rome and the Vatican. They had an amazing time and were a credit to the academy.

From left to right – Katrina O’Neil, Ashlin Roy, Leah Tubman, Devika Jayan, Lilly Thompson

Lilly said “My experience in Rome was indescribable; the opportunity I was given by the school was beyond belief. This was my first pilgrimage, and handing over the Children’s Codex to Pope Francis was an extraordinary moment in my life”



Advent Charity

Pope Francis has described human trafficking as “a crime against humanity” and international police chiefs and religious figures have pledged in the Vatican to work together to fight modern-day slavery.

The Medaille Trust - “A light Shining in a Dark Place of Human Trafficking” - is a charity founded by groups of Religious Congregations in 2006 to work against the evils of human trafficking in response to the plight of thousands of people who are being trafficked into the UK each year. This is the charity Year 11 are supporting this Advent and into the New Year – please give generously to this worthwhile cause.



Ski



SKI CLUB 2016

Ski Club has had another successful year with lots of new members from St Anthony's, and pupils from many of the primary feeder schools, as well as mams and dads joining in the fun of learning to ski.



St Anthony's Skiers



St Mary's Skiers in the Extended Schools Cohort

AUSTRIA SKI TRIP

We are all looking forward to our Easter skiing in the Austrian Alps. We are returning to a fantastic ski area, including Oetz and Sölden. There will be amazing skiing, views and lots of apres-ski activities. Highlights will be visiting the Aqua-Dome Spa in Langenfeld and The Alpen-Zoo in Innsbruck. We are delighted to have some of our Ski parents joining us for the trip – but I bet they won't be able to keep up with their daughters!!



Aqua-Dome in Langenfeld, Austria



Mountain Lion in Alpen-Zoo, Innsbruck

CHRISTMAS SNOZONE TRIP

Ski Club will be having another Fun Day at Castleford X-Scape at the end of term.

Our new beginners will get their first taste of Snow – which is always really exciting. There is also time for some activities such as mini golf or bowling and, of course, Christmas Shopping!



Happy Christmas to everyone in SKI CLUB from Mrs Almond, Miss Brown and Mrs Taroni – and let's hope we get some Snow for Christmas as well!



Pastoral Year 12 & 13

Celebrating GCSE Success

Well done to the Year 11 pupils who achieved fantastic GCSE results in the Summer! An extra special "Congratulations!" to two of our top performing students: Grace Copeland and Maisha Choudhury. Grace achieved 11 A* grades and Maisha achieved 9 A*'s and 2 A's. Grace is now studying A Levels in English Language, French, Physics and Maths. "Sixth Form has given me the chance to become so much more involved with the subjects I have a passion for. I am thoroughly enjoying Sixth Form and I am looking forward to starting to prepare for University. I hope to study at Cambridge, and I am considering either Astrophysics or Modern and Medieval languages." (Grace Copeland)

"I am currently studying A Level Biology, Chemistry and Maths at St Anthony's, and I definitely would not have considered going anywhere else. The environment and support of the teachers has enabled me to achieve GCSE results I am pleased with. Now, I am one step closer to fulfilling my dream of studying Medicine at a Russell Group University." (Maisha Choudhury)



Year 12 Induction

In September we welcomed pupils from St Anthony's Year 11, and pupils from neighbouring schools, into our Sixth Form. The pupils from neighbouring schools have settled well and commented on how friendly and welcoming the St Anthony's pupils are. All of the pupils enjoyed a lovely induction residential visit at the Emmaus Youth Village. They took part in team-building activities and spent time reflecting on their life-stories. The visit enabled the pupils to mix, build new friendships, and to get to know their tutors.



The **Year 12** pupils have settled into Sixth Form life and are enjoying the benefits of being in the Sixth Form. They enjoy the fact that they have more freedom in the Sixth Form; they are allowed to go out for lunch and are given more independence. The pupils appreciate the fact that they have a dedicated Sixth Form building, Gabriel House, which has a common room and kitchen facilities. They also like having their own Sixth Form section in the school library.



Pastoral Year 12 & 13



Mock Examinations

A reminder that the Year 12 mock examinations begin on the 9th January. All pupils need to ensure they are making good use of their time, and are revising.

Year 12 Admissions Evening

The Admissions Evening for the Year 11 pupils who will be starting Sixth Form in September 2017 is on Tuesday 24th January 2017. We look forward to meeting our new intake on that evening.

Newcastle University Medical and Dentistry Day

On the 17th of November a group of aspiring doctors and dentists in Year 12 were invited to partake in a series of different activities at Newcastle University. While the pupils hoping to become doctors had the opportunity to investigate two human cadavers, the dentists learned how to do fillings and how to manufacture braces. The day finished with a lecture preparing the pupils with interview techniques including a question and answer session with 4th Year medical students. Overall, it was a very exciting day for all of the pupils as they were able to experience first-hand a day in the life of a doctor or a dentist.



Year 13

The Sixth Form had a visit from 12-week old twins, Isla and Freya, at the end of the first half term to say a big thank you to Amelia Brown in 13SH. Amelia took part in a work experience placement at Sunderland Royal Hospital at the end of last term, and was present during the birth of the girls. Amelia was a calming presence in the room, and was also a natural at soothing the babies to sleep when they came in with their mummy to visit. Amelia loved the opportunity to experience the work of midwives and it only reaffirmed her desire to enter the profession. She is hoping to become a midwife and complete a Midwifery Degree after Sixth Form. We wish her the best of luck; she's clearly a natural!

We are very lucky that all of the girls who were interested in careers within the NHS were able to have work experience placements of a few days at Sunderland Royal Hospital over the Summer, and this year we are also able to offer placements at James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough.



Oxbridge Candidates

This year we have 10 girls in Year 13 applying for Oxbridge and they have been busily preparing for the process. The girls have attended an Oxbridge Interview workshop at Emmanuel College, provided by St. Anne's College, Oxford, where the girls were given an insight into the interview process, and hopefully learned that it's not as scary they imagine! They were also welcomed to Sacred Heart Catholic High School, where they were put through their paces in mock interviews, while Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Collins and Mr. McDonagh did the same for some

of the Sacred Heart pupils. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for all of our Oxbridge applicants over the next few months. The girls applying are: Anya Mason, Marcia Adams, Bethaney Miller, Beth Maughan (Cambridge), Amy Hearn, Stephanie Wilson, Kushi Akthar, Liv Scott, Annabelle Blackett, Anna McKie (Oxford).

In the Summer the girls also went on a joint visit to Cambridge with some of the students from St. Aidan's, with Mrs Smith and some of the St. Aidan's staff.



Anya Mason, Marcia Adams and Beth Maughan at Jesus College Cambridge.



PE & Sport



Catholic Partnership Regatta

The following Year 8 girls won this year's Catholic Partnership Regatta held at Tees Barrage on 27th September.

Emily Adamson, Evie Compson, Madeline Forbister, Jessica Gair, Ella Harrison, Lucy Jones, Amy Lumsdon, Sophie Miller

They rowed their way to victory against other schools in the Partnership in Bell Boat Racing.

Well done, girls!



City of Sunderland Trampoline Competition – October 2016



Well done to all of the girls who competed in the City of Sunderland Trampoline Competition.

Extra congratulations to:

- Evie Compson who was placed 5th in the individual KS3 Beginner section.
- Leah Thomas, Charlotte Ellis and Alyssa Land who were 3rd in the KS3 Novice Team section.
- Evie Compson, Daisy Neil and Arwyn Tipling who were 6th in the KS3 Beginner Team section.
- Courtney Dinsdale who came 4th in the KS4 Novice Individual, and Lauren Conlin who was placed 3rd in the KS4 Novice Individual section.

Lauren will now go on to represent Sunderland in the Tyne and Wear Trampoline Finals.

Well done, girls!



PE & Sport



Cross-Country News

The Cross-Country teams have had a busy season so far. They braved the gale force winds in their first event of the season at Emmanuel College on 29th September. A special mention to Evie Compson Year 8 who came 7th overall.

They were in action again on 17th October at the Tyne & Wear Annual Cross-Country at Haydon Bridge. All of the girls were a credit to the school. Some of our girls finished in the top ten in their races: Sarah Knight, Year 11 - 1st; and Evie Compson, Year 8 - 5th.



KS4 Badminton Success

Congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 11 Badminton teams who competed at the Sunderland Schools' Competition on 7th November. The 'A' team won their pool and have qualified for the next round. The 'B' team came 2nd in their pool, narrowly missing out on qualification. The 'A' team will now represent Sunderland on the 6th February, in the Tyne and Wear Finals.

Year 9 Football

Congratulations to the Year 9 Football team who recently competed in a tournament at Maiden Castle, Durham. The event included 10 teams from across Wearside and North Tyneside. The girls played extremely well, winning most of their group matches, which saw them qualify for the semi-final. They narrowly lost this 1-0, but then won their 3rd place play-off 4-0, seeing them finish in 3rd place overall. Congratulations, girls!



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Special guests visit the PE Department

We were fortunate enough to welcome Sebastian Larsson (SAFC) and Hilde Gunn Olsen (SAFC Ladies') into our new PE Department on 26th September, in celebration of European Day of Languages. The staff and pupils spent time embracing different languages and cultures throughout the lessons of the school day. The PE Department were exploring the Swedish and Norwegian cultures, and were assisted in our efforts by Sebastian and Hilde. All pupils involved were a credit to the school, and acted in a very professional manner in front of the media crew and special guests!

Sunderland Schools Swimming Gala

The following girls represented the school at the Sunderland Schools' Swimming Gala held at the Aquatic Centre on Thursday 29th September.

The team from Years 7 and 8 were 3rd in the Freestyle & Medley Relay, and the team from Years 9 and 10 won both their events. These two teams have qualified to the next round in April.

During the Gala we had a demonstration from the Rio 2016 Paralympians:

Mathew Wylie Gold S9 50m freestyler; Josef Craig Bronze S8 100m Freestyle; and Adam Taylor Double Butterfly National Champion.

Well done, girls, and good luck for the finals in April!



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Netball

Well done to the Year 10 Netball teams who were in action in the Tyne & Wear Tournament on 6th October. The A team finished in 4th place, and the B team in 6th place. They were in action again on 13th October in the City of Sunderland Tournament. The B team came in 4th place, and the A team were 2nd. Fab results girls! Well done!



League Results

11 v Monkwearmouth 7-8

11 v Southmoor 10-2

11 v Kepler 13-1

11 v Thornhill 11-1

10a v 10b 4-3

10a v Academy 360 1-4

10a v St. Roberts 4-7

10a v Kepier 8-6

10a v Southmoor 8-0

10a v Biddick 7-7

10a v Monkwearmouth 9-1

10b v Monkwearmouth 2-1

10b v St. Roberts 1-10

10b v Biddick 2-2

10b v Southmoor 3-2

10b v Kepier 3-2

We had a mixture of Year 8 and 9 students playing in the U14 North Durham Netball Tournament in October. Unfortunately, the girls did not get through to the next round. However, we could not be prouder of the girls. They played great netball, showing excellent sportsmanship, determination and enthusiasm. Well done!

Sunderland School Games Sports Hall Athletics Competition

Well done to all of the girls who represented St Anthony's at the Sunderland Sports Hall Athletics Competition! The Year 7 and 8 teams narrowly missed out on qualification to the next round. However, all girls performed brilliantly!

The Year 9/10 combined team performed extremely well and we are still awaiting the results.



New GCSE for Religious Education

This year the RE Department are beginning the new GCSE for Years 9 and 10 pupils.

This is a redesigned curriculum where students can explore a range of concepts, in order to confidently examine and question the expressions of religions and world views that they encounter daily. Our new curriculum covers a range of religions and practices, including a textual study of St. Mark's Gospel. In turn, this helps the girls to develop an holistic understanding of religion from around the world, and to engage with fundamental questions and arguments.



The route that St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy has taken is Catholic Christianity, and the secondary religion explores Judaism. This offers a fantastic opportunity to examine the structure and practices of the Jewish People across the world. In both Judaism and Catholicism pupils enjoy the opportunity to investigate beliefs, practices, sources of wisdom and authority, in addition to expression and ways of life. During this time, pupils can consider the faith and its expression through architecture, art work and drama.

This is a very exciting period for the RE Department, and we look forward to updating you further on the progress of our students during this time. You can keep up-to-date with all activities on our RE Department Twitter page @StAnthonysRE

Philosophy Enhancement

from Mr Barron (RE Advisor)

Our current AS Theology class are covering a new module in Religious Philosophy. This forms part of the new A Level qualification which the department now offers that covers Ethics, Theology and Philosophy.

Within AS Philosophy, we are covering the traditional arguments for the existence of God, religious experience, and the problem of evil and suffering. Philosophy looks at some of the 'bigger questions' which humanity often asks, such as,

"Can we prove the existence of God?" or, "Do miracles happen?" and, "Why do people suffer?"

Mr Andrew Barron, who is the Secondary Schools RE advisor for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, came to deliver a fantastic Philosophy Enhancement session for the AS Theology class. Mr Barron provided a great recap session on the traditional arguments for the existence of God, which included the teleological, cosmological and ontological arguments. He also helped students to refer to key philosophical scholars and the strengths and weaknesses of each traditional argument.





7L1 with Sister Josepha in the convent garden.



Year 7 Visit to Oaklea Convent

As part of the 7.1 module 'What does it mean to belong?' all Year 7 students attended a tour of Oaklea convent in order to develop their understanding of the work of the Sisters of Mercy. The tours were conducted by Sister Francis and Sister Josepha, who collected the groups and gave them an insight into the daily life of a Sister of Mercy. Students were lucky enough to visit some of the key areas around the convent and see some of the other Sisters living out their daily lives. One area that was visited was the beautiful chapel, where students were given some time for reflection and observation of some of the stunning iconography that the chapel has to offer. In addition, pupils went out into the peaceful garden area, where they experienced the Stations of the Cross and visited the replica of the Grotto in Lourdes where St Bernadette was visited by Our Lady. Some students were lucky enough to visit the Archives Room, which includes many precious things, such as the belongings of the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. After visiting many important areas in the convent, students were shown into the Garden Room, where the Sisters take their loved ones when they visit, and were given a chance to ask any questions that they had about the Sisters. In every visit, students had many queries, and showed a genuine interest about the life of the Sisters. In true Mercy fashion, the students were shown hospitality by being given a drink and a chocolate bar as a substitute for a 'comfortable cup of tea', which is a reminder of the warm and caring nature at the heart of the Mercy vision.



Science



BODY WORLDS
ANIMAL
INSIDE OUT



Life
Science Centre



Miss Thomas and Olivia Bates
in front of the elephant

was a great opportunity to learn about Anatomy, Physiology, and Health by viewing real animal specimens. The exhibition included whole-body plastinates including an elephant, giraffe, bear and gorilla, and a large arrangement of individual organs, organ and arterial configurations, and translucent slices, all of which gave a complete picture of Physiology.

This was a great learning opportunity to see Anatomy as more than simple diagrams in text books. During their visit the students also took part in a rat dissection workshop which developed their dissection skills, which are part of the new A Level specification. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of actually seeing mammalian organs as they are arranged inside the body, and they proved to be very skilled at dissection. Everyone had a fascinating and enjoyable day that brought many different aspects of the Biology A Level curriculum to life.

Biology Visit to Animal Inside Out Exhibition at the Centre for Life

On July 5th twenty eight Year 12 Biology students visited the Centre for Life for the day. They got the opportunity to see the visiting BODY WORLDS Animal Inside Out, and also took part in a Rat Dissection Masterclass.

The specimens on display in the exhibition were generously donated and preserved through plastination, the preservation process invented by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in 1977, while he was working as an anatomist at the University of Heidelberg. It



Starting the dissections at the beginning of the workshop



Science



British Aerospace Engineering Road Show

The whole of Year 7 and Year 8 have enjoyed an Education Roadshow delivered by BAE (British Aerospace Engineering) in association with the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. The Roadshow was aimed at addressing the national shortage of scientists and engineers, and hoped to raise awareness and interest in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), and so ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come.

The roadshow was very successful and interactive. The students examined how engineers and scientists use their understanding of the different kinds of waves to create sophisticated communications systems, such as optical devices for ships and submarines that can withstand the crushing pressures of the waves in the sea.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the half-day event and we hope to make it an annual occurrence.



Engineering Development Trust (EDT) & Routes into STEM

In October Year 10 had the opportunity to attend a course aimed at inspiring them into STEM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Here is one student's account:

During the Autumn half term, I attended a three-day STEM course in Newcastle, along with my friend Tiegan. The course helped me achieve my Bronze Level Industrial Cadets Award. Over the three days, I took part in several different activities which improved my skills in Maths and Engineering. I was also presented with an engineering problem and had to find a solution to it.

The course was very educational. I developed skills and learned how to use different tools when making things. I also applied the knowledge gained in school to real-life situations, in order to create items which served a purpose, (for example I had to create an aluminium bracket and try and make it have the best weight to mass ratio, to beat the other groups).

It was a very educational but also a fun and interactive course to take part in, and I very much enjoyed it. The people I met over the three days were inspirational. It was a great experience which gave me knowledge and understanding of Engineering in the world, and I would recommend a STEM course to other people as it was interesting and fun to attend.

By Amellia Turnbull – Year 10

Nissan Visit

A group of Year 7 students visited the Nissan factory with Mr Witney to learn about the engineering and manufacturing processes involved in car production.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and hopefully we have inspired some future engineers!



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METRO FUTURES

Year 7 have been involved in a competition to design a metro train for the future! The students were asked to imagine a journey on the Metro in 2036, and to capture their ideas either as a story, drawing, video, or a model. The Metro Futures team then choose winning entries from each school and the chosen girls were able to take part in an 'imagination day' on board a Metrocar at St. James station. The



Imagination day involved making a video about the future of the Metro and sharing their ideas with the researchers from Newcastle Universities Open Lab. All entries and the videos are displayed on the Metro Futures website (<https://metrofutures.org.uk/>).

The girls who attended the Imagination Day were Rovi Braga, Melissa Riley, Nina Bessarabava-Pratt, Eve Clarke, Clara Howson, Freya Lewin, Tanith Dalton, Celia Sojo, and Danya George.



Royal Society of Chemistry Christmas Card Competition

Girls have enjoyed designing Christmas Cards with a Science twist, for the Royal Society of Chemistry's Christmas Card Competition. Here are a few entries – fingers crossed we have a winner!



Science



**University of
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Thinking about a career in Pharmacy?

Try Sunderland Pharmacy School Discovery Day!

Several of our students studying Biology and Chemistry (Anumol Alukkal, Faizah Anjum, Olivia Bates, Georgina Buck, Lucy Carter, Rebecca Gair, Anna McKie, Sophia Metcalf, Isla Renoldson and Rachel Tunney) attended the Sunderland Pharmacy School Discovery Day. The day gave the students an idea of what a career in Pharmacy looks like, and the journey they will take to get them there.

The day began with a talk about the University, and the Pharmacy course, in the Murray Library Lecture Theatre. Following this, the students explored the differences between Hospital Pharmacy and Community Pharmacy. This involved some role-play activities, using a variety of asthma inhalers, as well as an introduction to the SimMan simulator model. Throughout this session there were several quizzes, using real Pharmacy contexts regarding prescriptions and intravenous drip bags.

In the afternoon the students had access to the lab facilities at the University. During this session they made a hand cream, using several laboratory techniques, and they explored the variety of skin diseases which exist and require treatments.

Saturday Morning Physics



Sixth Formers from St Anthony's have been enjoying a fantastic series of lectures and workshops at Durham University on Saturdays throughout the Autumn term.



Each lecture has been presented by a Professor in that particular area of Physics, which was then followed by an interactive session where the students were able to become involved in constructing or handling samples and equipment.



Professor Del Atkinson explains principles of electromagnetism to Sixth Former Grace Copeland after his lecture on the use of magnets to store data in the 'Cloud'.



Magnetic liquids resemble Hedgehogs in strong magnetic fields – but their properties are useful in shock absorbers!



Science

Year 11 students get a special behind-the-scenes tour of a new NHS Pathology laboratory as part of National Pathology Week



State-of-the-art pathology laboratory – reception where all samples are sorted for testing

Last Summer, Baroness Tanni Grey Thompson, winner of 11 Paralympic medals and the Great North run 8 times, formally opened the new state-of-the-art Pathology laboratory at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The centre provides results for NHS patients across Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside, and is one of the multi-million pound redevelopments at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead, processing more than 10,000 medical samples every day.

On Tuesday 8th November, ten of St Anthony's Year 11 Separate Science students got a special tour of the Pathology lab to find out exactly how the NHS works behind the scenes, and to have a look at future careers in NHS Pathology. The term Pathology throws up images of TV shows like *Silent Witness* or *CSI*, but, in fact, these services are a vital part of modern healthcare, with lab testing involved in more than 70% of all diagnoses made by the NHS. The Pathology Centre in Gateshead is a new state-of-the-art facility, operating at the cutting edge of Pathology-Testing services in the UK. The centre is fully automated so it minimises human interaction with samples, meaning there is less chance of contamination or wrong results. Some of the technology is so new that clinical teams from all over the world have visited the new facility, as it is the only site in the UK to have some of the highly specialised machines, and will soon be one of only seven sites in the world to have this particular technology.

Students learned how Pathology services are an essential part of the efficient and safe running of a hospital, analysing the thousands of tests that are done for patients every day. They got to see the Haematology, Immunology, Microbiology, Biochemistry and Histology departments in the

laboratory. In these departments, they got to see fertility tests, blood and urine analysis, tests for infection, biopsies, and cancer diagnosis being carried out.

The Pathology unit is a fantastic, ultra-modern place to work in, and provides real benefits for the medical teams at the hospitals and GP surgeries in the region, but most importantly, the patients who need their laboratory results. Our students were very impressed, and we now definitely have some aspiring clinical pathologists among them.



Sarah Knight looking at a skin biopsy in histology



Listening to information about microbiology



A clinical pathologist tells students what his job entails and how he became a scientist





Durham
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SCHOOLS' PHYSICIST of the YEAR

The Ogden Trust makes an annual Award to Outstanding School Physicists each year. The award for 2016 went to Beth Maughan who received her prize from World famous physicist Carlos Frenck who is the Director of Computational Cosmology and the Ogden Professor of Fundamental Physics at Durham University.

Last year's award went to St Anthony's pupil **Lille Borresen** who is now studying Physics at the University of Cardiff.

Another successful physicist from St Anthony's was **Kate Summerson** who is currently enjoying studying Physics with Astrophysics at Northumbria University.

All 3 girls were part of the group, accompanied by Mr Witney and Mrs Taroni, who spent a week at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas, working on projects from constructing Mars Rovers to designing Habitats, and then building and launching 3 stage rockets (small ones!).



Physics teacher Mrs Taroni with Schools Physicist Beth Maughan in the Calman Centre of Durham University for the Awards ceremony.



Professor Carlos Frenck awarding Beth Maughan the Schools Physicist Prize.



Are you interested in training to become a secondary school teacher?

Our school is part of a growing number of schools leading the way for more school-led Teacher Training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent, and develop them into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for the students at St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. We have vacancies now to start training, from September 2017 in a wide range of subjects: **Art & Design, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Design and Technology, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Music, Physical Education & Religious Education.**

We would be very interested to hear from you, if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have, or will have, a degree (2:1 or higher preferred), have a passion for teaching, and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

If you are interested in the exciting Teacher Training opportunities available, please contact us by e-mail at enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com, for the attention of Mrs. S. Ward. We can provide you with support and guidance on your application form, and possibly offer you school experience if you just want a taster of what teaching could be like.



For further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching



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Important Key Dates 2017

January	
Monday 9th January	Academy re-opens after Christmas Holidays
February	
Friday 17th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27th February	Academy re-opens after Half Term
April	
Friday 7th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 24th April	Academy re-opens after Easter Holidays

May	
Friday 26th May	Break up for Half Term
June	
Monday 5th June	Academy re-opens after Half Term
July	
Thursday 20th July	Break up for Summer Holidays (Pupils)
Friday 21st July	Staff Training Day



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