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Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear Parents.

We celebrate the opening of the new academy on Friday 14th July 2017.

We are delighted that the new facilities will be opened by a past pupil of the school, the Right Honourable Lady Justice Thirlwall D.B.F.

Kathryn Thirlwall was educated at St Anthony's Girls' School and the University of Bristol. She then studied for the Common Professional Examination at Newcastle Polytechnic (now Northumbria University). She practised as a barrister from 1982 and then served as a High Court judge from April 2010. She was promoted to the Court of Appeal of England and Wales in February 2017 bringing the female representation on the Court of Appeal to 9 (of 39) judges.



She is married to Professor Charles Kelly and they have two children.





Lady Justice Thirlwall will be involved in a, "One hundred years of women in the law" seminar with our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Shanks, and senior girls during the morning of our opening day. She will then officially open the new academy facilities following Holy Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Seamus and the clergy of the deanery. during the afternoon of Friday 14th July. There will be a number other events during both the opening day and the week of the opening, involving the whole school community.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Kier Construction who have built the new facilities and refurbished historic buildings, the EFA (Education Funding Agency) and the Sisters of Mercy (our trustees) who have generously equipped the new school and provided us with a beautiful school chapel. Thanks also to Mr. Ratcliffe. Assistant Head Teacher, who has overseen the work on behalf of the school. Thank you to governors, staff and girls who have

all worked very hard over many years whilst we have transformed, and moved into, our modern facilities.

We continue the legacy of those who established our school in 1904, who expanded the initial school based in Green Street by moving it to its present site in the summer of 1939. In the 2012 the school became an academy and during the last decade we have gradually rebuilt and refurbished the whole site, in a series of phased redevelopments, to provide the up-to-date facilities and equipment the girls and staff deserve.

Wishing everyone a well-deserved summer break after yet another busy, and action packed, year which you can read about in this 16th edition of "Spotlight" magazine.

M. Shepherd (Mrs.) Head Teacher

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.

The Year 11 students who have sat their GCSE examinations this summer have been studying the new GCSE courses in Mathematics, English Language and English Literature that will be graded 9-1. All other GCSEs for this year group are remaining with the familiar A*-G grades.

Current Year 10 students who will move into year 11 in September 2017 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.

Current Year 7-9 students moving into Years 8-10 in September will only study GCSEs that are graded 9-1.

All future year groups joining the academy will only study GCSEs that are graded 9-1.

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

New GCSE Grade	:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Old GCSE Grade	G	F	E	D	c		В	Α		A*

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.

Target Grades at St Anthony's 2017-18

Target grades for all students in Year 11 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 Years 9 & 10 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. Pupils 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.





The Antonian



The annual Antonian Awards Ceremony 2017 was held in the Grand Room of the Roker Hotel in April. Students from the Art, Music, Sports & PE, Technology and Drama Departments celebrated their accomplishments and achievements. Nominated students received certificates and specially designed "Antonian Awards" made by the DT Department. All staff worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the evening was a great success.

Mr McDonagh was an excellent Master of Ceremonies. The guest presenters were past pupils who are all highly successful in their chosen careers: Rebecca Cameron represented Art; Anna Lockey, Music; Sarah Forrest, PE & Sport; Emily Lewis, Drama; and Kate Price, Technology.

The students and their parents enjoyed a formal dinner with staff, governors and guests. This was followed by a disco which was enjoyed by all. A most successful evening!

	Victrix Ludorum	
Art	Hershey Lozada Yr13 Emmie Thompson Yr12 Olivia Chisholm Yr13	Winner: Emmie Thompson
Music	Jennifer Roe Yr13 Ellie Strong Yr13 Darcy Whyatt Yr13	Winner: Ellie Strong
PE/Sport	Lucy Potts Yr7 Hannah Cowan Yr8 Evie Compson Yr8	Winner: Evie Compson
Drama	Ellie Strong Yr13 Gabrielle Winton Yr13 Eleanor Duncan Yr13	Winner: Ellie Strong
Technology	Caitlain Newall Yr13 Faye Greenman Yr13 Megan Snowball Yr13	Winner: Megan Snowball
E	Best Outstanding Achie	vement
Art	Lily Thompson Yr11 Hannah Cowgill Yr10 Jamela Coloma Yr10	Winner: Hannah Cowgill
Music	Olivia Glover Yr10 Alice Liddle Yr12 Charlotte Galloway Yr12	Winner: Olivia Glover
PE/Sport	Emily Lincoln Yr9 Anna Greenwell Yr10 Holly Duke Yr8	Winner: Anna Greenwell
Drama	Alice Liddle Yr12 Charlotte Galloway Yr12 Grace Copeland Yr12 Georgia Bell Yr12	Joint winners: Alice Liddle Charlotte Galloway Grace Copeland Georgia Bell
Technology	Sarah Knight Yr11 Komal Kaur Yr11 Devika Jayan Yr11	Winner: Sarah Knight

	Best Group/Team	
Art	The Star Wars Group The Big Doodle Group Emmie and Lily Thompson	Winners: Emmie and Lily Thompson
Music	Junior Choir Senior Choir Rock Band	Winners: Senior Choir
PE/Sport	Year 9 Netball Team (represented by Emily Lincoln and Ellie Stanley-Roberts)	Winners: Year 11 Badminton Team
	KS4 Swimming Team (represented by Vanessa Rubio and Millie Harrison)	
	Year 11 Badminton Team (represented by Lauren Taylor, Robyn Taylor, Diane Sabu and Lily Heskett Saddington)	
Drama	Calamity Jane cast (represented by Jane Usher and Emmaleigh Poulton)	Winners: Calamity Jane cast
Technology	Spaniel Assist (represented by Emily Marshall)	Winners: Spaniel Assist
	Design Club (represented by Caitlyn Finlayson)	
	Jewellery Club (represented by Nina Frankland)	



Awards 2017

	Best Ambassador	
Art	Paige Dodd Yr10 Grace Young Yr10 Thea Cojocaru Yr7	Winner: Thea Cojocaru
Music	Charlotte Galloway Yr12 Alice Liddle Yr12 Chuda 'Jazz' Chansuwan Yr12	Joint winners: Charlotte Galloway Alice Liddle Chuda 'Jazz' Chansuwan
PE/Sport	Amy Wilson Yr8 Ellie Stanley-Roberts Yr9 Amelia Appleby Yr7	Winner: Ellie Stanley- Roberts
Drama	Ebonie Cummins Yr12 Lily Thompson Yr11 Abbie Smith Yr12	Winner: Lily Thompson
Technology	Gabrielle Winton Yr13 Annabelle Blackett Yr 13 Stephanie Wilson Yr 13	Winner: Annabelle Blackett

	Paula Williams Rising	Star
Art	Liliana Gierduszewksa Yr7 Lucy Tyson Yr8 Niamh Bosher Yr7	Winner: Liliana Gierduszweska
Music	Zoe Tipling Yr10 Jade Winter Yr9 Grace Fitzakerley Yr8	Winner: Grace Fitzakerley
PE/Sport	Emma Cooperwaite Yr7 Megan Doherty Yr8 Nina Frankland Yr7	Winner: Emma Cooperwaite
Drama	Aimee Poulton Yr10 India Mason Yr10 Mia Ross Yr 8	Winner: India Mason
Technology	Sophie Snowball Yr9 Poppy Brown Yr9 Annette Toji Yr9	Winner: Sophie Snowball







Art and Photography Representation at the Antonian Awards, 2017

This year's Antonian Awards continued the successful recognition of students' work across a variety of subjects and disciplines. This was no exception in the Art and Photography categories where, as usual, the shortlisted girls showed their talent and commitment to the Arts. It is always an extremely difficult task to narrow down a field of exceptional students to several runners-up and a winner, due to the fabulous array of talent we have here at St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. Each and every girl who applied for the award had something distinctly special about their artistic life and practice; this made it extremely hard for the judges to come up with a final list of winners. Huge congratulations must go out to all applicants for their outstanding effort.

The night was a great success and the whole evening celebrated the hard work of our creative students in Art and Photography. The Department was also represented by Rebecca Cameron, a former student here at St. Anthony's, who excelled and continues to develop as a practising artist at university. She gives the credit for a lot of her success to the work and knowledge she gained from the Art Department here at school, and was delighted to see and congratulate the potential artists and craftspeople of the future. We are exceptionally proud of all students nominated, and we know many of them will appear again in future Awards Evenings.

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If you have produced great work in Art or Photography, or if you would like to know more about either subject, please contact a member of the Art and Photography Department for further details about courses, options and projects.



Art & Photography

Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership KS3 Photography Exhibition, 2017

On March 28th this year, students from the Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership came together to display their photographs at the National Glass Centre. More than 140 photographs, all taken by students from Years 7-9, were on display. There were 12 different categories, showing inspiration from: Natural Forms; Altered States; Documentary; Abstract; Structures; Movement; Portrait; Faith; Landscapes; and many more.





A number of awards were given out on the night. St Anthony's won 7 of the 12 categories, and 2 were highly commended! Taking the top spots were Gabriella Machin (9SH), Ashley Barret (9SM), Abbie Scott (8SA), Michelle Fenghixue Liu (9SH), and Eve Cole (7SMa). Evie Richardson (7SM) actually picked up two First Place spots! Coming close with Highly Commended were Coutney Li and Molly Jackson. This was a great result for our girls who proved they have a keen eye when it comes to photography. It was a fantastic event, and there was some incredible talent on show from some of our younger students.







Exhibiting work at the iconic National Glass Centre was a highlight for the girls. Not only

is the venue inspirational to young photographers but as part of the University of Sunderland, it is at the forefront of glass research where its facilities are internationally recognised.



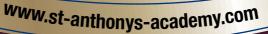






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Year 7 Business Enterprise Competition

Year 7 girls have been taking part in an enterprise competition which involved designing, producing and selling Easter-themed products, with all profits made going to charity.

The winning group, named One Plece, sold bunny-shaped bags containing a toffee cake, a raffle ticket and a bunny, bird or chick-shaped pom-pom. The group showed excellent creativity, teamwork, communication and decisionmaking skills. Team members of One Plece were Amelia Rowe, Alexandria Henderson, Eve Cole, Livia Marshall, Eve Clark and Charlotte Todd O'Neill.

Well done to all the girls who took part in the enterprise competition and raised money for charity.





One P1ece - Year 7 Enterprise winners

Childcare News

Year 12 and 13 enjoyed a day at Carmel College where they gained a qualification in Heartstart First Aid. Even Mrs Miller joined in to help the students with the recovery position!





In Year 12 Megan Colman has been supporting children's fine motor skills and creativity by making "Elsa the Peg Doll" for Placement.

Our students have also been creative in producing a range of resources to assist with the revision for their external exam - Good luck!!



Year 13s have made resources to help children understand Forces and art of Early Sciences with "Flip the Kipper" game. Well done!

Congratulations to the whole group of Year 11 students who have completed all of their coursework within the set deadlines and to the Year 13s who have all achieved some excellent grades in the January examinations.

The Report from the recent Standard Verification Day was very favourable, and all scrutinised work by the Verifier was deemed to be of an excellent standard. The Year 13 students were interviewed as part of the process; they gave detailed explanations of the Portfolios they had produced from Placement, and they also explained how these have assisted them in gaining employability skills and achieving University offers, by being able to link theory and practice.

Careers

News from Careers

The Academy has now achieved the Inspiring IAG (Bronze) Award which is a national award for our CIAG (Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance) Course. We are aiming to achieve the Silver Award next academic year!

INSPIRING LAG
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Bar several area.

Year 11 enjoyed the Apprenticeship Event at the Sunderland Royal Hospital. There they had the opportunity to participate in a variety of events at the Living Lab, including taking temperatures and blood pressure. At the end of the session the girls completed application forms which would enable them to be considered as apprentices in Health Care and Pharmacy this coming September.



Year 9 had an eventful time at the Work Discovery Health Care Day where they were able to take part in real life simulations, and use hospital equipment and resources.









Chaplaincy



The Songbirds led us in prayer with "Amazing Grace," while the University students acted out the drama of Jesus' passion and his death on the cross.



St. Anthony's were represented by Rosie Smith, Georgia Bell, Rebecca Summerside and Abbie Little. Their silent portrayal of the 13th Station, (Jesus is taken down from the cross) was very moving, prayerful and poignant.



Faith Chat! Very popular each day during the Mission week. An opportunity to share faith experience over a cup of coffee and a biscuit in the dining room.

Sunderland Young Achievers Awards



So proud of Lucy Robinson, seen here with her mam, Brenda! Lucy was nominated for her outstanding work serving the community in a wide variety of areas. Not only has she achieved "Highly Commended" at the Sunderland Young Achievers Awards, but she has already completed her John Paul 2nd Gold Award with her social action and volunteering within the Church Community. Well done!

Chaplaincy



The Source

A very happy group of girls at St. Mary's Cathedral for



Following on from the Mission and Flame! there was great excitement when Miss Moran and Sr. Josepha accompanied the girls on 5th April to The Source and met up again with the Mission Team and friends from Flame! Carrying the light back to Sunderland!

FLAME Festival

Happy smiling faces at the FLAME Festival on 11th March 2017! Celebrating with 10,000 other young people in Wembley Stadium, London. Joyfully making new friends and meeting up with old ones. A memorable day!



Gathering together after the Source on 3rd May, to share some social time in the Cathedral Café with students from across the diocese. Time for prayer, worship, inspirational speakers and good food afterwards. Then singing all the looking forward to October when the Source begins again!



John Paul 2nd Awards

Twenty six students completed their Awards: 23 GOLD Awards and 3 SILVER Awards. A night to be proud of St. Anthony's students!



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St. Anthony's Sewing Bee

The Costume Club has been involved in many exciting projects since it began 4 years ago, and the members have currently been working very hard on their GCSE studies, so we decided to invite students from Year 8 to work on new textile projects and to rename the group 'St. Anthony's Sewing Bee'. Our Sewing Bees began work in January and they were thrown straight into producing bunting for the Mission – 'Step up to Life'.

Well done to our Sewing Bees - Gabrielle Frost, Emma Leyland, Amy Lumsdon, Louise Bradford, Ivana Brodanac and Shenali Scott for all their hard work and enthusiasm.



Jewellery Club

Pupils attend the Jewellery-making Club on Wednesday lunchtimes. This club allows pupils to be creative and to learn new skills in a relaxed atmosphere.

Year 7 Jewellery Club members focused on small-batch production methods. They produced lovely jewellery which they exhibited at the Family Night during our Mission: 'Step up to Life'







HNCP Bake-Off Year 9

Grace Allan and Rebecca Cole from Year 9 represented St Anthony's in the Catholic Partnership Interschool Bake-Off Competition at St John's, Bishop Auckland. The competition was judged by a local professional chef. The girls had a tough brief: they had 3 hours to produce a perfect set of eclairs, a vegetarian shortcrust pastry idea, and 3 Valentine -themed cupcakes. The girls were fantastic ambassadors for the academy and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done, girls!







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Classical Civilisation

Students from Classical Civilisation attended an adaptation of a Greek Tragedy, *Antigone*. It was an unusual adaptation which, if only for the incongruences with the original play, got the pupils discussing it with passion! We travelled to Durham University for an interesting day experiencing the life of a Classics undergraduate, which included attending a real Classics lecture and receiving a brilliant seminar from Justine Wolfenden on Epic Beginnings. We were very lucky to receive a seminar from Dr Christopher Farrell at Durham University on the topic of Xenophon's 'How to train a wife' and a scintillating discussion on the perception of women in the Roman world.

Classics





Classics Club

Members of the Classics Club have enjoyed furthering their knowledge of Latin grammar and vocab, including learning the difference between the nominative and accusative case. They've discovered English words which have their roots in ancient Greek and Latin words, including "octopus" from the Latin word "octo", meaning eight. The pupils threw themselves into celebrating the Ides of March with enthusiasm, creating their own version of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. The famous stabbing scene was recreated creatively with rulers instead of swords and a selfie over Caesar's dead body.



English

Calling All Aspiring Authors!

The English Department hosted another 'Author Visit' which was a great success. This time it was Katy Birchall who captured the imaginations of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Katy has written the 'IT Girl' series of books which are popular with teenagers.

Here is what some of our students said:

"Katy was great! She really made me think about my own writing, and I would love to write like her when I am older."

"She was really funny and made me want to read her books."

"I am going to read her books now that I've met her. She was really friendly and interesting."

In English lessons, all students are encouraged to enjoy reading a range of different types of books, as well as reading outside of lessons at home.

Katy Birchall's novels are ideal for extra reading outside of school.

Some Year 12 Media Studies students also met Katy to ask her about her career as a writer and journalist. They were really inspired by her words of wisdom.

This was a successful and inspirational visit enjoyed by all.

BOOK DAY 20

World Book Day 2017

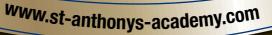
English Department staff and students enjoyed yet another fun-filled World Book Day in 2017.

From dressing up to 'disappearing' into a favourite book, it was a truly magical day! The Big Bad Wolf was rumoured to have been chasing Alice around Wonderland, with Robin Hood, Little Red Riding Hood and Dorothy in pursuit.

And, of course, there were many people dressed up, with a lot of reading going on...











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A final reflection from Flame – 11th March 2017

The excitement was rising as we gathered in St. Anthony's staff car park at 4.30a.m.!! We were off to Wembley to join 10,000 other young people from all over the country to celebrate our faith together.

St. Anthony's was the largest group from the diocese with 54 girls and 5 staff. We met up with other schools from the North East at the Service Stations on the way down and the place was buzzing as we drove into Wembley Stadium at 11.15 a.m.

We were welcomed into the stadium with worship and singing from Matt Redman and the band, and the sense of joy and happiness was electric. Feedback from the girls highlighted the following aspects of the trip that they loved: the songs, dancing,



meeting new people, the atmosphere and the sense of Community. They also loved the arena and the speakers, like David Wells. They loved the rapper who sang with Matt Redman and the Mexican wave. They enjoyed the quiet and the silence as well as Jasmine Elcock singing Amazing Grace. They also loved the loud music at the end and the fun of journeying home together tired, but happy as we arrived back home at 12 midnight into St. Anthony's car park. A great event!!

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What a great message to start off the day









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Geography

Year 8 Coasts Topic

Year 8 have been learning all about the coastline and for their topic on this, they have created coastal brochures about Swanage Bay (Dorset). Some of these have been fantastic!



Here is an excellent poem about Swanage Bay written by Amala Benny and Jamila Khatun:

Starts with a headland in Swanage Bay, Waves erode and wash rocks away. The waves carry on, starting an attack, Weaken the cliff, creating a stack. Turns into a cave by the wave's reaction, Naming this process; hydraulic action. Waves from both sides, crashing with a charge, Abrasion takes places, turning into an arch. The headlands collapse when waves give a whack, Separating the cliff, creating a stack. All there is left is a big tall hump, But slowly, slowly, it turns into a stump. The fierce sea that's ever so clear, Will soon make the rocks, Slowly disappear.

Living Streets Club

Year 7s have been planning Year 6 transitions days. They will be encouraging new pupils to walk to school and tell them what they enjoy about studying Geography. They had a mini bake-off decorating cup cakes with flags from around the world! Last Autumn they planted flowers to improve the academy's grounds.







Year 12 Fieldwork

As part of their A Level, Year 12 went to Egton and Whitby in North Yorkshire. They studied the May Beck stream in Sneaton Forest and measured how it changed at different sites. In Whitby they investigated the impact of tourism on the community. They had a great time, despite the snow!









History & Politics

Remembering Passchendaele

Many consider Passchendaele as one of the most controversial battles of WW1. The battle, led by General Haig known to many as the 'Butcher of the Somme', raged on for months leading to the deaths of 325,000 Allied and 260,000 German soldiers. The shell bombardment by the allies had transformed the fields around the village of Passchendaele into a deadly marshland, which even led to men and horses drowning in the churned up mud. The result of the battle (5 miles gained by the allies) seemed insignificant to many at the time, and General Haig's decision to continue the advance was considered to be disastrous decision.



Those year 8 and 9 students selected, took part in a remembrance event at Palace Green overlooking Durham Cathedral. After an introduction to the day, pupils completed a timeline and considered the developments of warfare leading up to the battle. Following that, students took part in workshop sessions including being able to examine and try on soldiers belongings, handle some of the soldiers' kit and try to identify what things were and for what purpose.

To round off the day pupils were taken on a town trail. This included taking students for a guided walk round the town to see where soldiers would have been enlisted, gathered for training and eventually celebrated VE day when the time came, visiting the War Memorial to round off their visit.

The event was an excellent way to bring to life such a tragic event. It also helped the pupils to understand that the impact of WW1 was not just felt by those soldiers on the front line but was keenly felt by those families back at home; many of whom were from the North East.



Year 13 Politics Students with BBC Look North News presenter Nisha Joshi

BBC Look North Facebook Live Event

St. Anthony's Year 13 Politics students were invited to participate in a BBC Look North event to gauge the feelings of younger voters to the results of the EU referendum and Britain's future post Brexit. This was the first Facebook Live event undertaken by Look North and it was agreed to have been a great success. St. Anthony's students were praised by all the BBC staff, including the presenter Nisha, and the producer Helen, for their mature, informed and extremely articulate comments which, despite the presence of many other students, were the only ones to make it on to the actual BBC Look North 6.30pm programme.

Anya Mason and Ellie Clark in Year 13 Politics were also invited to take part in the BBC Look North Election Debate on 30th May



International Links



Visit from Katedralskola

On 13th March we were delighted to invite three teachers from Katedralskola, based in Växjö, Sweden, to spend the week with us at St Anthony's. Our international guests took part in lesson observations and talks about teaching in British schools to see what they could use in their own classrooms in Sweden.



Mrs Koch, Mr Winnberg and Mr Cook really enjoyed their visit to the Academy, commenting on our beautiful new buildings, wonderful students, inspiring lessons and hardworking staff. They also enjoyed seeing some of the sights in the region, including our beautiful coast line, and Durham Cathedral. We look forward, hopefully, to more collaborations with Katedralskola in the future!

Swedish Teacher Trainees Visit

12 Swedish trainee teachers and their tutor from Linnaeus University, Växjö, and Kalmar visited St. Anthony's in March to complete a 3 weeks' teacher training programme. They completed training sessions, attended lessons, and visited sites around the region, such as Hadrian's Wall and the Stadium of Light. They gave wonderful presentations at the end of their visit on what they had learned about teaching and learning at our school. They said that they were amazed at the fast pace of lessons, and the excellent behaviour and attitude of our students!





International Links



French visitors

Mrs Shepherd welcomed to the school two visitors from a secondary school in Saint-Nazaire on the 19th May. They will be bringing twelve students to our school from the 14th until the 19th July to learn

about the English school system and practise their English skills. The teachers were really impressed with our school and facilities, so we are really looking forward to hosting the students in July.



10F1 sending letters and treats to their French pen friends at Easter



French Partner School

It has been great fun working with Max's (our FLA) sister's school in the south east of France. 10F1 made some posters and wrote some letters that were sent in Easter which the French students loved receiving, so they are now excitedly waiting for a return package from them! Applications are currently being made to receive some funding for a joint French and English school-based project, so hopefully in the not too distant future some students may be able to go and visit the school, and some French students will come back and stay with us here. Watch this space!



This February we were truly privileged to be able to visit our partner schools in Rajkot, India: Panschil and KVKV. Our visit was principally organised by our colleagues at Panschil, and both

staff and students couldn't have been more delighted with their hospitality. Staff from the school welcomed us into their homes each day to spend time with their families, share their meals, and teach us about the Indian way of life. At school the British and Indian students got on fantastically! Darcy, Mary and Rosie really enjoyed teaching the Indian students about British music, and they also loved learning Indian crafts - in particular a traditional Indian dance, which they later performed during a school concert with an audience of 3,000! Other highlights included a relaxing afternoon spent at a stunning mountain shrine with a local family, learning more about Gandhi, and the



chance to participate in a fashion show. This was a jam-packed trip, and a feast for the senses, from the moment we arrived. India truly is an amazing country, and the girls had so many unique and wonderful experiences which are difficult to put into words. They have all learned a lot and hopefully this visit will stay with them forever.



This term Year 10 have been waiting with baited breath for the arrival of their letters from their Spanish pen pals! We are delighted to have established a

link with Félix Rodriguez de la Fuente Secondary School in Burgos, Northern Spain. The students over there study half their subjects in English and half in Spanish, so are eager to practise- just like our girls! The thought and attention our students put into the letters was truly remarkable and just goes to show that the art of letter writing continues. Hopefully this will be the beginning of some lovely friendships and who knows... future visits to Spain?



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Learning Resource Centre News

Library News

Pupil Librarian Scheme

This year's Pupil Librarians have now completed their training scheme and so, to celebrate, they will each receive a certificate and a goody bag from the Schools' Library Service. Well done, girls!



Scholastic Book Club/Fair



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The termly Scholastic Book Club leaflets have proved very popular, and we also had a Scholastic Book Fair which was a tremendous success. This year we have earned $\pounds 261.64$ in rewards to spend on new books for the library, so big thanks are due to all the pupils, parents and staff who have supported us this year. Winners of the Book Fair raffle were: Sandra James, Ava Atangan, Mackenzie Robson, Laurie Rand, Emily MacDonald, Ivana Brodanac and Lily Paget.





World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day 2017, the girls had a great time! They created bunting based on a book that they had read, had a book sale, entered a French or Spanish quiz, and designed a book jacket.











Literacy Events

WORLD BOOK DAY fest

Thursday 2nd March 2017 saw St Anthony's celebrating World Book Day. A variety of events were organised throughout the whole school, with both pupils and staff taking part.

Key Stage 3 and members of staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters, raising £350 for Book Aid International, a charity which aims to send brand new books to libraries in schools and community libraries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Thank you to all pupils and staff who made this event so successful!



Can you guess the characters and the novels they are from?







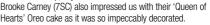
World Book Day Bake-Off!

The Years 8 and 9 girls dazzled us with their baking prowess on World Book Day! They were given the technical challenge of creating a book-themed creative cake. The judge was St. Anthony's own Mary Berry. Sister Francis. She



praised the girls for the imagination and innovation – to say nothing of the great effort – which they put into these delightful literary creations. Entries included: a 'Once Upon a Time' cake, featuring five different fairy tales in one cake; a Disney-themed tower cake with carefully crafted icing; and a 'One Hundred and One Dalmatians' cake – complete with spots!

It was really difficult to decide who the winners should be, due to the high quality of all the entries, but Miss Chalder was pleased to announce that first prize went to Jessica Fenn (7STa) whose solo creation of a 'scrumdiddleyumptious' Willy Wonka chocolate cake wowed us with its excellent construction. Second prize went to Ammi Hunt and Louisa Bradshaw (both 8SCa) who created a super stack of three popular books. Erin Park, Amelia Rowe and Charlotte Gomez received a very worthy third prize with their 'Alice' cake, including chessboard, caterpillar and upside-down Alice (as fans of the story will recognise!) Very close runners-up, Lily McMullan and



A huge thank you and congratulations to all who took part and mesmerised the judges; we hope to see you next year!

'It Girl' in School

Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoyed a visit with the author Katy Birchall to launch the new book in her 'It Girl' series 'Don't Tell the Bridesmaid'.

Katy delivered an engaging writing session sharing her techniques for creating unique characters.



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.



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Awards for Success in Sixth Form Mathematics

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

In 2017 Bethaney Miller was given the Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics, while Sadie Morron received the Further Mathematics Award.

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

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

Back Row (L-R): Amy Wilson, Katie Craig, Megan Doherty, Abbie Scott

Front Row (L-R): Rachel Wigham, Ella Harrison, Ryxelle Gepte, Aaliyah Langan, Merin Sunil

Happy Puzzle Day!

This wonderful group of Year 8 girls represented the Academy at the Happy Puzzle Day held at Carmel College in Darlington. The girls had lots of fun solving puzzles, competing with other teams and seeing how problem-solving relates to the work they do in Maths. A fantastic day that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



HNCP Year 8 Maths Challenge 21st March 2017

Two teams of Year 8 girls represented the academy in the HNCP event at St. Bede's, Lanchester. The girls performed extremely well and showed great enthusiasm throughout, one team placing 5th and the other 7th overall.

The girls who participated: Emily Adamson, Alice Beaman, Beth Connors, Olivia Kennedy, Michelle Lim, Daisy Neil, Shenali Scott, Merin Sunil

GCSE Maths Revision Day - Stadium of Light

Mr Malkin, Miss Clarke and Mrs Dugan continued our yearly tradition of taking a group of Year 11 girls to the Stadium of Light for a day of intensive Maths revision. Although the day was tough and hard work, the girls were a credit to themselves and the Academy at all times. Best of luck in your exams!









Intermediate Maths Challenge Results 2017

The top three Maths sets in Years 9, 10 and 11 competed in the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. The challenge is taken nationwide and is intended to stretch and challenge the most able mathematicians across the country. As with the Junior Challenge, the top performing girls are presented with either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. A special mention must go to Grace Young from Year 10 who achieved the certificate for 'Best in School?



Mathematics Challenge Certificate Winners

The following girls were awarded certificates:

Year 11

Best in Year: Hana Elmarakbi Kinga Lewandowska

Silver Certificate Hana Elmarakbi Kinga Lewandowska Jasmine Staples.

Bronze Certificate

Bethany Jones Olivia Broadbent Maisie Sheriff Eden Footes Hannah Marshall Ayesha Isahac Sarah Knight Lucy Hall Harwyn Matibag Leah Tubman Lily Frankland Rachel Green Robyn Taylor Lily Heskett-Saddlington Elizabeth Earl Year 10 Best in Year:

Grace Young Silver Certificate

Grace Young Bronze Certificate

Christine Furtado Alex Tynan Olivia Finlayson Lucy Freeman Hannah Blyth Maia Veitch Olivia Thompson Tayla Freeman Ashna Saii

Year 9

Best in Year: Ashley Barrett

Silver Certificate Ashley Barrett

Bronze Certificates Ellie Graham Ella Surman-Wells



Year 11 Certificate Winners: Back Row (left to right): Eden Footes, Leah Tubman, Robyn Taylor, Lily Heskett-Saddlington, Hana Elmarakbi, Lucy Hall, Hannah Marshall, Lily Frankland and Rachel Green.

Front Row (left to right): Elizabeth Earl, Olivia Broadbent, Harwyn Matibag, Kinga Lewandowska, Ayesha Isahac, Maisie Sheriff, Sarah Knight and Jasmine Staples.



Year 10 Certificate Winners: Back Row (left to right): Ashna Saji, Maia Veitch, Alex Tynan, Olivia Thompson, Olivia Finlayson, Christelle Furtado and Hannh Blyth. Front Row: Grace Young



Junior Team Maths Challenge

A group of four gifted Mathematicians attended the Junior Team Maths Challenge in Durham. The girls had a wonderful day demonstrating their skills. Although they did not win this time, they did beat 15 teams of top Mathematicians from all around the North East. Our representatives were Ellie Graham and Ella Surman-Wells from Year 9, and Shenali Scott and Rebekah Hughes from Year 8.



Y10 Maths Feast

These girls were chosen to compete on behalf of St Anthony's at the Year 10 Maths Feast in Durham. They competed as 2 teams against other schools, using their problem-solving skills to tackle some very challenging questions over 4 rounds. Unfortunately, we didn't come home with the trophy, but one of our teams finished fourth overall, which is an excellent achievement. The girls showed off their excellent mathematical ability and teamwork skills throughout the day. They were a credit to the Academy.



Junior Maths Challenge Results 2017

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

The following girls were awarded certificates:

Year 8 Best in Year:

Aaliyah Langan

Aaliyah Langan

Silver Certificate Beth Connors Ingrid Olsson Daisy Neil Emily Adamson Megan Doherty Abbie Scott

Bronze Certificate

Anna Westwater Robyn Sanders Rvxelle Gupit Elleisha Kevte Josita Kavitha Thirumalai Naomi Hunt Ellie Carr Milly Dodd Michelle Lim Anna Watson Jessica Burnett Clare Spoors Georgia Lewis Olivia Kennedv Gabrielle Frost Laila Burns Shenali Scott Ella Harrison

Year 7 Best in Year: Hrishita Mahamuni

Silver Certificate Hrishita Mahamuni Nina Frankland Lola Galano Lucie Pells

Bronze Certificate

Amy Kipling Shannon Harrison Annabel Lynn Esther Ogunbode Evie Richardson Jessica Robinson Tanith Dalton Abigail Miller Eve Cole Jean Hedley Mikaella Garcia Niamh Bosher

Maths Club

We are very pleased with the progress of the girls who have been attending our new Maths Support Programme this year. The initiative aimed to improve the progress of our students in Mathematics across Key Stages 3 and 4. The programme is run by various teachers in the Maths Department during lunchtimes, and invited students attend one session per week.

Day:Monday (Years 10/11 and Year 7), Tuesday (Year 9), Wednesday (Year 8)Time:12:20-12:45Venue:Maths Department

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

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Senior Maths Challenge 2016-17

Fourteen of our Sixth Form students have achieved an award in the UKMT Individual Senior Maths Challenge 2016-17! The challenge for pupils in Year 12 is based upon problem-solving, using Mathematics.

The top award of Silver and the Best in School goes to: Lucy Roberts.

Bronze awards go to:

Katie Blyth, Maisha Choudhury, Charlotte Galloway, Sayeda Begum, Julia Zazycka, June Gomez, Nishat Awal, Molly Salford-Jones, Daisy Pigford, Grace Copeland and Lucy Robinson.

All the students have studied Advanced Level Mathematics and **Lucy Roberts and Molly Salford-Jones** also study Further Mathematics.



Senior Team Mathematics Challenge 2016/17

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

The girls achieved 9th place overall, which was fantastic given the level of difficulty of the activities, and the tough competition.

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



From left to right: Grace Copeland (Year 12), Toni Goodwin (Year 12), Lucy Roberts (Year 12) and Molly Salford-Jones (Year 12)

Year 11 Mathematics Award

Every year the Mathematics Department awards the prize for Mathematics to an outstanding pupil in Year 11. The **2017 Award** went to **Jasmine Staples** for her superb achievement and effort during her GCSE course. Competition for the prize was tough this year, with many girls deserving recognition. A huge "Well done!" therefore to all the girls in Year 11 for their comminent and hard work; we wish them the best of luck as they await their examination results.

World Book Day

The Maths Department really got into the spirit of World Book Day this year. We celebrated World Book Day 2017 with a Roald Dahl theme, and went on to win the prize for best-dressed department. Some said we looked scrumdiddlyumptious!



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Mission Week

THEME OF THE MISSION: "STEP UP TO LIFE"

The corridors were decorated with bunting, carrying inspirational and prayerful messages from the students showing how they could step up to life.





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Crowds gathering for the MISSION FAMILY NIGHT to begin





Youth SVP set up their stall for MISSION WEEK in the dining room alongside other inspirational charities. A great celebration to end the Mission with a dynamic FAMILY NIGHT



Christelle Furtado opens the Family Night with a fantastic Indian dance!



Fr. Dermott prepares to quiz the candidates for "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" Lucy Robinson wins the £20 and then donates it to FLAME!! Well done!



Mission Team members loved being with us in St. Anthony's



CAFOD young leaders set up stall in the Market Place at the end of the Family night along with a wide variety of stalls promoting various charities. A great night was enjoyed by all

Mission Week

MISSION WEEK – FAITH CHAT

Every day during the Mission week local parishioners called in between 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. to chat to the girls about their faith journey and how God had worked in their lives. Parishioners were offered tea and coffee and enjoyed answering questions about their faith experience.



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By Carra Grieves, Stephanie Welsh, Jamela Coloma, Ame Gupit, Daisy Bradshaw, Jai



With the Chinese buddies and staff outside Daqing Foreign Language School

The Y10 girls have just returned from an amazing trip to China. They loved every minute here they all share their experiences with you.

Saturday: After a nearly 10 hour flight we had finally arrived in Beijing. Two teachers from Daqing Foreign Language School (DFLS) met us and took us to the hotel. Our first Chinese meal was amazing and so different from the food we are used to. We then visited the Lama Temple, a Buddhist temple located in the city centre. The traditional architecture was a contrast to the modern buildings surrounding it. My favourite part was getting incense to pray with, but the highlight of the whole day was going to the Laoshe Tea House. The show was truly amazing and it really showed us just how different the Chinese culture is. It was a fantastic start to the trip.



Morning welcome with the whole of DFLS

Sunday: Today we flew to Daqing. At the airport there was a camera taking pictures of us arriving. We were really shocked to see how massive DFLS was compared to St Anthony's. We were shown to our rooms – we stayed in the dorms in the International building where the foreign teachers usually stay. When we had dinner they gave us noodles as that is the meal you should eat to greet friends.

Monday: On Monday we met the Head Teacher and deputies along with our buddies we were given gift bags which contained a traditional Chinese dress, stationery and a toy panda. We then went to two museums where we found out where the oil comes from and the history of the Iron Man. We found out that Daqing is very famous for its oil. Both museums also acted as a memorial for all those who have lost their lives due to the oil industry. We also went to a model UN conference in which they were discussing global issues. This was with the senior department of the school and it was very formal and informative. Some of our group went up to the podium and spoke on behalf of the partners that we had been allocated. This was a valuable experience.

Tuesday: Today we celebrated the Dragon Boat Festival by going to different Chinese families' houses. I visited Lucy's family and we were met by her parents, Auntie and grandparents who were all truly amazing. The grandmother taught us how to make rice dumplings which are traditionally eaten during the festival. She was very patient when teaching us how to make them. We then learnt how to make veggie dumplings. It was such a happy memory and the



Enjoying lessons at DFLS

food was incredible. After this amazing experience we went to a local museum where we found out more about Daqing's history. It was fascinating. After the tour we went to a fancy meeting room where we were introduced to the Dean of Education. As a gift we were all given an ornament which contained a little bit of oil from Daqing. It was such an honour. In the evening our buddies taught us a Chinese song which we performed in front of everyone. Then we taught them Party in the USA, it was such good fun!

Wednesday: On Wednesday we started the day a little earlier as it was the first day the students were back at school. We joined in some classes with our buddies which was very interesting. Then we were welcomed by the students in the school yard. This



Forbidden City



was incredible because t there and the yard and fir I also made speeches in fr fun but also a little scary! part in a PE lesson where building games. The team a lot of fun. Afterwards w then went shopping. Ther we had never seen before: rings as gifts for my budd clothes and make up.



Thursday: For me Thursd whole trip! It was Childre enough to visit the DFLS the children spoke very exceptionally kind. We re them and even participar as relay races. Moreover calligraphy and tai chi whit he night we had a party ar goodbye to our Chinese bu

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Friday: We drove to Num other partner school. We and learnt a traditional (Thirteen students came to presents, then we played be afternoon we went to Sun I

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St Anthony's Girls'School walcome to No 60 Middle School



With our partner school in Harbin

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nber 69 High School, our attended a music lesson Chinese song and dance. o meet us and brought us asketball with them. In the sland, a beautiful island on the river which goes through Harbin. We fed the fish and walked underneath a waterfall. After shopping in the local shopping centre we had hot pot for dinner, where you put raw meat and vegetables in boiling hot soup to cook it. It tasted amazing! It was lovely to experience a different Chinese town.



Saturday: After a filling breakfast and flight back to Beijing we set off to visit Forbidden City. It was huge and there was so much open space. It was very warm that day so Miss Prestwood came to our rescue by buying us all ice creams! We then went to a local flea market. It was quite intimidating for those of us who had never haggled before but we soon all got the hang of it and managed to get a lot of great gifts and souvenirs to bring home.

Sunday: Today we visited the Summer Palace which was really beautiful. It was a temporary palace of the Emperor and his family during the Qing Dynasty. As well as looking at the amazing detail on the walls of the palace, we took a boat ride on a dragon boat. It really captured the essence of the palace. Later on we visited Beijing Zoo where we saw the PANDAS! It's something I will never forget. They were so cute, I just wanted to give them a hug! In the evening we went to the Temple of Heaven. This wasn't like any other Temple to me, it was really special. From the history behind it, to the views over Beijing, it was truly great.



Pandas at the Zoo!

Monday: Every day we did many activities and made a lot of memories, however Monday was one of my favourite days because we climbed the Great Wall of China. There were a lot of steps and it was extremely hard to climb but the views from the top were amazing. Our tour guide told us many interesting facts about the Great Wall such as it is over 6000km long, over 1 million people died while building it and it is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Furthermore we visited the Olympic Centre and were lucky enough to see a king fu show at the Red Theatre- they did very dangerous stunts which were entertaining and we even got a photo with the cast. In addition, this trip has been amazing and I will never forget it.



What a trip! We are now looking forward to welcoming back some students from DFLS in July so we can reciprocate some of their kindnesses and hospitality.

HNCP Eurovision WINNERS 2017

On 10th May Emma Brown, Chloe Forster, Madeleine Miller and Isabella Robinson from Year 9 went to Carmel College to compete in the HNCP Eurovision 2017. Two Year 10 students; Carra Greaves and Aimee Lincoln who study French and Spanish respectively introduced the girls before taking their place as judges.



They chose Taylor Swift's *Shake it off* to sing about festivals in France and Spain. They sang in French and Spanish about festivals such as Mardi Gras, Nochevieja and La Tomatina. The girls learned complicated lyrics as well as organising their own dance routine, props and costumes, working hard every Thursday lunchtime since October.



Their performance was outstanding. The girls sang, danced, used their props and performed acrobatics to wow the audience and

the judges. All their hard work and effort paid off as they won first place!

After the competition, while the results were being counted all six students participated in a European music quiz, a team cheer challenge and a lip sync battle! The results were announced at the end of the day with all teams performing their song a final time.

Isabella said: 'Today I went to the Eurovision Song Contest at Carmel College and it was really fun! My favourite part of the day was the second surprise challenge where we had to create a dance to Shakira's song Suerte. Overall, my experience from today was really good and even better... we won! I learned how to

work well in groups and it was a great learning experience? Madeleine added: 'I would recommend this experience to everyone thinking about it as it's very fun and enjoyable.



MFL Exam Enrichment

Building upon academic successes, the MFL department continues to provide an exciting and stimulating programme of events to supplement the classroom

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experience. Check us out on our Facebook and Twitter pages @ MFLStAnthonys where you can remain updated with all of our many activities.

Want to learn/improve your French or

Spanish? Our Facebook page hosts dozens of resources for refreshing your vocabulary and

grammar. Our students enjoy this facility as it provides a daily opportunity to speak, read and test their linguistic skills.

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Year 12 celebrating the end of AS Spanish

Dee you tomorrow to start the A2 course!

Our Super Learning Seminars intensively preparing our GCSE, AS and A level students for their exam, were extremely well attended. The breakfast, pizza, cakes and fruit that we provided on these occasions bearing no relation to the attendance figures, we're sure!

Further to our success with French and Spanish, we are very proud to state that we have supported pupils entering for GCSE and A levels in Polish, Greek, Mandarin Chinese, Italian, Portuguese and Punjabi.

TSST MFL Course Available

As part of our teaching school remit, Mrs Marshall has been leading a TSST course which enables other teachers to increase their skill set to include Modern Foreign Language teaching. This is a very relaxed and highly enjoyable course where the highlights this year included one teacher claiming to have a refreshed love of teaching. Everyone on the course has enjoyed the sharing of ideas and good practice for the future. Here are 3 of our graduates 2017 at their celebratory session.



Spanish Revision Games

Towards the end of the last academic year Mrs Napier set her Year 8 Spanish class a challenge; to create a game to help students practice the new vocabulary they had learned during Year 8. The only two objectives were that the game should be for more than one player and that it should be challenging to make sure that the vocabulary learning really sticks. Well, with such a wide scope students really let their imaginations run wild! Each group created fantastically inventive games with counters, beautifully designed boards, forfeits and, most importantly, questions/tasks which really focussed on language learning. Mrs Napier was blown away by their amazing creations and when it came to testing out the games the students all loved getting to try each other's! Well done Girls, keep up the great work!









Sutton Trust US Programme

Marcia Adams, a Year 13 student, has won a place and a financial aid package to study at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, after participating in the Sutton Trust's US Programme which is run in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

Last Summer, Marcia was one of 150 students selected for a Summer School in the US at either Yale University or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). They competed with over 1,600 applicants to win a place on the programme, and spent a week living on campus and visiting a number of other US universities.

Marcia is a star of the MFL Department, and after her great success at GCSE, she is taking her A2 Spanish Exams this Summer and will continue with her studies of Spanish in the USA where there are over 50 million speakers of Spanish!

Mary Glasgow Magazines

In the coming weeks all Language students will be given the opportunity to subscribe to the amazing Mary Glasgow magazines. These fabulous magazines are available in both French and Spanish across all different levels, and they contain a wide variety of reading and vocabulary activities in topics that pupils are interested in. There are currently copies available in the library for all students. Watch this space for more information!

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MFL High Achievers' Summer School

Huge congratulations go to Grace Copeland (Y12) who has been awarded a place on the highly over-subscribed MFL High Achievers' Summer School hosted by Nottingham University in July. She will be following a series of language related workshops over the three days, and on successful completion will be offered a place to study languages at the University. We are delighted for her and look forward to hearing all about it on her return!

Why breakfast really is the most important meal of the day...

Exam season can be a very stressful time but in the MFL department we believe that success can be achieved by following a few simple pieces of advice - never skip breakfast being one of the most crucial! During this exam season French and Spanish students from Year 12 and Year 13 have enjoyed exam preparation breakfasts just before they entered the exam hall. Students enjoyed crepes, croissants, bagels, juices, fruit and hot drinks, and had the opportunity to receive last-minute advice and exam techniques from their teachers. Year 11 students didn't miss out, either, as before their exams they watched Spanish and French films alongside a comforting hot drink and a biscuit. All those involved said it was a fantastic way to get ready and stay calm before their exam. We'll definitely do the same next year!



MFL Pizza Revision

This year the MFL department have run pizza revision sessions for their Y11 students. The evenings have helped them to practise their reading and listening skills in preparation for their exams. The girls were rewarded for staying after school with delicious pizza- they definitely deserved it for all their hard work! We hope that these extra sessions will have helped the girls, and we are all keeping our fingers crossed for the results in August.

Gift of the Gab

On the 18th May Naomi and Harriet from Gift of the Gab came to do workshops with 10F1 and 10 S1. Gift of the Gab is a Newcastle University based language magazine. Our students were taught about the importance of language learning, and Naomi and Harriet shared their year abroad experiences. The girls have now been asked to write a piece in French or Spanish, and the best one(s) will be published in the next edition of the magazine. This could be anything, from a poem and story to an article. The things they have produced so far look great, and we can't wait to see the finished products! Good luck, girls!





Primary Links

To help support our feeder primary schools, Miss Dixon of the MFL Department and Assistant Director of our Year 7, visits several schools to deliver French lessons to Years 3-6. This term Miss Dixon has worked with St Benet's, St Anne's, St Leonard's, St Mary's and English Martyrs, and has greatly enjoyed meeting all the staff and pupils who are all showing signs of becoming brilliant linguists! Miss Dixon will continue working with our feeder primaries next term, too.





Barcelona Study Visit, 2017

Preparation and planning is already well under way for the Barcelona Study Visit, 2017. For this visit we will be taking both Year 10 and Year 11 students for a five days' stay, between Thursday 19th and Monday 23rd October 2017. We will be visiting the Sagrada Familia Cathedral, the Parc Guell, the Picasso Museum and many more places of interest. This is a great opportunity for students to improve their Spanish, and to experience Spanish culture. Girls will be speaking Spanish on a daily basis: they will also attend a Salsa dance workshop, try Paella, and go to a Tapas-tasting evening. It really is a fun-packed visit! Places are still available, so if you don't want to miss out on a trip of a lifetime, then please see Miss Cousin.

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A Pupil Bake-Off

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This year, for the European Day of Languages, all pupils were given the opportunity to participate in a pupil 'Bake-Off'. It was great fun, and the only brief given was that the Bake-Off should 'promote an awareness of, and a celebration of, cultural and linguistic diversity'. Pupils from all Year groups got involved in the Bake-Off, and the teachers were amazed by the quality of entries. There was a flamenco dancer, the leaning tower of Pisa, a piñata cake, and even a hamburger cake to represent Hamburg in Germany! The overall winner was an Austrian cake village. While baking all of the cakes was fun, the absolute best part was eating them all up, in true European style by sharing them with friends.



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As one teacher said, "Watch out Mary Berry! – we have pupils with so much talent at St. Anthony's, they may steal your job!!

Jennifer Hamilton Year 13, with her winning entry of an Austrian cake village

Primary European Day of Languages

As part of our celebration of the 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 to be teachers for the day! The students taught a variety of language lessons to Y3 and Y4, ranging from Portuguese



greetings, Italian animals, French numbers and colours all the way through to 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!

Foreign Language Assistant Project

This year we are very lucky to have Rosa and Max, our Spanish and French Language Assistants. Rosa and Max work with all Year groups to help develop their speaking skills, and to also enthuse and inform them about French and Spanish culture.

Year 7 and Year 8 have been working with the Language Assistants to complete a very special project: Spanish students have met 'Lucia'; and French students have been getting to know 'Mathilde'. Over the course of the year, together with Rosa and Max, the girls will be creating a scrapbook covering all that they have learnt about Lucia and Mathilde, as well as showcasing the fantastic language skills they have picked up along the way.





Music

Antonian Awards

Our annual Antonian Awards were held at the Roker Hotel in April, which recognises and awards achievement, dedication and commitment in Music, Art, PE, Drama and Technology. Huge congratulations to the Music winners:

Victrix Ludorum: Ellie Strong Best Ambassadors: Jazz Chansuwan, Charlotte Galloway and Alice Liddle Best Group: Senior Choir Outstanding Achievement: Olivia Glover

Outstanding Achievement: Olivia Glove Rising Star: Grace Fitzakerly

Spring Concert Success





A huge thank you to everyone who came to see our Spring Concert this year. It was an evening packed with talent and enthusiasm, and some amazing performances of 'Music from the Movies'. The sold-out audience enjoyed performances from Senior and Junior Choirs, Wind Band, String Orchestra, Rock Bands, Woodwind ensembles and some breath-taking soloists.



Isobel Hair (Year 7) who performed a duet, sang with the Junior Choir and played in the Wind Band and flute ensemble, said "The Spring Concert was an excellent opportunity to show our parents our skills in music and dance. It was a very enjoyable evening and I can't wait for the next concert".





 ABRSM success
 Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved ABRSM/LCM exams this term:

 Grace Copeland
 Grade 5 Jazz Alto Saxophone with Distinction

 Lily Frankland
 Grade 5 Music Theory

 Charlotte Galloway
 Grade 6 Jazz Alto Saxophone with Distinction

 Holly Leadbitter
 Grade 4 Clarinet

Music

The Bright Lights Beckon...

We are delighted and extremely proud of Ellie Strong in Year 13 who has been accepted into the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York to study Musical Theatre in September. Ellie has taken part in numerous shows and performances in school, and also outside of school as part of the Kathleen Davis Stage School. Ellie said, "it's always been my dream from being tiny to perform as a career, so I'm thrilled to have been accepted somewhere as prestigious as AADA to start taking the steps I need to follow my dream. I'm very excited to begin my new adventure; living and studying in New York City, and I can't wait to hopefully follow in the footsteps of the Academy's famous alumni!"

We wish you the best of luck, Ellie! See you on Broadway!

Arts Awards Success!

Congratulations to our latest cohort of Bronze and Silver Arts Award passes this term:

Munah Boresli	Laura Galley	Camille Richardson	
Catherine Burke	Natasha Hair	Isabella Robinson	
Abby Dolan	Jessica Hardy	Mia Ross	
Grace Fitzakerly	Aisha Lord	Zoe Tipling	
Chloe Forster	Anna Maw	Ellie Strong	

The Arts Award is a fun qualification that recognises participation in, and love of, the Arts, whether that's singing, dancing, acting or playing an instrument. If you have been involved in any of our concerts or productions, this could be for you!

Chloe Forster (Year 9) said, "I loved doing my Bronze Arts Award. I really enjoyed the different parts, and having to teach somebody else a skill was really fun! I can't wait to do my Silver next year"

Well done to all involved - an excellent achievement!





No rest for the Senior Choir!

Our fantastic Senior Choir have had a very busy 2017 so far! In February, they took to the stage at North East Festival of Youth Choirs run by Durham Music Service, which is an invitation-only event held in Durham Cathedral. Charlotte Galloway (Year 12) who also sang on the day with 'Quay Voices', a youth choir run by The Sage, said, "The whole experience was great! Singing somewhere as beautiful as Durham Cathedral is something I'll never forget, and the acoustics were incredible".

Two weeks later, YMT visited and delivered our School Mission with the title 'Step Up to Life'. Our Senior Choir certainly did that, by learning new songs during a workshop with Cody and the team, which they then performed at the Mission Family Night. Mission accomplished!



In March, they performed at The Sage as part of the Music for Youth festival, and had an amazing morning performing to a busy Hall One and two music mentors who gave us some very positive feedback. Alice Liddle had a solo part in one of the pieces, and said "Performing at the Sage once again was a fantastic experience, and for me it's been the performance of the year so far!"

In May, the girls were invited to perform at an Eastern European Festival held at the Winter Gardens, which celebrates the diverse cultures in Sunderland and was run by ICOS. It was a lovely morning with lots of compliments about their singing.

Finally, twenty five of the choir are off on tour to Dublin in July to perform in Christ Church Cathedral and Phoenix Park, before having a well-earned Summer off. Well done for all your hard work, girls!









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Working in Partnership

St. Anthony's works in close partnership with the Connect Network of Churches and services in Sunderland. On Pentecost Sunday evening there was a huge event attended by over six hundred people called "Believe in Sunderland." A market place of stalls promoting the various agencies in the city such as Street Pastors, Food banks etc., was set out in the Stadium of Light and many creative spaces where our prayers for the people of Sunderland could be shared.

The keynote speaker was Debra Green OBE the Executive Director of Redeeming Our Communities. She was inspirational and called us all to pray for our city and its people. A number of St. Anthony's pupils attended the event and took an active part in the prayer stations.





Food Bank Collections

Eve Clark 7SMa and her friends have been collecting food this term to take to the Food Banks. Eve says "I came up with the idea of collecting tins for the Food Bank from my primary school, St Mary's, where we collected tinned food for the harvest. To spread the word I spoke to all of the Year groups in assembly then went around all of the Year 7 forms to prompt people to bring in the tins." Eve and friends have been working very hard this term to help to remind students and collect the food which will be shared amongst a variety of Food Banks in Tyne and Wear. Well done to these fantastic girls!

Year 7 Success Stories!

This term we celebrated Mission Week with the Youth Ministry Team where the theme was 'Step up to Life'. Here in Year 7 we have certainly lived up to this! Here are some examples:

Louise Bowens and Sophie Johnson 7SJa: A few weeks ago Louise and Sophie took part in a coffee morning and bake sale at the Salvation. Army in Millfield. They helped sell cakes, clothes, books, coffee and tea. Sophie and Louise are regular members at the Salvation Army Youth Club where they also help with the tuck shop and with the running of activities such as craft and cooking. Louise says, "We love it and we hope to help our community and take part in more activities and events in the future." We are very proud of the hard work Louise and Sophie put into their school life as well as their excellent voluntary work!

Lauren O'Hare 7SJa: On April 5th Lauren had the opportunity to perform a solo at the musical "The Little Shop of Horrors." Lauren played a key role in the opening scene. Lauren explains, "When they said my name to come down I was so excited! When the music started playing I suddenly couldn't breathe. It was like the whole world was in slow motion. I took a deep breath and sang my heart out. After the show everyone hugged me and gave me flowers, I was worried for nothing!" Congratulations, Lauren, on a fantastic performance!

Cerys Vater 7SJo: Cerys represents her local football team, the Washington Wildcats, and we are very proud of her performance as she is the top goal scorer. Cerys is pleased that she may also have the opportunity to play for an academy called Durham F.C. She started playing football at three years old and has no plans on stopping! Well done, Cerys, on your brilliant achievements!

Olivya Leask 7SJo: On 2nd April Olivya was chosen to represent her dance school in Manchester. There she had to dance a solo piece. Olivya explains, "I was very surprised to see that I would be competing against 56 people!" In her solo performance she came in 1st place in the under-14s category and 1st for her slow dance. Congratulations for such a fantastic performance!

Natasha Paterson 7SJo: Natasha, friends and family arranged a sponsored 6-mile walk in support of a local boy with health problems. The girls wanted to do something to support him and his family. The girls achieved their goal and raised enough money to buy him lots of presents, such as a dinosaur kit, play-dough and some toy cars. What a kind thing to do for someone else!

Well done girls!

Year 6 Open Evening

Work has already begun to prepare for our next Year 7 girls to arrive in September. Miss Dixon has been amazed at how many girls in our current Year 7 want to help welcome the Year 6 girls to St Anthony's! Recently we held our annual Year 6 Open Evening for parents and girls to meet staff and tour our fantastic new school. Luckily for Miss Dixon, she had the help of three of our girls to help



model their perfect uniform: Olivia Eggleston, Orla Taylor and Jessica Robinson. Not only did they act as excellent models, but they also prepared a lovely presentation to share their Year 7 experience with parents and pupils. Jessica Robinson said, "In my first year at St. Anthony's I have had many opportunities. One of them was to help with the Year 6 Transition. It was a really good opportunity to stand up in front of everyone and talk about how great my first year at St Anthony's has been." Miss Dixon would like to thank Olivia, Orla and Jess for their hard work and to praise Year 7 for the huge number of girls who have volunteered to help when the Year 6 girls visit us for 3 days!

Year 7 Dance Group

The Year 7 Dance group "Chance Dance Company" perform on many different school occasions and their most recent success was their performance in the Easter assemblies. They performed a contemporary dance to the song "Skinny Love" which was choreographed by Liliana Gierduszewska, 7SJa. The girls worked tirelessly every lunch time alongside the continuous support of their biggest fan Sister Josepha! Watch out for Chance Dance Company... they will be delivering dance lessons to our Year 6 girls in July!



Chance Dance Company: Liliana Gierduszewska, Louise Bowens, Sophie Johnson, Dannah Mape, Mikaela Garcia, Neema Mathew, Gabrielle Florez, Ciara Reid, Amy Kipling, Holly Wooton, Georgia Parkin, Aken Tony- Obot, Olivya Leask, Rhianna Mackie, Lauren O'Hare, Tendai Cleugh, Leah Fernandez, Kaitlyn Dungca and Rovi Braga

Charity work

Earlier this year we raised money for a charity called Lepra. As a Year group we were inspired to raise as much money for this charity as possible. We sold cakes, biscuits and sweets. Our form organised a Christmas movie to watch over lunchtime.

As part of Personal Development Day we met with the organisers of the charity, and as a Year group we all did a sponsored Zumba dance. Siya Bhalla 7SCa





Year 8 Council

Much has been discussed at Year 8 meetings this year, and many ideas have been put forward, including: the use of vending machines, a Year 8 suggestion box and some issues regarding the canteen. The girls have used their pupil voice sensibly and maturely. Well done!



Talents



We have many talented students in Year 8. We have several budding athletes, dance stars, swimmers and Antonian Award nominees!

Well done to Abbie Scott who was a winner at the photography competition which took place in the National Glass centre. She won the category for Movement, which was a photo of her dog, running on the beach. She was presented with a canvas picture of the photo to display in her house. What a star!

Personal Development Day

Last December the girls had talks on bullying, and afterwards made books with poems, prayers, stories and pictures. The books were excellent. Well done to SMa, SCo, and SJo for the best books.

Year 8 also decorated plastic bottles with a Christmas theme. We had some fabulous entries - Christmas parcels, snowmen, Santa. Well done, and fun too!



Fairtrade

Well done to our Year 8 sellers this year! We still sell in the yards when we can, and girls have sold during Mission Week,

both in school time and during the evening for the Family Night. Thanks for your commitment and hard work. You do make a difference.





Lenten Alms Raffle and Other Charity Activities

Well done to all the girls who supported our Year 8 raffle! All proceeds went to St Cuthbert's Care.

Year 8 have really been very busy this year. As well as helping towards the upkeep of St Cuthbert's Care, we have also supported the work of Cafod and the Medaille Trust. For these three charities we have made over £500. Very well done!

Medaille Trust Year 8 Extra 100% attendance: We have 29 girls who have

100% attendance in Year 8. Well done girls; keep it up!

St Cuthberts Care



Just one world

Flame! and Source Trips

We had the honour of attending 2 of the YMT's (Youth Ministry Team's) Catholic Youth events: Flame 2017, and the Source. Both of these events have included music, inspirational speakers, games and sometimes even food!



We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Flame! in Wembley's SSE Arena. We were joined by many other schools from all of the dioceses and, once

congregated, there were 10,000 young adults there! Also attending Flame! were many of the YMT's volunteers and workers. Some of these were the people who ran our school's "Mission Week". Flame! 2017 involved lots of singing and celebration, and, most importantly, dancing. It was such an inspiration to see 10,000 youth members all singing and dancing as one. We had the incredible Matt Redman lead us in worship and song. His unforgettable song "10,000 Reasons" will forever be so important to us as we will never forget the experience of seeing thousands of people singing this song in unison. "Bless the Lord, oh my sou!! Oh my soul, worship his holy name."

Our trips to the Source have also been such a privilege to attend. They have been held at St Mary's Cathedral in

Newcastle. Each time we go to the Source we have so much fun both during the worship and, when we're there, meeting new people. There are also



inspiring speakers who share their story and how love and faith in God has helped them through their hardships. At the end of The Source there is a chance to get to know other people from our diocese while enjoying some food. The source is an absolutely incredible event and is held once a month.

We would recommend both Flame! and The Source to everyone. They are both such incredible events which will inspire you so much. There is guaranteed fun and laughter every time. They truly are something we will always try and attend and take part in. They have affected us in many ways and we are always eager to go again. Both of the trips truly inspire you and make you consider your actions and words – whether it's changing the way you treat people, or the way you see situations.

These trips are all possible thanks Sister Josepha, so Thank you, Sister!

Grace Finch and Lily Paget (9SJa)

Pupil Librarian Scheme

My name is **Abby Phillips** and I am a student in Year 9. Since Year 8, I have been involved in the Pupil Librarian scheme. The scheme was set up by Sunderland City Council to



get children involved with reading. When I first started, I felt excited to be part of the school library. We were instructed by Mrs Jackson (the school librarian) to complete worksheets which taught us how we, and the other students of course4, can use the library for more than just reading. During the scheme, I also learnt how to assist and communicate with my peers within the library. In July 2016, I received a certificate and a badge for my effort and the work I had completed. I was also rewarded by getting to meet Alan Gibbons, a children's author. Since the beginning of Year 9, I have continued to help in and around the library. When I can, I shelve books, help pupils, and return books. I still really enjoy this and feel rewarded for the effort I put in.

Year 9 CIAG lessons Anti-bullying lessons

Through group work we discussed how bullying can affect our lives and the lives of our families and friends.

We discussed how we feel when we are bullied, and how it can change our lives. We looked at support groups and who we can talk to within the school, and we assessed how we are supported. Pupils in Year 9 produced a range of brilliant posters with good advice to everyone. Well done, Year 9!

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Al-Sulaimani, Amna	9STa
Bamborough, Katie	9SCa
Barker, Faye	9SAa
Barrett, Ashley	9SRa
Benson, Ellie	9SAo
Boyes, Eliesha	9SAo
Buckley, Eve	9SAo
Burke, Catherine	9SCa
Cijo, Ciya	9SCa
Donkin, Georgina	9SHa
Graham, Ellie	9SMa
Helens, Lucy	9SJa

Howlett, Zoe Li, Courtney McNamara, Ailish Moon, Chloe Rutter, Holly Saji, Aparna Smith, Madeleine Stephenson, Katie Tan, Sophia Phillips, Abby Teasdale, Eve Thompson, Poppy Tucknutt, Naomi Winter, Jade

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World Book Day

Pupils in Year 10 engaged fully in World Book Day this year: they took part in a school-wide quiz, they all brought in reading material and they didn't laugh too much at the efforts of some of their form tutors!



A number of Year 10 tutors

participated in the ever-entertaining fancy dress for World Book Day. However, Miss Moran stole the show by managing to dress as a whole book title-'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe!'



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Lenten Alms

Year 10 have made a huge effort with their fund-raising to help the school as a whole raise almost £3,000 for St Cuthbert's Care! They organised cake sales, raffles and various other competitions. They also attended the events organised by the Sixth Form to help contribute to the school total.

China Visit

During May Half Term Miss Robinson, Miss Prestwood and a number of Year 10 pupils were involved in a visit to China. This is part of a school exchange programme - we hosted a number of Chinese students earlier in the year. The pupils travelling to China became fully engrossed in the culture of the country and they learned a great deal about the Chinese education system. The girls were a credit to the school, fully engaging in all the activities, trying all the food, and even mastering the art of using chopsticks!



Year 11 Litter Pick

Over 30 Year 11 students took part in a sponsored litter pick at Roker Beach, Sunderland to clean up one of our beautiful beaches, as well as raise money for St. Benedict's Hospice in



Sunderland. The event took place in January and was supported by Sunderland Council, where the students worked

in horrible weather to collect nearly 40 bin liners of rubbish, mainly plastic bottles and cans. As a group, the students were able to raise nearly £600, with Olivia Robertson and Amelia Avent each raising over £100. The event was a huge success with all of the students working as a team and developing some excellent skills and highlighting their amazing qualities! This will look good on their CVs and Sixth Form/ College application forms. Thanks to all of the staff who came to support, including; Miss Britton, Mr. And Mrs. Dugdale, and Miss Moran.

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HAIR'S TO SUCCESS!

Congratulations to our ten Year 11 girls who have successfully completed their Level 2 Qualification in Hairdressing, learning valuable transferrable skills along the way.

Katie Bittel, Rhea Corner, Sophie Evans, Lorna Glass, Danielle Johnson, Lydia Miller, Eryn Ogden, Ajitcia Richardson, Faith Scott and Olivia Broadbent have committed at least 2 hours each week after school for a 2 year period to gain their qualification. With a mixture of theory and practical work they have worked extremely hard to achieve this. Tracy Gumbleton-Wood, owner of Spoilt Rotten Salon and course tutor, praised the girls for their dedication to the course; "As always, the girls have worked extremely hard and 1 give my thanks to their parents and to St. Anthony's for their continued support. Each and every one of the girls is a credit to you."

The finale to the course is a hair show. The girls were given the brief : 'exotic animals or birds'. The finished creations were amazing, and judging was difficult, with only 5 marks separating all the girls. Congratulations to Lydia Miller and Olivia Broadbent who were winners with their interpretation of a peacock, winning them a cash prize from the salon.

Thanks go to Tracy and the staff of Spoilt Rotten, and to Mrs Richardson-Dunn, Miss Prestwood and Mrs Perrett for giving up their time on a Sunday to ensure the event was a success. Finally, well done to all the girls!



As we come to the end of another year for Year 11, we wish them all the best for the future. The majority will join the Sixth Form in September. They have worked hard and we will have our fingers crossed for them for results day. They have raised money for charity – The Medaille Trust and St Cuthbert's Care over the year.

Congratulations to the following in Year 11 who had full attendance up until Easter:-

Benny, Merin Dixon, Amy Grant, Eve Hanson, Aimee Ho, Jasmine Isahac, Ayesha Jayan, Devika Knight, Sarah Maddison, Courtney Maidment, Leanne Sabu, Diana Singh, Cherry Spoors, Olivia Stephen, Riya Street, Chloe Swansbury, Daisy Taylor, Lauren Tubman, Leah Waterworth, Emma Wiseman, Charlotte

Year Council

Thanks are due to the girls who have attended Year Council meetings this year. It is very important that they represent the views of the Year group, and these girls have done so very well:-

Chloe Scorer Bethany Griffiths Hope Irvine Reisha Chandler Andriana Theodorou Sarah Knight Rachel Green Merin Benny Harwyn Jane Matibag Hannah Marshall Zainab Nadeem Ronni Field Georgia Donohue Kinga Lewandowska Mollie Bewick





Lenten Alms

During Lent the Sixth Form pupils worked together to raise money for St Cuthbert's Care. Each form class organised different events to fundraise for this fantastic cause. As well as making regular donations themselves, they held raffles and competitions and they even washed cars! In total, the pupils in the Sixth Form raised a grand total of £1,430 which will really make a difference for this charity. As part of the fundraising, the form class 12SJ organised a quiz show for staff to take part in called "A Key Assessment of their Own." The staff teams answered quiz questions and completed challenges in front of an audience of pupils. Both the pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the quiz show, and the event raised £776. 12SJ would like to thank the staff who took part and the pupils who supported the event. The Sixth Form girls are planning on holding similar events in the future, so staff teams, please keep revising!



Congratulations to the new Head Girl: Lucy Robinson, and to her Deputy: Georgia Bell!

Lucy is very active both inside and outside school; she does work experience with a local MP, is a member of the Youth Parliament and is one of the Tall Ships Ambassadors, which means that she will be sailing off to Scandinavia in the Summer.

Georgia is keen on a future career in the Law, and has already completed prestigious work experience placements with large law firms in Newcastle.

We are all confident that this fantastic and dynamic team will make the whole Sixth Form and Academy community very proud.



The Good Shepherd Mass Newcastle Cathedral



The Bishop was absolutely delighted to receive St. Anthony's Cheque for Lenten Alms at the Good Shepherd Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral Newcastle. All the money goes to St. Cuthbert's Care.

Lord Glenamara Prize

St. Anthony's was proud and delighted to have a student named again this year as one of the nine runners-up for the Lord Glenamara Prize. Grace received her award from the Secretary of State for Education at Imperial College in London. The Lord Glenamara Prize was established in 2012 to commemorate the work of the former MP for Newcastle Ted Short, Lord Glenamara. Ted Short was a former Secretary of State for Education himself, and, as a retired teacher, he was determined to raise the aspirations of young people in the North East. The award is open to every 16-18 year old student across the North East, so it is a tremendous honour for the school to yet again have one of our Sixth Form students among the winners.



Lord Glenamara Prize Runner-up: Grace Copeland, with the Secretary of State for Education: Justine Greening

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

Rose Murray Award for English Literature	Amy Hearn
Sr. Wilfrid Award for English Language	Nela Korczyk
Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics	Bethaney Miller
Antonian Award for Biology	Anna McKie
Glenda Griffiths Award for Business Studies	Lydia Ellison
Joanne Reah Award for Art	Annabelle Blackett
Angela Gardiner Award for French	Livia Scott
Lily Bowl for Child Development Studies	Sophie Gunn
St. Anthony's Academy Mozart Award for Music	Ellie Strong
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Drama and Theatre Studies	Eleanor Duncan
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Classical Civilisation	Jennifer Szandrowska
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Chemistry	Bethaney Miller
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Design Technology	Stephanie Wilson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Food	Caitlin Newall
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Further Mathematics	Sadie Morron
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Geography	Lucy Carter
St. Anthony's Academy Award for History	Marcia Adams
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Interactive Media	Megan Snowball
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Law	Claudia Howey
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Media Studies	Olivia Johnson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Photography	Megan Snowball
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Physics	Isla Rennoldson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Government/Politics	Martha Dale
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Psychology	Lauren Roberts & Emily Oliver
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Sociology	Amelia Brown, Ciara Greirson & Bethany Mattock
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Spanish	Marcia Adams
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Textiles	Faye Greenman
St . Anthony's Academy Award for Theology	Anya Mason
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Economics	Tayla Wilkinson

Head Teacher's Award for Service to the Academy			
Ellie Strong	Jennifer Welsh		Ellie Jackson
Jennifer Rowe	Elle Coggin	S	
Head Teacher's Award	for Service	to the Comi	munity
Darcy Whyatt	Kushi Aktha	ar	Anya Mason
Catherine Bradshaw	Shojimol To	m	
Eileen Welch Award fo	r overall con	tribution to	the Sixth Form
Gabrielle Winton			
Academy Award for ow	erall acaden	nic achiever	ment
Marcia Adams	Beth Maug	han	Anya Mason
Bethaney Miller	Anna McKie		
Reverent Mother's Awa	ards to the S	Sixth Form C	Council
Neeve West	Claudia Ho	wey	Emily Oliver
Samantha Chapman	Anya Mason		Guilia Trovero
Jessica Cheetham	Esther McNally		Darcy Whyatt
Olivia Johnson	Lucy Carter		Alex Smith
Head Girl		Deputy Hea	ad Girl
Olivia Smith		Gabrielle Winton	

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Goodbye and Good Luck to all of our Year 13 students!



PE & Sport

All England Badminton Championships

In March, the School Badminton teams travelled to the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham for the All England Badminton Championships. The girls had a great time watching national and international players in action. The girls' behaviour was impeccable; they were a credit to the school, as always.



Tyne and Wear Badminton Success

Congratulations to the KS4 Badminton team who finished as runners-up in the Tyne and Wear School Games' Finals. The girls had already been crowned City Champions, and as a result were chosen to represent Sunderland in the next round. In the Tyne and Wear Competition, the girls won all of their group matches, beating Newcastle High School, Kings School, and Mortimer School on their way to the Semi-Final, where they went on beat St. Wilfred's. The girls then played a brilliant final against Gosforth Academy, but lost; so they finished in 2nd place overall. Well done for such a magnificent achievement, girls!



Ashbrooke Road Relay

Congratulations to the Ashbrooke Road Relay Team. They represented St. Anthony's at the 58th annual relay. The team came overall second. They ran an amazing race, so well done, girls!

Special congratulations must go to Evie Compson – she achieved the fastest lap out of the Year 8 runners!





PE & Sport

City of Sunderland Athletics

Well done to all of the girls who competed at the Sunderland Schools' Athletics at Silksworth on Wednesday. There were some exceptional performances and the girls were a credit to the school as always. The following girls either won or came 2nd in their events, and as a result qualified to represent Wearside at Monkton Stadium on Saturday 10th June:



Junior Team

Event	1st Place	2nd Place
100m		Chloe Forster
200m	Eleisha Keyte	
300m	Olivia Kennedy	
800m		Grace Loftus
1500m	Evie Compson	Grace Abbott
Hurdles		Emily Adamson
Long Jump	Chloe Forster	
Discus	Ellie Stanley Roberts	
Shot Put		Georgia Jenner
High Jump	Emily Lincoln	Daisy Neal

Intermediate Team

Event	1st Place	2nd Place
100m	Beth Parodi	Lauren Stokoe
200m	Georgia Hales	Zoe Tipling
300m	Anna Greenwell	
800m		Hayley Calvert
Hurdles	Steph Welsh	Eleanor Lynn
Shot Put	Hannah Blythe	
Discus	Steph Welsh	
High Jump	Anna Maw	
Long Jump	Beth Parodi	Anna Greenwell

Football News

Well done to the U14 Football team who finished as runners-up in the City Cup Competition last term. Initially, the girls finished as joint winners, so extra time was needed to determine who would eventually come first. In the final stages of the play-off, they conceded a goal, so they lost: 1-0. Unlucky girls, but an excellent effort; well done!





The Power of Social Media!

During Mission Week we wanted to reminisce about all the times our girls have 'stepped up to life' in PE and Sport this year. We posted a photograph to illustrate this on our PE and Sport Facebook page, and set a challenge to all those who viewed it, to see how far around the world it could be shared.

Overall, we got 8,388 likes and 88 shares! It was viewed in places as far away as Oregon in the U.S, and Sydney in Australia.

Thank you to all of our followers who have helped us to share all of our fantastic achievements.

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PE & Sport

Tyne and Wear Dance Festival

Congratuations to all of the girls who represented St. Anthony's at the Tyne and Wear Dance Festival in March. The girls performed some solo, duet and troop routines, and wowed the audience with their unbelievable talent and choreography. The girls put a lot of effort into their rehearsals, and this was reflected in their performances. Well done, girls!

Catholic Partnership Netball

The U12 and U14 Netball Teams competed in the Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament in February. All of the girls played some fantastic netball. The U12 team came 4th and U14 team came 2nd overall. Well done, girls!





U12 TEAM: Back row (left to right): Lauren O'Hare, Livia Scott, Molly Wilkinson, Jasmine Garbett, Anna Ellis, Annabel Lynn, Jessica Francis, Caitlin Adamson

Front row (left to right): Olivia Snowball, Kirsten Kirkwood, Lola Fe Galano, Lucy Potts

St. Anthony's Netball City of Sunderland Leagues

The St. Anthony's Netball Teams have had an amazing season playing in the City of Sunderland leagues and tournaments.

The girls displayed, excellent levels of commitment and dedication to their teams and the number of girls participating this year has been outstanding.

Congratulations to all of the girls who represented the Academy. There has been some brilliant Netball played since September, as the following results demonstrate:

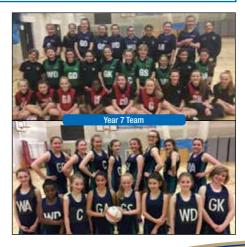
Year 7 League		Year 8 League	
Year 7A: 4th	Year 7B: 10th	Year 8A: 2nd	Year 8B: 8th
Year 9 League		Year 10 League	
Year 9A: 2nd	Year 9B: 4th	Year 10A: 4th	Year 10B: 5th
Year 11 Leagu	1e		
Year 11: 2nd			





U14 TEAM: Back row (left to right): Lucy McMullan, Daisy Neil, Melissa Johnson, Ellie Stanley-Roberts, Anais Hughes, Ella Surman-Wells, Erin McDonagh.

Front row (left to right): Sophie Miller, Sophia Tan, Katie Todd, Katie Stephenson, Emily Lincoln, Caitlin Patterson



PE & Sport

Years 7 & 8: Rounders

The Years 7 and 8 Rounders Teams have made a fantastic start to their league campaign. The 'A' Team have so far won all three of their group matches and are in a good position, with two games remaining. The 'B' Team won one game, and drew one game, and are also in a very good position, going into the next round of matches after Half Term. There were some excellent performances by all girls involved, especially since most were playing their first ever competitive Rounders matches.







Years 9 &10: Rounders

Congratulations to the Years 9 &10 Rounders Teams who have made good progress in the City of Sunderland League Competition. The 'A' Team have won all three of their games so far, whilst the 'B' Team have won one and lost two. The 'A' team now only have to win one more game to ensure they qualify for the Tyne and Wear School Games Finals. Well done, girls!



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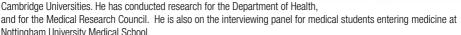


Psychology

Brain Day Conference – for the Psychology and Biology **Departments:**

An Introduction to Neuroscience

On 1st Feb, 2017 Years 12 and 13 Psychology and Biology students had the opportunity to experience a half day conference in school on the brain and how it works, delivered by Dr. Guy Sutton, Dr Guy Sutton is primarily interested in the genetics of brain development and the role of the brain in affecting immunity and susceptibility to disease. He is currently a lecturer in Neuroscience at Nottingham University Medical School, having previously worked at Manchester and



Nottingham University Medical School.





Along with Genetics, Neuroscience is currently one of the most exciting and rapidly developing areas of academic and clinical study. Neuroscience is an important component to many degree courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Biology, Pharmacy, Psychology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience and Philosophy. The Brain Day Conference was designed to begin to complement, and develop upon, topics and issues encountered at AS and A2 level.





It was a really fascinating day, thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. It definitely gave us all lots of food for thought, providing, as it did, insight into the cutting edge of brain research.

Leeds Trinity Theology Visit

On Wednesday 8th February 10 students who study A Level Theology visited Leeds Trinity University for a taster day. On arriving in Leeds, the first activity that students engaged in was a Morning Prayer session in the University Chapel with Deacon Chris. Pupils were given time to reflect and say personal prayers before a busy day of talks and tours around the vibrant campus.

Following this, students engaged in a range of activities focused on 'a day in the life of a Theology student' such as having a seminar organised and delivered by the lead lecturer in Theology at the University - Patricia Kelly. The Seminar was on the topic of 'St Thomas Aquinas' which the students found both interesting and useful to apply to their A Level studies. The students really enjoyed debating with Patricia



at Leeds Trinity University

and reading small sections of the 'Summa Theologica' with her. After this, students engaged in a tour of the campus and of the surrounding accommodation that would be available to them if they enrolled as a student. After lunch and a short question and answer session with some students and lecturers at the university, the girls headed down to Leeds City Centre to enjoy exploring what the City had to offer. Many of the students took full advantage of the new 'Trinity Leeds' shopping centre before heading home after a successful but tiring day.

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Convent Class Time

What better way to study Mary as a model of the Church than to get a tour of the convent grounds, in particular the statue of Mary and Bernadette at Lourdes grotto! We spent time reflecting on the figure of Mary as a true reflection and role model of the Catholic faith in this beautiful setting. Thank you to Sister Francis for being our guide.



What better on a Friday night...than pizza and revision!

A very successful initiative run by the RE Department this year has been our Year 11 'Pizza Revision Nights.' During these session pupils had the chance to experience two of the best things in life...RE and pizza!



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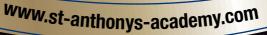


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Our Annual Faith Festival...gets bigger each year!

Another year...another fabulous opportunity to invite members of varying faith communities into our school to share their inspiration and beliefs. This year was bigger and better than ever! During our jampacked week we had workshops in Hinduism with Dr Shobha Srivastava, with Cloud Singh, a visitor from the Newcastle Sikh community, and with Mr and Mrs Iqbal, who held a quiz all about Islam. Furthermore, each lunchtime there was a chance for all pupils to develop their spiritual and mindful practice. Mr Jones led a Chocolate Meditation that was so popular we had to turn pupils away! Catholic architecture was examined and re-created by Mrs Bolton, and pupils made a beautiful selection of Indian wedding dress designs.

This event is so important to the RE Department, and is a fantastic opportunity to meet with our faith neighbours and celebrate the beautiful diversity of our global community. Let's look forward to next year and try to make it even bigger!



A regular visitor to our school, the wonderful Cloud Singh, discussing Sikhism with Year 7







RE

Claire from Missio holding workshops with various Year groups about 'What really is the Kingdom of God?'



Sara, a refugee who now resides in Sunderland, and Reverend Chris Howson from Sunderland University





A big St Anthony's welcome to Dr Shobha Srivastava, a true inspiration talks to the girls all about Hinduism



Memories of the Mission

In February of this year St Anthony's was home to YMT's travelling Mission. During this time, pupils from all Years were called upon to listen, and respond, to the Gospel message of forgiveness and inspiration. The theme was 'Step Up To Life,' and we all certainly did just that! Activities during the week included an X Factor bust up, Faith Chat, and reflections using film and silent prayer. This event culminated in a Family Night held on the Thursday, which was a time for us all to reflect on, and pray for, our young people and their futures, that they may too become inspirations to others. We thank YMT for all their hard work during this time.









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Science

Physics visit to London

On an early Friday morning in March, Science students headed for London for a packed weekend of activities organised by the Physics department. By the end of a busy first day they had seen some of the sights including Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Downing Street and finished with an enjoyable evening at the theatre, which was 'Wicked'.

The Saturday was spent at the Science and Natural History museums before a 'flight' on the London Eye, allowing spectacular views across the city. A visit to Covent Garden completed the day.

The final day began with a boat trip to Greenwich, to visit the Royal Observatory and take the traditional picture on the Greenwich Meridian. The river trip gave views of Tower Bridge and the Tower of London and concluded a busy and enjoyable weekend, before the journey back to Sunderland.





Year 10 Centre for Life Trip

Year 10 are visiting the Centre for Life on Wednesday 19th July as part of their GCSE Science studies. The trip will involve working with the Life Centre staff in a rocketbuilding workshop, visiting the planetarium and other exhibits, as well as the 4D motion ride. Both staff and students are very excited to be part of this whole Year group activity - and it should be a fantastic day out!



Newcastle University Physics Enrichment Week

Eight of our Year 11 girls are attending a Physics Enrichment Week, after their GCSE exams have finished, which is

aimed at inspiring students to study A Level Physics.

The Week has been organised by the Physics Department at Newcastle University and will include taught sessions, laboratory work and exciting seminars. The



sessions will support the main content listed in the AS Physics Syllabus and will hopefully inspire students to take up careers in Physics. The course is free of charge and also includes all food and drink.



We are hoping to make links with the Physics Department at Newcastle University during this Week to support our teaching of Physics in school. Hopefully, this course will be an annual event for any students who are

interested in studying Physics in the future! Please speak to Mr Witney or Mrs Dugdale for further information.



Year 9 Leading Edge Project

Year 9 students have enjoyed two days working in the laboratories at Newcastle University. They were learning how scientists grow cancer cells and test drugs. They will be presenting their work at the University on the 6th July.

The girls involved were:

Madeline Smith	Charlotte Ellis
Abby Phillips	Eve Buckley
Ella Surman Wells	Lily Paget

Science

MiSAC The Antibiotic Crisis

The Microbiology in Schools Advisory Committee introduced a competition to enhance student interest in Microbiology in 1985. This year, 2017, was the 29th **MiSAC Annual Poster Competition** for Key Stages 3 and 4, and attracted entries from many schools across the country. This year's topic was linked to the National Curriculum but aimed to broaden students' approach. Sponsorship money prizes, totalling £1,200 for students and their schools, was provided by various sponsors, including the Royal Society of Biology and the Society for Applied Microbiology.

The aim of the competition was to produce information for a section of a new Science website for teenagers in order to promote a better understanding of the nature and consequences of the ever growing occurrence of antibiotic resistance among bacteria. Entries had to be a poster on one A3 piece of paper. Our entrants focused on the problems of antibiotic overuse which results in antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria, such as MRSA and gonorrhoea, both of which appear on the WHO critical risk list. We submitted two entries from Year 10, and one from Year 9.

The girls received a Certificate of Commendation for participating, and some really positive feedback from the judges. All three entrants – Abbie Phillips (Year 9); Carra Grieves (Year 10); and Hannah Blyth (Year 10) - received Highly Commended for the design, detail and research on their posters.

Well done to the girls for their excellent entries which unfortunately did not win major prizes on this occasion, but were brilliant and showed both great creativity and scientific knowledge.

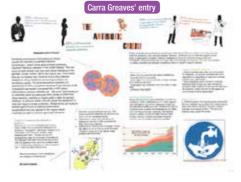


Research Projects

WARDS In September eight of our Year 11 students embarked on a research project. This project involved at least 30 hours of work, with the girls

completing a write-up, demonstrating the 15 assessed skills being looked for. These students were Eve Grant, Lily Heskett-Saddington, Kinga Lewandowska, Jane Matibag, Megan Peacock, Jasmine Staples, Lauren Taylor and Katie Tullock. At this moment of writing their submitted projects are awaiting assessment. One of the students has written this personal account of the experience:

"Over the past year, a team of 8 Year 11 students, including myself, have been working towards a silver



GLOBAL A failure to address the problem of antibiotic resistance could result in: 10m deaths Costing £66

Antibiotics Resistant Bacteria The Big Fight

CREST award about pain relief. This is an award given by the British Science Association, encouraging young people into STEM, and providing an opportunity to investigate Science outside the classroom. During the project, we have



carried out research, interviewed a person suffering from chronic pain, and conducted a practical, where we made aspirin. We have all learnt a lot throughout the process (including what a chore making pain relievers can be!) and have greatly enjoyed the teamwork involved, as well as the research elements of our task. A personal highlight of mine was seeing our finished aspirin; it was great to be able to track its journey from separate chemicals to final product. It gave us a real sense of achievement to be able to see what we had created."

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Ski

AUSTRIA SKI TRIP 2017

Pupils, Staff and Parents had an amazing time this Easter when they travelled to **Austria** to ski in the fabulous ski area of **Oetztal**. They were able to ski in 2 different ski areas: **Hochoetz** and **Solden**.

The weather was amazing, with plenty of sun allowing the beautiful views of the **Austrian Alps** to provide a perfect background to the skiing.









We had many cultural opportunities, including a visit to the City of **Innsbruck** with its amazing architecture and **Cathedral**, a morning exploring the **Alpenzoo**, and an afternoon visit to the fabulous exhibits in **Swarovski World** in **Wattens**.

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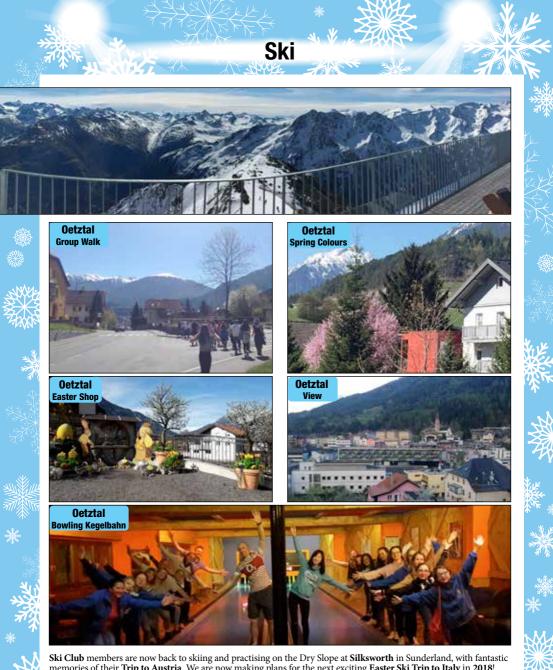
Solden Panorama Views

Other activities included bowling, swimming, shopping, soaking in the spa at **Langenfeld** and attempting to climb the largest indoor climbing wall we had ever seen!

Ski

The skiing skiils of everyone improved during the week, and the high altitude ensured plenty of **Snow** in spite of the warm Spring weather.





Ski Club members are now back to skiing and practising on the Dry Slope at Sinsworth in Sunderland, with fantas memories of their **Trip to Austria**. We are now making plans for the next exciting **Easter Ski Trip to Italy** in **2018**! If you would like to join **Ski Club** to learn a new **Sport** and experience the **Mountain** world of snow skiing, then contact Ski Club staff and go for it – you are never too young or too old to learn to ski!



Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Friday 22nd December 2017 Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017 Spring Term

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Monday 8th January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018 Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

Summer Term

Monday 16th April 2018 – Thursday 19th July 2018 Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

Staff Training Days

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 20th October 2017

Thursday 15th February 2018 - to be taken as two twilights

Friday 16th February 2018 – to be taken as two twilights

Friday 20th July 2018

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