



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

A Mercy Academy committed to excellence



Spotlight



CHRISTMAS 2017



Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear parents,

This is our 17th edition of "Spotlight" magazine and we have taken the decision to make the Christmas copy of "Spotlight" an electronic only version, which is available to everyone via our website as usual. I do hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things our girls, and staff, have been involved in this term. Please encourage your daughter to join in the many and varied activities, and to play a full and active part in school life. The girls who do get involved often tend to be happier, more content, and have much academic success, too.



Multi-academy Trust (MAT)

We will become a Multi-academy Trust this term. You may remember we went out to consultation some time ago regarding this move. This means that we can, in the future, work more closely with our deanery family of schools within Monkwearmouth Catholic Partnership (formerly St. Bede's Deanery) ie. the nine Catholic Primary Schools and the two Catholic Secondary Schools within the central area of the city. Monkwearmouth Partnership emerged from the recent Diocesan Review, "Forward Together in Hope".

The move to create a MAT is in line with diocesan plans ie. that no Catholic School be alone, and that schools should work together to develop partnerships. It is also the direction of travel advocated by the Regional and the National Schools Commissioners ie. that Outstanding schools and Teaching Schools should not remain Single Academy Trusts.

Beacon Teaching Alliance based at St. Anthony's

This MAT development work also builds upon the work already undertaken by our staff, since 2014, as part of our Teaching School remit. Our work, as the

lead school of Beacon Teaching Alliance (Twitter: @Beacon Sch) results in St. Anthony's working in many capacities, with approximately forty schools annually, as well as training over thirty teachers each year. We also have a strong, and long- standing, partnership working in our Catholic family of schools within the city.

Joint Sixth Form developments

Last year St. Aidan's and St. Anthony's worked together to further strengthen historic post-16 links between the two schools, which go back many decades.

We developed a joint post-16 offer, a joint Sixth Form prospectus, and a new badge for our joint venture. This year we have fully lined up timetables and options blocks, and the young people of Year 11 from both schools will be applying to our joint Sixth Form with its amazing choice of well over thirty subjects.



ST ANTHONY'S & ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM

Our new post-16 website and Sixth Form prospectus (available from January 2018) will give further detail. This is a fabulous, exciting opportunity for everyone involved. We will be delivering the very best for the young people in our community.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas,
M. Shepherd (Mrs.)
Head Teacher



Changes to the School Day - September 2018

During the last few years St. Aidan's Catholic Academy and St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy have been working together more closely with regard to many aspects of school life. These include curriculum provision, timetabling etc.

To ensure that arrangements within both schools run efficiently there are some proposed changes to the school day from **September 2018**.

The changes are as follows:

Current St Anthony's School Day:	Proposed St. Anthony's School Day:
8.30 Registration/Tutorial/Assembly	8.30-8.40 Registration/Prayers
9.00-10.00 Period 1	8.40-9.40 Period 1
10.00-10.20 Break	9.40-10.00 Break
10.20-11.20 Period 2	10.00-11.00 Period 2
	11.00-11.20 Tutorial/Assembly
11.20-12.20 Period 3	11.20-12.20 Period 3
12.20-1.20 Lunch	12.20-1.20 Lunch
1.20-1.25 Registration	1.20-1.25 Registration
1.25-2.25 Period 4	1.25-2.25 Period 4
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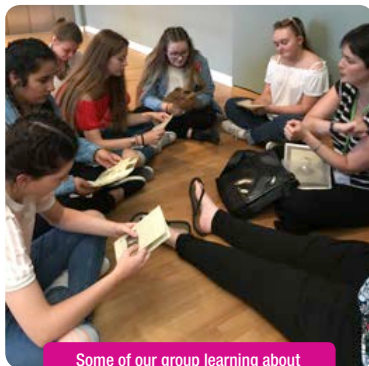


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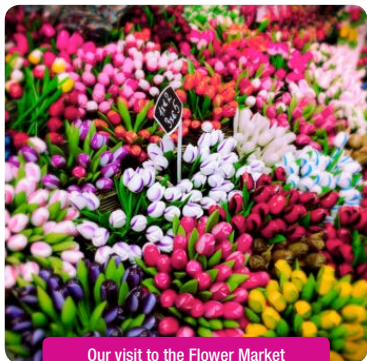
Amsterdam Trip

Just before the start of the Summer holidays, a group of St. Anthony's Artists and Photographers went to Amsterdam. This was a three-day trip to take in the sights of this culturally diverse city, while exploring some of its artistic character and masterpieces. The trip included a visit to the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum as well as a cruise around the famous canals and a visit to the Flower Market. This afforded the girls the opportunity to see at first hand a selection of famous paintings, drawings and sculptures on offer by some of history's greatest artists and craftspeople, whilst also taking in plenty of landmarks and soaking up the culture of the city through their own photographs. We even made time for ice cream! It was a brilliant trip that we hope to do again in the near future.

If you would be interested in this sort of event in the future please speak to your Art or Photography teacher.



Some of our group learning about Van Gogh and his life and work.



Our visit to the Flower Market was full of colour



Our canal transport awaits!

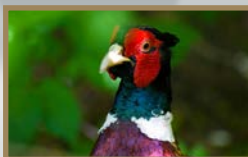
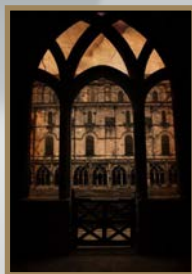


Everyone enjoying the sun outside of the Rijksmuseum



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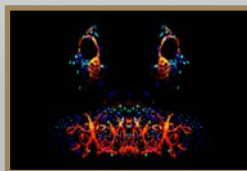
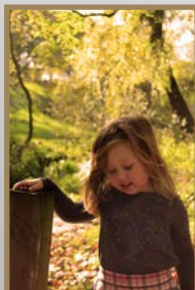
• Chloe Kelly •



• Eve Murphy
Yr13 •



• Rachel Stockdale – Yr13 •



• Marianne Hutchinson •

St. Anthony's Girls' Enter the Sony World Photography Awards

The Sony World Photography Awards brings together some of the most talented individuals in the world to compete for several prestigious prizes. Photojournalism and hard-hitting news photography sit side-by-side with fine-art, still-life and commercial work, as well as awe-inspiring images of the natural world and our travels and experiences within it.

The Professional competition is judged on a body of work. Photographers must submit a minimum of 5, and maximum of 10, images and all submissions must be accompanied by a series description. Some of these images entered into the competition have been included for your viewing pleasure.

At the pinnacle of the Professional Competition is the title of **Photographer of the Year**, one of the most distinguished and highly regarded awards in Photography. The winner is chosen each year by the honorary jury from among the first place winners of all the Professional categories.

In addition to the main prizes, all winning and shortlisted photographers will be included in a global press campaign, featured across the World Photography Organisation website and exhibited at Somerset House, London, in the Spring.

Good luck, girls; we're rooting for you!!!



Business & Economics

Year 10 Apprenticeship Challenge

The amazing girls in the Year 10 Business class accepted this mini-Apprenticeship challenge! Each team was given a set of scarves to sell at the highest price possible. In groups, the girls developed their team-working and people skills, as well as their sales, communication and organisational skills to try and each raise as much money as possible for some really worthwhile charities. As a class, they were able to raise over £158, with two groups raising very similar large amounts of money, through the use of developing a unique selling point and adding value to their scarves.

The two teams who came first in the challenge were:

- Letitia Adams, Bernie Busil, Heidi Cheal, and Lucia Old
- Lucy Cooper, Erin Green, Erin McDonagh, and Zoe Thompson

These are the other students who also did a great job: Grace Allan, Paige Atkinson, Lucy Blyth, Olivia Carr, Amelia Cook, Jordan Crawford, Georgia Eccles, Lucy Helens, Marie Isahac, Courtney Li, Areej Mahmoud, Maria Syeda, Connie Pinder, Jaspreet Puni, Lovepreet Singh and Charlotte Thompson



Careers

Year 10 Work Experience

Well done to all of the students who have already handed in their Personal Placement Forms – they are coming in thick and fast. Anyone who needs another copy can collect one from the House Room.

Year 9 Events

There will be lots of Word Discovery events coming up after the New Year, and up until the Summer, for Yr 9 students. The opportunities will include Education, Retail and Hospitality.



CIAG Champions Award Update

Following our successful achievement of the Bronze Award in CIAG last year, we are continuing with our hard work, behind the scenes, to achieve Silver this year!



Childcare

St. Gerard Majella

Year 10 Childcare students have been learning all about St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of mothers-to-be. They held a prayer celebration in the new chapel with Sister Josepha.

They lit candles and read their own prayers out to the rest of the class.

Year 11

Year 11 Childcare students are well underway with course work and have been revising in preparation for their exam in January. They have been creating posters and leaflets for parents, explaining the benefits of play in helping to promote children's development.



Year 13

Megan Matthews had a "Stay and Play" at her nursery placement. This child's parents couldn't attend so Megan took him around the activity stations so that he could join in!

Also well done to Megan who, following a rigorous and challenging interview, has secured a role for TUI Holiday Company! She starts as a Rep. next Summer.



Year 12

Year 12 have made an excellent start to the Course this year, and we have received extremely positive feedback from both Primary School and Day Care Settings who have welcomed our large cohort. The particular focus this term is Health and Safety in the setting, and they have been learning the importance of Child Protection.

Year 13

Year 13 Childcare students are hard at work during placements! They are planning and carrying out activities to promote children's holistic development.

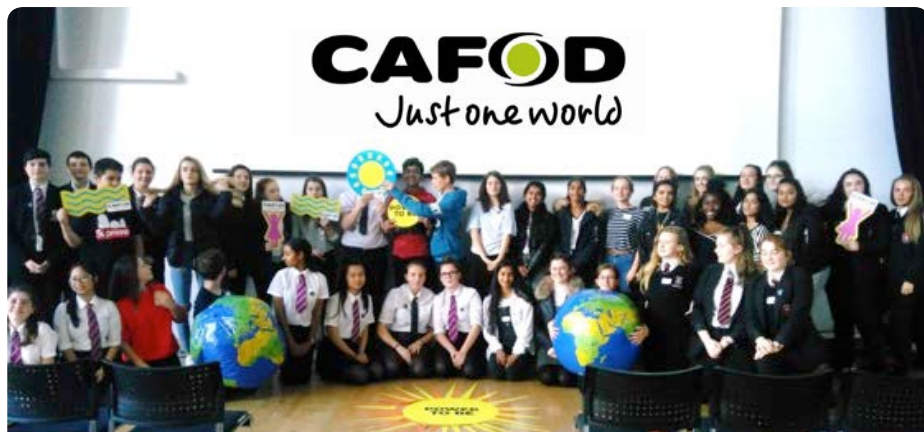
The children have been learning about physical care routines and how to bath babies safely, change nappies and provide healthy eating for very young babies and children.



Pictured above are Mollie Moore, Bekka Brook, Tina Achom, Lucy Holborn and Megan Colman learning how to "top and tail" babies to keep them clean and comfortable.



Chaplaincy



CAFOD Leadership Course

The first training day for this course was held at St. Mary's in Newcastle on 28th September with thirteen Year 12 students from St. Anthony's taking part. Bethany Griffiths, Nasrulah Maimuna, Thashim Rahman, Precious Dzirutwe, Ashlin Roy, Devika Jayan, Merin Benny, Hannah Molloy, Sophie Alderson, Amy Dixon, Sarah Knight, Amelia McCain and Nahida Parveen.

New Chapel

All forms are enjoying the opportunity to create their own liturgy in the new Chapel space. Prayers for all aspects of life are written and shared in a variety of formats. Natural leaders emerge to co-ordinate the liturgies, and creative use of resources result in a colourful, prayerful and enjoyable celebration of the Word.



John Paul Award

Year 13 students are currently completing their Gold Award Presentations, and Year 12 are signing up to take part in this worthwhile project.



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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER

Girls across the school are involved in many city-wide ecumenical events and are currently preparing for "Carols and Candlelight". This is a journey through the Bridges, singing carols together on Thursday 14th December, leaving from the Minster at 4 p.m.

Bereavement Service

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



Chaplaincy / Classics

"The Event"

Year 7 students enjoyed a great night of prayer, activities and socialising at St. Joseph's, Hebburn, on Wednesday, 15th November. They dressed up as their favourite book or film character, and shared their faith experience with students from across the diocese. They are aiming to promote "The Event" among their friends and encourage them to take part in the next "Event."



Mia Forrest, Faith Garnett, Maddison Makel, Courtney Weldon, Grace Elliott, Summer McCowlliff, Gabriela Machicado, Milly Gregory, Charlotte Holden, Gabrielle Collins, Theresa Dunn and Lailah Cliff enjoying refreshments with Mrs. McGann in the dining room.

Classical Civilisation

Students attended the Newcastle Classics Sixth Form Conference on Wednesday 15th November. We heard fascinating talks ranging from what makes comedy funny, to Virgil's *Aeneid*. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the university experience, especially the freedom of attending the lectures they found interesting by themselves. Classics Sixth Formers are also looking forward to a production of *Bacchae*, a Greek tragedy, performed in one of the Durham University's prestigious colleges.

Classics Club

Classics Club has had a great start this year, learning Latin vocab and even beating Mrs Almond in a vocabulary game. We explored the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, and made some beautiful watercolour paintings showing the destruction that Mt. Vesuvius caused. However, the highlight of the term was definitely the Instagram accounts of crazy emperors, Caligula and Nero.

Name: Nero THE GREATEST!

Age: 21

Role: Roman Emperor

Bio:
My name is Imperator Nero Cladius Dix Claudius Ellus Caesar Augustus Germanicus, but you can call me Nero, or Emperor Nero! I had a wife... SHAD, but she mysteriously died like you R.I.P.

MY TIGER!

This is me with my pet tiger. Her name is Imanochi.
#TigerIsTheCoolerPetTYER!

EMPEROR_NERO
ROMAN EMPEROR

BIO:
Full Name: Imperator Nero Cladius Dix Claudius Ellus Caesar Augustus Germanicus, but you can call me Nero.

#NeroIsMyMother #Ouch...



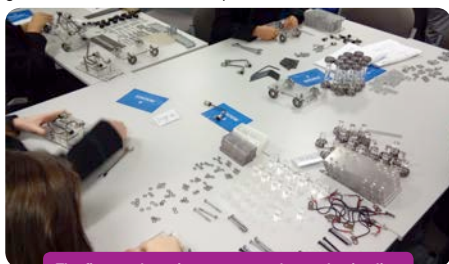
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Industrial Cadets

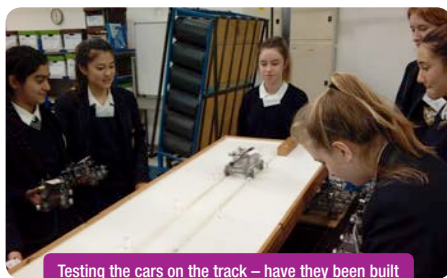
In November, 16 Year 9 students attended an Industrial Cadets course at the Skills Academy for Sustainable Manufacturing and Innovation (SASMI), a part of Gateshead College based at Nissan, Sunderland. The course, organised by Nissan, allows the students to gain an insight into modern manufacturing techniques and production methods. The girls were taken on a tour of the Nissan factory, and then spent a whole week at the college learning how to set up a production line to make model cars in the fastest time, but working to very high quality standards. Over the course of the week, the girls developed their own work plans, set up work stations to make the cars, and then developed their skills in using a range of tools, fixtures and jigs to improve both the quality and speed of manufacture. The girls worked really well over the course of the week, and managed to improve their skills so much that they went from making 1 car in around an hour to being able to make a production run of 15 cars in 24 minutes! The girls coped very well with the activities and were told that they out-performed a recent group of graduate students who completed the same course!



Following the, deliberately confusing, instructions to make their first cars.



The first work stations set up on the production line



Testing the cars on the track – have they been built well enough to run straight and true?

YEAR 9 DT CLUB

Students are challenged to design a new product for the Design Museum Shop, with the winning product manufactured and sold at the shop. Students, working in teams, are asked to consider the whole process of design, from initial ideas to manufacturing and budgets, to marketing and branding.

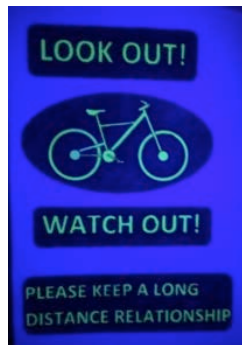
The top ten teams are invited to a pitching event at the Design Museum and the winning team, announced at the Celebration Event, go on to work with a professional design team to develop their idea and see it on sale the Design Museum Shop.



Team Logo

Two teams presented their ideas in school, and the winners have developed a selection of "glow-in-the-dark" stickers to help pedestrians and road users during their commutes and the school-run. This teams' entry has now been submitted. Well done to Clare, Merin, Lucy, Millie, Ryxelle and Aaliyah.

Good luck ladies!



Design Technology & Computer Science



Y10 Manufacturing Visit to NISSAN

Girls have an "Access all areas" tour of the manufacturing plant at Nissan, Washington

They took part in an engineering competition against other schools. There were two categories: general knowledge and tower-building. The girls won the tower challenge by building a tower which was well over 300mm higher than of the other schools' – with no glue in sight! Well done, ladies!



Jewellery Club

In Jewellery Club we explore our imagination through Design and Make. We are allowed to experiment and experience new techniques and find out what we are capable of. We have welcomed many new Year 7s to our club this term and we are enjoying showing them what we learnt last year. We have just had a themed Halloween workshop which we really enjoyed.

Daniya George 8Ca



English & Drama

Let's read, read, read...

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

Currently we are reading a range of literary novels, autobiographies and short stories.



Year 7 are enjoying the well-loved classic 'A Christmas Carol'



Year 8 are fascinated by the poignant autobiography, 'Anne Frank's Diary'



Year 10 have read some short stories to inspire their own creative writing



Year 9 have been 'spooked' by the gothic tale of 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'



Year 11 have been revising everyone's favourite love story 'Romeo and Juliet'

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

Let's keep on reading...



Geography

The Physical World and Potatoes!

The Geography department is buzzing with activity as we come into the Winter months. All of our Years are working on a multitude of new ideas. Year Seven have been learning Map Skills – using potatoes as inspiration. They created 3D contour lines to represent height above sea level. These ‘mountains’ made from potatoes were made with imagination and enthusiasm. All of our Years have also contributed to the informational displays around our department. They enjoy and interact with Geography as a visual and technical science.



Whitby

The success of last year's Whitby Trip has led to it becoming a recurring expedition. Year 11 gathered data for their controlled assessment. They linked the Human and Physical Geography of Whitby through questionnaires, field sketches and beach fieldwork. They also evaluated the tastiness of the local fish and chips (although this wouldn't be on the key assessment!) This first-hand geographical fieldwork will be an invaluable experience for future careers across numerous subjects – and quantifying the primary data for their coursework will serve them well for their GCSEs.

Geography Club

The Geography Club members have been very busy. They've competed in a nationwide "Young Geographer of the Year" Award, creating informational posters on their favourite places in the world. Their main focus has been on the "Living Streets" initiative – a programme to try and inspire more students to walk to school. The programme promotes an environmentally friendly approach to our day-to-day lives, in a way beneficial to ourselves and others. The girls are also proud of their own school, and its local geography, having spent some of their own free time rejuvenating the garden for the benefit of the student body.



We in the Geography Department are immensely proud of all our students. The engagement and hard work they exhibit toward our subject will ensure lifelong skills and knowledge.



History & Politics

Year 13 Visit to Auschwitz

Year 13 students Rosie Smith and Anna Donkin were selected to participate in the Holocaust Memorial Trust Programme which involved two seminars and a day trip to Auschwitz. During the first seminar, they were taught the importance of re-humanising the Holocaust, which allowed them to examine individual stories. On the day of the trip they flew to Warsaw airport and then travelled to Oświęcim. Oświęcim is a Polish town, which once had a large Jewish population before World War Two. After visiting the previous site of the great synagogue of the town, they made the short drive to the camp itself- Auschwitz-Birkenau. Rosie and Anna went into Auschwitz One which contains cases full of human hair as well as suitcases which belonged to prisoners. This was an important step in the re-humanising process, especially as the suitcases were painted with names and addresses from across Europe – this highlighted the diversity of those who perished in the camp. Later in the day, the students visited Auschwitz Two where the train tracks run through the camp leading to the gas chambers. Rosie and Anna said they felt very fortunate to have been able to experience not only the trip but the educational aspect of the programme: “We now appreciate the process of having sympathy for the Jews who undeniably went through horrendous experiences, but we were also able to view them as people who lived before the war – and who were not defined by this one period in their lives.”

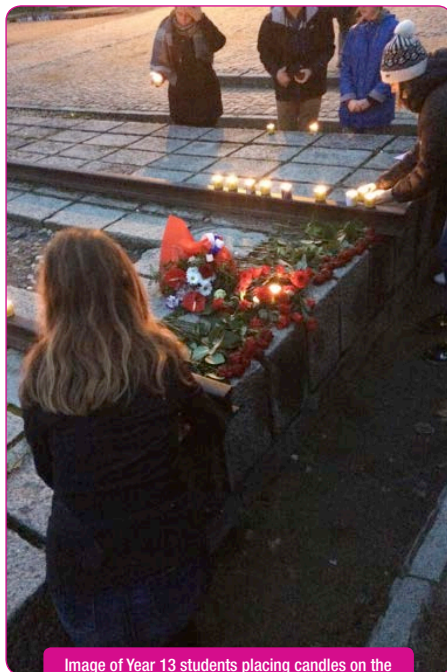


Image of Year 13 students placing candles on the train tracks at Auschwitz

Celebrating 100 Years of Women into the Legal Profession

As part of the Academy's Opening Ceremony, a group of St. Anthony's History, Politics and Law students recreated the famous race down Chancery Lane in London. In 1922, the four first women to pass the Law exams to become solicitors, raced down Chancery Lane to see who would be the actual first woman to go through the doors of the Law Society Building.

In an exciting performance set to the theme from the film *The Chariots of Fire* the students recreated the event to an audience of staff, students, Julie Elliot MP, Chair of Governors, Mrs Shanks, and the Right Honourable Lady Justice Kate Thirlwall, who was in school to open the new building.



History & Politics



Mrs Shepherd, Abbie Little, Grace Copeland Nick Hilliard, Kate Thirlwall, Mrs Smith and Georgia Bell

Visit to the Supreme Court, Royal Courts of Justice and the Central Criminal Court

Abbie Little, Grace Copeland and Georgia Bell were invited by the Right Honourable Lady Justice Kate Thirlwall, an old Antonian herself, to visit her at her chambers in London. Kate had organised an amazing trip for us, including a full tour of the Supreme Court, The Royal Courts of Justice and the "Old Bailey". The Recorder of the Central Criminal Court, Nick Hilliard, gave us unparalleled access to the courts, and we all had a cup of tea in his office where he answered all the girls' questions about their possible future legal careers.

The students even got the opportunity to sit in the actual seats of three of the nine Supreme Court Judges!

We all want to say thank you to Kate, her sister Anna, and Nick Hilliard for an unforgettable experience.



International Links

Daqing Foreign Language School

Eighteen more students from our partner school, Daqing Foreign Language School, came to visit us in July. They were only able to stay with us for a week, but they really made the most of their time. After being so warmly treated during our exchange to China, the Year 10's were desperate to make the students feel welcome here, and some of them even came into school after their Work Experience to spend time with the students. On their first evening with us, the buddies stayed behind to play games with them. Jenga definitely seemed to be the most popular! The students also had two English lessons after school, and then joined us for afternoon tea on the Friday evening to celebrate the Opening of our new school.

We are looking forward to their next visit already!



International Links



St Anthony's Girls' Academy Expedition 2019



Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands 2019

A cohort of girls from St Anthony's will have the opportunity to attend a 4 weeks' expedition to Ecuador, to help the local community improve their lives.

They will also participate in some marine conservation and snorkelling whilst in the Galapagos Islands.

India



Study Visit 2018

The exciting news is that we will once again be visiting our friends at Panshil School in Rajkot, India next February. Following the success of last year's visit our year 13s were eager to get involved and have done fantastically with their fundraising for the trip so far. Lucy, Jaymie and Emily are really looking forward to getting to know the students at our partner school and have lots of exciting cultural visits to look forward to including trips to temples, mountain shrines and an afternoon with some tigers! Our girls will be planning their own activities to deliver at Panshil School, which will be a fantastic opportunity to share our British culture with the Indian students. We leave on the 7th February so please stay tuned to the St. Anthony's MFL Twitter account for updates.



Spanish Link with La Coruña!

The Spanish Department is currently working with the teachers of Hijas de Cristo

Rey School in La Coruña, Spain, in the hopes of setting up a more permanent link between our two schools. Plans in the pipeline include conversation practice over Skype and a Sixth Form exchange, and we hope to be up and running for the school year 2018-2019. Watch this space!

International Links Committee

Miss Robinson is recruiting! We have so many links with different schools in various countries that it would be lovely to have a committee that was available to welcome visitors, make presents for them, prepare a guide to our school etc. If you are interested in taking part, and in being a member of the International Links Committee, please see Miss Robinson in the MFL Department for more information.



International Links

Paris Study Visit

Year 9 and Year 10 students had a fantastic 4 days exploring France's capital. Our animateur, Malek, greeted us from the bus when we arrived and for the whole trip spoke only in French. The girls did amazingly well at understanding, and all of them grew so much in confidence over the course of the trip. The girls loved the boat cruise down the Seine, taking pictures of the Eiffel Tower, and letting their hair down at Parc Astérix. It was great to be able to visit the beautiful cathedrals of the Sacré-Coeur and Notre Dame, and shopping on the Champs Elysées was a huge hit. A LOT of money was spent in Sephora that afternoon! The girls were a credit to the school, and we hope their memories of Paris will stay with them forever.



International Links

Saint Nazaire visitors

For three days towards the end of term, we were delighted to welcome a group of twelve students from Saint Nazaire, France, to our school. They arrived on Friday 14th July; a great day for us, as we were celebrating the official Opening of the new school! The French visitors were invited to stay for afternoon tea after school, and they seemed to really enjoy taking part in this English tradition. After a weekend of shopping and sight-seeing in Sunderland and Newcastle, the group returned to school on Monday 17th, where they took part in a gymnastics class, visited the Mayor of Sunderland in the Council Chambers and took part in a workshop at the National Glass Centre. The students made their own glass boards to take home and watched a glass-blowing presentation. On Tuesday they met lots of different students and played board games with them, filmed a video clip, did a quiz about their town, took part in a craft workshop and finally performed at a British and French talent show after school. 10F1 students did a great job of looking after them over lunchtime and practising their French! This was one of the highlights of the French students' trip, alongside English cheese-tasting! It was a great few days, and we loved hosting the students.



Learning Resource Centre News

Learning Resource Centre

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



Reading for Pleasure

Since the beginning of term, the girls have borrowed 1,457 fiction books, which is an amazing amount. The most popular authors this term have been Jacqueline Wilson, Roald Dahl, Lemony Snicket and Cathy Cassidy. Other popular books that the girls are reading are the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, the Harry Potter series and Dork Diaries series.

Our Star readers for this term are:

Aimery Asuata Yr 8, taken and passed 19 quizzes, and read 1,275,645 words



Hrishita Mahamuni Yr 8, taken and passed 15 quizzes, and read 1,047,816 words

Jamila Khatun Yr 9, taken and passed 11 quizzes, and read 814,791 words

In September, we had the author Elizabeth Wein in school to give a talk to the Yr 9 girls about her latest book 'The Pearl Thief'. This was a great experience, meeting an author, and listening to her explaining how to plan and write a mystery story!



Pupil Librarians

A new Pupil Librarian Course started in October, and 17 girls from Year 8 and Year 9 have signed up. The girls have to complete 10 skills sheets, and they get to:-

- create bookmarks and posters to promote reading,
- write book reviews,
- and to help with topical displays.

When they have completed the course, they will attend an award ceremony where they will each receive a certificate and get to meet a famous author.

Last year's girls were a real help and did some good work over the year.



Scholastic Book Club

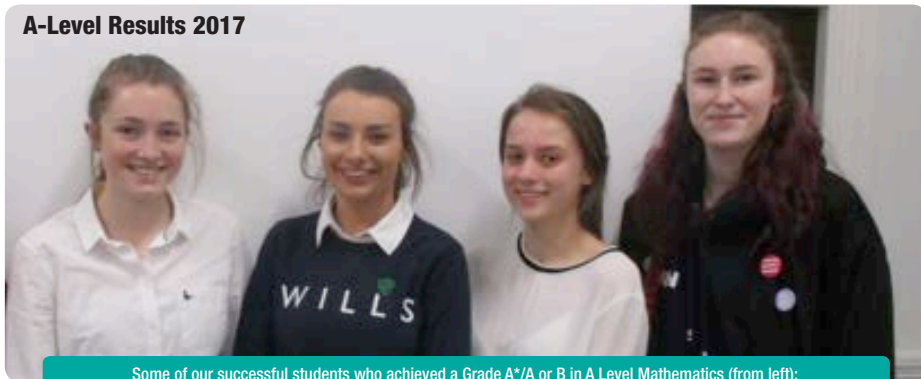
Don't forget to look out for the Scholastic Book Club leaflets as they have some great offers in. Books can be paid for in the library or online and then delivered to school free of charge as part of the school book club:

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-anthonys-sr2>



Maths

A-Level Results 2017



Some of our successful students who achieved a Grade A*/A or B in A Level Mathematics (from left):
Bethaney Miller, Olivia Smith, Tayla Wilkinson and Jennifer Szandrowska

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

At A Level, 30% of passes were at A* or A grade with 48% at the top grades of A*-B, and with an overall pass rate of 100%.

A special mention must go to Bethaney Miller who not only achieved an A* grade but got 100% in all of her A* modules, which is simply phenomenal.

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

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

GCSE Results 2017



Some of our Grade 8/9 students who are now studying Advanced Level Mathematics.
Back row (from left): Komal Kaur, Eden Footes, Olivia Broadbent, Bethany Griffiths
Front row (from left): Merin Benny, Diana Sabu, Ayesha Isahac and Devika Jayan

A huge 'Well done!' to the Year 11 students who completed their GCSE course this Summer. 73% of our students achieved Grade 4 or above, 56% of our students achieved Grade 5 or above, and 23% achieved the top grades of 8 or 9!

Outstanding results were achieved by many other students, with the following girls being awarded the top grades of 8 or 9.

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



Maths

Maths Club

We are continuing our Maths support programme this year. This initiative is aiming to improve the progress of our students in Mathematics across Key Stages 3 and 4. The programme will be run by Mrs Armstrong, Miss Callaghan, Miss Clarke, Mr Malkin and Mrs Whitehouse during lunchtimes, and invited students will attend one session per week.

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

Time:- 12:20-12:45

Venue:- Maths Department

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

New Online Maths Resources

A reminder that the Maths department uses two pieces of online software with pupils in order to support their learning:

MyMaths



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

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

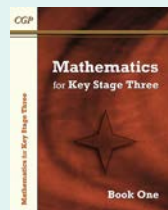
This is an excellent revision resource for students from every Year group to use, to improve their Mathematics skills.

School Login details

School Login: stanthonys1

School Password: circle192

CGP Online Textbook



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

Remember to also check the school VLE (FROG) regularly for new resources and revision materials.

Virtual Learning Environment - FROG

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

Year 11 students in particular should ensure they are making use of these materials throughout the school year in order to thoroughly prepare for their final examinations.

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



Maths

Senior Team Mathematics Challenge 2017/18



From left to right: Bethany Jones, Jasmine Staples, Lucy Roberts and Rebecca Begg who are all studying A Level Mathematics

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

The girls achieved 13th 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 superb ambassadors for the Academy. Well done!



Year 7 Stem Event - Race for the Line

All of our Year 7 girls have thoroughly enjoyed our Maths STEM event, Race for the Line. Students were looking at using the formula for the co-efficient of drag. The lessons delivered were designed to give students an idea of Aerodynamic concepts, and how substitution is applied in a real world context.



Music

The Choir hit the Emerald Isle!

Our annual Summer choir trip this year took us across the Irish Sea to Dublin. Our four days' tour involved performing in Dublin Cathedral and in Phoenix Park, taking part in an Irish dancing workshop, visiting Dublinia and the Leprechaun Museum, and cruising up the River Liffey! The weather was kind to us, and we were not only able to have a picnic after our concert in Phoenix Park, but we also found some time to hit the shops, and play games after our evening meals.



Amelia McCain, Year 12, said "The highlight of the tour for me was having the opportunity to perform overseas in such a beautiful cathedral. The acoustics sounded fantastic, and we had a huge audience. I also loved the Leprechaun Museum and finding out about the history and folklore of Ireland."

Next stop...

Amsterdam 2018!



Music

Sage Success



The Senior Choir stunned audiences at The Sage in July as part of the bi-ennial Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership. In a flawless performance, the choir performed a Sister Act Medley, and then joined in with all eleven schools to sing Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, for which we received a standing ovation!



Olivia Wildgoose, Year 12, said: "It was an amazing experience to sing in Hall One of such a prestigious landmark. The choir sounded incredible, and I was so proud to be a part of it." Well done to all involved!



Music

A Fabulous Night at the Musicals!

In July 2017, St. Anthony's production of "The Night at the Musicals" took place. This event gave students the opportunity to showcase their musical theatre talents as a change from the usual annual musical production.

Jazz Chansuwan, Year 13, says: "I started at St. Anthony's Sixth Form last year, and was encouraged to get involved by helping to arrange all of the music, alongside Mrs Dudley, Alice Liddle and Charlotte Galloway. I felt very honoured to be able to provide the cast with music accompaniments, and to help make the show a success.

The production was a great ice-breaker, as I have gained more confidence and made friends with lots of girls from various Year groups. I have gained so many experiences from this as well: from arranging music up to accompanying performers; and I am most certain that the other girls who took part in this event will have had amazing experiences, too."



Olivia Sloan, who was in Year 7 at the time, and one of our youngest soloists, said, "I performed as Annie in 'A Night at the Musicals' last year, singing the famous song 'Tomorrow'. I was overjoyed when I found out I would be singing a solo; I was nervous during rehearsals and the shows but each time I performed I became a lot more confident. I absolutely loved every minute of it, and can't wait until The Sound of Music in February where I am playing one of the Von Trapp children!"



The production ran on three consecutive nights and we all had a great time, performing to sell-out audiences. The girls never failed to make sure they gave their best performance on each night. "The Night at the Musicals" was surely a night for me to remember." DVDs of the evening will be available to purchase soon!



Music

The hills are well and truly alive...!

Preparations are well underway to transform Our Lady's Hall into Salzburg for our upcoming whole academy production of The Sound of Music. After almost 200 auditions back in September, a split cast was appointed, with Charlotte Galloway and Alice Liddle both heading up their own cast with the title role of Maria. Since then, almost 100 students have rehearsed every Wednesday evening, adding

yodelling, and dancing the Austrian 'Laendler' to their list of new talents!

As always with our musical casts, we took them for a treat to Sunderland Empire's 'Sing-a-long-a Sound of Music' where 60 of the cast sang, yodelled and danced along with the film (under strict instruction).

The Sound of Music runs from Monday 5th – Thursday 8th February 2018, and is looking to be our best production to date. Tickets available in the new year!



Exam success!

Congratulations to the following students who passed ABRSM, LCM or Trinity exams in the Spring or Summer series of 2017, with this fantastic set of results:

Merin Benny	Grade 3 Cello	Millie Harrison	Grade 4 Clarinet
Louisa Bradshaw	Grade 3 Singing	Rebekah Hughes	Grade 2 Flute
Louise Callan	Grade 1 Flute	Holly Leadbitter	Grade 4 Clarinet
Eve Cole	Grade 3 Singing with Merit	Alice Liddle	Grade 8 Singing with Distinction
Grace Copeland	Grade 5 Jazz Alto Saxophone with Distinction	Aisha Lord	Grade 4 Singing
Anna Ellis	Grade 3 Flute	Madeleine Miller	Grade 4 Singing with Merit
Grace Fitzakerly	Grade 5 Piano	Aimee Poulton	Grade 4 Clarinet
Chloe Forster	Grade 4 Clarinet	Camille Richardson	Grade 3 Singing
Charlotte Galloway	Grade 8 Singing with Distinction, and Grade 8 Jazz Alto Saxophone with Distinction	Lauren Roberts	Grade 5 Piano
Bethany Griffiths	Grade 5 Singing	Isabella Robinson	Grade 3 Singing
Isobel Hair	Grade 2 Flute with Distinction	Poppy Thompson	Grade 3 Flute
Natasha Hair	Grade 5 Clarinet	Zoe Tipling	Grade 4 Singing with Distinction
Jessica Hardy	Grade 3 Clarinet with Merit	Jade Winter	Grade 3 Jazz Alto Saxophone with Distinction



Cambodia E

A cohort of girls from Years 11 - 13 attended a four weeks' expedition to help change the lives of some of the villagers in Cambodia. Our expedition took us, firstly, to Siem Reap and then to Camp Tbeng.



Expedition 2017

The girls' project was to help lay the foundations for a canteen next to the school kitchen, so they set about digging trenches, laying bricks and rendering the cement before carrying and spreading sand ready for the concrete tiles to be made and laid by the next group who came after us. Other projects which were completed in the same village were the planting of seedlings ready to be nurtured for reforestation, and the making and erecting of the new walls for the kindergarten.



Our second project took us to Camp Beng Pae on route to Phomn Penh. Here, the girls mixed concrete to make circular discs which were used to build toilets and wells for the local villagers. They dug holes in the ground about 1.5 metres deep and 1 metre wide, and they placed the concrete discs into the holes. The toilets were then built around the discs. The well had to be really deep, so they had to place another disc on top of that and then dig inside the well, and this caused the discs to sink into the ground. With the help of the villagers, the girls completed a well and even put our name on it!



The visit also took the pupils to the amazing Angkor Watt Temple ruins, which are part of the Seven Wonders of the World. They visited one of the local floating villages, they had a Buddhist water blessing, and even taught some English to the local school pupils! They also visited the S21 prison and had an emotional experience of The Killing Fields, learning about the history of the Cambodian people.



European Day of Languages 2017 – St. Anthony’s Celebrates in Style!



We have celebrated another truly magnificent event here at St. Anthony’s. The entire academy came together, continental style, to promote an awareness of cultural and linguistic diversity, and to celebrate such differences.

The Technology Team (who represented Sweden) created outfits made from IKEA shopping bags and even went to the extreme length of translating into Swedish personalised phrases describing them as teachers, and then wearing them as name plates! The Maths Team invested in French football strips to represent France.

Our Art teacher, Mr Campbell, was seen representing Norway by acting as a Viking; and the fabulous Miss Moran even created two costumes to represent Wales – she arrived in the morning as a red Dragon, and by lunch had turned into a Welsh sheep!



Team Technology representing Sweden



The Maths Department representing France

All departments spoke in foreign languages to their classes, and, in various other ways, incorporated the day into their lessons. The MFL Team completed a variety of art and craft sessions, threw a European-themed party, and even had taster lessons in Portuguese, German, Italian and Welsh!

The pupil ‘Bake Off’ was an incredible success with so many tantalising treats – a feast for the eyes and mouth!

What a culturally diverse celebration! We can’t wait for European Day of Languages 2018!

‘Bake Off’ Examples



European Day of Languages Event at St John’s

Ten lucky Year 8 students spent the 29th September at St John’s Catholic School, Bishop Auckland, celebrating Languages, and learning some new things. They did a series of workshops, including a taster Russian class. Jessica Robinson even won a Spanish dictionary for her enthusiasm throughout the day!

The girls had a great time; Jessica said “I feel so lucky to have been chosen for this event! My favourite part of the day was the Portuguese lesson which was run by one of our teachers, Miss Shorten. If I got the opportunity to do it again, I definitely would”.





BEACON Teaching Alliance

Are you a teacher of MFL? If so, we are hosting Curriculum Group Meetings to share good practice among the schools in Sunderland and would like to invite you to attend.

Curriculum Support Groups (KS3 and KS4)

Dates of Meetings 2017-2018:

Thursday 19th October 2017	2.30pm
Wednesday 24th January 2018	2.30pm
Monday 25th June 2018	2.30pm

Cost: Free

Contact: enquiries@beaconta.com

Primary Café Culture Evening

Year 5 and 6 pupils from all our Feeder Schools were invited to experience what it is like studying French and Spanish at St Anthony's, at our Café Culture Evening on Thursday 12th October. It was a really fun night, and all the pupils and their parents/guardians seemed to love it! There was a taster lesson, tapas-tasting, a French and Spanish quiz, beautiful singing from the French and Spanish choir, and a showcase of dance from some talented Bollywood dancers, as well as our very own FLA, Gabriella, who performed a traditional Chilean dance. The favourite food from the tapas was the "pain au chocolat", but the olives were not at all popular! We hope the Year 6's enjoyed attending as much as the MFL Department enjoyed hosting!



St Anthony's Eurovision is about to begin!

This year St Anthony's will be hosting its own Eurovision contest amongst the talented students in Year 8. The girls have been rehearsing since October to plan and choreograph a music video of a French or Spanish song for the competition. The entries will be filmed and students in Year 8 will watch the performances and cast their votes! The quality of the performances has been outstanding so far – it's going to be a close call! Look out for the results in the next edition of Spotlight.



Courses running to improve your performance in the GCSE exam!

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Super Workshops for Achieving in Tests!

Want to secure GCSE success?

Workshops are running every Tuesday lunchtime.

French in 3:64 and Spanish in 3:59.
Foundation classes run 12:20 - 12:50
Higher classes run 12:50 - 13:20

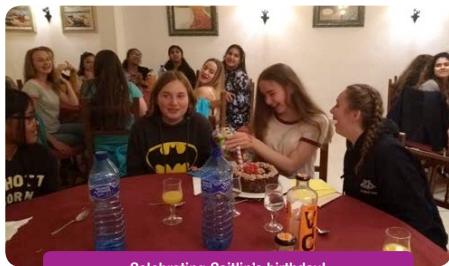
French and Spanish Christmas cards

There is an opportunity for Year 7 and Year 8 girls to make French and Spanish Christmas cards in room 3.62 on December 11th during lunch time. Come along and have fun.



Barcelona 2017

During the October half term break, Miss Cousin, Mrs McGann and Mrs Richardson-Dunn had the great pleasure of taking 28 Year 10 and Year 11 Spanish students to Barcelona. The behaviour of the girls was absolutely impeccable, and it was a complete joy to spend time with such thoughtful students; they were so full of fun and interested in everything! This trip has been running for over 10 years now, and has been a success year after year, but we really do think that this year's students were the best yet! We had a fantastic time visiting the Sagrada Familia, Montjuic, F1 track, Vilanova, Pueblo Espanyol and Las Ramblas. We spoke a lot of Spanish and also immersed ourselves in Spanish culture with dancing classes and tapas-tasting, and we took advantage of the many opportunities to speak to native speakers. This really is an amazing trip and we will be hopefully be going again in October 2018 – watch this space for further details!



Celebrating Caitlin's birthday!



Getting ready to depart!

Year 12 Open Evenings

We had a fantastic turn out at the Year 12 Open Evening for Modern Foreign Languages. Many year 11 students came to our stall to discuss the exciting possibility of studying languages at A-level. And with Spanish and French speaking meals, trips abroad and weekly conversation classes with a native speaker it isn't hard to see why! We are really looking forward to welcoming prospective students again on January 23rd. This will be a great opportunity to meet our current A-level students and find out more about our fun and engaging courses. Hoping to see you all there!



MFL Film Club

Everyone is invited to the MFL Film Club!

Free entry to French and Spanish films shown fortnightly – a great way to improve your language skills and experience another culture. This term has been a great success with a brilliant selection of comedies, love stories, and animations. More fantastic films to come – check it out!

MFL FILM CLUB Spring Term		
Date	Film	Synopsis
11 th Jan 12 th Jan	Historias Minimas 15	The tale of three individuals from small town communities who find themselves travelling to the city of San Julian in pursuit of various goals. Don Juan hears that his dog was spotted in the city, Roberto is on a quest for a child's birthday cake and Maria is asked into a gameshow with the grand prize of a food mixer. But things don't quite go to plan.
25 th Jan 26 th Jan	Populaire 12	An insurance agent and his new secretary become locked in the grip of romance and competition as they team together for a speed-typing contest.
22 nd Feb 23 rd Feb	Living is easy with eyes closed PG	In 1996, Antonio, a high school teacher in Spain and die-hard Beatles fan, drives to America in the hope of meeting John Lennon. On the way he picks up two hitchhikers: the unlikely trio follow their dreams and look for their own freedom.
6 th Mar 7 th Mar	Les Intouchables 15	An unlikely camaraderie rooted in honesty and humour between two individuals who, on the surface, would seem to have nothing in common.
22 nd Mar 23 rd Mar	Belleville Rendez-vous 12A	An elderly Frenchwoman Madame Souza becomes involved in international intrigue when her grandson, Champion, a professional cyclist, is kidnapped and taken abroad. Joined by her faithful dog, Bruno, Souza embarks on a journey to find Champion, and stumble across unlikely allies in the form of three sisters who are veterans of the vaudeville stage. Tracking down Champion's criminal captors, the quartet of old women use their wits to try and win the day.
Everyone Year 10 upwards		Thursdays & Fridays 12:25-1:15 in 3:64



Pastoral Year 7

Year 7 Christmas Charity



Fighting disease,
poverty and prejudice

Every Christmas each Year group raises money for different charities. This year, Year 7 will be fundraising for a very worthy cause – Lepra. This organisation works across the globe to help improve the lives of those suffering from the disease of leprosy. We will soon be having an assembly with a representative of the charity to explain to the girls exactly where all their hard-earned fund-raising money will go. There will also be an exciting surprise activity run by Lepra on Personal Development Day on Friday 15th December. We hope to raise lots of money to help those suffering from this illness. The Year Group Council will meet to discuss fund-raising ideas.

Year 7 Homework Club: Student Reporters



Ruby Robinson 7SHo: Homework Club is an extremely helpful club when teachers let you come to a classroom at lunchtime so that you can get any homework done that you might find tricky or confusing.

At this club there is a very helpful teacher called Mrs Brickland who helps us out and makes homework fun! Homework Club is on every Friday which is great because you can get your work done before the weekend! It has helped us transition from getting little homework to lots of homework at St Anthony's! If you would like to come, it is every Friday lunch in MC6!

Rebecca Fowler 7SHA: Homework Club is a great way to get some of your work done before the weekend! This club helps us, as you can ask the teachers for support. Homework Club starts at lunchtime so if you'd like to come get a lunch pass written in your planner! It is also a good chance to get any online homework done as we can use the computers. If you find your work tricky see Mrs Brickland in MC6. I think that we can really improve by going to Homework Club and have a more relaxing weekend!

Life as a Year 7: Student Reporters



Erin Simpson 7SAo: So far I have really enjoyed St Anthony's. I feel that I have settled in well. My form class took part in Mass and I did a Reading! Even though it's been a challenge finding my way around such a big school, my friends and I are having fun here, and we hope all the other Year 7's are enjoying it, too!

Charlotte Brook 7SAa: So far, settling in has been a lot like a rollercoaster – we have made new friends and kept old ones too. The lessons are fun, but challenging, and St Anthony's has been a brilliant milestone in our lives!

Year 7 take part in 'The Event'



Recently a group of Year 7 girls attended 'The Event' at St Joseph's in Hebburn. Sister Josepha kindly arranged this for the girls and they were fantastic representatives of the school! The girls worked with the Youth Mission Team on team-building activities, dancing, and writing their own prayers. The evening ended with pizza, too! Mrs McGann, Sister Josepha and Mrs Collins, who also attended, were very proud of the girls, and hope this is the start of many more 'Events' to come!



Year 7 were recently visited by the Riot Act Drama Group. They presented to the students a fantastic, interactive show entitled 'Why Queue?' on the importance of sustainable travel. Pupils were treated to quizzes, games and plenty of fun!

Year 7's Against Bullying!

We have had some FANTASTIC entries for the Anti-Bullying Poster Competition! Mrs McGann and the Year 7 Form tutors are very proud of the efforts and sensitive messages that our Year have come up with to fight against bullying. Well done to all who entered! Here are just a few examples of the amazing work:



Pastoral Year 8

Anti -Bullying Posters

Girls in Year 8 have been very busy doing anti-bullying posters for an in-school and an out-of-school activity. Excellent posters have been produced.

Well done!



Year 8 Anti-Bullying Workshop 8CO/8CA

We had an amazing opportunity to go to St Aidan's Academy to engage in anti-bullying workshops. We discussed different bullying cases and how to deal with bullying. We talked with all the other schools and we looked at Youtube and saw how Youtube became popular. We looked at how to be safe when using social media. Overall, it was a great experience. We learnt a lot of information to keep safe.

Isobel Hair 8SCo



Homework Club

Homework Club has been running every Thursday lunch time with Mrs Wolland in Room 3.62. It is open to all Year 8's

so please drop in if you need some quiet space to complete your homework.

Assembly Speakers

We have had an exciting talk from the Air Cadets this year, which was greeted with much enthusiasm. Rebecca Terry and Niroj Arulthas from the sixth form came in to tell Y8s about the cadets and the interesting activities they do.

We will also be visited by the LAF Team before Christmas so that the girls can be reminded about healthy lifestyles.



Year 8 have supported Cafod this year by selling cakes, sweets, and filling Smarties tubes with 20 pence pieces. 8SH made £26 from their cake sale. Well done!



Fairtrade Year 8

Year 8 girls have worked tirelessly for Fairtrade this year. They sell goods every Wednesday break time, they have helped during Year 6 Open Evening and they have sorted out staff Christmas orders.

Well done, girls!



Pastoral Year 8

Year 8 Charity Work

Our Year 8 Council chose Alzheimer's as the charity they wanted to help this year, and 8SCo have quickly started raising money for this great cause. The "trick or treat" sale raised £50 in 10 minutes! Special thanks go to Mr Noor for donating sweets for us to sell.



Christmas Charity – Alzheimer's

Girls are busy with ideas to raise money for Alzheimer's. The girls chose this charity themselves. All their ideas were put in to a hat and Alzheimer's was picked out. There have been raffles, and guessing how many sweets in the jar. Smarties tubes are continuing to be filled. Thank you to all in Year 8 who are working so hard for this important charity.

Talent

We have many talented students in Year 8. Hrishita Mahamuni took part in the Northern Regional Championships for Kumite (Freestyle Fighting). She achieved joint third. Well done!



We have girls who are taking part in the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* in Newcastle this year. Well done; we look forward to hearing all about your experiences.

Creativity in Year 8

During European day of Languages in September, Year 8 girls, in groups, designed a Flamenco dress. There were some fabulous dresses. Well done!



Helpful Students

Our Year 8's have been very helpful, representing the school at Year 6 Open Evening. Molly Wilkinson, Jess Robinson and Orla Taylor spoke about their experiences in Year 7 and told them what to expect when girls come to St Anthony's. We also had many other girls who helped out in various subject areas. Thank you to all these girls. You did a great job!

Years 7 and 8 Hallowe'en Disco



Good fun was had by all at the St Anthony's and St Aidan's Hallowe'en Disco. 6th Form organisers did a magnificent job. The costumes were fabulous. Well done!



Pastoral Year 9

Leading By Example

Leading by example, The Assistant Director of Year 9, Mrs Fairclough and PE teacher Miss Horner ran the Great North Run this year. Mrs Fairclough raised over £700 for Cancer Research.



Year 9 Drama in RE

Year 9 have enjoyed acting out bible stories depicting Jesus' miracles in RE.

We looked at the miracle stories where Jesus raises Jarius' daughter and heals the woman with a haemorrhage. The girls really got into character, with some girls learning lines and quotes from the bible passage. The class was split into two groups and we judged each group. The winning group got merits. Grace Fairweather's group won.

Milly said "We really enjoy doing drama in RE as it gives us a chance to express ourselves."

The class all said: "This is the best lesson ever!"



Morning Reflection

Year 9 have been visiting the chapel on a morning in form groups to pray and reflect in our sacred space. The girls have used this time to pray for those less fortunate and for any special intentions they may have.



Schools GoSmarter

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Fundraising

Year 9 have been fund-raising for Cafod this half term, and the girls have really shown compassion for those less fortunate. After one assembly alone, we raised over £40. Well done, Year 9!

CAFOD
Just one world

Road Safety



Above are pictures from IT lessons where the girls have focused on road safety.



Pastoral Year 10



Advent charity

Over the coming weeks, Year 10 will be raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust as their chosen Christmas charity. They will be running a variety of events such as 'Spot the Santa's', "Guess the sweets in a jar" and regular collections, all to raise money for an incredibly worthwhile cause.

Our food drive will also take place throughout November and December; we collect much-needed food and toiletries which will then be dropped off at the local homeless shelter in Sunderland.

100% Attendance

Well done to the following girls who have achieved 100% attendance since returning to Year 10 in September. Keep up the good work and attendance, girls!

Abbott, Grace	Ferdous, Aqeelah	Morris, Kate
Adamson, Letitia	Finlayson, Caitlin	Paget, Lily
Ashton, Olivia	Galley, Laura	Patterson, Caitlin
Barker, Faye	Gee, Elena	Phillips, Abby
Barrett, Ashley	Graham, Ellie	Proud, Niamh
Begum, Khoruna	Green, Erin	Puni, Jaspreet
Begum, Seema	Green, Mia	Rand, Laurie
Begum, Yasmeen	Helens, Lucy	Robinson, Leia
Benson, Ellie	Henry, Bethany	Ross, Taylore
Boresli, Munah	Howlett, Zoe	Rutter, Holly
Bottrill, Jessica	Hutchinson, Lucy	Saji, Aparna
Boyes, Elisha	Jackson, Eve	Sherwood, Caitlin
Brown, Emma	Jackson, Olivia	Singh, Lovepreet
Brown, Poppy	Khatun, Lubabah	Smith, Madeleine
Burke, Catherine	Lanaghan, Emily	Snaith, Amy
Busil, Bernie	Lincoln, Emily	Snowball, Sophie
Chambers, Sophie	Liu, Michelle	Sogy, Sandra
Cijo, Ciya	Machin, Gabriella	Stephenson, Katie
Cook, Amelia	Malkin, Jessica	Strain, Nadya
Crann, Aimee	Mallan, Jessica	Tan, Sophia
Curry, Sophie	Martins, Abigail	Teasdale, Eve
Davidson, Oluchi	Maskell, Mia	Thompson, Poppy
Dobbing, Ella	McLoughlin, Louise	Tinkler, Emily
Dodd, Sophie	McNamara, Ailish	Toji, Annette
Donkin, Georgina	Miller, Madeleine	Winter, Jade
Eligio, Angela	Moon, Chloe	Wood, Evie
Felix, Fiona	Morrell, Helena	Young, Niamh

Anti-bullying Conference

In October of this year Wiktoria Szersen, Kushi Patel, Eve Buckley and Cherry Tobias were nominated to represent the Year group at an anti-bullying conference at St Aidan's. The theme of the conference was 'Think for Yourself' in line with the whole theme of this year's anti-bullying slogan of 'All Different and All Equal.' The girls thoroughly enjoyed the conference. Whilst there, they got to work with different students from other schools to discuss various organisations in the area who help those who have experienced bullying. They also watched a short clip about how bullying can spread quickly, and they discussed ways to stop it. Eve said, "It was good to work with students from other schools and share experiences with them." Thank you to the girls for representing our school so well.

Year 10 Reward Cinema Trip

100 Year 10 students took part in the Into Film Festival, where we went to the Empire Cinema in Sunderland to watch the film 'Dunkirk'. The students who attended had to meet strict requirements, which included:

- They needed to have 96% attendance AND
- They needed to have no negative behaviour points

The students were a credit to the school, walking through Sunderland city centre and then having excellent behaviour while watching the interesting and very moving film. As well as being a reward trip, the students learnt a huge amount about what happened at Dunkirk in the war, and they were amazed at hard work and contribution that came from civilians in the whole war effort.



Gen Factor 2017



Alessia Fortunato in 10SM recently competed in the Sunderland Gen Factor 2017. She initially auditioned alongside 500 other competitors and impressed the judges with a contemporary dance to Sam Smith's Lay Me Down, making it to the finals on the 6th December 2017! Well done, Alessia! We will keep you posted in the next Spotlight edition on how she does.



Pastoral Year 11

Amazing

Year 11 attendance has seen a big improvement from previous years. Students are realising the impact that one day off has to their work load and their grades. An amazing 68 students have 100% attendance in the year group which is a great achievement.



I would also like to congratulate all of Year 11 on their excellent behaviour throughout the mock exam which took place 20th – 24th November 2017. Lots of revision took place where students adopted different revision techniques and created effective revision timetables. All of this effort will go through with supporting students in their summer 2018 exams.

Abidi, Sekeyna	Finlayson, Olivia	Lorraine, Sophie	Rubio, Vanessa
Ali, Sabiha	Ford, Caitlin	Lynn, Eleanor	Russell, Helen
Anjum, Syeda Nafisa	Freeman, Tayla	Maqsood, Anisah	Saji, Ashna
Bamlet, Larna	Furtado, Christelle	Maw, Anna	Scott, Grace
Bello, Nikki	Gupit, Ame	McNeil, Abby	Shannon, Katie
Boparai, Riya	Hair, Natasha	Montgomery, Bryony	Smith, Eve
Briton, Jayne	Hales, Georgia	Muncaster, Lillie	Speed, Rebecca
Brown, Emily	Harrison, Millie	Nocon, Chelsea	Stokoe, Lauren
Brunton, Julia	Hildreth, Fay	Oxley, Hannah	Sunil, Melin
Cairns, Jessica	Hills, Phoebe	Pahl, Jasmine	Thompson, Olivia
Calvert, Hayley	Hudson, Elisha	Parodi, Beth	Tipling, Zoe
Cassell, Charlotte	Jacob, Reema	Phenny, Gabrielle	Toor, Lakhraj
Coloma, Jamela	Kaigg, Olivia	Poulton, Aimee	Welsh, Stephanie
Daw, Isabella	Kowalczyk, Ola	Rahill, Alisha	Wilson, Eve
Dickman, Amelia	Laverick, Naomi	Rahman, Hana	Young, Grace
Dixon, Bethany	Leadbitter, Holly	Redman, Jane	Young, Leia
Dodd, Paige	Lincoln, Aimee	Robinson, Olivia	Zakaria, Mehrin

Year 11 Pastoral News

Year 11 have had a busy term with excellent attendance at revision sessions and catch-up. Staff have been putting on a full programme of activities. As a Year group they have a positive conduct summary across all ten form groups; for this they are to be commended.

42% of the Year group have full attendance from September, and 71% have met the school target for attendance.

During the Mock examinations they have also showed their excellent attitude and spirit of co-operation.

The Year Council have had meetings, and also representatives have met as part of a Sports Council.



Over the coming weeks, for their Advent Charity, they will be raising money for The Medaille Trust which helps women who have been subject to trafficking. They really are a Year group to be proud of!



Pastoral Years 12 & 13



Air Training Corps

Courtney Hudson, 13SH, and Ella Colgan, 13SC, are both part of the Air Training Corps, and this year have taken part in various shooting competitions, representing the ATC and even the country in the international NRA Imperial Meeting. Ella was placed 74th in one of the competitions, and received a bronze bar for coming in the top 100. The team

won another competition called the Air Gunners, and it is the first time ever a team from the North has won it. Courtney received second highest shot

out of the whole ATC who took

part in the competition. During the Summer they also took part in the Inter Services Cadet Rifle Meeting, which is for the whole cadet forces across the country. Out of the 500 cadets taking part, Courtney was placed 46th and Ella was placed 57th, and Courtney ended up representing the ATC in the inter-service final. Within their own region, Ella won the Helen Boarder Trophy which is given to the best shot in the pre-ISRCM, and their squadron also won the Cardiff Memorial trophy. However, this wouldn't be the first time either of the two have represented the ATC. In a small bore competition called the Battle of Britain, the team managed to beat every other shooting teams in the ATC except one, who snatched the victory within a few points. But they are back again sending off their targets to hopefully go and

win it back in April next year. They have most recently won the Surtees Shield, which is for all of the cadet forces in the North, in which Ella received second highest shot. So far it's been a great year for their team, and they hope to have more victories in the future.



Ella Colgan and Courtney Hudson with their certificates

Congratulations to Year 13 2017

A*/A =31% A*/C=81% A*/E= 99%

A Level Results Day was exciting for the whole Academy, as the students achieved some truly outstanding results! Everyone is tremendously proud of all of them. One student gained an unprecedented four A* grades at A Level, but this is just one result from an amazing Year group. 77% of the students are off to their first choice university, including Anna Mackie who is going to Oxford to read Biomedical Sciences, and Martha Dale who is off to Leeds to study Sociology. 31% are now at Russell group universities, the top universities in the country!

Well done everyone, and please keep in touch and tell us what wonderful things that you go on to achieve. We all love to see you!



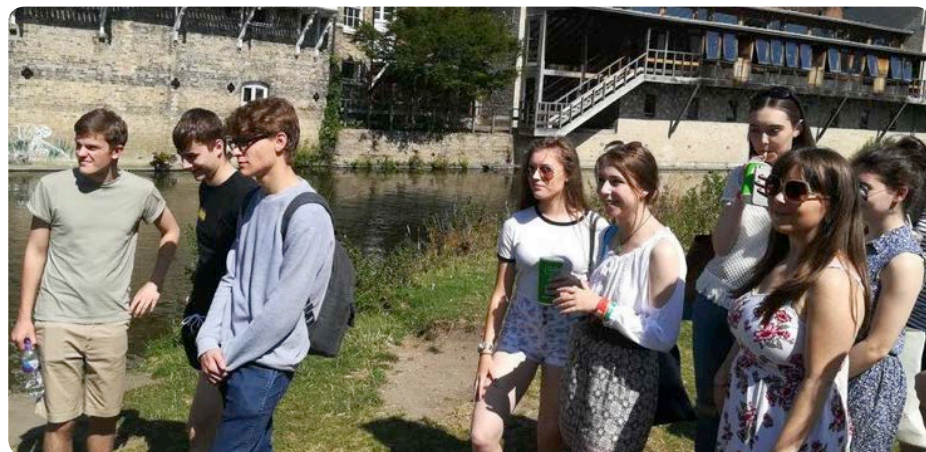
Pastoral Years 12 & 13



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Year 12 Visit to Cambridge

A group of St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's students went on a residential visit to Cambridge this Summer. They stayed in the beautiful surroundings of Jesus College where we ran into current Jesus College student and former St. Anthony's girl, Claudia Spoor. The students went on tours of many of the colleges, went to a variety of workshops on the application process, which included advice on personal statements and interviews. In the gorgeous weather there was only one thing left to do and that was to drift along the River Cam in a punt and take in the beautiful scenery.



Pastoral Years 12 & 13

Year 12 Youth Village Visit

Year 12 have settled well into life in the Sixth Form. At the beginning of the term most of the Year took part in a residential visit to the Emmaus Youth Village where they were able to get to know their new forms and pastoral staff in a relaxing environment. The visit was led by the Youth Ministry Team, who invited girls to play team-building games and activities, and reflect on issues such as self-image. However, the most exciting part for us was the quiz, and the game of Giant Jenga, where they managed to beat the staff on both nights!



Year 12 Volunteers

Well done to all the girls in Year 12 who have already taken up the numerous volunteering opportunities they have been offered. A number of girls are now helping in the school dining hall, working on the tills and helping to serve younger pupils over lunchtime. We also have a lot of girls who have signed up for the John Paul II award, where they will be helping within the school community and in their parishes, to build up evidence for their awards. Year 12 have also been

invaluable as school ambassadors at Parents' Evenings and Open Nights, where they have helped to provide guidance, tours, and information about their current studies for pupils wanting to join the Sixth Form next year. Many members of staff and parents have complimented the girls on their excellent attitude and manners at these different events, and we are very proud to have them representing our Sixth Form. There will be many more opportunities throughout the year, so hopefully all girls can get involved!

Year 13 Spotlight

This year we have 5 girls in Year 13 applying for Oxbridge, and they have been busily preparing for the process. The girls are going to Sacred Heart Catholic High School where they will be put through their paces in mock interviews. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for all of our Oxbridge applicants over the next few months. The girls applying are: Grace Copeland, Yasemin Dogan, Ciara Ellis, Alice Liddle and Abbie Little.

In the Summer the girls also went on a visit to Cambridge with Mrs Smith and Mr McDonagh.

We also have 6 pupils applying for Medical School and 1 pupil applying for Dentistry. They have been invited to St Aidan's to have mock interviews run by Dr. C. Emmerson (from Newcastle Medical School) and Mrs S. Harris (St Aidan's Academy Governor). They are also attending a session given by Leeds University on Medical Ethics. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for our medical and dentistry applicants over the next few months. The girls applying are: Monika Choudhury, Beth Collinson, Sasha Hughes, Jannie Pineda, Sharon Pious, Lucy Surman-Wells and Mariya Vinod.



Grace Copeland in Cambridge



PE & Sport

City of Sunderland Trampoline Competition

The KS3 and KS4 Trampoline Teams competed in the City of Sunderland Trampoline Competition in October. All girls performed extremely well and were a credit to the school. Congratulations to Bethany Dixon in Year 11, who has qualified to represent Sunderland, and compete in the Tyne and Wear Finals.



City of Sunderland Swimming Gala Heats 2017

Congratulations to the Year 9 & Year 10 girls for winning the Freestyle & Medley Relay Teams, and to the Year 7 & Year 8 teams for securing a place in the finals.

The finals will be held in 2018, so good luck, girls!



KS4 Badminton

Congratulations to the KS4 Badminton Teams who competed in the recent School Games Finals. The 'A' team won all of their matches and have progressed through to the play-offs, to determine who will represent Sunderland at the Tyne and Wear Finals. The 'B' team won two of the matches, but narrowly missed out on progressing through. Well done, girls!



Under 14 Tyne and Wear Badminton winners

Congratulations to the u14 Badminton team who win the Tyne and Wear Badminton Tournament on 14th November. The girls played a mixture of singles and doubles, winning the majority of their games with some exceptional performances. Well done girls!



Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the girls taking part in the annual Invitation Cross Country Race and in the Tyne and Wear Cross Country Competition. Special congratulations go to the following girls for coming in the top ten of their race:

Tilly Abbott (1st)
Helena Wyness (4th)
Evie Compson (7th)
Grace Abbott (9th)



PE & Sport

Year 10 Netball

Well done to both Year 10 Netball Teams who competed in the City Of Sunderland Tournament on 13th November. Both teams played extremely well. The Year 10 B Team came in 4th position, and the Year 10 A Team were crowned champions, for the fourth year running!! Congratulations to all girls involved.



The Year 11 Netball team played their last City of Sunderland Tournament and came a very respectful 4th place! Well done, girls, on a successful Netball career at St Anthony's, and good luck in the future!

Some girls from Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 were selected to represent St Anthony's in the North Durham County Round for Netball. This took place at Gateshead Stadium and consisted of 2 Netball Tournaments: the Under 14 and the Under 16. The Under 14 girls came 6th, and the Under 16 girls came 3rd. Well done to all girls involved!



Year 7 Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 Football Team! They finished as runners-up in the City of Sunderland 5-a-side Competition. The girls won 4 games, losing only one. A great effort and performance, girls; well done!



Inter-house Football Results

Congratulations to all of the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls who represented their form class during the Inter-house Football Competition. The level of performance was excellent. The overall results are:-

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| 1st - Green | 5th - Blue |
| 2nd - White | 6th - Yellow |
| 3rd - Orange | 7th - Red |
| 4th - Purple | |

Well done to all participants!



RE

Convent Visit

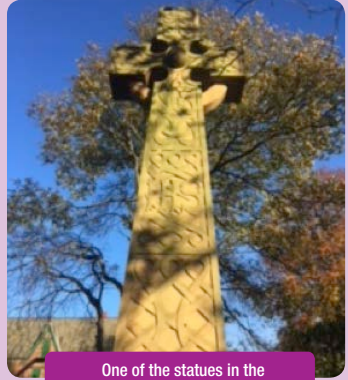
This November our Year 7 RE students all took a visit to Oaklea Convent, alongside Sister Josepha. The girls had a fantastic opportunity to look behind closed doors, and find out more about the daily life of the Sisters of Mercy. We also took a mini-pilgrimage around the garden, looking at the Stations of the Cross, and at the various statues. Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the visit and look forward to coming back once again. We thank the Sisters for their hospitality, especially the Boost at the end of the visit!



Sister Josepha showing our girls the relaxation room



The Lourdes grotto in the convent garden



One of the statues in the convent garden

Open Evening



The RE Department
(even Miss Swailes behind the balloons)

In the Summer term we held a very successful Open Evening for our prospective Year 7 students, and we had a feast of faith activities on offer. The mandala patterns were a huge hit - pupils had to place coloured sand in particular spots on the mandala pattern as a form of meditation. We also had our own Instagram booth, where students had to pose ethical questions to our followers. We hope to see many of you in September 2018!



Our giant mandala pattern



'Who is Jesus?' graffiti board - lots of interesting thoughts



Our Year 11 pupils ready to open our Instagram booth



with other students. Peter Vardy covered core Religious Studies topics and content designed to support students in developing critical A02 skills. Our students were thrilled to be able to meet and interact with him and found the event really beneficial to their studies.



Pizza RE-vision

Did someone say pizza?! Yes, you heard correctly. Friday 17th November was our first Pizza RE-vision night and what a turn out! Around 100 of our students tucked into Dominos, and revised in preparation for their upcoming mock exams. We are so proud of these girls and their dedication to RE. We wish them the best of luck in their mocks and look forward to our next event!



The Source Re-ignites for 2017

St Mary's Cathedral once again came alive with noise for the premier of The Source in October of this year. At The Source, young people from across the diocese are asked to join in faith alongside the Youth Ministry Team and guests. This month J Vessel, a Christian rap artist, was in attendance, and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their rave in the aisles (as did the staff)! Pupils from years 9-11 are most welcome, and we even have some of our old girls re-visiting from university! The Source is a chance for our pupils to join others in a night of fun, music, faith and food. The next Source is on the 6th December. Please see Sister Josepha or Miss Moran for details.



Miss Moran and St Aidan's staff with J Vessel and his dad



J Vessel in full swing



After the rave we needed some pizza and chips



Upcoming – Pupil Chaplains

At the moment, there are interviews going on for our new pupil chaplain group. We believe this is a first for our diocese and look forward, in the next issue, to introducing you to our new team! Our pupil chaplain group will be leading faith events, mindfulness sessions and liturgies over the next coming months. We can't wait to show you what we have been up to!



Science

A* Biologists

A big "Well done!" to Anna McKie, Beth Maughan and Bethaney Miller who achieved A* grades in their Biology A Level this year. Beth and Bethaney are currently studying Medicine at Edinburgh and Newcastle respectively, and Anna is studying Biomedical Sciences at Oxford. Massive congratulations to all three, and we wish you well in your future studies.

Life
Science Centre

Centre for Life Visit: Y10

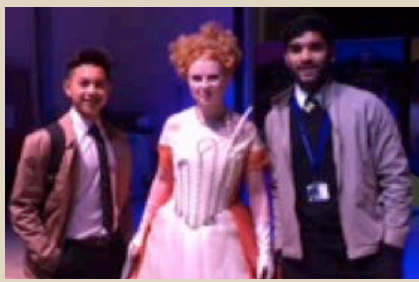
At the end of last term the Science Department and whole of Year 10 enjoyed a fantastic day at the Centre for Life in Newcastle.

The girls built and tested model rockets and explored the amazing scientific displays. A truly inspirational day!



ADA ADA ADA

Students from St Anthony's and St Aidan's enjoyed an inspirational performance about the brilliant Ada Lovelace. Ada, the daughter of Lord Byron, wrote the first complex computer programme in 1843 and her groundbreaking mathematical work paved the way for modern computer programming, which is used today in mobile phones and aeroplanes. Because she was a woman, Ada was written out of history and even today women represent less than 15% of the workforce in Britain's Tech industries. This performance aimed to inspire students into STEM careers, and show them the importance of bringing creativity and originality to the STEM field.



Star Chemist

A big "Well done!" to Bethaney Miller who achieved an A* grade in her Chemistry A Level this year. Huge congratulations; we wish you all the best in your future studies.



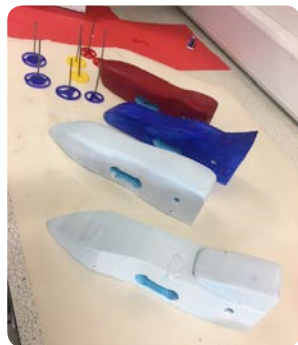
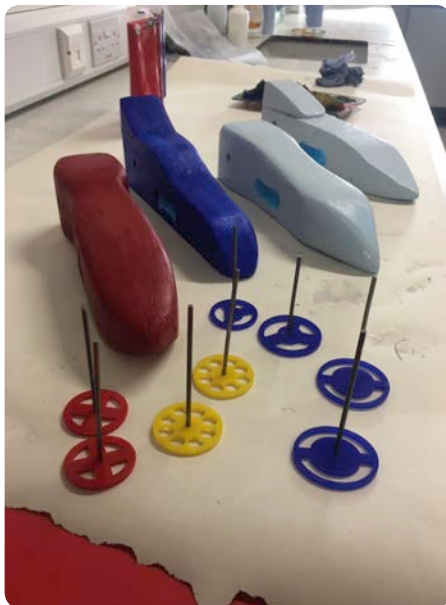
Science

Race for the Line

Our Year 7 students are participating in a massive project to design, build and race rocket cars. Over 18,000 teams, from 420 schools, have joined this national competition to create a model car that will race across a track at up to 70mph. Our girls are competing to reach the regional finals in the Spring term, with the possibility that they could reach the national finals at RAF Wittering in June.

St Anthony's Year 7's have been participating in some amazing cross-curricular activities to prepare them for this challenge. In Science, they have been learning about forces and drag, to help create their designs. In Maths, they have been learning about the coefficient of drag, and performing some very tricky calculations to make sure that their vehicles are as aerodynamic as possible. Finally, the Design and Technology Department have been designing and building the cars themselves. As you can see, the Year 7s have been doing some incredible work.

The students have cut their shapes out of a light weight polymer material, and are sealing them, before painting, to make the airflow as smooth as possible. They have also created their own wheel designs out of thin plastic to try and reduce friction even further. Later, the students will move on to testing their vehicles before entering them into the final competition.



Pain Relief Medicines

A big "Well done!" to Eve Grant, Lily Heskett-Saddington, Kinga Lewandowska, Jane Matibag, Megan Peacock, Jasmine Staples, Lauren Taylor and Katie Tullock, who all achieved a Crest Silver Award for their project on Health and Hygiene: Medicines. Huge congratulations; we wish you all the best in your future studies.



Science



**University of
Sunderland**

Thinking about a career in Pharmacy? Try Sunderland Pharmacy School Discovery Day!

Several of our students studying Biology and Chemistry attended the Sunderland Pharmacy School Discovery Day. The day gave the students an idea of what a career in Pharmacy looks like, and the journey they will undertake to get them there.

The day began in the Murray Library Lecture Theatre, with a talk about the University, and the Pharmacy Course. There were four aspects to the day:-

Session One involved making hand cream, using several laboratory techniques.

Session Two was set in the dispensing part of the University. Here, students processed data about patients, and produced a dispensing label for the prescribed medicine.

Session Three explored the differences between Hospital Pharmacy and Community Pharmacy. This involved some role-play activities, using a variety of asthma inhalers.

Session Four covered Hospital Pharmacy through several quizzes, some using real Pharmacy contexts regarding prescriptions and intravenous drip bags. During this session students were introduced to the SimMan simulator model.

Year 13 Biology students carry out DNA analysis as part of a Science of Disease Workshop at Newcastle University Biomedical Sciences Department

On Thursday 21st September 2017, 20 Year13 Biology students headed off for an afternoon at Newcastle University Medical School to take part in a Sixth Form workshop. The event looking at the science behind disease was very popular, and 1380 students from 48 schools across the region took part over two days.

Upon arrival, students were first given an overview of the School of Biomedical Sciences at Newcastle. They were told about the different courses available and about the research carried out within the faculty. Students were then divided into smaller groups of around 60 students to take part in a range of practical workshops.

Our workshop was using Genetic Diagnostics for a Criminal Investigation (also known as Forensic DNA Profiling.) During the session, we were helping the police investigate a murder by carrying out a genetic diagnostic test. At the gene level, individual people are about 99.9% identical. However, unless you have an identical twin, your DNA will be different from that of every other person in the world. Taking advantage of this property, it is possible to use DNA testing to identify victims or suspects, or to rule out people involved in criminal activities.

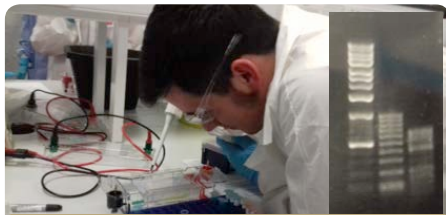
We compared the DNA profile of three suspects' DNA isolated from samples collected at the murder scene. DNA samples were digested with enzymes and analysed by gel electrophoresis. This allowed us to eliminate a suspect, and confirm the presence on the scene of the potential criminal. Our students got a great insight into the university labs and the sort of investigations they would carry out on a Biomedical Science Degree course. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and were really pleased that their experiment was successful.



Lucy Roberts and Ciara Ellis
prepare their samples



Lucy, Achsah and Molly with their results



Aidan Smith loading his gel and the results (right)



Ski

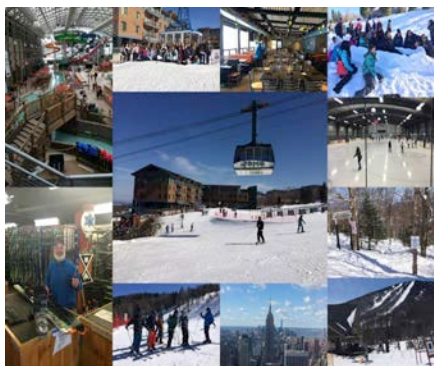
SKI TRIP 2019

An exciting new destination is planned for the 2019 Ski Season. Jay Peak in the amazing state of Vermont in the USA!

There are fantastic Ski slopes and facilities as well as numerous Apres-ski activities with an enormous water park, ice-skating, tubing, climbing rope courses as well as stunning hotels with slopeside access and swimming pools.

The week's skiing will be rounded off with outlet shopping and a City visit to Boston or New York.

Any girl who wishes to join the trip should see Mrs Taroni for further details – it doesn't matter if you can't ski yet – there's plenty of time to learn before 2019!



SKI CLUB 2017

Ski Club has had another successful year with members enjoying skiing on the Dry Ski slope at Silksworth, the Snozone at Castleford, Leeds and the Austrian Alps last Easter.

We will be heading to the Snozone in mid-December for our annual Xmas Outing on Snow.

I'm sure all Ski Club members are hoping for a White Christmas as we really can't get enough of Snow!!

Happy Christmas to all Ski club members and thanks to their Parents for their fantastic support.

Mrs Almond, Miss Brown & Mrs Taroni



St Anthony's Charity Work



St Anthony's staff and students again did us proud this year by giving up their Sunday to help distribute the goody bags at the 2017 Great North Run. The girls started their day at Gypsy's Green at 9am, getting ready to hand out goody bags to the 43,000 runners who ran the 13.1 miles from Newcastle to South Shields.



They even got the chance to see Mo Farrah finish his half marathon, along with the male 2nd and 3rd place winners.

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



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Just some of the delights donated, bought, and raffled by the staff to help raise money for MacMillan Cancer Appeal.



We raised a total amount of **£160.92** during morning break.

Thank you to all the staff who helped raise funds in whatever capacity.



"Wear it Pink in PE" week

The PE department hosted the annual Wear it Pink in PE during October to raise funds for Breast Cancer. The girls were allowed to wear pink clothing during their PE lessons and donate funds.



The Total Amount raised was **£375.67**



NASA Mission 2018

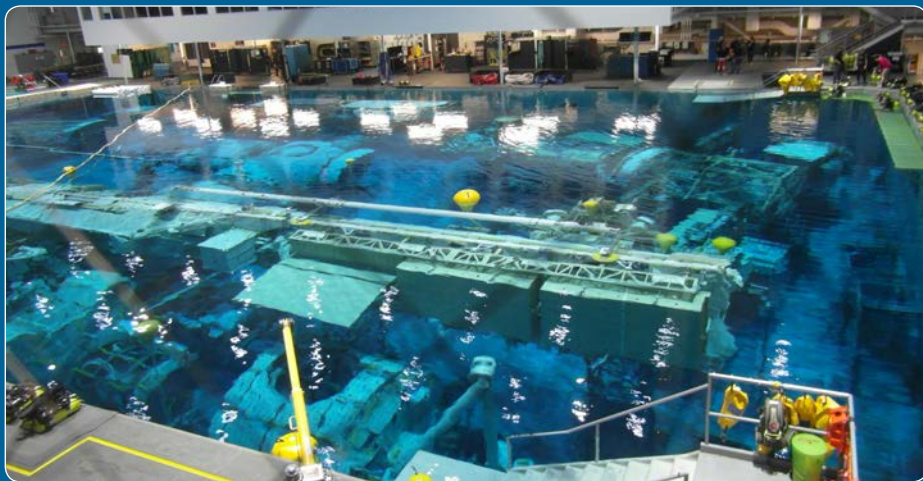


Following the successful trip in 2016 there is a return mission in February 2018 to the NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTRE in HOUSTON, TEXAS.

A group of 22 Sixth Formers will tour the facilities at JSC and the NBL, and meet up with NASA Scientists and Engineers. They will face the challenge of building and launching a Rocket, as well as a



Mars Rover, which will be tested on its ability to travel over rocky terrain and retrieve samples. The girls will receive Scuba Training at William's Pool where the Astronauts also train before their underwater Missions at the NBL.



NASA Mission 2018



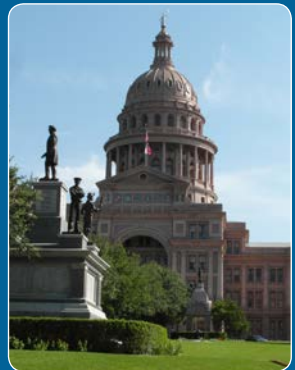
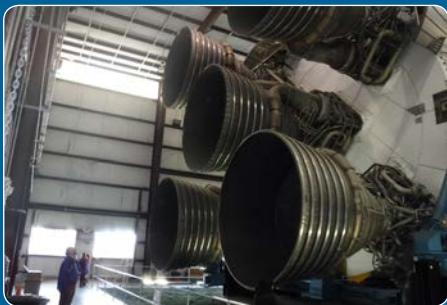
The time at JSC will finish with the highlight of an exclusive Brunch with an Astronaut.

The 2016 group had the honour of meeting with four times Shuttle Astronaut and Commander Brian Duffy. He gave a fascinating talk on his career path towards becoming an Astronaut and the challenges of living and working for long periods on the International Space Station.



The 2018 group will finish their time in the USA with visits to San Antonio, The Alamo and the Texas State Capitol of Austin.

I'm sure they will have an amazing time!



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Spring Term

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

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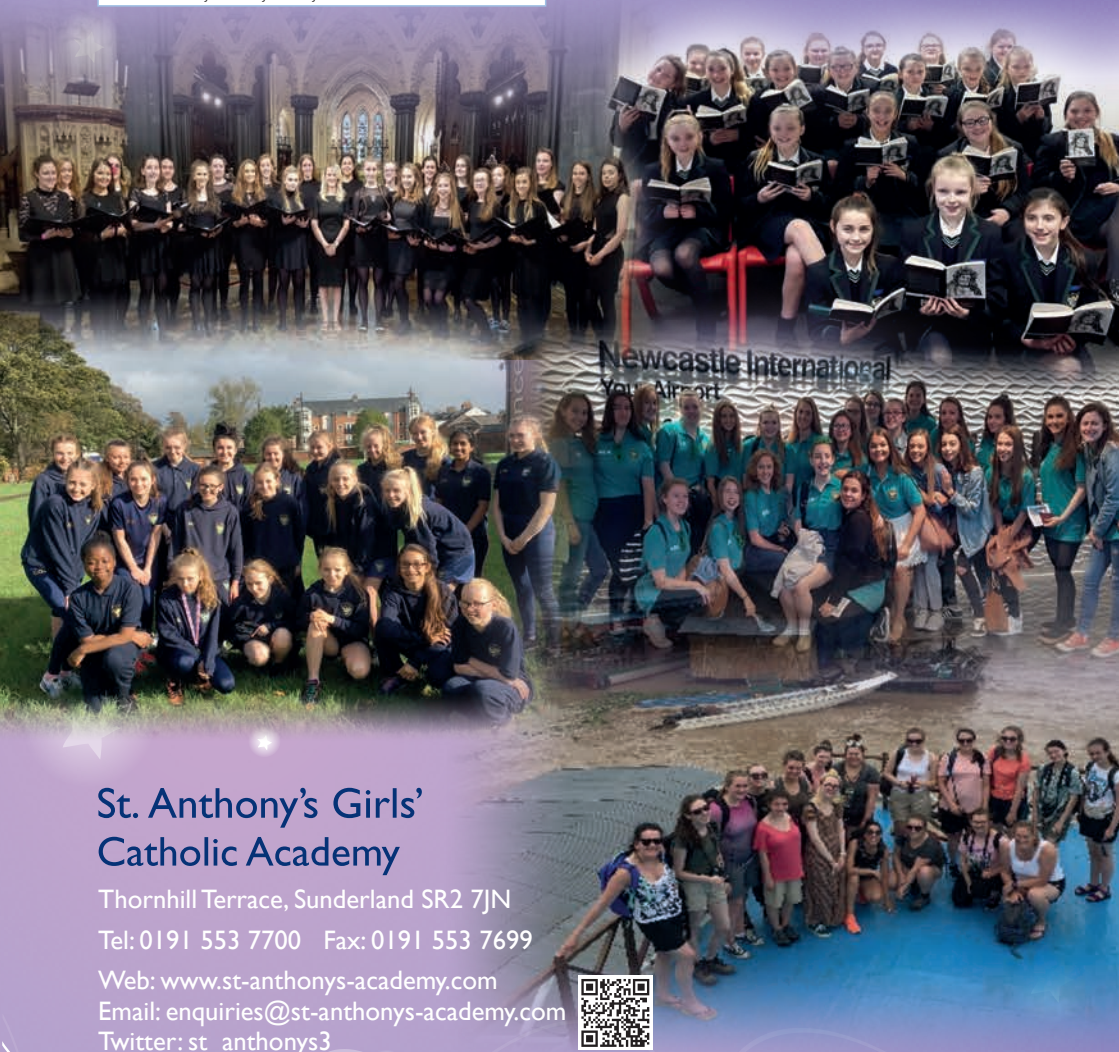
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Friday 20th October 2017

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

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