



# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

*A Mercy Academy committed to excellence*

# Spotlight



Christmas 2013



# Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear Parents,

2012-2013 was a great summer of excellent examination results for our students:

## Amazing Advanced levels!

We really did smash all records this summer with our A level results. You can study 36 different A levels at St. Anthony's and results across all subject areas were really excellent with an amazing 35% of all entries graded A\*/A and 82% graded A\*-C.

## Great GCSEs!

Success then followed for our GCSE students with 32% of all passes graded A\*/A and 84% A\*-C.

## Fabulous new facilities!

We opened McAuley House (Phase 2) with its amazing ICT facility and more new classrooms. Supported by the Education Funding Agency, Keir have submitted a planning application for the phased redevelopment of the rest of the site 2014-2016.

## Very varied visits!

The programme of events and visits continues at pace. Students have been involved in an exchange visit to India and a trip to Barcelona to name just two in the last two weeks as well as our usual annual geography field trips, history visits etc.

## Fabulous fundraisers!

Our staff and students continue to be avid fundraisers who connect at local, regional, national and international level through charitable work.

As I write (11.11.2013) we marked Armistice Day with two minutes' silence, raised funds for 'The Coming Home Campaign' which adapts the homes of service personnel who have lost limbs during conflict, and held a 'Good Cup of Tea Day' to raise money for the work of Mercy Sisters across the globe within education, as well as working with the sick, the poor, and trafficked women, just to name a few international projects the Mercy Sisters are involved in.



## Proactive Partners!

Through the Hexham and Newcastle RC Partnership, our students are involved in a host of activities with students from thirteen secondary schools within the diocese. A huge range of competitions and activities are arranged e.g. Art Exhibition, University Challenge, English Speaking Union Debates, Shakespeare Smash, Masterchef, Cross-Country, Swimming, Badminton, Sailing Regatta, to name a few of the numerous sporting competitions.

I wish you a restful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year when the holiday arrives.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs M Shepherd**  
Head Teacher



## THE SUNDAY TIMES

**St. Anthony's is one of only six schools in the North East named in The Sunday Times Top 250 state schools 2013.**





# New School

## NEW SCHOOL PLANNING APPLICATION 2013

### BUILDING PROGRAMME 2014-2016

We have decided to forego our usual "Alumni Spot" (for one edition only) to share with you very important information regarding the phased redevelopment of the school site. Following the successful opening of McAuley (Phase 2) 2013 we are delighted to share with you further information regarding the redevelopment of the remainder of the school site as part of the government's "Priority Schools Building Programme".

Senior staff and trustees have been working for some time with The Education Funding Agency and the appointed contractor, Keir. Final proposals are now going to City of Sunderland Planning Department this month. Many neighbours, and members of the community, were able to attend the Public Consultation held at the school on Wednesday 5th November from 2.30-7pm prior to the planning application.

The new school, if planning permission is granted, will retain and refurbish many existing historic buildings as well as our new McAuley building, but will see the demolition of a number of buildings dating from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s following the completion of new school buildings in the centre of the site.

A few summary highlights from this programme:

- New Science and Technology laboratories and specialist facilities
- A new Hall, Drama facility and Chapel
- A new Sports Hall and additional external space for Sport and PE
- A new school kitchen and dining area
- New classrooms for all subjects
- Much more external space, garden areas, etc.

2014 is a significant year in the school's history. As well as starting our new building programme we also celebrate our 110th year as a school providing 11-18 education for girls within the City of Sunderland.

A cleverly designed programme of works ensures that the contractor, working with the Education Funding Agency and the school, deliver this programme with the minimum disruption to the community. I am sure all parents will be delighted that St. Anthony's is at long last acquiring the top class new facilities that students, staff and the whole community have so long deserved.



Artist's impression of the new proposed development.

# Art

## Bella Bella



Our Art and Music tour to Venice at the end of the summer term was a tremendous experience for all concerned. The Artists visited the Guggenheim Gallery in Venice and had the experience of crossing the Grand Canal in a Traghetto...(an old Gondola) as well as the Scrovegni Chapel

in Padua. The Musicians were well supported by the Artists and we all enjoyed their superb performances, especially the impromptu ones on the boat and in the bus, the latter being so good that the driver took the wrong road... Many thanks to both staff and students for their company and good humour on this unforgettable visit.



## 'Big Doodle' Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership



This term has already been very busy, with all members of KS3 taking part in "The Big Doodle". Ten members of Year 8 represented the school at an event organised by the Hexham and Newcastle

Catholic Partnership which was held at St. Bede's in Peterlee. The girls enjoyed the event and produced some excellent, intricate doodles.

We have been very fortunate this term to have an ex-pupil Faye Robertson working with us on this project. Faye attended Sunderland University where she studied Illustration, gaining a First Class Honours Degree and Masters (with Distinction).



Her work is truly beautiful and she has been of real inspiration not only to our students but to the pupils from the other schools she worked with on 'The Big Doodle.'

## Institute of Modern Art

Year 12 visited The Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art with Miss Connorton where they had the opportunity of hearing a talk by the North Eastern artist William Tillier. They enjoyed the experience and have gained inspiration from his very experimental style of landscape painting.

## Durham Cathedral Art Exhibition Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership

We are working towards the annual exhibition in Durham Cathedral and this year's theme of 'Hymns and Religious Verse' is proving an inspiration to students from all Key Stages. We look forward to our usual high standard of exhibits in this tremendous artwork display.

## Great North Exhibition

We are honoured to have been invited to display work in St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle as part of the Great North Exhibition, which takes place at the end of November for one week. It is very exciting to see the work of our students gaining prestige and extending across the Tyne.



# Chaplaincy

## Greetings from the Chaplaincy Team!

As always, this has been a very full term:

- **September** saw the great celebration of our Lady of Mercy and a special Deanery Mass;
- **October** meant praying the Rosary in the chapel; giving most generously to CAFOD; and visiting the convent;
- In **November**, we had our Bereavement Service; a Holy Souls' liturgy and lunch; and our "Good Cup of Tea" day;
- In **December**, we had all our Advent liturgies, carol services and Christmas assemblies.



Three things stand out, though, and we'd like to share these with you:-

### 1. Sr. Josepha joined the Chaplaincy Team.

It's lovely to have another Sister of Mercy on board. This is what she has to say: – *"I'm delighted to be welcomed into such a cheerful and friendly environment where the dedication to learning, commitment to high standards, and the development of good relationships is tangible. Please keep me in your prayers".*



### 2. The End of the 'Year of Faith' Mass at the Sage.

This was celebrated by Bishop Seamus and two of our Year 8 girls were chosen to say the special prayers. Another Year 8 student, Lydia Richardson-Dunn (8SR) had this to say about it: – *"It was really good to be there. I loved the super seats and the wide screen where I could see everything on the stage. I was inspired by the athletes who spoke about their faith".*

### 3. A visit from Sr. Mary Sullivan to the Academy.

This was the occasion of the convent's 170th Anniversary and Sr. Mary (an American Sister of Mercy and a well-known expert on Catherine McAuley) gave a talk to Years 12 and 13. Two of those girls, Caitlin Lister (12ST) and Kate Dolan (12SA) told us:-

*"We really enjoyed listening to Sr. Mary and learning about Mercy people. It was great the way she was different, and yet she still thought the same way as us. We were amazed to realise that there are 7,000 Sisters of Mercy all over the world. Wow!"*



We hope this has given you a flavour of Chaplaincy life. May we wish you a Merry Christmas and every grace for 2014! God bless from Sisters Adrienne, Francis and Josepha.



# Business & Economics

## Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Enterprise Challenge 2013

Year 10 Business Studies pupils took part in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Challenge, which took place at St. Leonard's Catholic School in Durham. The pupils were given the fun challenge of creating a rollercoaster ride and the marketing mix for a new Theme Park; the ideas for which, they presented to three local business entrepreneurs. The activity required creativity, time management, communication, problem solving, design and team-working skills. The pupils rose to the challenge and came up with creative, unique and well-designed Theme Parks. Well done to all of the girls that represented St. Anthony's at this event!



Team members (left) included Darla Anderson, Emily Chisholm, Emma Herbert, Cara Lewis, Georgia Maw, Louise Parker, Bethany Richardson, Georgia Richardson, Sophia Robinson, Emily Ryan, Della Sabu, Ellie Snowball and Emily Woodley.

## BTEC Business Placements 2013

Year 12 BTEC Business pupils have started their work placements and are enjoying the challenges placement work can bring: early mornings, hard work and lots of valuable work experience! This year there are 4 girls on the BTEC Business course and they have chosen work experience placements that offer them an insight into what working in a real-life career might be like when they are older.

Emily Robson is working at a placement called 'Hair of the Dog' as she loves animals and is thinking of a career in that area when she is older. She said 'It's a lot of hard work but really enjoyable, I like working in a team of people

where we all pull together to get a job done.'

Dominique Scott is working at St Joseph's Primary School where she is having her eyes opened to the challenges of working in a primary school, and Beth Robinson is working in St Benet's, which she really enjoys - 'I am interested in working with children when I am older, so this placement is excellent as I am learning about what working with young children is really like.' Bridie Taggart is working in Sunningdale School – she is shadowing staff in the main office and is developing her administration and customer service skills. The placements are in their early days but check back in the summer edition of Spotlight to see how they're getting on .....!



# Business & Economics

## Success in 'Advanced' level Economics 2013

Last summer the 'Advanced' Level Results saw some outstanding performances in Economics.

**'A' level achieved 67% grades A\* to B.**

The two top performers were Bethany Thompson and Sarah Collins.

Bethany Thompson was also awarded the Economics prize for her constant hard work and achievement over her two years as an Economics Student.

Congratulations to all our achievers and good luck for the future.

Details of the entry requirements on to the Economics Course can be found on St. Anthony's Academy website and in the Sixth Form prospectus.



## Year 7 Dragons' Den Enterprise Competition

A group of Year 7 pupils are taking part in a Dragons' Den enterprise competition. Each enterprise team has the opportunity to prepare a business plan, produce and sell products, take part in a Winter Sale event at school and present their ideas in the St. Anthony's Dragons' Den. All profits made from the sale of the products will be donated to the international academy charity, Manzini Youth Care. A great opportunity for pupils to develop their entrepreneurial skills and raise money for a good cause!



## St Cuthberts Care – Young Social Enterprise Competition 2014

A group of ten Year 12 pupils have recently entered St. Cuthberts Care Young Social Entrepreneur Competition 2014, during which they are allocated £250 seed money. They use it to try and raise as much money as possible to return to the charity. The girls have thrown themselves into a range of activities that are already raising a fantastic amount of money, including tubing, teachers' quiz night, Year 7 and 8 disco and a raffle.

In December they plan to participate in the whole school RE Faith Festival to be held in Our Lady's Hall, organising a stall which will sell a range of products and competitions to raise more funds.

The girls are highly competitive and are showing real determination to win the competition and surpass the achievements of our previous teams who had a highest finish of third place.



Keep up the good work girls! The update of the results will be in the summer edition of Spotlight.

# Careers

## Child Development

### St. Gerard Majella the Patron Saint of Mothers.

Child Development Year 10 students have been learning about St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of mothers. They have researched about his life and work and then created prayers to commemorate his feast day on October the 16th.



The class held a ceremony of thanks in the school chapel and Sr. Josepha gave a short prayer service where the girls read their prayers aloud and displayed their work in the chapel.

## Academy Council

The Council had the opportunity to attend the Planning Consultation for the new buildings for St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. The Council were able to view a number of plans which showed various layouts, digital displays and were also able to converse with the architects. The pupils were then able to record their ideas and pass on their comments. They are very excited at the prospect of the new school!

## Year 11 Work Experience

Congratulations to all Year 11 pupils on such a successful Work Experience Week. The comments from Employers were amazing:

The Director of 'As You Wish' Hair and Beauty said "A great team player. She works excellently with clients".

Our Primary feeder schools, St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School said "She is a lovely girl and a credit to her parents and school".

St. Mary's commented that a student was "A great ambassador for St. Anthony's".

St. Paul's C of E Primary School said "A fantastic role-model for the children, she worked to a very high standard".

The Owner of Long Locks Hair and Beauty said "We decided to keep the employee on as a Saturday worker as we are impressed with her hard work".

Asda Store said "She is very enthusiastic and has a great attitude and work ethic. A wonderful young lady who is always pleasant".

Work Experience Statement from Emma Morton, IISHo

My work experience placement was in Sunderland City Hospital. During my time there I worked in different departments. My favourite department was the maternity section. This was very valuable to me as it gave me an insight into the job of a midwife which is what I would like to do in the future.

Positive feedback was received from many employers and twelve pupils secured Saturday jobs. Well done to you all!



## Young People's State of the City Debate

At Sunderland Civic Centre, in the council chambers, the Academy Council were able to interact with pupils from other schools and contribute to the debates about issues and services for the young people of Sunderland. Many topics were debated, ranging from Transport for young people to Sexual Health Education and Discrimination.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to utilise the electronic voting system and participate in the Debate – they even had the opportunity to meet the Mayor and Lady Mayoress!





# Careers

## University Destinations 2013

St Anthony's Sixth Form pupils began courses at the following 22 universities:

Bathspa University	Leeds University
Chester University	Liverpool John Moores University
Cumbria University	Newcastle University
Derby University	Northampton University
Durham University	Northumbria University
Goldsmiths University	Queen Mary University of London
Greenwich University	Sheffield Hallam University
Imperial College, London	Sunderland University
Kings College, London	Teesside University
Leeds Metropolitan University	York St John University
Leeds Trinity University	York University

Courses chosen at university	No.	Courses chosen at university	No.
Accountancy and Finance	2	History	5
Adult Nursing	3	Interior Design	1
Applied Chemistry	1	Int. Business Management	1
Art Foundation	5	Int. Finance and Economics	1
Biomedical Sciences	8	Int. Hospitality & Culinary Arts	1
Biology with study abroad	1	International Studies	1
Broadcast Journalism	1	Int.Tourism and Hospitality	1
Business and Finance	4	Law	2
Chemical Engineering	1	Maths and Physics	1
Chemistry	1	Media	1
Child Nursing	1	Medicine	3
Childhood Studies	9	Mental Health Nursing	1
Comb. Honours in Social Sciences	1	Modern Foreign Languages	1
Computing	1	Pharmacy	3
Creative Writing and Publishing	1	Physics	2
Criminology	1	Physiotherapy	1
Dentistry	1	Politics	2
Design for Industry	1	Primary Education	7
Education Studies	1	Product Design	1
English Language	1	Psychology	4
English Literature	3	Public Relations	2
Ethical Hacking	1	Sport and Exercise Therapy	1
Fashion Design and Marketing	2	Sport Development	1
Fine Art	1	Sport Rehabilitation	1
French and Spanish	2	Sports Journalism	1
Geography	4	Working with Children and Families	1

# DT & ICT

## Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Design and Technology Show The National Glass Centre Sunderland



In October 2013 The Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership hosted its very first Design and Technology Show. The partnership consisting of 13 schools across the diocese exhibited students' work at the Sunderland Glass Centre.

The exhibition showcased the amazing talents of students in the Curriculum area of Design and Technology.

With the help of Miss Kate Brown and Mr Stephen Jordan, students displayed work from Product Design, Food Technology and Textiles.

The students chosen to take part in the exhibit were selected as a reward in recognition of their hard work and achievement in their subject area.

A huge Well Done and Congratulations to all of the girls who were part of this celebratory evening.



# DT & ICT

## ICT Workshop at the Apple Store

Girls from Years 9 and 11 attended a workshop at the Apple Store in Newcastle Eldon Square. It included creating movies about electronic devices which were then given to the girls on their own apple USB bands. Some of the pupils were given free apple headphones and the lovely yellow t-shirts were worn for the rest of the day.

Lydia and Jemine felt that this was good work experience which linked to their GCSE coursework

The day was very successful and everyone who attended found it very useful.

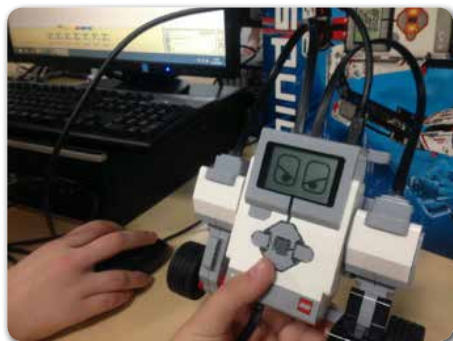


## Robotics at Northumbria University

A robotics afternoon at Northumbria University was attended by girls from the extra-curricular computing club and GCSE pupils in Year 11. The girls constructed the robots and then programmed them to 'battle with one another'. Kaisie Hill felt that this was very useful to be able to get involved, in a hands-on way, rather than being told how to do things.

St Anthony's has links with Northumbria University's, Computing Department and it is hoped that a series of such visits can be arranged.

Everyone felt they had gained a lot from the experience, not least the goody bag given to each pupil.





# ENGLISH

## Drama at A Level

This year, for the first time, St Anthony's is offering A level Drama and Theatre Studies, based in the fabulous new Educare Centre. Six brave pioneers have undertaken the course which involves learning about the practical and theoretical elements of theatre, developing performance-based skills, and reflecting on their own work. After half a term, these are some of their comments about the course so far:

'Drama is helping me become much more confident in myself. The environment is relaxed and I've really enjoyed the practical aspects of the course so far.'

'Drama's not only about acting: it involves much more – directing, improvisation, studying scripts, watching performances and the entire 'backstage' tech.'

'Even though we're learning, it doesn't feel like a formal lesson. It's a chance to learn physically, in a practical way, discussing our ideas as a group, and giving our opinions and ideas and feelings on different situations. Working in the Educare Room, it's like being in a totally different world: it almost doesn't feel like school at all!'



The AS drama group working on the Greek Tragedy 'Antigone': Lauren Maggiore, Emily Dodds, Eileish Wigham, Eve Donnelly, Louis Simpson and Roberta Glover

As part of the course we visited Carmel College organised by the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership to see The Propeller Theatre Company's touring adaptation of The Merchant

of Venice. After the performance, we had the opportunity to talk to the company about the show and about the craft of acting in Shakespeare.



## Year 8 Drama

In June, the Year 8 Drama Group took part in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership's 'Shakespeare Smash' at Our Lady and St Bede's College. Our team prepared a speech from Twelfth Night and we were thrilled to get through to the final of the competition where we presented a version of Hamlet's 'To be or not to be...' soliloquy. Although we were very nervous about the competition, we had an excellent day and we're looking forward to taking part again!



'Team Viola' getting ready for their performance.

## A TRULY MAGICAL TRIP...



St Anthony's' Media Studies students headed for the wonderful world of wizards and wands as they



# ENGLISH

visited the 'Harry Potter' film studio earlier this year. They were treated to a truly magical trip...

In the wilds of Watford lies a land like no other; the 'real' Hogwarts was housed inside the Warner Brothers film studio, and our students were delighted with everything they saw. They moved past the 'cupboard under the stairs' and were transported through the Great Hall into the real world of Harry Potter. It was a world full of magical creatures, amazing costumes, props of every kind imaginable, and many inside secrets about the magic of the Harry Potter films.



The students glimpsed many of the most famous sets – the Great Hall, Hogwarts Bridge, Privet Drive, The Ministry of Magic, Gringotts Bank, Diagon Alley and many more. At the end of the tour, the most magical, and memorable, sight awaited the students – Hogwarts itself. The students were mesmerised. The gift shop was also a favourite and the students treated themselves to a little retail therapy at the end of a busy afternoon.



After returning to the hotel and having a quick 'freshen up', the staff and students headed out to TGI Fridays for a fabulous meal – a great way to end a really 'magical' day.



## Year 10 Cinema Visit

A group of Year 10 pupils visited the Empire cinema, Sunderland, to see the new version of 'Romeo and Juliet'. This supports the pupils' English coursework and they found the experience very enriching. The film received mixed reviews from our group but all agreed it was a good film.



Year 10 Pupils at Empire Cinema, Sunderland.



## Year 7 Book Buzz

Year 7 pupils have been welcomed to St Anthony's with a free reading book, courtesy of Book Buzz and the school. The pupils were given a selection of genres to choose from and have already started to read these exciting titles. Check out our enthusiastic Year 7 Readers!





# Extended Curricular

## St Anthony's & St Aidan's Joint Derwent Hill

During the first week of the summer holidays we had yet another successful visit to Derwent Hill Outdoor Education Centre in the Lake District. The pupils from both schools worked together to complete different challenges including: gorge scrambling, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, high ropes and for the first time this year some of the pupils also took part in dragon boat racing! Unfortunately, due to thunder and lightning over Lake Derwent on the second night, some groups did not get the chance to dragon boat race but hopefully next year we will. Below are the activity groups with some of the staff from both schools and Derwent Hill.



## France Outdoor Adventure Summer 2013

In July 2013, we took 42 pupils and 5 staff members to visit the Ardeche Region of France to participate in many adventure activities (high ropes, climbing and weaseling). The activities were very challenging but also a great deal of fun. The highlight of the week was a 2-day descent of the fabulous Ardeche River, with its dramatic cliff sides and beautiful scenery. On the evening of the first day of the descent the group bivouacked at a camp site and toasted marshmallows on the camp fire. The pupils had a fantastic time and were great ambassadors for the school.





# Extended Curricular

## DINING DELIGHTS

Throughout the year St Anthony's pupils are treated to some amazing lunch-time catering as a varied menu of hot and cold dishes is served every day.

Any excuse for an extra special theme is eagerly seized, with food served from different countries to celebrate special events like St George's Day, Chinese New Year, and, a particular favourite, American Independence Day.



We are all looking forward to our extra special Christmas meal and would like to thank the Catering Team for all their hard work – and fab food!



## Great North Run Sunday 15th September 2013

St Anthony's girls yet again braved the weather and volunteered their time to hand out the goody bags at the finish line of this year's Great North Run.

Pupils from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 and staff all gathered on Gypsies Green, South Shields at 8am in the morning and eagerly awaited the arrival of the 55,000 runners to cross the finish line. The pupils who braved the weather were: Rose Curle, Rosie Smith, Grace Copeland, Annabelle Barnes, Molly Curle, Emma Ford, Emma Morton, Megan Tynan, Kathryn Burke, Caitlin Byrne, Chloe Connelly, Emily Dodds, Hannah Donkin, Sonal Mendoca, Alex Morton, Alex Pearson, Sarah Robinson, AnnMary Roy, Sandra Sibby, Meriel Smithson, Jayne Thompson and Jon Morrison (Mrs K Morrison's son).

The staff who gave up their time to help were: Mr T Williams, Mrs A Ferguson, Miss C Pascoe and Miss H Moran. Other volunteers were Rebecca Horner (Miss Horner's daughter) and Kathryn Smith (Rosie's Mam).

Along with the thousands of runners were some members of staff who ran for various charities.

- Miss E Brown ran for Diabetes UK raising £230. She ran for this charity as her brother has Type 1 diabetes. Miss Brown ran the event with her sister who also raised money for the charity; Miss Brown's sister is a dietician who specialises in children with diabetes. Miss Brown would like to thank everyone who has sponsored her.
- Miss A Robinson ran for Cancer Research in memory of her friend's Mam who lost her battle against cancer a few years ago. Miss Robinson raised £245 and would like to thank her form 7SH who also helped raise funds with a cake sale.
- Dr G Emery ran for the GNR for the first time, finishing in 2hrs 44minutes and raised £205 for the British Lung Foundation. She ran this in memory of Mr Bill Hearn, father of Mrs Hearn from our technology department. Dr Emery would like to send a big thank you to all the people who sponsored her.

- Miss T Horner also ran for the first time, she ran for the Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team raising £750. The team are responsible for rescuing people and animals from the Buttermere, Ennerdale, Lorton and Loweswater valley areas of the Lake District, and from North West Cumbria. Available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, Volunteers spending 1500 hours per year on rescues, CMRT is a registered charity solely funded by voluntary contributions.

St Anthony's Academy would like to send a big thank you to all the staff, pupils and volunteers for making this event possible for yet another year.

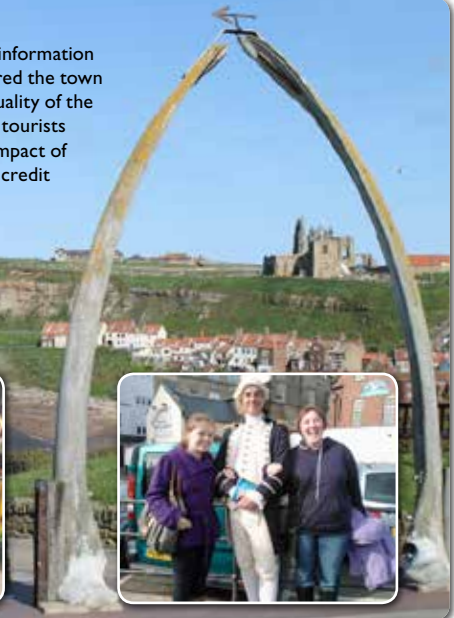
**Thank you.**

# Geography

## Year 11 Visit - Whitby

In October Year 11 students visited Whitby to collect information for their GCSE controlled assessment. The girls explored the town whilst taking note of the land use and environmental quality of the area. They were also brave enough to ask questions of tourists and local people to discover their opinions about the impact of tourism. The girls really enjoyed their time and were a credit to the school.

They even got an opportunity to sample Whitby's famous fish and chips!



## Year 7 Geography competition

This term Year 7 students have been involved in a Catholic Partnership photography competition! Students were asked to take photographs of Geography in their local area to be entered into a competition with all other schools in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership. Accompanying the photograph, they included a 140-character description of the 'Geography' behind the photograph. Students have enjoyed exploring their local area for evidence of Geography and have realised how much of what they learn in Geography can be seen in their everyday lives! The winning photographs will be included in a 2014 Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership calendar! Fingers crossed for St Anthony's!

7SCo (right) researching for the competition! Can you guess which landmark building Jade and Leia are pretending to be?

## Success in Geography

Students across all key stages have been working really hard in Geography this term and have achieved excellent key assessment results. After returning from Whitby, Year 11 students have also shown fantastic motivation whilst working on their controlled assessment. Well done!



# History & Politics

## Royalty Theatre Suffragette Drama

At the end of the summer term, current Year 9 pupils were invited to take part in an exciting drama activity with Beamish Museum and St. Aidan's Academy. Girls helped to recreate the visit of Sylvia Pankhurst, one of the Suffragette leaders, to Sunderland in 1912, and the events of the meeting she spoke at. Seven girls in the year became our Edwardian Suffragettes and braved the heckles, insults and even stink bombs, thrown by the St. Aidan's boys to recreate this political meeting. The girls performed brilliantly, and their speeches were cheered on and enjoyed by the rest of the Year at the Royalty Theatre in Sunderland. The event was a great addition to our annual visit to Beamish where all the girls get the opportunity to be transported back to Edwardian England for the day.



## Durham Cathedral

This summer the History and RE departments revived the visit to Durham Cathedral for Year 7 pupils. Girls toured the cathedral, learning about the religious aspects as well as the historical importance of the building and religion in the

region too. The day included a tour of the different areas of the cathedral, a visit to some of the underground chambers, including some dressing up as Medieval monks, and even a few Harry Potter inspired moments where some of the film's scenes were done!

## History finds a new home

With the completion of phase two of the McAuley building, the majority of the History Department has found a new home. New meets old, as History covering prehistoric cultures all the way up to modern society is taught in these new buildings, with pupils able to utilise the Educare Centre for interactive and drama activities. Pupils are keen to share ideas with each other and enjoy doing something different, including being allowed to write on our new walls!





# Horner's Fundraising Corner



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Race for Life

## Year 8 Race for Life July

In July St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy held a 'Place for a Race' event. The event was held for girls in Year 7 and 8 to help raise funds for Cancer Research. Year 7 photo's were in our Summer edition. The final total raised by both year groups was an outstanding **£1457.13**.

Year 7 raised **£1115.10** and Year 8 **£342.03**.

Well done to all those girls who took part! Hope to see you next year.



# Horner's Fundraising Corner

## WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

### Macmillan Coffee Morning 2013

This year the Macmillan coffee morning was yet another success. St Anthony's staff all came together during morning break to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes. Donations came in as quickly as the cakes went out!

Miss Horner would like to thank all the staff who brought cakes into school and everyone who generously helped raise **£173.65** for the Macmillan Cancer support team. We would also like to thank Charlotte from 'Charlottes house of flowers' Cleveland Rd, Sunderland for donating a beautiful bouquet which helped boost our fund raising.



### Wear it Pink in PE Week for Cancer Research



During the week beginning 21st October all the pupils who participated in Physical Education were allowed to wear pink clothes to help raise money for the breast cancer campaign.

Miss Horner would like to thank all the pupils who donated towards this charity and also to 9SRo who delivered an assembly on breast cancer to the girls in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

After assembly in Years 10 and 11 we held a collection for those girls who would not have PE that week.

Year 10 raised **£27.44**, Year 11 raised **£29.14**

The 6th Form pupils were allowed to wear pink clothes on Friday 25th October. Year 12 raised **£134.02** and Year 13 raised **£90.95**.

The total amount of money St Anthony's Academy raised during the week was **£777.00**

Thank you to all the whole school for their efforts and participation. Miss T Horner.





## Café Kulture

We would like to introduce you to the MFL department's new initiative, Café Kulture. This Café was set up by Languages staff and is now run by Sixth Formers, who sell a variety of drinks, biscuits and cakes at parents' evenings. So far, the Café has catered for the Year 12 and the Year 11 Parents' Evenings and it has been a huge success! Parents, teachers and students have all welcomed the chance to sample some continental refreshments, as well as have a go at ordering in a foreign language (help is provided)! All proceeds from the Café will go towards a Night of MFL in the summer term – more details to follow. We hope you will get the chance to visit the Café and try your hand at German, French or Spanish!

## European Day of Languages - Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership



On Thursday 26th September, ten Year 9 students were lucky enough to attend a Catholic Partnership event at St John's school to celebrate the European Day of Languages. The girls attended five workshops throughout the day, including Italian ice-cream making, French storytelling and Bollywood dancing. All of the girls were so enthusiastic and really made the most of their day. Charlotte Gallaway's favourite workshop was the taster of Japanese as it was interesting to learn a completely new language. Grace Copeland described the day as a cultural celebration of language – it certainly was! and according to Beth...

it was the highlight of the year so far! The Year 9's hope that the girls who go next year enjoy it as much as they did – we are sure they will!



## Onatti French play

Onatti Theatre Company delighted us once more this year with a French play called 'Mon Père ne me comprend pas'. All girls studying French in Years 9 to 11 attended and they were all thoroughly entertained! Most of the language used by the two actors was familiar to the girls, and their excellent acting skills made it simple for everyone to follow. Faye Huntley and Paulina Ruban did an excellent job helping the actors during one point, and Mrs Marshall, Mrs Collins and Mrs Wolland also played a cameo role dancing with the male actor! It was a really enjoyable afternoon and we are now looking forward to welcoming the Spanish play next year.

## Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Eurovision Song Contest



On 2nd July Carmel College hosted the Eurovision Song Contest. All students from Year 9 were





invited to audition, with 10 girls selected. The girls had to create an original song in a foreign language using an existing tune. They picked Summer Nights from the musical Grease to write a love story of a French boy and Spanish girl who meet during the summer holidays.

They produced their own lyrics, dance routine and costumes, rehearsing at lunchtimes and after school, and holding a cake sale to raise money for costumes.

On the day, St Anthony's were first to perform against seven other partnership schools; two Sixth Form students, Imogen Fife and Rebecca Toomey, introduced them in French, Spanish and English before taking their place as judges. The performance was lively with excellent pronunciation, actions and bright costumes, all to entertain the KS3 students from across the diocese. After their performance, the girls supported the other schools, joining in with actions and choruses. At lunchtime Carmel College provided an international style buffet before staff performed a Eurovision Karaoke.

St Anthony's came 4th; the girls agreed it was a great experience as they had enjoyed the creativity of the task and the thrill of performing.

Jennifer Szandrowska said "It was lots of fun to perform our song and watch the other schools perform. At lunchtime we got a chance to speak to new people and make friends. After lunch, we sang and danced to a German song and to the Macarena. It was a very good day!"

Emily Oliver said "I had a great day and made lots of new friends. I enjoyed performing our song and watching others. I was sad we didn't win, but still was proud of where we were placed. Overall, it was a fun day."

## MFL Film Club!

Years 10, 11 and the Sixth Form are invited to come along to Lourdes for the MFL Film Club! French and Spanish films will be shown every fortnight during lunch and after school! It's a great way to improve your language skills and experience another culture! See posters around school for more details.

## Aventuras en Barcelona!

A group of Spanish students from Years 10 to 13 have just returned from an action-packed study visit to Barcelona. During the 5 days, the 19 pupils were able to experience Spanish culture first hand, including sampling some very Spanish dishes: paella and churros con chocolate. Some of the most memorable moments included visits to the Sagrada Familia Cathedral, FC Barcelona Stadium and Mont Juic. As well as sightseeing, the girls also managed to get lots of shopping time in the Pueblo Espanyol shopping village and practised their Spanish conversation in the cafés and shops of Villa Nova town. Special treats included a night-time outing in the centre of Barcelona, Salsa dancing lessons and a Karaoke night on the camp site.

Miss Cousin is currently organising the Study Visit for 2014, so please see her for more details.



The group outside the Sagrada Familia



Watching street performers at Mont Juic

# International Links

## The Academy's International Link - update November 13

The Academy continues to develop its international links; it maintains and builds on existing links and also takes on new relationships with schools and organizations abroad. The items below provide a flavour of developments in this area.

### China



St. Anthony's is aware of the growing importance of links with China and the study of Mandarin. We are working with the Local Authority and a group of Sunderland schools to host a visit by 6 Chinese teachers. The final dates are still to be confirmed but could be before Christmas 2013. The teachers will be accompanied by a Deputy Director of Education and a translator.

### India - British Council Connecting Classrooms Project



A group from St. Anthony's visited India in October 2013, (see separate report). We have reapplied for funding from the British Council to continue our work with KVKV School in Rajkot in the state of Gujarat. Three teachers from KVKV are planning to visit St. Anthony's in June 2014. We are also liaising with Gateshead Local Authority and planning joint activities to link with their own programme of links with schools in Rajkot.

### Korea



For the second year running the school is part of a team of schools from the North East of England working with Creativity Culture and Education in teacher exchange visits with Korean teachers as part of their Creative Partnerships in Education programme. Their Korean partners for this exchange are the International Teacher Exchange Team at Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding, (APCEIU), under the auspices of UNESCO, as part of their Teaching Abroad for Global Competency.

Miss Katie Brown visited Korea for 3 weeks in June / July 2013 and enjoyed a varied programme of events. Mrs Helen Hoey and Mr Chris Malkin will host Korean teachers in St. Anthony's in January before they visit Korea in July 2014.

### Mercy International



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy is a Mercy school and the Sisters continue to play an important part as trustees, as foundation governors and as chaplains. There is also a Sister who is a member of the teaching staff. We continue to liaise with the work of Mercy International.

We hold an annual "Good cup of tea" day when past and present staff get together to share refreshments. All proceeds go to Mercy International.

### Spain



In the spring term we prepared a joint bid for Comenius Funding from the European Union to enable St. Anthony's and our partners' school in Torrijos, near Madrid, to do pupil exchanges for the next two years. While the British Council approved our side of the bid, the Spanish authorities did not so we could not go ahead. We continue to seek funding to develop student exchanges. We have recently been approached by a school near Granada to consider an exchange of students and are looking closely into that. The teacher involved, Carmen Rodrigues de la Cruz, spent a year in St. Anthony's as a Foreign Language Assistant in 1991 and has maintained links with staff over the years.

### Sweden - University of Linnaeus



The partnership between the Academy and this prestigious Swedish university has been established for nearly a decade. We regularly welcome initial teacher trainee teachers for visits of up to two weeks. We are hoping to organise a visit by staff from St. Anthony's to Sweden for a programme of visits to schools sometime in the Summer term 2014.



# International Links

## Teaching Abroad for Global Competency 2013



Miss Katie Brown, Deputy Subject Leader for Design and Technology has been part of an International Exchange to South Korea.

Ms. Sun Mi YUN from Guwol Girls' Middle School, Incheon, arrived in the UK in January 2013. She visited St. Anthony's during the week and spent time observing a variety of lessons. Sun Mi then planned and delivered a Chemistry lesson to Year 7 on the production of "Bopki" a traditional Korean snack, similar to cinder toffee. Sun Mi's team also taught a lesson to Miss Brown's Year 13 Product Design class on the history of Korea and also gave them the opportunity to make traditional Korean papercraft "Hanbok".



On her return visit in June 2013, Miss Brown visited the city of Incheon on the North West coast of South Korea and spent 3 weeks working in Guwol Girls' Middle School. Miss Brown observed practice in range of lessons including some more traditional lessons such as Chinese and Japanese Character. Miss Brown then delivered lessons in Textiles. All grade 8 students within the school had a 1 hour

lesson with Miss Brown on the History of the United Kingdom, Popular Culture and Textiles. All students made a pin badge to take away with them as a souvenir of their experience.



## Links with India Grow and Grow

We have continued to build on our links with KVKV School in Rajkot, Gujarat, India. In July the Head Teacher, Ms Sonal Shah, spent 10 days in St. Anthony's visiting classes and doing some presentations on Indian life, observing lessons and following a varied cultural programme. One of the most interesting features of the visit was having Indian students observing 4 lessons in Technology live via a Skype link.



Emily Best, Rebecca Toomey and Caitlin Strong in dance costumes and Mollie Rennoldson in stage outfit – the 4 stars!

In October midterm Mr Flores, Mr Jordan and 4 students, Emily Best, Mollie Rennoldson, Caitlin Strong and Rebecca Toomey spent 10 days visiting KVKV School. During their time there they did three activities with different groups of students. These included short plays in English and French on the theme of the environment, workshop activities using Photoshop and designing a ruler using 2D Design. The rulers have then been manufactured in St. Anthony's and sent to India.



# International Links

The group also enjoyed a very varied programme. A visit to a poppadum factory, a seminar in an animation studio, handling snakes in a snake sanctuary and a 3-hour drive round the Gir Forest Nature Reserve to see the lions living in the wild.

One of the highlights of the programme was an evening cultural event for over 1,000 spectators. Three of the students, (Emily Best, Caitlin Strong and Rebecca Toomey) learnt the Dandia dance and performed it with the KVKV dance group wearing their own costumes. Mollie Rennoldson performed two songs. Mr. Flores sang a Gujarati folk song for which he had been ruthlessly coached! An excellent time was had by all.

The teachers and students enjoyed wonderful hospitality and made many friends during their visit. Both schools have reapplied for funding from the

British Council to build on these links in 2013-14.

Grateful thanks to the sponsors who made this trip possible:

The Sisters of Mercy, the Uniform Shop, the Mallard Inn, Seaham, Chesters Pub, G.O. O'Brien.



The group with Fr. Watson (far left) after visiting the Bishop of Rajkot after Mass.

## Important Key Dates 2014

<b>January</b>	6th January	Staff INSET Training Day
	7th January	Academy re-opens after Christmas Holidays
	7th to 13th	Year 12 Mock examinations
	14th January	Sixth Form Open Evening (6-9pm)
	21st January	Year 9 Options Evening
<b>February</b>	30th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
	11th to 13th	"Oliver" Academy performance: 7pm start
	14th February	Break up for Half Term
<b>March</b>	24th February	Academy re-opens after Half Term
	3rd March	Functional skills English
	4th March	Functional skills Maths
	31st March	Music Examinations
<b>April</b>	1st to 4th	Music Examinations GCSE and A level recording
	3rd April	Antonian Awards evening, Roker Hotel
	4th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
	17th April	Results of March Functional Skills Exams
	22nd April	Academy re-opens after Easter Holidays
<b>May and June</b>	8th May to 24th June	Examinations – GCSE AS + Advanced
<b>August</b>	14 August	AS + A Level Results
	21 August	GCSE Results



# Maths

## Junior Maths Challenge Results 2013



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

The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 8

**Best in School:** Rebecca Begg

**Best in year:** Rebecca Begg

#### Gold

Rebecca Begg

#### Silver

Elle Haswell

Lucy Roberts

Grace Copeland

Charlotte Galloway

June Gomez

Lauren Crosby

#### Bronze

Holly Bailey

Anna Redshaw

Beth Collinson

Chloe Mackel

Lucy Robinson

Charlotte Hodgson

Rachel Krajovska

Hannah Metcalfe

Maisha Choudhury

Rebecca Old

Rhiannon Laverick

Seethal Vinod

Jaymie Briton

Savannah Pye

Sasha Hughes

Millie Crawford

### Year 7

**Best in Year:** Rachel Green

#### Silver Certificate

Rachel Green

Bethany Jones

Diana Sabu

Jasmine Staples

#### Bronze Certificate

Hannah Marshall

Olivia Holden

Eve Grant

Hana Elmarakbi

Jane Matibag

Katie Tullock

Kinga Lewandowska

Lucy Hall

Sophie Foster

Elizabeth Earl

Ayesha Isahac

## Awards for Success in Sixth Form Mathematics

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

In 2013 Faye Havelock was presented the Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics, while Sarah Norman received the Further Mathematics Award.

Both Faye and Sarah attained an A\* in A level Mathematics with Sarah also gaining a grade A in Further Maths



Faye Havelock and Sarah Norman

Both are outstanding Mathematicians, who deserve these awards, but there were many who could have received them and special mention goes to, Aganieszka Lewandowska (A\* & A in Maths and Further Maths), Hayley Boal (A in Maths), Anna Chisholm (A in Maths), Abi McGhie (A in Maths) and Lucy Murdy (A in Maths).

Last summer the A Level Results saw some outstanding performances in Mathematics. At Advanced level 33% of passes were at A\* or A grade with 60% at the top grades of A\*-B and with an overall pass rate of 100%.

At Further Maths there was 100% pass rate achieved by the 4 students studying it with an A\* and two Grade As.

Congratulations to all who studied Mathematics with us and good luck in the future.

Anyone interested in AS or A2 Mathematics or Further Mathematics at St Anthony's are asked to contact Mr M McDonagh at any time.

# Music

## Another Amazing Summer Soirée!



What a night! Thank you to everyone who came to support the annual Academy Summer Soirée in July to see our talented students performing. This year's theme was 'Music from the Movies' and the audience were treated to a variety of pieces ranging from the Senior Choir's 'Into the West' from Lord of the Rings, and the Orchestra's 'Mission Impossible', to ensembles and soloists from across Years 7 to 13. The hall was full to capacity and the 200 students who took part were overwhelmed at the praise and support given. Thank you!



## The Senior Choir Dazzles at the Sage



In July, the Senior Choir represented St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy as part of the Hexham

and Newcastle Catholic Partnership at the Sage, Gateshead. Each school performed an individual piece, and our choir also took part in the Opening Mass choral piece of Handel's 'Hallelujah' from his Messiah, along with the other schools in the Catholic Partnership. Our individual piece was 'Bond Medley'; an arrangement of four classic Bond songs which seemed to stun the audience and was extremely well received. Sara Crawshaw, Director of the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership called the performance "arresting" and said how much she had enjoyed working with our students. Well done, girls!

## Venice

In July, the Senior Choir flew to Venice, Italy, on their annual choir tour to perform three concerts, take in the culture and eat as much ice cream as possible! Accompanied by Mrs Dudley, Mrs Abbs, Sr Adrienne as well as Mrs Manning and Miss Connorton and Art pupils, the students had a five day whistle-stop tour of the fabulous city.



The first performance was in the majestic St Mark's Cathedral, where the girls performed Schubert's 'Ave Maria' and the traditional 'Amazing Grace'. Lots of onlookers had arrived to see the girls and weren't disappointed. Their first performance was excellent. Their second performance the following day was an outdoor recital outside of St Anthony's Basilica in Padua, after the students had had a chance to see his relics. Even in the blistering 30 degree heat the girls once again performed brilliantly. The highlight





# Music

of the tour came in the third performance at Santa Maria della Pietà – known locally as ‘Vivaldi’s Church’. The girls prepared a varied programme consisting of songs from Vivaldi’s Gloria (a fitting tribute) to traditional North-Eastern folk songs, to contemporary film songs.

The girls also performed at two ‘impromptu’ concerts; one at the hotel by request of the hotel manager to the guests, and the second on the coach journey home from Padua by request of the driver! He enjoyed the recital so much that he took the wrong turn, and it took us longer to get back to the hotel!

A special mention must be given to Sofia Trovero, Year 9, who speaks fluent Italian and was the translator/tour guide/negotiator for the week. The girls and staff were incredibly proud of her. Also a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Lockey, parents of Anna in Year 13, who coincided a city break at the same time to watch us perform and take photographs.



Overall the visit was another huge success. The choir were an absolute credit to the Academy and the community, and were a pleasure to be with all week.

Where to next...?!

## ABRSM exams

Well done to our talented students who have all achieved ABRSM grades this year through academy tuition:

Katie Macrae	Grade 1 guitar
Aimee Poulton	Grade 1 clarinet
Hannah Thurlbeck	Grade 1 flute
Ciara Ellis	Grade 2 guitar
Rachel Doyle	Grade 2 guitar
Lorian Wallace	Grade 2 guitar
Pheobe Cammiss	Grade 2 flute
Lily Frankland	Grade 3 cornet
Charlotte Galloway	Grade 3 flute
Emily Glancy	Grade 3 clarinet
Natasha Hair	Grade 3 clarinet
Emily Lau	Grade 3 flute
Jennifer Welsh	Grade 3 flute

## Important note

### Oliver change of dates

The dates for the forthcoming Oliver production have been brought forward to coincide with the academy building work. The new dates are Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2014. Start time 7pm. It will be the last production ever to take place in Our Lady’s Hall!

Tickets will go on sale in the New Year; we hope you will all be there to witness another of our fabulous shows, but also to be a part of history!

# SPORTS



The PE department would like to thank Academy for a fantastic and very successful overall winners, the Yellow team and the was a great success and the school raised  
Sr. Maureen is the educational coordinator teachers and organises courses for those is very precious. Thanks for your

## SPORTS DAY

**1st - Yellow**

**2nd - Red**

**4th - Green**

**6th - White**





# DAY 2013

all of the staff and pupils at St. Anthony's  
ssful Sports Day. Congratulations to the  
runners up, the Red team. The whole day  
d £340 for the Bakhita mission in Sudan.  
ator of the Bakhita mission. She trains  
n Sudan. Every penny given to her mission  
continued support and generosity.

## Y RESULTS

ellow

3rd – Blue

5th – Orange

7th – Purple





# Pastoral Year 7



## A Chance of a Lifetime!

Kenzi Quinn (7SHo) was lucky enough to win a holiday with her sister to Disneyland, Florida in October. This was thanks to the Dreamflight charity which takes deserving children from all over the UK, accompanied

by a medical team, to Florida, to have 10 magical days of fun and excitement. Her paediatric consultant nominated her and she was over the moon to win! During the trip, she swam with dolphins, sting rays and sharks, as well as going on lots of rides at the theme park. Her favourite day was spent sunbathing and relaxing in the Lazy River while we in Sunderland had to endure cold, wet weather! We are very jealous of her but really pleased that she got this once in a lifetime opportunity. Well done Kenzi!



## A Star In Our Midst!

Year 7 are buzzing with excitement for the Academy's production of Oliver. We are especially excited to see our very own Abi Davies (7SCa) who secured the title role by performing outstanding singing and acting auditions. Abi is one of sixteen Year 7s who make up a quarter of the cast!



We obviously have a very talented year group on our hands! Tickets will go on sale in the New Year 2014.



This October Year 7 have been fundraising their socks off for CAFOD! The girls were asked to fundraise for a week, and donate any money that they would normally spend on sweets and treats to this worthy cause. In total the year group raised an amazing **£369.14!**

7SMo raised nearly **£70** and as a reward each girl in the form was given a pair of tickets to a Sunderland Premier League match. Well Done girls!



Fighting disease,  
poverty and prejudice

Year 7 pupils have decided that they would like to support the work for Lepra for their Christmas Charity. The Lepra charity aims to change the lives of people affected by Leprosy. They will use our donation in a variety of ways such as ensuring families in need can access diagnosis and treatment, training health workers to support local people, and paying for reconstructive surgery, shoes and daily living aids for disabled adults and children

Each form class will fundraise for this worthwhile charity by organising cake sales, sponsored silences and other exciting events. As a thank you from the charity the girls will take part in a 'fun workout' with a qualified instructor on Personal Development Day.

Good Luck girls!



# Pastoral Year 7

## The Assembly Challenge!!

In a bid to support all Year 7 pupils getting to know each other, Mrs Abbs (Year Leader) set the year group a challenge. Pupils were invited to plan, prepare and deliver an assembly on a topic of their choice and a reader would present it to the whole year group in morning assembly. So far this year we have seen the 'St Joseph's Crew' create a Halloween quiz, which tested their knowledge gained from the assembly Bethany Usher and Abi Davies delivered on history of Halloween. We have also had pupils stressing the importance of 'The Firework Code' in perfect timing for Bonfire Night. Coming up this term there are presentations on Karate, RSPCA, Remembrance Day as well as a lesson in balloon twisting!

Well done to all the pupils who have taken part in assemblies this year.



Left to right: Rhiannon Bryant, Izadora Preece



Left to right: Abi Davies, Bethany Allsopp



Left to right: Abbie Rogers, Grace Scott, Jade Forster, Mollie O'Donnell and Stephanie Welsh.



Left to right:: Leia Young, Olivia Bond, Lucy Freeman, Mille Harrison, Charlotte Macmurray, Abbey Jackson.

# Pastoral Year 8

## 100% attendance

Many Year 8 girls have made an outstanding start to the academic year and several have **100%** attendance since September.

Well done to all those on **100%** attendance!

Rachel Bowman, Olivia Broadbent, Charlotte Burnham, Rhea Corner, Sophie Coverdale, Amy Dixon, Emilia Dove, Jennifer Emerson, Lily Frankland, Rachel Green, Ellie Hamilton, Beth Hanger, Megan Haq, Alyssa Kemp, Arusha Khan, Sarah Knight, Leanne Maidment, Jane Matibag, Sarah McKeown, Kiara Mkansi, Amy Nichols, Hannah Ridley, Maisie Sherriff, Jasmine Staples, Ellie Thompson and Lalijit Toor!



Bethany Henderson (8SHa) is a very special St. Anthony's student. Bethany dedicates her spare time to Charity fundraising and organised a **Macmillan Coffee afternoon** to raise money for Macmillan

nurses. Bethany organised the cakes herself and even ran a raffle to raise extra money. Bethany raised an amazing total of **£160.43** – a great solo achievement! She hopes to continue to do more of this work in the future. Well done Bethany for your fantastic efforts.

St Anthony's were lucky enough to receive some free football tickets for Sunderland versus Man' City at the Stadium of Light. Several girls were nominated to receive a pair of tickets from their contribution to our school. Several of the girls nominated are key players in the Year 8 football team!

Well done Sarah McKeown, Ellie Hamilton, Riya Stephen, Georgia Donaghue, Tyler Hutchinson, Bethany Henderson, Emily Hutchinson, Olivia Broadbent and Holly Brace.



**CAFOD**  
Just one world

Girls from Year 8 put lots of effort into making home-made cakes to sell for charity!

They did an excellent job and raised over **£70** for CAFOD. Well done to Ashlin Roy, Lauren Taylor, Jasmine Stenton and Dipti Begum.





# Pastoral Year 9

## Year 9 Pastoral News

### Attendance

We are focusing on attendance in Year 9 as "Every Day Counts".



We currently have **83 girls in Year 9 who have 100% attendance** so far this term! Well Done Girls!

### Form Class Assemblies



The girls in Year 9 are continuing to plan and deliver their own assemblies this year. The girls in 9SRo focused on raising awareness about breast cancer in their assembly. The assembly was timed to coincide with the Wear it Pink in PE week and promoted the breast cancer campaign. The assembly was excellent and the girls delivered the assembly not only to their own year group but they also went into the Years 7, 8 and 10 assemblies to deliver this very important message. Well Done Girls!

We look forward to listening to the assemblies carried out by the other form classes.

### GCSE options

The Year 9 girls will be shortly receiving information regarding their GCSE options. Time will be spent during assemblies and tutorial sessions focusing on GCSE options and providing information about the different option subjects.

**The Year 9 Option Evening takes place on Tuesday 21st January 2014. The Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 30th January 2014.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Year 9 Cakes, cakes, cakes.....

Year 9 girls have been busy making and selling cakes for Manzini and Cancer charities. Each tutor

group has been given a slot during the year. Sales so far have reached hundreds of pounds. Well done and keep up the good work.



### Year Council News

Year 9 Council meet regularly to discuss ways in which to improve school life. Student voice is important and the girls are learning life skills that they can use in the future by being able to discuss issues in a mature and sensitive way.

### Homework club

Every Wednesday homework club is offered to Year 9 during lunchtime. It is well attended and allows pupils to catch up or get help with homework.

### Christmas raffle and quiz

Year 9 will be running a Christmas quiz and raffle in order to raise funds for Manzini. I am sure these events will be well supported as always.

### Fairtrade

Year 9 girls have been selling Fairtrade goods all term for Manzini – keep up the good work!



# Pastoral Year 10

## Retreat at the Youth Village

In July 50 girls from Year 10 attended a retreat at the Youth Village in Consett with Sister Catherine and staff from MFL and RE.

The retreat was led by the Youth Ministry Team for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The theme of the retreat was CHOICES. The girls stayed in the new chalet accommodation surrounded by the beauty of the countryside. It was the ideal place for a retreat; a chance to relax, unwind and reflect.

The YMT began by encouraging the girls to participate and bond together through ice-breaker games and activities. It was a lot of fun and the team were excellent at motivating the girls.

We were really blessed with the weather and as a treat, the girls went on a walk through the forest to the nearby park area where they relaxed and played Frisbee with the team.

Philip led the girls in a reflection about the difficult choices they can be faced with in life and how to approach them in a Christian and wholesome way, respecting themselves and their freedom. The team used multi-media clips and group discussions to encourage and challenge the girls to think about God in their life.



Picture of the chalets the girls stayed in at the Youth Village

In the evening we had a beautiful prayer session with the opportunity to pray and meditate in a reflective space. We had a Eucharistic Service as part of the evening, a chance to receive the Lord and have some personal time for prayer and contemplation.

At night the girls were able to spend some quality time with each other and some took this as a chance to talk about what they had experienced in the day.

The following day there was more input and activities with the team, before heading back to school. The girls and staff had a wonderful retreat. Many thanks to Philip and the team at YMT for the excellent input and carefully constructed programme.

One of the students in her evaluation wrote: "This has been an amazing retreat. I have reflected on my life and where God is. I feel like I have really had time out to think and to pray. YMT are fabulous!"



Display the girls created for Night Prayer



# Pastoral Year 11

## Certificate of Working Life

As part of their Certificate of Working Life the current Year 11 pupils completed a Basic First Aid lesson during Personal Development Day in July. They all now understand the importance of first aid. They discussed what to do in the case of an accident and practised putting each other in the recovery position and how to perform CPR on a 'little annie mannequin' and also how to bandage casualties. Great learning and enjoyment as you can see from the photographs!



## Attendance

Year 11 have worked hard to continue to improve their attendance in the run up to important GCSE examinations.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved **100%** attendance this academic year.

Aldis, Jessica	Francis, Lauren	Patterson, Ellie	Sabu, Della
Atkinson, Abbie	Greenman, Millie	Pearson, Emily	Scott, Eden
Barker, Claire	Heydon, Rebecca	Pearson, Rachael	Smith, Neve
Boal, Heather	Huntley, Faye	Pemu, Jemine	Spoor, Claudia
Broom, Lauren	Junia, Madella	Phipps, Jessica	Thurlow, Louise
Buxton, Lydia	Laverick, Hannah	Price, Megan	Thynne, Kate
Campbell, Melissa	Lawrence, Savannah	Quinn, Megan	Tilbury, Lucy
Chapman, Melissa	Liddle, Sophie	Raju, Riya	Turnbull, Emily
Chisholm, Emily	Lim, Rachel	Richardson, Bethany	Tynan, Megan
Connolly, Jennifer	Lincoln, Jessica	Richardson, Georgia	Walker, Eve
Curle, Molly	Lozada, Hershey	Richardson, Sarah	Watson, Amy
Davenport, Samantha	Matlock, Charlotte	Robinson, Sophia	Watson, Emma
Davies, Emma	Maw, Georgia	Ross, Kennedy	Williamson, Katie
Dixon, Rachael	McCluskey, Georgia	Rowe, Olivia	Wiseman, Chloe
Fikila, Benedict	McRoy, Amy	Rudd, Adele	Wood, Chloe
Foster, Anna	O'Neill, Shannen	Ryan, Emily	



# Pastoral Year 12-13

## SIXTH FORM

Many congratulations to last year's Year 13! 105 girls gained university places and have gone to study 52 different courses in 22 universities.

Two courses new to our list this year were – Culinary Arts and Ethical Hacking!

28 girls gained places at universities in the prestigious Russell Group. For further details please see 'University Destinations' in Careers.

We would like to congratulate all our new undergraduates and wish them every success in the future. Make sure you come back to see us soon and let us know what you are doing!

This year we welcomed Miss K Wallis as a tutor in Year 12. A very big welcome to our new Year 12, all 158 of them!



A big welcome from our Head Girl (Emily Best) and our Deputy Head Girl (Alice Fairweather). By the way – the tattoos on Emily's left arm are from her recent school trip to India to the KVKV school in Gujarat. The patterns are Mehndi patterns on her arms and hands as part of her involvement in a number of festivities, and will fade!

## Year 12 Induction Residential

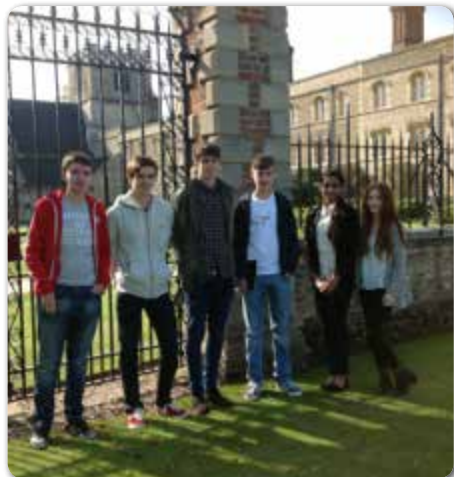
In September Year 12 pupils started Sixth Form with an overnight stay at the Youth Village in Consett. This has become an annual event and was a great opportunity for pupils to make new

friends and spend some time relaxing and bonding as well as developing the important skills of teamwork and self reflection.



## Work in School

Now that the autumn term is well under way, the Sixth Form has settled down to lots of hard academic work. Year 13 has the additional challenge of applying to university.



This term two of our potential Oxbridge students (Anjana Varghese and Rachael Matthews) attended a residential at Jesus College, Cambridge with fellow students from St Aidan's Academy.



# Pastoral Year 12-13

## Work for the wider community

In the summer a group of Sixth Form students went to Manzini in Swaziland where St Anthony's supports and aids orphans.



Sixth Form pupils are also incredibly generous with their money. So far this year they have raised **£285.77** for several charities (CAFOD, Breast Cancer), a marvellous effort.

This term has seen the launch of the Youth SVP group in Year 12. The volunteers will join the Year 13 students in a range of community projects including visits to a local care home, actions groups against human trafficking and work in local parishes with asylum seekers.

As our Christmas Charity this year, pupils in Year 12 and 13 are once again collecting toiletries for the SVP to make up hampers for those in need in our community.

This term six students from Year 12 have had the opportunity to work together with Sixth Form students in Barbara Priestman School. The students have spent the time sharing ideas and debating issues relevant to all young people. Both sets of students have found the collaboration rewarding and often surprising as stereotypical views have been overturned. As Laura Heatlie said "I have loved it and want to do more work experience there, it has been a real laugh!"

Special thanks go to Dr. Emery for organising the collaboration and we all hope to continue this in the future.

## It's not all work!

In October we were privileged to have Mark Earnden to initiate Year 13 into the mysteries of cooking as university students.



Last summer, a group of Year 12 students attended a Summer Sixth Form Festival at the Diocesan Youth Village where, they attended workshops, watched a play about human trafficking and took part in a musical activity.



And to end with, a picture of Alex Earl (Year 13 last year) and Hannah Trotter playing their saxophones for the end of year celebrations. Let's hope this year also brings us just as much to celebrate!!

## Attendance

In the previous Spotlight we celebrated the success of those girls who had **100%** Attendance in Year 11 (current Year 12). Unfortunately Charlotte Potts (12SR) name was missed out of the article. She deserves a big congratulations for **100%** attendance in Year 11.

In fact Charlotte has never taken a day off since she started school in 2008! Well done Charlotte!

# Psychology

## PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AS and A2 2012 to 2013



Starting from back left to right: Zoe Mitchie, Jasmine Kaur, Jennifer Hodgson, Jenny Tatters, Katie Barraclough, Olivia Dodds, Elena Gabriel, Imogen Simpson, Jennifer Hughes and Grace Quinn



The hypnotist in action with audience participation

The Psychology department took students on 3 educational visits:

**Edinburgh** – The first and most popular one – entitled “Science and Pseudo-science”. The conference explored what was good and bad science and how psychology fitted into science. The morning lectures were quite academically focussed, whilst the afternoon presentations looked at:-

### The Psychology of Magic and Illusion.

Magicians appear to make solid objects vanish into thin air, defy the laws of gravity and predict the future. Professor Richard Wiseman invites you to step backstage and discover the secret science of sorcery.

Andrew Newton is one of the most successful and experienced hypnotists in the world. Andrew demonstrates the use of hypnosis whilst giving some interesting academic insights into how this process works on a psychological level. The audience is invited to participate.

**Revision Conference** - AS and A2 held at Carmel College through the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership held on 4th March and 22nd April respectively.

Sixth Form comments about the events:-

“I really enjoyed the Psychology field trips and found them very worthwhile. It was refreshing to hear and see aspects of the syllabus in a different way, such as at the Edinburgh conference where we had a number of different lecturers giving their views on a range of topics. I found both the Psychology outings really helpful and thoroughly enjoyed the entertaining speakers, especially the hypnotist.” (Imogen Simpson A2 student and Head Girl)

“I really enjoyed the visit to Edinburgh. I found it interesting and it showed a side of Psychology which I think most students would enjoy seeing” (Elena Gabriel A2 student)

“I really enjoyed both visits and although we didn’t know much about the Edinburgh one, it was an enjoyable experience especially with the hypnotist. Darlington was very helpful with revision as it was going over things in different ways from what we had learned and helped our understanding. I’m glad I got the chance to go on both of the educational visits.” (Jennifer Hughes AS student)

“I thought the Edinburgh excursion was really good, even though we hadn’t really done much yet on the subject because it was early on in the school year, but I enjoyed all the speakers and thought it was really interesting! It probably didn’t help that much with what we’ve done in Psychology but it was still a good experience, with the hypnotist as well, I loved that! The revision in Darlington was really helpful, with all the hand-outs they gave out!” (Grace Quinn AS student)





# Learning Resource Centre News

## Learning Resource Centre

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

A new Pupil Librarian Course started in October and 12 girls from Year 8 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 and receive a signed copy of one of their books.



Miss Duncan's Yr 7 English Class

Love books love our library  
Information every where you go  
Brilliant books on every shelf  
Reference, revision and many more  
Action and adventure books around every corner  
Reading is so much fun  
Yes yes yes to reading



Love the library and learn  
Interesting books and information  
Best place to read and do homework  
Read different books  
Adventure and art everywhere  
Romantic books  
Yes it so fun to read



## THE SUNDAY TIMES

**St. Anthony's named in Sunday Times TOP 250  
State Schools - one of only six in the North East.**

### Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Prayer Competition

Congratulations to **Jane Usher** in Year 7 who has produced this beautiful prayer for our Catholic Partnership. Students were asked to write a new school prayer to St Anthony for our partnership theme this year, "Called to be Saints". Here is Jane's new school prayer:



Most Holy St Anthony,  
Patron of our school,  
We pray to you.  
May you help us today,  
In everything we do,  
And help us to preach God's word,  
Just like you did to the fish.  
As we work this day,  
Support us.  
We look up to your kindness,  
We try to follow your example  
St Anthony, pray for us.

### Convent Expeditions

In October of 2013 the convent of Oaklea opened its doors to all Year 7 pupils to have a look around. Many pupils on their arrival at St Anthony's have many questions involving the Sisters of Mercy and their everyday lives and this was a fantastic opportunity to see it for themselves. "I loved it, and it was so nice to see what the Sisters do and how they live," said one Year 7 pupil.

A tour was organised to view the chapel, eating and relaxing areas and the serene gardens that surround the convent. Pupils were also invited



to take part in a divine object treasure hunt in these very gardens. Many thanks to all the Sisters especially our tour guides for the day Sister Francis and Sister Josepha, I can safely say we'll be back.



### Faith Festival!

Monday 9th December to Thursday 12th December will see St Anthony's transformed into a colourful and diverse arena for the school's first Faith Festival.

During this week we have a plethora of activities for everyone in the school to enjoy; Henna tattoos, sacred space treasure hunts, yoga, meditation, lessons on festivals of light, a dance festival, charity Thursday and many many more!



### YEAR 7 JEWISH VISITOR

Year 7 pupils were delighted to have Jewish visitor Deanna Van der Velde come in to give them a talk on the Jewish religion. Deanna taught Year 7 pupils in several workshops spread throughout the day. She explained the importance of Shabbat and how it is celebrated in her house. The pupils were very interested in the personal aspect of her talk and loved the artefacts she brought in. They loved the children's prayer mezuzahs she

brought in. The mezuzahs came in different designs, some superheroes and football teams! The girls were not too pleased to see a black and white mezuzah which is popular in the Gosforth synagogue where Deanna worships!

(A spider man mezuzah)



### Outstanding Once Again!

**“St Anthony’s Girls’ Catholic Academy is an outstanding Catholic school.”**

**(Section 48 Report)**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle carried out its inspection of the Catholic life of the school and Religious Education in June 2013. In all categories of the inspection – Catholic Life, Catholic Worship and Religious Education – the academy was recognized as ‘Outstanding’. This is a fantastic achievement for all of our staff, students and parents. Well done!





# PE & Sport

## Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Badminton

Congratulations to Year 8 and 9 Badminton teams who recently competed at the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Tournament. The Year 9 'A' team, which included Thea Bolante, Raven Farongey and Pauline Ibarra, performed brilliantly to finish in 1st place.

The Year 8 'A' team, which included Charlotte Wiseman, Lauren Taylor and Robyn Taylor, were playing in their first ever Badminton competition



and finished in an excellent 2nd place in their League. Overall, with the 'A' and 'B' team scores from both year groups combined, St. Anthony's finished in a fantastic 3rd place. All received Bronze medals. Well done girls!

Pictured above is the Year 9 'A' team winners with their medals. From left to right are Thea Bolante, Raven Farongey and Pauline Ibarra.



Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Badminton Bronze medallists, pictured in the back row from left to right: Pauline Ibarra, Thea Bolante, Emily Lau, Jasmine Stenton, Lauren Taylor, Lydia Richardson-Dunn, Charlotte Wiseman and Robyn Taylor. Pictured in the front row from left to right: Raven Farongey, Lorian Wallace, Daniella Junia and Florence Wong.



## Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Regatta 2013



On Friday 27th September eight Year 8 girls attended the first Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Regatta. The event was held at Tees Barrage. Eleven schools from the partnership entered the event. All teams participated in bell boat racing. The girls worked extremely hard having to work together as a team to master using a paddle and synchronising their strokes during each race but unfortunately, despite all their efforts, they didn't win! The event was followed by a barbecue lunch. It was a fun day and the weather was kind to us, the only people getting wet were the participants in their boats. The girls who participated were Amelia Avent, Ellie Hodgson, Amelia Ho, Katie Bittel, Sobhia Hussain, Ayesha Isahac, Maria Isahac, Ajitcia Richardson.



The girls are just heading off to the start line.



# PE & Sport

## City of Sunderland Trampoline Finals

Congratulations to all the Key Stage 3 girls who represented St. Anthony's in the City of Sunderland Trampoline Finals. This was the first trampoline competition for many of the Year 7 girls, who had the opportunity to compete as individuals and also as part of a team. Many of the girls competed in the Beginners competition, with a few girls in Year 9 competing in the Intermediate and Elite Competitions. Everyone performed extremely well in both their compulsory and voluntary routines, with Amelia Dickman coming 2nd in the KS3 Beginners section, closely followed by Molly O'Donnell who was placed 3rd. The KS3 Beginners team also won their competition as a team! Well done to all! The girls in this winning team were: Molly O'Donnell, Amelia Dickman, Rebecca Old, Abigail Davies, Grace Scott and Jade Surtees – Well Done!!

The success of the girls mentioned above resulted in them being invited to the next stage of the competition, representing Sunderland in the Tyne and Wear Finals.



St. Anthony's Trampoline Squad  
(Back left to right):

Rebecca Old, Eve Murphy, Aimee Lincoln, Rhiannon Laverick, Eleanor Lynn, Jade Surtees, Lauren Calvert, Grace Scott, Amelia Dickman, Rachel Brown, Paige Dodd, Bethany Dixon, Abigail Davies, Georgia Hales, Megan Hodgson, Leia Wilkinson and Molly O'Donnell.



KS3 Beginners Section Winners

(Back left to right):

Rebecca Old, Molly O'Donnell, Abigail Davies and Amelia Dickman. Grace Scott and Jade Surtees not pictured.

The remaining results were:

### KS3 Beginners (out of 28)

2nd – Amelia Dickman

3rd – Molly O'Donnell

5th – Rebecca Old

8th – Abigail Davies

9th – Paige Dodds

11th – Jade Surtees

12th – Bethany Dixon

14th – Lauren Calvert

16th – Georgia Hales

18th – Aimee Lincoln

22nd – Rachel Brown

24th – Eleanor Lynn

25th – Eve Murphy

27th – Grace Scott

### KS3 Intermediate (out of 44)

17th – Leia Wilkinson

24th – Rhiannon Laverick

### KS3 Elite

4th – Megan Hodgson

# PE & Sport

## Community Sports Leaders Level 2

The PE department would like to congratulate: Alix Waites, Sarah Beth Wildgoose, Romany Hatton, Abbe Cuthbertson and Bethany Topping for successfully completing their Level 2 Community Sports Leaders Award.

## Karate Expert



Many congratulations to our very own Year 10, Black Belt Karate expert, Danielle Rowell. Danielle is currently part of the England Squad and recently competed in the European Championships in Sheffield. She competed against 50 other participants from across Europe, achieving 4th place overall. This is a fantastic achievement Danielle. Well done 😊

## English Schools Swimming Team 2013

The following girls competed in the English Schools Division 1 heats, held at the Freeman Quay Swimming Pool in Durham. The Division 1 covers schools in the following areas Northumberland, Durham, Tyne & Wear, Yorkshire North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire.



Grace Burlinson, Shannen O'Neil, Amy Dixon, Pauline Ibarra, Rose Curle, Emily Moore and Sophie Alderson.

They competed in both the Freestyle Relay and Medley Relays.

The junior team were 14th in the Freestyle relay and 16th in the Medley Relays

The intermediate team were 10th in the Freestyle relay and 6th in the Medley Relay

The girls were an asset to the school and worked extremely hard against some strong opposition to gain their final positions. Well done to all!

## Inter-House Swimming Gala July 2013



The girls from Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 who entered this year's Swimming Gala worked hard to win points for their team colours. They took part in individual and team events to finish in the following positions:-

- 7th – 59 points = White
- 6th – 73 points = Blue
- 5th – 87 points = Orange
- 4th – 92 points = Green
- 3rd – 97 points = Red



And for the first time that we can remember we have joint winners

**1st – Purple & Yellow with 150 points**

Well done to all the pupils who took part!





# PE & Sport

## Leadership for Inter-House Tennis

The previous Year 10 Leadership cohort planned, organised and led a successful inter-house tennis competition with Year 7 and 8 pupils. All participants enjoyed the event. The results are:

### Overall Results

1st – White – Year 7 & 8SC

2nd – Red – Year 7 & 8SM

3rd – Green – Year 7 & 8SJ

4th – Orange – Year 7 & 8SR

5th – Yellow – Year 7 & 8SH

6th – Blue – Year 7 & 8ST

7th – Purple – Year 7 & 8SA

Congratulations to the leaders and participants.

Well done 😊



## Year 7 Multi-Sport Event

Congratulations to 10SR, 10SA and 10SM for organising a successful Multi-Sport event for Year 7 pupils. The competition was very successful. The results are:

1st – White: 77 points

2nd – Blue and Orange: 65 points

4th – Green, Red and Purple: 57 points

7th – Yellow: 45 points

## Wimbledon 2013

The PE department organised an excursion to Wimbledon in July. Members of St. Anthony's Tennis teams were able to secure Ladies Double's Quarter Finals' tickets on Court 2. We watched Hsieh and Peng beat Jankovic and Lucic-Baroni 6-4, 7-5 in what was an extremely fast paced and powerful game, gaining them a place in the Semi Final.

After enjoying the play on Court 2, we were also lucky enough to observe Andy Murray's Quarter Final on Henman Hill, in which he came from 2



sets down to beat Fernando Verdasco. This victory led to Murray winning his first Wimbledon title and ending Britain's 77-year wait for a men's champion, with victory over Novak Djokovic in the Final.

Having gained multiple signatures and a wave off from Andy Murray himself, it was decided that everyone had had a great day.

The following day, before heading home, we visited London for a guided tour and were fortunate enough to visit Buckingham Palace and see part of the Changing of Guard parade.



We hope to continue this visit every year.

# PE & Sport



## Netball News

The U14 Netball squad took part in the North Durham County Tournament on Saturday 12th October 2013. It was a cold, rainy day but this didn't dampen their spirits. They played really well and came 3rd out of 8 teams, narrowly missing out on a chance to represent North Durham at the Regional tournament. Pictured from left to right – Molly Tamburino, Sasha Hughes, Ciara Ellis, Lucy Robinson, Olivia Holden, Charlotte Wiseman, Ellie Haswell, Abbie Little, Sarah Knight and Sophie Alderson.

## City of Sunderland Netball League Results

St. Anthony's Yr 9 vs St. Roberts	12 – 1
St. Anthony's Yr 7A vs St. Roberts	1 – 5
St. Anthony's Yr 7B vs St. Roberts	0 – 9
St. Anthony's Yr 11 vs Oxclose	19 – 1
St. Anthony's Yr 10 vs Oxclose	5 – 4
St. Anthony's Yr 9 vs Oxclose	23 – 0

## City Champions

The Under-16 Netball team have made a very successful start to the season, showing a very high standard of netball to win the City of Sunderland Netball tournament. They have also competed in the Tyne & Wear U16 Netball tournament where they came third. Pictured with their trophy and medals left to right – Bethany Miller, Josie Porter, Emily Chisholm, Lucy Tilbury, Bethany Richardson, Emma Morton and Megan Quinn. Keep it up girls!



# PE & Sport

## City of Sunderland Year 8 Netball Tournament

The U13 Netball teams competed in the City of Sunderland Netball Tournament in October.

Both teams performed very well with the B team being placed 6th out of 11 teams.

The A team were Runners Up, after losing in an extremely close final against Monkwearmouth, by one goal (4-3).

Well done to all girls who competed.



Photo: St. Anthony's 'A' Team (left to right): Rachel Green, Sophie Alderson, Molly Tamburrino, Olivia Holden, Emily Moore, Hannah Ridely, Charlotte Wiseman and Sarah Knight.

## Year 7 Inter-house Football Competition 2013

Thanks to all of the organisers in Year's 11 & 12 for their help and support with the Inter-house football competition. The event ran very smoothly and all pupils were a credit to the school.

The Year 7 results are as follows:

Position	Team colour
1st	White
2nd	Red
3rd	Green
4th	Orange
5th	Yellow
6th	Purple
7th	Blue





# PE & Sport

## Year 8 Interhouse Football Competition

The Year 8 results are as follows:

Position	Team colour
1st	Blue
2nd	Orange
3rd	Green
4th	Purple & White
6th	Yellow
7th	Red



## Year 9 Inter-house Football Competition

The Year 9 results are as follows:

Position	Team colour
1st	Yellow
2nd	Purple & Green
4th	Red
5th	Blue
6th	Orange
7th	White



The overall results for the whole school are:

Position	Team colour
1st	Blue
2nd	Orange
3rd	Green
4th	Purple & White

Position	Team colour
5th	Purple
6th	White
7th	Red



# Science

## SCIENCE SPACE CENTRE VISIT MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



The first Science Department Mission to explore the National Space Centre in Leicester blasted off on schedule in July with a crew of hundreds of excited Year 10 Antonauts and Y12 Physicists ready for 'The Greatest Mission upon which Man has ever embarked' (JFK 1961)

Launch was actually delayed slightly as vital Antonaut Crew supplies of trays of bacon baps were ferried to the Launch Pad by the Ground Crew.



The Space fleet set off for planet Leicester with the film Apollo 13 for in-flight entertainment.

The Apollo missions cost \$175 billion and took 3.5 days to travel 235,000 miles to visit the Moon. The

Antonaut mission cost £25 and took 3.5 hours to travel 180 miles to visit Moon rock – much better value!

The Space Centre is full of original rockets and satellites, interactive displays, massive models of planets, life-size Space Station modules, simulated Mars Surface, Shuttle Blast-off Area and many more Displays and Exhibitions.



The Planetarium show 'We Are Aliens' was so good that many of the Antonauts signed up for the next show as soon as the first ended.

Queues formed for the amazing 'Planet Crash Landing' Simulator where we were definitely shaken and stirred!

The Weather Centre proved very popular with Antonauts operating in front of blue screens to give Weather updates which were then transmitted on TV.

A return Mission is scheduled for July 2014 for current Y10 and Y12 – so get in training for your Space Walk as the next set of Antonauts!





# Science

## The Delights of Initial Teacher Training!

As a Science Trainee Teacher at St Anthony's I'd like to give an insight into my life training to be a teacher and what my classes have been up to this half term!

Having started teaching in September I have been overwhelmed by the support and friendliness of the staff at the school, a smile on a Monday morning really does set you up for the week! The pupils have also been very friendly and enthusiastic in all of my lessons – you'd be surprised how many faces light up when you reveal you're going to play Chemistry bingo!

I have found my experience so far very positive, it has been busy but it is all worth it when you get that buzz at the end of the lesson as the pupils have learnt something new.

To give you a taste of the work we've been doing, my Year 7 Biology class were given the task of producing a model animal or plant cell for their homework.

They were left to their own creative devices and produced cells made out of cakes and icing, plastic cartons, shoe boxes, papier mâché and even cushions – really showing off their artistic (and baking) skills!

I was very impressed with their efforts and their knowledge when the models were presented to the class – they should all be very proud of their achievements! Miss Ashworth.



## Year 7 Making Cells

This term Year 7 students have been learning about life and living things, and how they are made up of cells, tissues and organs. As part of their studies students looked at their own cheek cells down a microscope and also at the cells from an onion. Students were set a task to make a model cell and an information leaflet to explain the parts of the cell as homework.

We had lots of very innovative ideas with cells being made out of a huge variety of materials which included; papier mâché, cake, chocolate, jelly, bathroom sealant, boxes, fabric, plasticine, plastic bags and sponges. A great deal of imagination and creativity was shown and there were some fabulous models produced. Well done to all of Year 7 for your fantastic effort with this task. There are definitely some budding scientists and engineers among you.



Nikki Bello 7SJa



Lakhan Toor 7STo



Nadia Panufnik 7SHo



Abbie Burlinson 7STa





# Science

## Sustainability

At the beginning of July we were finalists in the Independent Academies Association Best Practice Awards. We were one of three finalists in the Sustainability category and received a certificate of commendation. Also at the end of the Summer term there was a visit to the UK of four children and their mothers from Belarus. The children are cancer sufferers as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster who had come to stay in Teesdale, where there is a branch of the Chernobyl Children's Project. The visitors were hosted by families and taken out for day trips. Money raised in the Academy by four Year groups has gone to help support this cause.

Mrs Charlton pictured here with The Apprentice former winner Tim Campbell, who was the host of the award ceremony and dinner held in London. Also below: mothers and children from Belarus on their holiday.



On the penultimate day of the summer term the Living Streets group were finalists at the Journal and Evening Gazette School of the Year Awards, held at the Falcons' rugby ground at Kingston Park in Newcastle. The day began with a demonstration of rugby. The waiting school groups were entertained by a magician and an artist drawing caricatures. The pupils were able to rehearse work on their

presentation on stage and in one of the boxes at the ground. After lunch the award ceremony took place, hosted by presenters from Metro Radio – Steve Furnell and Karen Wight. Once again we had to concede to a primary school in Newcastle, but received a certificate of commendation in the Best Sustainable School award.



Congratulations to Zoe Jones, Sam Harris, Ellie Clark and Victoria Lamb, who are now in Year 10 and act as Young Leaders at our Living Streets Club.

This term we have worked with Year 7 on our Free Your Feet campaign. We had a special assembly and then the pupils filled in postcards with details of walking to school. The postcards were put in a draw for a £50 shopping voucher – this was won by Sekeyna Abidi. The rest of the pupils were rewarded with a Free Your Feet wrist band.

Sister Josepha reported to the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership about our Sustainability work. This was received well by the Cafod representative, Susan Kambalu, who led the Chaplains' Day in Carmel School. She particularly praised our "Walk to School" map and took a copy away with her as an example of good practice.

Our lunchtime activities for an enthusiastic group of Year 7 members have included a litter survey around Somerleyton and the field. We have been involved in improvements around the school grounds such as weeding and planting spring flowering bulbs in the borders near the new school buildings. This is part of our Love Where You Live campaign.

Pictured with Sister Josepha: Leema Shaji, Melin Sunil, Christelle Furtado.



# Ski

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR SKIERS

Yet again Ski Club loses members as they finish their studies at St. Anthony's and move on to University.

Pictured right we have Kate Rutherford who studied Maths, Business and English Language and has gone on to study 'Business with Finance Management' at Sunderland. In the centre Aga Lewandowska gained starred grade A in Physics and Maths as well as grade A in Chemistry, Further Maths and Polish. She is now studying 'Physics and Maths' at York University. Emma Marshall on the left had amazing results with 3 starred A grades in History, English Literature and General Studies as well as grade A in French. Emma is at Durham studying History.

We wish them all every success in their University studies and, of course, I'm sure they will all 'KEEP ON SKIING'!



## SKI CLUB CHRISTMAS OUTING

To add to the excitement of the run-up to Christmas this year Ski Club are organising a December trip to Castleford to the X-SCAPE Snozone.

Skiing on snow will be a big change for those who have just started to ski this term and are only used to plastic at Silksworth and I'm sure they will be thrilled by the difference it makes.

The experienced skiers will be able to show their skills and get ready for the real thing – here's hoping for a 'bad' winter – with lots of snow!

The day will also include Bowling and a meal as well as the chance of some Outlet Christmas Shopping – and probably lots of singing Christmas songs on the Coach!

Ski Club wishes everyone a very Happy and Snowy Christmas!





# Ski

## SKI CLUB WAVES GOODBYE TO JOHN EXALL

Earlier this term Ski Club lost a dear friend and Ski Coach.

John Exall had worked with St Anthony's for many years teaching girls and staff how to Ski.

He was teaching the girls at the Ski Slope on the evening of Friday 20th September as usual. He spent time chatting to staff and parents with his usual banter and dry sense of humour.

The following day he suffered a heart attack and sadly died a few days later. The members of Ski Club were shocked and saddened by his passing

– and then doubly shocked to discover that he was 81 years old!

At his funeral, over the theme tune to 'Ski Sunday', it was said, 'He didn't quite go with his ski boots on – but very nearly'!

The girls paid tribute to him the following Friday by spelling out his name on the slope.

The family were delighted to receive our photograph which his son Chris Exall described as a 'gulp' moment.

We have all benefitted from John's skill, enthusiasm and love of his chosen sport – and Friday nights won't quite be the same again.





# Manzini

## Manzini 2013

This year's two week visit to Manzini was a fabulous experience for eighteen Year 12 and 13 girls and accompanying staff.

We helped at the Enjabulweni Bridging School and painted part of Enjabulweni Boys' Home. At the school our girls were fully involved in many activities. We read to the children, made collages, sang with the nursery group and played games. Groups of girls prepared and delivered lessons which the children loved.

There was also time to have more fun in the evening – a Rounders' match, card games, quiz and singing practice in preparation for our performance at Hope House Hospice.

We had a very moving experience at the hospice. We sang for the patients and they joined in. They also treated us to their fantastic singing – they didn't need any practice!

We enjoyed a concert by the local school children – singing, dancing and listening to the boys playing the marimbas and African drums. What a privilege! We had a brilliant evening.

Our Safari day was fantastic. We saw wonderful animals – elephants, lions, rhinos, hippos and giraffes.

We also visited the community where Khanyshile, one of the teachers comes from. The girls collected money to install a tap so that the village could have an easier life with access to their own clean water supply.

When we visited the community soup kitchen we left clothes for the families. All other donations were left with the school, orphanages and hospice.

This was a life changing experience for us all and St Anthony's will continue our links with Manzini Youth Care into the future.

We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped to finance the girls in this project.

Also many thanks to the girls themselves who were wonderful ambassadors for the Academy.



Playtime at Enjabulweni School



Miss Britton and her little friend.



Helping with reading at Enjabulweni School



At Hope House



# Manzini



Mrs Wolland with her helpers making a collage



Community spirit!



Painting at Enjabulweni Boys' Home



Mrs Miller working with pre-school teacher trainees

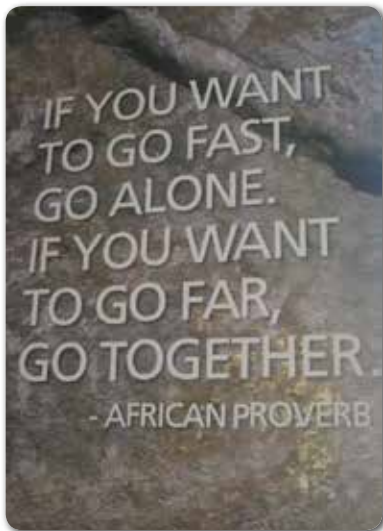
Together with Manzini Youth Care – we are achieving amazing things!



On Safari



Visiting Khanyshile's community where the girls paid for a water tap to be installed



Thank You for your continued support.





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