



# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

*A Mercy Academy committed to excellence*

# Spotlight



**SUMMER 2014**



# Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear Parents.

## New school - building work begins!

2014 is an important year for the school. It is our 110th anniversary and we began the construction of our new school, replacing some older buildings and refurbishing historic and listed buildings. We were delighted to welcome Bishop Seamus Cunningham to bless the land and cut the turf as we began this project working with Kier and the Education Funding Agency. Our Head Girl, Emily Best, represented the School Council and all the girls at this event.

## 3rd Annual Antonian Awards Dinner

Our recent 3rd Annual Antonian Awards Dinner was a huge success and we welcomed back three Alumni:

**Art - Faye Robertson** – Faye after leaving St. Anthony's attended Newcastle College studying Fashion Design with a specialism in Illustration. She completed a degree in Fashion Design and Illustration at Sunderland University graduating with First Class Honours followed by a Masters with Distinction. Faye works as a Freelance Illustrator and has been featured in 'Creative Review'. She is also training to teach Art.

**Music- Ruth Boyle** – Ruth sang in many local bands playing numerous gigs in the North East. After moving to Sheffield she formed the group 'Olive', toured extensively and achieved a record deal with a No.1 single in 1997 with the song "You're Not Alone" which led to further albums and long European and US tours. After Olive disbanded Ruth undertook guest vocals for "Enigma" amongst many others, produced a solo album in 2006 and continues her career in the music industry.

**PE/Sport – Marie Ewing** – Marie was U14, U16 and U18 netball captain at school and played for the county winning many National Schools championships as part of the St. Anthony's team. At U18 level she captained our team who won the National Schools. She represented her country too and became U19 England Netball European gold medalist. She played at team Northumbria National Super League level and was called up for the England National Open squad gaining another gold medal. Marie trained as a teacher at Newcastle University before taking the role as netball player-coach at Durham University and is currently teaching in Stockton.

## National Teaching School

Our current staff and students follow the great success of our Alumni. In September 2014 we become Sunderland's first secondary National Teaching School.

This will involve us in continuing, and expanding, our work linked to:

- Initial Teacher Training
- Continuing Professional Development
- Research and Development
- School to School support
- Specialist Leaders in Education



We will also become a Lead School for Core Maths (a new post-16 initiative). Mr. McDonagh will be working with Carmel College and St. Bede's Lanchester on this national project. Following a successful bid led by Mr. Flores we will also be building on our well-established international links working with primary schools to develop global awareness programmes. This programme involves the UK government and

- The Geographical Association
- The University of London Institute of Education
- Oxfam
- Pearson
- The Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers
- The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust
- Think Global: the Development Education Association

## Thank you to those who are leaving us this summer

We mark this summer the retirement this year of Dr. Thomson (Deputy Head), Mr. Flores (Assistant Head), Ms. Egan (Assistant Head) and Mrs. Jackson (Food Co-ordinator) after many decades of dedicated service to St. Anthony's. We do hope they all enjoy a happy and fulfilled retirement and we will be marking their many years of service with staff leavers' lunch, leavers' presentations and Mass on Friday July 18th.

We mark also the departure of Y13 to university and the world of work with a splendid evening presentation at the Stadium of Light on Tuesday 24th June. We say "au revoir" to Y11 the following day at their event at the Stadium of Light and we look forward to the vast majority of them returning to our highly successful sixth form in September.

With thanks to the whole school community for all their hard work this year and best wishes for a lovely summer break.

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# Alumnae

## Alumni - Claire Liddell

Since leaving St. Anthony's I have found my vocation as a midwife. I studied Biology, Chemistry and Geography for my A Levels achieving 3 As, and was lucky enough to be accepted onto the 3 year midwifery degree course at Northumbria University. The course is split between half in University and half on placement in a local Trust where you gain practical experience from what you are being taught in University. Whilst on placement you have the support and guidance from a qualified midwife mentor and they help you to achieve the different goals and competencies for that placement, for example taking blood. You also have essays and assignments to complete whilst on placement and this really helps you to develop your time management skills as there is always so much to do!

After achieving a First Class Honours Degree, I have now been qualified as a midwife for 4 years. I work in a team midwifery setting, sharing my time between community care and on the labour ward. I take the lead on the care of around 60 women at one time following them from the early stages of their pregnancies, running routine antenatal clinics and preparing for baby antenatal classes. I then also care for the women in the hospital setting when they have their babies, whom I have generally met before in the community clinics so they see a friendly face that they already know when they come onto labour ward which can be a frightening experience. I also visit the mums and their newborns at home post-natally ensuring health and wellbeing, giving advice and parenting demonstrations.

I work closely with various other professionals as part of a multidisciplinary team such as Obstetricians, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Health Visitors, GPs. Everyone plays their part in ensuring the women and their babies get the best care suited to their specific needs. I have now entered the next stage in my career where I am now responsible as a mentor for student midwives. It is really rewarding to be able to pass along my skills and knowledge, as well as providing pastoral support to the students and see them grow into competent, autonomous professionals.

Every day is completely different and there is nothing more rewarding than having the privilege to share in such a special and momentous time in someone's

life – the day they become a parent. The thing I enjoy the most about my job is getting to know my women and building a bond of trust between midwife and patient, in what can be an intimidating and scary time for a woman. I have been working as both a student and qualified midwife in the same area for 7 years now and I love to see my patients coming back for subsequent pregnancies or simply dropping in to catch up with their ever growing bundle of joy that inevitably has started talking and walking! For anyone thinking about a career in midwifery it is not just a profession but a vocation where you become part of hundreds of families' lives and can enjoy a challenge and the variety that it offers too.

At school I was part of the school choir and enjoyed taking part in the school productions having principle roles in the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas of Iolanthe and Ruddigore, and playing Lady Davinia in 'The Affairs at Meddler's Top'. This has also continued since I have left St. Anthony's and I am now part of 'Rock Choir' which is a choral organisation that runs choirs nationwide. We perform locally for charities and events and it is great fun, allowing me to continue my love of singing.



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*Students, staff and parents hold the academy in great esteem*



# The Antonian Awards 2014



Congratulations to all winners of this year's Antonian Awards! The competition gets tougher for each category each year, and 2014 was no exception!



The Antonian Awards 2014, to celebrate the success and achievements of pupils from Art, Music and Sport & PE, took place on 3rd April. All pupils, parents and guests were invited to a formal dinner and presentation evening at the Roker Hotel. The evening was, once again, a great success! The nominated pupils received certificates and a specially designed 'Antonian Award'. The teaching staff in the Art, Music and PE departments worked extremely hard behind the scenes to bring this celebration of gifts and talents together and to share it with each other.

Denise Egan was the Master of Ceremonies and guest presenters were: Art: Faye Robertson, Music: Ruth-Ann Boyle, PE & Sport: Marie Ewing.

## Best Group – Senior Choir

What a year for the Senior Choir; they've never stopped! Advent assemblies, Carol services, Christmas concert, Music for Youth, The City Sings, Summer soiree, and planning a trip to Austria! Phew! Well deserved girls!



## Victrix Ludorum – Anna Lockey (Y13)

Anna has excelled in music at her time with us. She achieved Grade 8 flute when she was 14, also plays piano and sings, and is off to University in September to study Music. Well done Anna, and good luck!

## Outstanding Achievement – Alice Liddle (Y9)

Alice only joined us earlier this academic year, and has done so much in such a short space of time. She is in Senior Choir, Orchestra, String Orchestra, represented the school in Search for a Star, all on top of achieving her Grade 5 violin exam and winning numerous awards outside of school too. A true star!



# The Antonian Awards 2014

## Best Ambassador – Hannah Trotter (Y13)

A true ambassador for the Music department, Hannah is a role model to younger pupils. Since her starring role as Fagin, she has coached others, and is always willing to help out wherever she is needed. Hannah is off to University to study Psychology next year. Well done Hannah, and good luck!



## Paula Williams' Rising Star – Abigail Davies (Y7)

What can we say...! Abigail landed the role of Oliver, and since then has become a well known face in the department and the Academy. Four amazing performances, a solo in the Christmas concert and learning to play guitar – a true music rising star!



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# Art



Since the Christmas issue of Spotlight, many of our students have been visiting local galleries and having their work displayed in Durham Cathedral. The very cold, atmospheric evening in January seems a long time ago, but the memory of seeing this year's work on display at the annual Hexham and Newcastle Partnership exhibition is very clear. As always the students excelled themselves, making both the school staff and their families very proud indeed of their dedication and commitment to Art, which resulted in some beautiful work. Many thanks to all involved.

Year 8 visited the Laing Gallery in Newcastle to view and study the work of Pre-Raphaelite painter William Holman Hunt. The students learned how every picture really does tell a story and you have to look to find the hidden meaning behind a piece of work. As always our students were a credit to the school

and all behaved impeccably. The visits resulted in some interesting and thoughtful outcomes.

Year 7 had a whirlwind tour of The Angel of the North, The Shipley Art Gallery in Gateshead, The Sage and The Baltic, as part of this term's study of The Blaydon Races, a work by William Irvin housed in the Shipley. It is always a joy to see students' reaction to live art as books never do justice to the work. We are working on this project in class now and look forward to some very inspired outcomes.

Hearing students talk about their work during interviews given by this year's nominees for the

Antonian Awards in April, made me realise how lucky we are to work with our students here at St Anthony's and as this year draws to a close, the departmental staff wish all of this year's exam candidates well and look forward to seeing many of them back with us to continue their artistic journey next year.



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# Art

## The Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership KS3 Photography Exhibition

Students from 11 schools across the region came together to display their photographs at the National Glass Centre. The exhibition and competition was run by the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership and included young people from Sunderland's St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy and St Aidan's Catholic Academy, Peterlee's St Bede's RC School and St Leonard's RC School, Durham. Schools from Billingham, Hartlepool and South Tyneside were also among those which entered the event.

The exhibition was opened by Maura Regan, vice chairman of the Catholic Partnership, and Graeme Thompson, Dean for the Arts, Design and Media at Sunderland University.

The judges for the event were Susan Coles, President of NSEAD (National Society for Educational Art and Design) and John Kippin, professor in Photography at the University of Sunderland.

More than 100 photographs taken by students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were on display in ten different categories, showing inspiration from natural forms, structures, movement, portrait, faith and fashion. A number of awards were given out on the night. St Anthony's won four of the categories, scooping the top prizes, as well as coming close with another four girls gaining second places, giving St Anthony's a total of eight awards on the night. This was a great result for our girls who proved they have a keen eye when it comes to photography. It was a fantastic event and there was some incredible talent on show from some of our younger students.

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



The Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership KS3 Photography Exhibition was opened at the National Glass Centre, Sunderland. Natural Forms category winner Grace Copeland of St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy



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*Equality of opportunity is excellent*

# Business & Economics

## BTEC Business 2013-14

Year 12 BTEC Business students have successfully completed this new BTEC Business programme and are all on course to achieve good results. They are looking forward to the next chapter in their life and are looking forward to life beyond St Anthony's.

Emily Robson successfully completed her placement at a Dog Grooming parlour called 'Hair of the Dog' and her positive experience at placement has meant she has now decided on a career in animal care at East Durham College. 'I really enjoyed the placement and got on well with all of the staff and it made me realise how much I would love to work with animals in the future. The course at East Durham is perfect for me and I am really looking forward to starting it in September. The BTEC course has been really interesting as I have learned lots of new things about what its really like in the business world. It's been hard but I got a lot of really good help from my teachers which has helped me gain more confidence in doing work I am unfamiliar with and I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life.'

Dominique Scott enjoyed a placement at St Joseph's Primary School and is hoping to gain an apprenticeship in Business Administration. A student commented, 'I really learned some good skills at placement and have a better understanding of the kinds of skills and qualities employers are looking for. I am really looking forward to starting work. The BTEC course has been much harder than I thought it would be but Miss Carroll has supported me all the way through and her continued support has been great. She has really

pushed all of us this year but I know she is doing this for our own good as she wants us all to achieve the best results we can. I am pleased that I will leave St Anthony's with more GCSEs and good work experience skills that will help me get an apprenticeship'

Beth Robinson, who was placed at St Benet's, is looking forward to starting her beauty therapy course at Newcastle College. 'I like working with children but really have a passion for beauty therapy and this course at Newcastle is ideal for me. I have worked really hard this year which I think has helped me get more prepared for College life in September.' The BTEC course has been very challenging but I have had a lot of brilliant support which I have really appreciated. I have learned so much over the past year and I am really looking forward to starting my new course in September'.

Bridie Taggart worked at Sunningdale School for her placement and is looking forward to getting a job. Bride commented 'The placement at Sunningdale was a brilliant introduction into what working life is actually like and I learned a lot while I was there. I was made really welcome by all the staff and was always treated as part of the team. They helped and supported me during the placement and helped me to develop skills that I will use in work in the future.'

Miss Carroll, BTEC Business Co-ordinator said; 'This new BTEC specification has been a challenge this year but one the students have responded well to. They have all worked to the best of their abilities and I am proud of what they have achieved, I wish them the very best of luck for the future'.





# Business & Economics

## Year 7 Dragons Den Enterprise Competition

The Year 7 enterprise activity involved setting up a mini business enterprise with the aim of raising money for the charity Manzini Youthcare. The girls invented products, took part in sales events and presented their business ideas in the Dragons Den. The winning team was The Vintage Angels who raised £146 and created products based on the theme of angels including Christmas tree decorations, paperclips, decorated biscuits, bags of reindeer glitter and bracelets. The team excelled in terms of their product ideas, initiative, teamwork and presentation skills. All of the girls who participated showed great enthusiasm and tried very hard to come up with original and creative ideas. It was an excellent opportunity to experience being in a real business situation. In their presented work, Anisah

Maqsood and Hana Rahman of *The Luxury Givers* said "we have experienced a whole new world called business and even though we have had our ups and downs, the experience altogether was AMAZING".

The girls were given the opportunity to share their thoughts about the experience in the form of a diary competition. The prize for the winning diary was awarded to Anna Maw, with second place awarded to Grace Mason. A big well done to all the girls involved!

Second place: Team Stardom with Elle Fasaai, Grace Mason, Lillie Muncaster, Abigail Rogers and Stephanie Welsh. Year 7 girls taking part in the enterprise activity included Sabiha

Ali, Bethany Allsopp, Sahaby Begum, Brodie Bryden, Hannah Blyth, Yasmine Fayaz, Jade Forster, Rebecca Magog, Abby McNeil, Anisah Maqsood, Alix Pearson, Aimee Poulton, Hana Rahman, Layba Rehman, Vanessa Rubio and Mia Slark.



The Vintage Angels: Hannah Cowgill, Natasha Hair, Anna Maw, Jessica McKendrick, Saraid Peggie and Olivia Thompson



## St Cuthberts Care –Young Social Enterprise Competition 2014

The group of ten Year 12 girls competing in the Young Social Enterprise Competition reduced in number to six following the Christmas break, but the remaining pupils demonstrated their resilience and motivation as they continued to work hard raising money towards a fantastic cause.

They worked tirelessly in the organisation of a Valentine school disco, an own clothes day and refreshments to celebrate the feast of St Cuthbert,



the continuation of the film club and organisation of another raffle.

The girls are pleased with their achievements and worked until the final day of the competition to try to raise as much money as possible. They were extremely successful and raised a staggering £3,897.59 for the charity, which will be used to help support adults and children with learning disabilities and their families.

The girls attended the awards ceremony at the Alan Shearer Centre on Friday 27th June, during which they were recognised and rewarded for their efforts.



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The Head Teacher and Leadership Team set themselves very high standards

# Childcare



Congratulations to all Level 3 Childcare students who have exceeded all expectations not only in their academic work but also their professional practice. All of their hard work has culminated in a variety of destinations including acceptance on university courses as diverse as Nursing, Counselling, Primary Education and Childhood Studies as well as gaining employment in local Daycare Settings as qualified practitioners.

Well done to Year 10 Childcare students who demonstrated their practical skills in the design and creation of a resource suitable for promoting a young child's intellectual development. These proved very interesting and effective and included jigsaws, shape sorters, a fishing game and a floor snake to encourage early numeracy skills.



Year 13 CCLD students have successfully completed their final placement – comments from Supervisors reflect their professional and committed attitude to caring for children from 0 – 8 years. Pictured above are Samantha Smith and Sabrin Akhtar with their Supervisor, former St. Anthony's pupil Janine Matfin.

## Careers Work Experience News

As from this Year Work Experience will be taking place at the beginning of July.

Well done to Year 10's who have handed in their Placement Forms, and as usual there are a variety of placements ranging from Primary Schools, local retailers, Hair Salons and Engineering Manufacturers. Good Luck!

### Work Discovery Week 30th June – 4th July

During this week there will be five days of activities across the City when approximately 2,000 young people from 19 Sunderland Secondary Schools will take part.

Students in Year 10 will participate in the Launch Day where there will be a carousel of activities including a Careers Fair, Interview Techniques Workshops and Practical Demonstrations.

Year 10 Food Technology Students have already submitted their entries for the Sunderland Marriott Hotel Afternoon Tea Challenge as part of the Week's activities – some really innovative ideas!

Good Luck!



# Chaplaincy

## Chaplaincy News – Summer 2014

2014 has been busy and happy in the Chaplaincy Department! In January we attended a very moving Holocaust Evening at St. Aidan's; in February we had a series of meditation sessions, including Benediction for staff and pupils; in March we had the Lenten activities with Year 7 and April saw us doing, for the last time, our whole school assemblies in Our Lady's Hall.

Since January Sr. Josepha has been visiting external sites, like the Port with Mrs. Lanaghan, Mrs Collins and some Yr. 12 girls, and various schools talking about Vocations and Christian Action.

After a marvellous fund-raising effort, we were proud to present a cheque for £1,552.50 to St. Cuthbert's Care in Holy Cross Home, at the Good Shepherd Mass.



Our last Mass in Our Lady's Hall was beautiful. Although tinged with sadness we are already looking forward to how lovely the new build will be.

We were very proud of the girls who attended the "Called to be Saints" Partnership Mass with their exquisite quilt, designed and made by Livia Scott, Faye Greenman, Amelia Brown and Rebecca Walley. A small group of Year 8 girls also attended and they too were a credit to the school.

The Worship Choir is growing and spreading the joy of singing hymns across the school – Wednesday lunchtimes – Mrs. Lynch's classroom! All welcome.



We are currently preparing for the annual Youth Festival "God Camp" at the Youth Village which is always a memorable event!

## RE department "Sin and Salvation Activity" supported by Chaplaincy

Two exciting workshops took place in the Educare Centre where Mrs. Lynch and Sr. M. Josepha challenged some Year 8 girls to demonstrate their



learning in a creative context. Team work and inspirational discussion culminated in a brief presentation offering a powerful insight into the breadth of their

understanding of the "Sin and Salvation" topic. The session ended with an enjoyable sharing of homework presentations



with some girls presenting their learning through cake-baking, which was enjoyed by all!

Students' information and communication technology skills are particularly impressive and there are close links with local multi-national industries

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# Design Technology & Computing



## Primary Links

Design Technology has run another successful year of activities linking with our primary feeder schools. In product design, the Year 5 students have produced a caterpillar pen and pencil holder using woodworking machinery and tools, as well as using a computer-controlled vinyl cutter to design and make stickers to decorate their creation.

The students have all enjoyed their afternoon working at St. Anthony's, and the staff have all commented on how valuable an experience it was for their students.



Pupils from St. Cuthbert's Primary School displaying their caterpillars



I think he enjoyed himself!



The day before the cup final!

## Textiles – Dress a Girl at Manzini

**"Imagine a world where every girl owns a new dress."** Years 7, 8 and 12 students have given up their lunchtimes to make dresses for girls at the Ngwane Park Girl's Home in Manzini. The home provides care and support for girls between the ages of 8-18 years old. Students have really enjoyed working on this community-based project and will be writing a letter to the recipient of their dress, telling them about life at St. Anthony's. Smaller dresses will be handed out to younger girls in the direct community.



## Primary Links Textile Technology

Thank you to all the Primary feeder schools who have helped to make it another successful year producing games bags. Year 5 students develop their creative and sewing skills by working very hard on a textile project. They use a variety of tools and equipment safely and creatively hand embroider a felt image onto fabric. This is then produced into a games bag.

Every week a different group of pupils produce amazing results. The photographs demonstrate their creativity and skill.

Well done to everyone who has been involved. Thanks must also go to my sixth form volunteers who help facilitate and inspire the younger pupils.



# Design Technology & Computing

## Year 8 Stars Rocket to Success

Kiara Mkansi, Sarah McKeown and Chloe Scorer competed in the Newcastle & Hexham Catholic Partnership rocket challenge on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at English Martyrs School in Hartlepool and won! The competition was about designing and manufacturing a paper rocket that was then fired from a compressed air launch, to find which one would achieve the furthest distance. The girls competed against five other schools from around the region in this annual event, which was very competitive and lasted all day.



## The Costume Club

The Costume Club began Friday 29th Nov 2013 as the production of Oliver needed props and costumes making. Students were therefore invited to be part of a new production costume team. There was a huge response and up to 18 students in Year 8 helped to produce over 100 hankies, repair and alter various characters' costumes, iron and attend fittings. Some ended up working backstage as well. The enthusiasm from all the students was infectious and as a reward for their hard work they watched the dress rehearsal to see their work on stage. It was a fabulous achievement. Congratulations to all the pupils who were involved.

Since 'Oliver', students have created costume designs for their favourite book characters which were inspired by World Book Day, also helped maintain and manage the school costume collection.

The following girls worked on the production of Oliver as part of The Costume Club.

- Amy Nichols
- Emily Moore
- Dominique Tempest
- Marnie Laurence
- Scarlett Laurence
- Maria Isahac
- Sarah McKeown
- Maja Piotrowska
- Daisy Swansbury
- Diana Sabu
- Ayesha Isahac
- Amelia Ho
- Rachel Green
- Harwyn Jane Matibag
- Jasmine Staples
- Sarah Knight
- Lily Heskett-Saddington
- Robin Taylor
- Nina Cowan
- Lily Frankland
- Ashlin Roy
- Elise Whellans



The Year 8 Costume Club team!

Each week is great fun and I hope The Costume Club continues next year with the same wonderful level of enthusiasm and creativity. Well done to everyone in The Costume Club!

# Design Technology & Computing



## Textiles – The Undergraduate Journey of one of our former A Level students.

Kate Hamilton left St Anthony's four years ago and has just graduated with First Class Honours, from Edinburgh College of Art studying Performance Costume Design. She has recently visited St Anthony's to keep us up to date with her course. This is what she had to say.

"I've loved the course and Edinburgh is such an amazing city to be a student. Performance Costume Design focuses on costume design for the likes of film and theatre with both design and making. The course allows for a wide variety of stage and costume design which includes costume for plays, musicals, film, opera and literature, set design, puppetry, textile manipulation, metal work, woodwork, millinery, computer classes and much more. In a class of twelve, two character designs are never the same! In the final year you can decide on whatever piece you like, I chose to adapt a children's story called 'Love of Seven Dolls' for stage. The story follows a young girl's journey through the streets of Paris as she befriends a travelling group of bohemian puppets. I wanted to create puppets that then turned into human versions of themselves, as though they were coming to life in front of the audiences' eyes. I created puppetry that transformed



on stage to create items of costume for example a puppet body turned inside out to make a jacket. I have always had a keen interest in textiles and to incorporate this was an important aspect of my work. I used natural handmade techniques and recycled materials such as felting, knitting and handmade paper. I even used techniques and samples I had learned and created from my time in St Anthony's!

Being in Edinburgh and at the art college has been such an amazing experience and I've loved every minute! It's been really hard work and does take a lot of dedication but it's definitely worth it. I have just recently got a job for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival over the summer to design and make costumes for a contemporary dance piece based on a child's perception of heaven and hell. Two friends and I have also just set up a craft collective called 'Prickly Pear'. We have a stall for during the Fringe and hope to sell a wide variety for crafts from shirts and skirts to felted bags and earrings!

In the future I hope to combine a love of travel with theatre and seeing where this will take me, perhaps into the world of puppetry and children's theatre or film."

We wish Kate every success in her chosen career. Well done Kate!

## Computing club visit - Durham University

The newly formed computing club for year 8 pupils visited the School of Computing and Engineering at Durham University. They were given the opportunity to talk to final year computing students about their projects which ranged from a programme written to aid museums to work with old manuscripts to software written to look at bidding for items on eBay.

Two year 12 pupils accompanied the group and they will be assisting with the computer club in school. Everyone gained valuable insight into the subject of Computer Science and what Durham University have to offer to facilitate young people to enter the Computing profession.





# English

Having studied 'The Merchant of Venice' this term, Miss Duncan's Year 7 English class decided they wanted to celebrate William Shakespeare's 450th birthday in style with a special birthday party. In their English lesson on April 23rd, they played party games like Shakespearean 'Pass the Parcel' and 'Pin the Tail on Bottom the Donkey'. Miss Wallis judged our Birthday Competitions - Mia Cummings won the 'Best-Dressed Wooden Spoon Contest' and Georgia Hales won the 'Best Birthday Card Design.' There was also a quiz and talented class member Bethany Dixon created a 'balloon' Shakespeare just for us. Of course, there had to be a birthday cake! Ours was spectacular and was

specially made for us by Amelia Cliff's mum. We're now looking forward to Shakespeare's 451st...



## **Creative Writing Arts Lab – Newcastle Discovery Museum Wednesday 5th March 2014**

What do you do with enthusiastic pupils who are highly talented in English and interested in being creative? Well, one of the recent things we did was take the chance to foster, develop and share this talent at a special Creative Writing event in Newcastle.

Eleanor Duncan, Olivia Johnson, Sarah King, and Emily Oliver (all Year 10) were chosen from a pleasing number of volunteers to attend the event which included representatives from other schools within the Catholic Partnership. The pupils were given a variety of challenging and interesting tasks designed to get their creative ideas flowing. They were given the chance to delve into the archives of the Discovery Museum, boldly going into places where the general public do not go.

After being inspired by various sights, sounds and smells, they were asked to write down their thoughts. Later in the afternoon, they

were asked to select an artefacts box with the aim, once again, of gaining some creative inspiration. Although their teacher was hoping they would pick the box entitled 'Victorian era', the girls selected a box related to 'Childhood in the 1990s'. Apparently, Teletubbies can be inspiring!

As a result of the techniques developed during the day, the pupils (alongside other recruits – Jen Szandrowska and Marcia Adams) have set up a Creative Writing Club for Key Stage Three pupils. This has been highly successful so far. We will, of course, keep you updated...



Year 10 girls Olivia Johnson, Eleanor Duncan, Sarah King and Emily Oliver take part in 'Writer's Lab' at Newcastle's Discovery Museum.

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*The Head Teacher and her Leadership Team are highly successful*

# English

## English at Oxbridge anyone? - Friday 28th February 2014.

As part of the opportunities offered to our school by being part of the Catholic Partnership, St. Anthony's was invited to send a small group of students (who might be interested in reading English for their degree at Oxford or Cambridge University) to St. Bede's School, Peterlee to take part in a session led by an Oxbridge admissions tutor. We sent 25 girls.

The girls found the event both useful and interesting – especially as many of them were not expecting to be handed a piece of unseen literature and asked for their thoughts about it! Despite there being many other students from many schools, our students, as usual, were not inhibited about speaking out; contributing their excellent and perceptive thoughts and responses. As ever, they did themselves and their school proud. The following students attended:

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| Marcia Adams     | Morgan Irvine-Hunter | Livia Scott       |
| Heather Boal     | Anya Mason           | Patricia Shattock |
| Abigail Carlisle | Beth Maughan         | Meriel Smithson   |
| Emily Chisholm   | Anna McKie           | Claudia Spoor     |
| Lucy Clark       | Katie Muldowney      | Jen Szandrowska   |
| Hannah Cumiskey  | Emily Northorpe      | Joanna Taylor     |
| Kate Dawson      | Anna Old             | Jane Thompson     |
| Anna Greaves     | Eleanor Osada        |                   |
| Hannah Donkin    | Lara Reed            |                   |

Hopefully, many of the pupils realised that English at Oxbridge is not only a hugely exciting prospect but one that is definitely within their grasp. Go on girls – go for it!

## World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2014

St. Anthony's pupils are to be commended. On World Book Day every year, they come into school and try to remain completely unfazed by the fact that many of their teachers appear to be very different. Whether that is because they are dressed as Anne of Green Gables, Daisy Buchanan or Coraline's 'other mother', are quoting passages from their favourite books- such as Pride and Prejudice - or are handing them lots of old books and telling them to get creative with some 'book art'; there is certainly something different about this day. Whole year groups (this Year it was Year 7) are asked to dress up as some of their favourite book characters and come into school to be faced with a day of questions about who they are and what book they are from. It is also interesting to hear how many of our pupils in the other year groups are jealous of those selected to dress up!

On a serious note, taking part in this day is an enjoyable yet extremely important way to continue to stress the message that not only is reading good fun and an absorbing hobby, but it is a vital part of our pupils' continued academic success.



Anne of Green Gables ready to teach English at St. Anthony's.

# English

## Book Art Butterflies



Miss Gardner and her Year 9 pupils used old books to create unusual word art as part of the World Book Day celebrations. They used butterfly templates to create poetry collages from extracts of poems from Wordsworth, Keats and Tennyson. The girls got a lot of enjoyment from this creative exercise and explored romantic poetry which really inspired them.



This term, Drama and English Literature students in Year 12 have been involved with the Sunderland Empire and Sunderland Libraries 'War Horse' project. During the time that the production was in the city, the students were invited to an excellent and highly informative session presented by the National Army Museum, where they were able to handle genuine artefacts from the era – everything from a military dress sword and a cavalry saddle to an unopened rationed tin of beef stew! They were also invited to a theatre workshop event, run by the assistant director of the show. This focused on the skills needed to bring the Warhorse puppets to life on stage. This really enhanced our appreciation of the show when we saw it on stage that evening. As the culmination of the project, two groups are now preparing performance pieces to be staged at Holy Trinity Church in July which will mark the beginning of the city's commemoration of the Centenary of the outbreak of The First World War.



The Drama and Theatre Studies students completed their first year practical exam with a performance showcase of scenes from 'Hobson's Choice', 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and 'Be my Baby' in front of an audience of invited friends and family (and the exam moderator!) They were entirely responsible for directing and designing their pieces and had worked hard over the weeks leading up to the exam to make them as polished as possible. We were lucky enough to be able to use the Our Lady's Hall for the occasion - the last ever performances on a very historic stage. Many thanks to Miss Napier,

Mrs Abbs and Mrs Dudley for their technical support and to our audience for coming along to support us.

The Year 9 'Shakespeare Smash' team have been polishing their acting skills ahead of this year's competition in June. Last year 'Team Viola' scored a very respectable third place in the Catholic Partnership Competition and we are hopeful that this year's 'Team Macbeth' will be successful as well! Rehearsals continue on Friday lunchtimes and on Tuesdays after school.



# Geography



## Photography competition

Year 7 students took part in a Catholic Partnership photography competition where they were asked to take photographs of Geography in their local area. Entries were judged against students from schools across the Catholic Partnership.

St Anthony's were thrilled that one of our students, Emma Maughan, won first prize in the competition, receiving a certificate and WH Smith gift voucher!

Rhiannon Bryant was also awarded 'Highly Commended.' Well done to everyone who entered!



'Highly commended'  
Rhiannon Bryant 7F1/7SRa



Winning photograph  
Emma Maughan 7F1/7SAo

## Walking club

Year 7 students have been practising their map skills every week by planning walks through the North York Moors. Using grid references, compasses, contour lines and distance, the girls have planned their route, and just recently completed their first walk. Despite the wet weather, all students managed to navigate their way, and felt a sense of achievement when they reached the end after walking 9 km! Well done!



## Houghall Farm

Year 8 students visited Houghall Farm in Durham as part of their work on agriculture and farming. The girls were all very excited to see the animals and to learn about the workings of the farm. Each class was lucky enough to spend a half-day at the farm where a guide explained about their work with the pigs, sheep and cows.



# Geography

## AS/A2 Climate change debate

Six girls from St Anthony's joined with St Aidan's boys to take part in a continuum debate on Climate Change. The students explored the topic through a number of important questions, and were given the opportunity to challenge and respond to each other's comments. The students came to the conclusion that the future of the planet is in our hands, and that we must be aware of our responsibilities to protect it.



## Rivers residential

Year 12 visited Egton, in the North York Moors, to carry out river-based fieldwork. After a tasty meal of fish and chips in Whitby, the girls spent some time preparing for the following day! Early next morning we all set out with a range of measuring equipment to investigate how the river changes as it flows downstream. The rain held off all morning, and we even saw some sun! Once back at our accommodation, the girls worked hard to analyse their results, drawing graphs and cross sections and also trying some statistical techniques! After a hard day's work we were all very grateful for a lovely three course meal, prepared by Mr. Hermon! The following day we took a tour of the River Esk, from source to mouth, and even had time to buy some locally made cakes!





# History & Politics



## SIXTH FORM HAVE A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

The History Department have been keen this year to continue our strong links with local universities. Following a successful visit of Y13 pupils to Sunderland in September, in February we took our 40 Year 12 students to Newcastle University. The girls enjoyed a day of lectures provided by University staff which were specifically tailored to their Y12 syllabus. They were able to engage with a different way of learning and a higher level of thinking, and had the opportunity to ask questions about future pathways. The girls were also taken on a tour of the university campus, which despite the rain was enjoyed by all. We hope to continue this excellent link in the coming years and continue to provide this fantastic experience.



The historic archway on campus at Newcastle

## South Korean Exchange

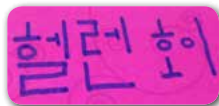
In January the school and the History Department were pleased to welcome two South Korean visitors as part of a teacher exchange. Miss Moon observed a number of lessons within the department and then taught a lesson to 7FI about Korean Culture. Pupils also gained Korean pen pals from the exchange and learned how to spell their names in Korean.

Mrs Hoey will be visiting South Korea in the summer to continue the exchange, and pupils in Year 7 have been helping her to prepare for her visit and prepare her lesson about British Culture. One focus of the lesson will be about our multi-cultural society and 7FI planned and took part in a multi-cultural lesson in which pupils brought in snacks from their own cultures and the girls learnt how to say 'hello', 'goodbye' and 'thank you' in a variety of languages including German, Hindu, Polish and Malayam.

Miss Moon has been in touch with the class since her return home and she has created an on-line forum where the pupils can answer questions, put forward by her pupils, about British Culture. (This has been supervised in school.)

The pupils have also been making friendship bracelets for Mrs Hoey to take as gifts for the Korean pupils and we hope that more pen pals will emerge from this.

The exchange has been a valuable experience in helping pupils to gain an understanding of other cultures and helping the school to further develop international links.



'Helen' in Angul, the language of Korea

W3 set up for our multi cultural lesson



Year 7 enjoying the multi-cultural snacks



Ashna Saji and Leema Shaji teaching 7FI Malayalam





# History & Politics

## History Visit to Segedunum

In May the girls studying GCSE History visited Segedunum Roman Fort in N.Tyneside as part of their controlled assessment. The site, which was excavated in 1997 is owned by English Heritage and the girls use a range of sources to help interpret and understand the fort's key purpose and features. Segedunum means 'strong fort' and the visit involved studying the location of the fort from the impressive viewpoint of the watchtower as well as examining the actual site and using the layout of the buildings to draw reasoned conclusions. The surrounding flat land gives visibility to the sea and Arbeia fort at South Shields, and it was clearly evident to all of the girls exactly why this superb location had been chosen. Visitors to the fort listened in to the briefings delivered by St. Anthony's History teachers and commented on the superb behaviour of the girls who were a credit to themselves and the school. A fitting comment on the fort was made by one of the girls who

noted, 'it has everything you could want in a Roman Fort'. After a quick but obligatory stop at the gift shop we headed back to school and the girls are now in the process of writing up the assessment which must be completed before the end of term.



Jen Szandrowska and Heather Wilson studying the hospital at Segedunum

## St. Anthony's Politics Students have a busy 2013-14

St. Anthony's Politics students have had a very busy academic year; in December they had the bi-annual visit to London where they, with Law and History students, had a wonderful time. The itinerary was action-packed and the three days flew by in a blur of tube trains and tired feet. We began with a day of Speakers at Westminster Central Hall which included John Bercow MP, Nadine Dorries MP, Neil Hamilton and sadly one of the last public appearances by Tony Benn. On day two we had a tour of the Houses of Parliament which included the spectacle of the Speakers' Parade; we also had the opportunity of observing a debate in the House of Commons where they spotted several local MPs. Kevan Jones MP for North Durham was the key Speaker in a debate surrounding compensation claims for former miners. We finished the trip with a visit to the "Old Bailey" where they were able to observe a murder trial. The whole visit got nothing but positive feedback from all the students whose most common request was "can we do it all again",

the only negative comment was from Mr McVay who said there needed to be more time in the itinerary set aside for food!

In the spring the students were also able to go to the Council Chamber in Sunderland as part of "Takeover Day". This is an initiative to give students more direct contact with local government. They worked with Council Officials discussing issues that affect and concern young people in the area. Sitting in the Mayor's chair was very popular!

Year 12 in Westminster  
Harry Price, Gemma  
Ratton, Katie Simpson,  
Anna Old, Rachel Parker  
and Victoria Kundu.



Year 12 "Take over the Council Day"  
Kaitlin Common,  
Morgan Irvine Hunter  
and Meriel Smithson

# International Links



## Expert Centre for Global Learning

A very exciting development awaits St. Anthony's from September 2014 when it is due to start working as an Expert Centre for Global Learning Partnership, (GLP). It has received this prestigious award following a rigorous audit and visits by GLP representatives. This award recognises not only St. Anthony's extensive range of international links but also its commitment to the development of social justice, concern for those in need and its work for charitable causes both in this country and abroad.

St. Anthony's will work with a network of between 15 and 25 schools in the area to develop key elements of the Global Learning Programme. It will provide support to allow schools to develop programmes that will help students learn about the challenges our world faces and to think critically about how to deal with issues such as poverty, inequality and sustainability. It will deliver 8 training sessions and provide a range of Global Learning Partnership-approved learning programmes that will deepen students' understanding of global issues.

This work sits very well with the Academy's ethos based on the vision of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy and especially its commitment to show concern for the poor, especially women and girls, to search for justice for those at the margins of the community and to build communities where everyone can live lives of dignity and decency.

## Korean Teacher Exchange



In January the school welcomed a number of South Korean teachers, as part of a teacher exchange involving thirteen schools in the North East. Fourteen South Korean teachers visited the area with five of them visiting St Anthony's. Two of the Korean staff remained in school for three weeks observing and delivering lessons. The purpose of the exchange was to build international links but also to showcase interactive teaching and learning to the Korean teachers. Much time was spent with the staff outside of school helping them to experience the culture in the area. We managed to recruit some new Sunderland fans after a visit to the Stadium of Light.

Days were spent in workshops educating the Korean teachers about our teaching style, showing them a variety of techniques and guiding them in how to include these techniques in their own lessons. Pupils in KS3 then had the pleasure of taking part in lessons delivered by the teachers relating to Korean Culture.

Mr Malkin and Mrs Hoey will visit Korea in the summer as representatives of St Anthony's. They will be spending time observing how the exchange

has helped develop the Korean teachers' approach as well as delivering lessons to Korean pupils in Maths, History and British Culture.



# International Links

## China



We continue to develop our links with China. Working the Local Authority and a cluster of Sunderland schools we contributed to a bid for British Council funding to support an exchange visit of teachers with the Northern Chinese region of Harbin. The bid was successful and we anticipate that the visit to China by UK teachers will take place in the autumn term. Miss Alice Robinson will represent St. Anthony's in this group visit to China.

Miss Robinson has already been to China twice. On her first visit she did a 3 week immersion course to pick up basic Mandarin and key aspects of Chinese culture; this has allowed her to offer lunchtime classes to groups of students in Year 8 and Year 9. In her second visit she worked in an international school teaching English during her summer holidays' accompanied by Miss Sophie Cousin.

In a further development we are currently in conversations with the Local Authority to host a group of Chinese students for an extended period of around 6 weeks. This would be an exciting development that could lead to a return visit by students from St. Anthony's to China in the future.

## India



We continue to develop links with KVKV School in Rajkot, Gujarat, established through the Connecting Classrooms Project funding received from British Council in 2010 and 2012. We are applying for further funding in June 2014.

In July 2014 we welcome the visit of Mr. Ketankamus Ashutosh Vyas and Mr. Vipulkumar Dhirajlal Gediya from KVKV School. They are teachers of Business and Mathematics respectively. They will follow an extensive programme of observation of lessons and discussions with a range of teaching and administrative staff. They will also have a programme of cultural and social events that will allow them to get to know the history and culture of the North East.

We are also linking with Gateshead Local Authority and Bede Community Primary School, Gateshead who are welcoming Ms Sonal Shah, Head Teacher of KVKV school, since they have established a link with the Rajkot school's primary section. We have planned joint activities for the 3 days when the Indian teachers are in the North East together.

A party of 2 teachers, Mr. Flores and Mr. Jordan, as well as 4 students from the present Year 12, Abigail Carlisle, Zoe Laidler, Alex Miller and Katie Robertson, will visit KVKV School in February 2015. They will work with the Indian students and do activities in Technology and Languages to support their learning programmes.



### Connecting Classrooms Visit to India

Three year 13 girls, Emily Best, Caitlin Strong and Rebecca Toomey, visited Rajkot in India and had many amazing experiences. One of the highlights of the trip was a safari to the Gir forest, where the girls met Asiatic Lions. The Gir forest is a National Park and wild life sanctuary in the Gujarat state of India, which protects a wide range of wild animals.



# Horner's Fundraising Corner



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## Race for Life



### PLACE FOR A RACE 2014

St Anthony's Academy has again hosted the Race for Life's 'Place for a race'. The Year 7's took part on Monday 9th June and the Year 8 & 9 classes took part on Monday 16th June.

The event started at 12.00pm and lasted till 12.30pm. Every girl who took part received a medal and a bangle to help raise money for cancer research. Watch out for our next edition for Year 8 & 9 pictures and total amount raised.

Miss Horner would like to thank all the Year 9 girls who volunteered their time to help run this event and give out the medals to all the runners, and the Year 7's who took part.



### EXTENDED SCHOOLS

The after-school activities run by the academy under the banner of Extended Schools have been another great success this year. Around 50 pupils a week from primary schools and our own Year 7 have been working together on activities including the Cook-it club, Arts and Crafts activities and trampolining club.

The activities provide an excellent opportunity for the primary students to make new friends before attending St. Anthony's in the future, and allow them to become familiar with the school before their first day in "big school"!

The ski club also continues to attract large numbers of primary students, where they can make friends with St. Anthony's students from all year groups.

Information about next term's activities will be sent out to the primary schools in September and will also be available on the school website. If you have a child (and the activities are open to anyone, not just those students thinking of coming to St. Anthony's in the future) and you do not receive the information from your primary school, then please e-mail [extendedschools@st-anthonys-academy.com](mailto:extendedschools@st-anthonys-academy.com) for further details.

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# Learning Resource Centre News

## Library News

### Pupil Librarian Scheme

This year's Pupil Librarians have now completed their training scheme and to celebrate attended an award ceremony. This year it was held at Holy Trinity Church and the guest speaker was the well known poet Craig Bradley. He entertained us with his poetry and then presented the girls with a certificate. A signed copy of one of his books is given to the library.

Well done girls!



### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day 2014, we had a competition in the library where the girls had to create a Book Jacket. We had some fantastic entries and after much deliberation the winners were;

Lauren Calvert Yr 7

Zainab Nadeem Yr 8

Rhianna Oliver Yr 8

Noshin Rouf Yr 9



### Reading Club

The Year 7 Reading Club girls were invited to attend an Author/Illustrator session at English Martyrs School, Hartlepool. Liz Millions explained to the girls how she had become an illustrator and how illustrations are an important part in a book as they can help to tell the story. She demonstrated how to create illustrations and the girls had a go at designing their own characters.



Nikki Bello

Brodie Bryden

Sabrina Castrogiovanni

Shelby Cooper

Olivia Kaigg

Aleksandra Krasa

Hana Rahman

Emily Rushworth

Megan Smith

*The mature way in which pupils work and cooperate in lessons  
is a major factor in their success*

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# Literacy Events



## WORLD BOOK DAY fest

HAPPY,  
A BIG, BOOKY  
CELEBRATION  
OF READING

Thursday March 6th 2014 saw St Anthony's celebrating World Book Day. A variety of events were organised throughout the whole school with both pupils and staff taking part.

Year 7 and members of staff dressed up as their favourite literary character raising £163.00 for Book Aid International, a charity which aims to send brand new books to libraries in schools and community libraries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Pupils from across Key Stage Three took advantage of the lunchtime reading sessions in the new Educare Centre.



**Book Aid  
International**  
[www.bookaid.org](http://www.bookaid.org)



Staff dressed as their favourite literary character.  
Can you guess the character?



Reading in the Educare Centre



Year 7 Pupils dressed as literary characters for World Book Day including Katniss Everdeen (Hunger Games), Queen of Hearts (Alice in Wonderland) Wally (Where's Wally?)

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# Literacy Events



The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards

An enthusiastic group of Year 9 readers have been taking part in this year's CILIP Carnegie Award. They are reading from a short-listed selection of nominated teenage fiction.

The winner of the award will be announced by the CILIP

Carnegie panel on 23rd June 2014. The books are available from the library for all senior readers to read. Why not visit the library and give them a go?



Carnegie Reading Group busy at work

## Reading Challenge

Congratulations and well done to all Key Stage 3 pupils who attended Reading Challenge. They have made excellent progress in their reading. Thank you to all Year 12 pupils who supported Key Stage 3 readers.



## Craig Bradley Visit to St Anthony's

Pupils from Reading Club and Reading Challenge had the chance to meet 'That Poetry Bloke' Craig Bradley when he visited the school on 5th June. The event was enjoyed by all pupils as they worked with Craig to create unique poetry in an interactive and fun way.



## COMING SOON

### Book in a Bag

From September 2014 all Key Stage 3 pupils will be required to have a reading book as part of their equipment. They have access to a wonderful selection of books in the library and Ms. Jackson, our librarian, would be happy to help any child to select something to read. Look out for 'Recommended Reads' from our Carnegie reading group. Please support this by encouraging your daughter to carry a reading book in her bag.



## Year 9 Readathon 2nd July 2014

All Year 9 pupils will be taking part in Readathon during Personal Development Day in July. This is a fantastic sponsored reading event which aims to raise money for CLIC Sargent, **Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity**, **ReadWell** and **Together for Short Lives**; all charities aim to support sick and terminally ill children. Your support with this event would be gratefully appreciated.



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### Thank you and God Bless you all.

Dear and loving Principal, teachers, students, parents & friends  
With you all a very happy and a grace filled New Year 2014, thank you for your love and care for the poor, sick and needy. We wish in 2014 to continue with your generous donations to Hope House at various places in various ways. We thank you in a very special way for your generous donation, which in the past in Hope House where we take care of the HIV AIDS and terminally ill clients. Your contribution assisted us to discharge home more than 88% of the clients and some even back to work and also to continue their studies.  
Thank you for coming all the way from home to Swaziland & making a sacrifice to serve the less fortunate people of the country. Thanks, prayers & love to your parents who support and assist us. The children's unit is full and some are very ill, a few have returned to school with their medication.

Dear teachers and students, thank you for thinking of us. In return we assure you of our special prayers for all your needs. With you a very bright future, may the Good God bless & protect your family, business and all that you do. Give thanks, thanks and prayers, from all the sisters, staff and clients of Hope House. A BIG thank you for all that you are for us. Thank you and congratulations for the wonderful service which you render to the nation. Dear and loving friends, we pray for you, please do continue to support us to give a quality care for the sick, poor and needy clients of ours. Kindly keep us in your prayers. Each one of you my dear students and teachers a warm embrace.  
Thanking you  
Yours in Christ Jesus

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# Manzini

## Swaziland – 2014

This year we are not taking any students with us to visit our Global Partners at Manzini Youth Care (MYC). However three staff from our own Academy will be accompanied by MYC Trustees and a member of staff from Sunderland University on another epic visit for two weeks in July.



Staff and students at Sunderland University have supported the work done by St Anthony's for a number of years now and are very keen to do more. Karen, who lectures at the university, is hoping to network with a variety of groups within MYC to see how best the university can support them.

For Dr G Emery, who teaches Science at the Academy, this is her first trip to Swaziland. She is very enthusiastic and would like to lead groups in the future – she is so excited! We hope it meets all of her expectations – we are sure it will and many more! The rest of the group are veterans, having been out on a number of occasions. They are four of the UK MYC Trustees, Mrs M Miller, Mrs C O'Neil, Mrs T Whittaker and Mrs A Laydon.

We are hoping to use our time productively and visit many of the projects supported by MYC. Education is our priority, as here at St Anthony's the vast majority of our fundraising goes to pay for teachers' salaries at Enjabulweni Bridging School. (Please go to the MYC Website for more information). This is an NGO (Non Government Organisation) school and all salaries and pupil fees are paid through donations. Without this support, many Swazi orphans and children from very poor backgrounds, would not receive an education. We hope to spend a good deal of our time with both staff and students in ways that best supports them.

We intend to visit the rural areas around Manzini from which the school draws its pupils. We will also

be calling in to see Sr Elsa and her staff at Hope House and spending time with some of the patients there. The new Girls' Home – Litsembo Lemphilo, which opened last year is doing very well and a visit has already been organised for there too. We do not imagine that when we call in to the Boys' Homes, that we will escape painting and decorating – there is always somewhere that needs sprucing up!! A visit to Eswatini Jam & Honey Factory and Imvelo Jewellery Outlet, both income generating projects belonging to MYC, will be trawled through for gifts to bring home as well as a trip to the infamous Manzini outdoor market.

What we do know is that there will be many requests for our help when we arrive and on your behalf we will do the very best we can to support, in whichever way we can.

We take with us your generosity, kindness and continued support. What you give and do for MYC, in so many ways, makes a difference that cannot be measured.

Watch out for the Christmas edition of 'Spotlight' for news about this year's visit.

If you would like to donate to MYC, cheques are payable to Swaziland St Anthony's School or any cash to O'Connell office, please leave your name and the amount of your donation.

Many Thanks.



*Students are proud of many of the opportunities on offer to them, such as singing with the choir at the Vatican*

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## Café Kulture Evening

On Tuesday 25th and 26th February, St Anthony's MFL department were delighted to host their 'Café Kulture' evenings to celebrate languages and promote language learning within the school. Year 5 and 6 pupils from all feeder primary schools, along with their parents, were invited to join us and take part in a fun-filled evening. First of all, pupils and parents were given a taster lesson to learn how to order food and drink in French and Spanish. They seemed to really enjoy trying out their newly acquired language at the café throughout the whole evening, and if the evenings were anything to go by, we will certainly have some excellent linguists joining the school in the near future! Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the tapas tasting, and guests were invited to give their opinions of the

food using different flashcards. Unfortunately for Miss Robinson, the Spanish food seemed to be more popular than the French, so Mrs Marshall was delighted! The French and Spanish choir gave an excellent performance both evenings, and we were even lucky enough to have some of our talented dancers performing tango-tap, ballet and Bollywood routines. A big thank you to all the girls who helped out, particularly the Sixth Form French and Spanish students who worked tirelessly to help make the events a success. We would also like to thank all the parents and students who supported us by buying drinks and snacks from Café Kulture during parents' evenings throughout the year as the money raised allowed us to host the evening. We are looking forward to hosting the event next year for the next group of Year 5 pupils.



6th Form pupils getting into the European spirit!



6th Form waitresses preparing to serve Spanish and French food

## Year 10 Study visit to Paris

Twenty-seven year 10 students are currently getting very excited about their upcoming trip to Paris on the 16th July! The girls will be visiting so many places and doing a huge range of activities during the 5 days, including climbing the Eiffel Tower



at night and going on a boat trip down the river Seine. The girls will be able to experience first-hand the culture of France, as well as practise their French skills in the run-up to their GCSE speaking exam in French. We hope that everyone will have a fantastic time and we look forward to giving you a full account of our trip in the next edition of Spotlight!

## Mandarin Film Workshop

On the 10th February, Miss Robinson took ten lucky Year 7 pupils from the lunchtime Mandarin club to Sunderland University for a Chinese Film Day. The girls watched a film in Mandarin called 'Not One Less' which told the story of a young girl who had to replace the teacher of a small school in the countryside. One of her pupils ran away to the city to try and make money to send back to his family, so the girl left the school to find him and bring him home. The girls were surprised to see how poor the children at the school were, and how different their school was to ours. It made us all feel very lucky about the facilities we have here at St Anthony's! After the film, the girls took part in various activities including practising writing

Chinese characters, learning the art of calligraphy and making paper lanterns. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot from the experience.



Pupils getting to grips with calligraphy



## ¡Vamos a Barcelona!

This October Year 10-13 pupils are looking forward to a fantastic trip to Barcelona. From 23rd-27th October 2014 girls will be spending time speaking Spanish, eating tapas and experiencing true Spanish culture. This year's visit will include trips to Las Ramblas, Torres vineyard, Montjuic, Parc Güell, Sagrada Familia, the FI circuit, Pueblo espanyol and much more. Girls will have the opportunity to experience Spanish culture with salsa dancing, tapas tasting, Spanish

Last year's students enjoying a night time musical fountain display in central Barcelona.



speaking and writing workshops and a chance to try paella and other typical Spanish dishes. From previous experience we know that this trip is always exciting, intriguing, fun-filled and exhausting and we expect this year's trip to be just as successful! This is a really special trip which provides students with a unique enriching experience that they will not forget. We hope to continue running this extremely popular trip in 2015 for girls who will be going into Year 9 in September. Anyone who is interested can speak to Miss Cousin.

A wonderful morning spent in the beautiful Sagrada Familia.



## European Languages Day 2014

The whole school is set to learn about different cultures and celebrate European Languages Day on 26th September 2014. Each year group will be assigned a different country and will take part in an assembly which will celebrate that country. Prayers related to that country's saints will be used throughout the day and pupils will be given the opportunity to find out more about that country as the day progresses.

Each department will also be assigned a different European language and will incorporate an aspect of that culture in their subject area. Teachers will dress up in the colours of the country and pupils will enjoy cultural quizzes and learn a variety of interesting facts in every lesson. Each country's language will also be spoken in lessons, with a little help from the MFL department!

St Anthony's feeder primary schools will also get in on the action as they will participate in a variety of fun activities planned by the MFL department which will help to enhance their understanding of culture and diversity and give them an insight into secondary school language learning.

So brush up on your European languages in time for September!



## Awards for Success in Sixth Form Mathematics

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

### Year 13

In 2014 **Rachael Matthews** is presented with the **Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics**, while **Amy Bold** receives the **Further Mathematics Award**.

### Year 12

**Kate Hamilton** received the award for AS Level Mathematics with **Dana Lim** being awarded the Further Mathematics Award.

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

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

Kate Hamilton



## Catholic Partnership Year 8 Team Mathematics Challenge 2014

Well done to our Year 8 Maths Challenge Teams. 8 girls from Year 8 recently represented the school in the Catholic Partnership Team Maths Challenge. Although they didn't win overall they were the winners of the strategy round. A great time was had by all and the girls were fantastic ambassadors for the Academy.



Back row, left to right: Bethany Jones, Jasmine Staples, Rachel Green & Diana Sabu  
Front row, left to right: Kinga Lewandowska, Lily Frankland, Sarah Knight & Hannah Marshall

## Year 11 Mathematics Award

The Mathematics Department awards the prize for Mathematics to an outstanding pupil in Year 11.

This year Ann Andreas was awarded this prize for her superb achievement and effort during her GCSE course.

Competition for this award was tough this year with many girls deserving recognition. A huge well done to all girls in Year 11 for their commitment and hard work.





# Maths

## Intermediate Maths Challenge Results 2014

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

As with the Junior Challenge, the top performing girls are presented with either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. A special mention must go to Anna McKie from Year 10, who achieved the certificate for 'Best in School.' Anna also participated in the next round of the challenge along with Lucy Roberts in Year 9.

The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 11

**Best in year :** Rachel Lim

| Silver Certificate | Bronze Certificate |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rachel Lim         | Emily Chisholm     |
| Jessica Aldis      | Kate Thynne        |
| Sophie Jackson     | Carmel Moran       |
| Lille Borresen     | Emma Ford          |
| Eve Watson         | Jessica Phipps     |
| Bethany Richardson | Savannah Lawrence  |
|                    | Tamin Syeda        |
|                    | Rebecca Dixon      |
|                    | Heather Boal       |
|                    | Lauren Broom       |
|                    | Faye Huntley       |
|                    | Sarah Krajovska    |

### Year 10

**Best in school:** Anna McKie

**Best in year:** Anna McKie

**Gold Certificate:** Anna McKie

| Silver Certificate | Bronze Certificate   |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Zoe Jones          | Jennifer Szandrowska |
| Bethaney Miller    | Jennifer Welsh       |
| Reshma Raji        | Olivia Johnson       |
| Livia Scott        | Beth Maughan         |
| Olivia Smith       | Bethany Grieveson    |
| Sadie Moron        | Rebecca Terry        |
|                    | Amelia Brown         |
|                    | Anya Mason           |
|                    | Esme Featherstone    |
|                    | Holly Lancaster      |
|                    | Kaylee McNally       |
|                    | Megan Newton         |
|                    | Stephanie Wilson     |
|                    | Eleanor Duncan       |



### Year 9

**Best in year:** Lucy Roberts

**Gold Certificate:** Lucy Roberts

| Silver Certificate | Bronze Certificate |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sharon Pious       | Heather Wilson     |
|                    | Megan Newton       |
|                    | Olivia Howard      |
|                    | Anya Mason         |
|                    | Aimee Murphy       |
|                    | Reshma Raji        |
|                    | Rebecca Terry      |
|                    | Zoe Jones          |
|                    | Sacha Brown        |

Year 10 Mathematics Challenge certificate winners





### Reviewing the Situation

I was honoured to be chosen to play Fagin in this year's musical Oliver, and with it Academy, I wanted to make sure it was the best yet – and I wasn't disappointed! With this experience, I know I speak for everyone when I say it is something that we will all treasure and something I will definitely take with me. I'm going to miss everyone, but be sure to see you all in your next production!

By Hannah



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## Please Sir, Can I Have Some More?!

This year's Academy production of *Oliver* certainly pulled out all of the stops!

This year the standard was so high that the show has been likened to a west-end production, with over one hundred pupils involved in making sure audiences were treated to the best possible production.

Mrs Dudley and Miss Duncan, the show's directors, said "We didn't think we'd be able to top the incredible job our students did with last year's musical, but they proved us entirely wrong! The pupils are extremely talented and enthusiastic young ladies, and it's a privilege to see all of their hard work and dedication come to fruition".

A huge congratulations to all of the cast, chorus, crew and musicians for three capacity sell-out shows.



## Breaking News:

Next year's Academy production will be Stephen Sondheim's '*Into the Woods*', to be performed July 7th-10th 2015 at the Royalty Theatre, Sunderland. With a very complicated libretto and an extensive orchestral score, this will be the Academy's most challenging production yet!

being my last at the  
What an amazing  
treasure forever,  
re that I'll 'Be Back  
n Trotter, Y13 (Fagin)

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# Maths



## Junior Maths Challenge Results 2014

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



The following girls were awarded certificates:

| Year 8                                 |                         |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Best in School:</b> Jasmine Staples |                         |
| <b>Best in year:</b> Anna McKie        |                         |
| <b>Best in year:</b> Jasmine Staples   |                         |
| Gold Certificate                       |                         |
| Jasmine Staples<br>Lucy Hall           |                         |
| Silver Certificate                     | Bronze Certificate      |
| Rachel Green                           | Katie Tullock           |
| Kinga Lewandowska                      | Leah Tubman             |
| Eden Footes                            | Megan Peacock           |
| Sarah McKeown                          | Lily Heskett-Saddington |
| Jess Mellet                            | Hannah Marshall         |
| Bethany Jones                          | Jessica Robinson        |
| Diana Sabu                             | Harwyn Matibag          |
| Heather Adams                          | Hana Elmarakbi          |
| Sarah Knight                           | Ayesha Isahac           |
|                                        | Eve Grant               |
|                                        | Maisie Sherriff         |
|                                        | Meg Baines              |
|                                        | Emma Waterworth         |
|                                        | Hannah Ridley           |

| Year 7                             |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Best in year:</b> Yasmine Fayaz |                    |
| Gold Certificate                   |                    |
| Yasmine Fayaz<br>Emma Maughan      |                    |
| Silver Certificate                 | Bronze Certificate |
| Ashna Saji                         | Lauren Calvert     |
| Olivia Thompson                    | Amelia Turnbull    |
| Melin Sunil                        | Zaynab Aktar       |
|                                    | Grace Mason        |
|                                    | Leema Saji         |
|                                    | Aimee Poulton      |
|                                    | Alex Tynan         |
|                                    | Jasmine Pahl       |
|                                    | Sabiha Ali         |
|                                    | Frankie Richardson |
|                                    | Maia Veitch        |



The Junior Maths Challenge was the final external exam to be held in Our Lady's Hall before it was demolished to make way for our new academy.



# Maths

## Senior Maths Challenge 2013-14

Ten pupils have achieved an award in the UKMT Senior Maths 2013-14. The challenge for pupils in Years 12 is based upon problem solving using Mathematics.

The top award of Silver and the Best in School goes to **Dana Lim**.

**Annabelle Joyce** also received a silver award.

Bronze awards go to **Annamary Roy, Ellie Spraggon, Jessica Dow, Catherine Taylor, Kate Lormor, Olivia Gough, Abby Rodgers** and **Zoe Laidler**.

All the students have studied Advanced Level Mathematics and **Dana, Annabelle, Kate** and **Olivia** also study Further Mathematics.

## GCSE Maths Revision Day

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



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# Music



## Senior Choir take to the Stage

March was a busy month for the Senior Choir.

After rehearsing hard and perfecting their repertoire, on Saturday 1st March, they performed in the Gateshead regional festival of Music for Youth; set up by the national music education charity providing free access to performance and audience opportunities for young musicians across the UK. The choir performed a ten minute programme of songs showcasing a range of genres and styles, and was highly commended on their performance. The judges were impressed with their solid four-part harmonies, and beautiful warm tone.

Then on Sunday 16th March, the girls were excited and raring to compete in the annual 'City Sings' competition at the Sunderland Empire, for which they auditioned back in November and wowed the judges into silence! The theme for this year was the 'Swinging Sixties'; one song choice had to be in this genre, and the second was a free choice. "Please Mr Postman" was our sixties choice, and although we struggled with the dance moves and looking happy at the same time, it was a great success! We complemented this with 'Dirait-on', a beautiful haunting melody in four part harmony which seemed to stun the Empire.

Although the result didn't go our way on the night, the girls truly did the performance of their lives, which was echoed by the judges, audience, parents and teachers. An evening to be proud of for all concerned. Amazing quality, amazing girls!

## Dates for your diary

Senior Choir tour to Salzburg  
**Monday 1st September – Friday 5th  
September 2014**

Christmas Concert  
**Thursday 11th December 2014 (TBC)**

Music for Youth  
**March 2015**

The City Sings  
**March 2015**

Spring Soiree  
**19th March 2015**

Into the Woods Production  
**Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July 2015**





# Music

## Search for a Star – Mission Successful!

For the first time, St Anthony's Academy were invited to take place in the local competition 'Search for a Star', where pupils from across the city's schools and academies performed in front of two judges at Monkwearmouth school in March to be crowned the winner. Our two acts were chosen through the 'Search for a St Anthony's Star' talent competition, where over twenty acts from Y7 to Y13 performed in front of a pupil audience who would decide on their two favourite acts to represent us in the local final. There were a diverse variety of acts, ranging from dancers to balloon modellers, from singers to a bugle player on a pogo stick(!). The well deserved winners were Olivia Smith (Y10) who performed Hallelujah by Alexandra Burke, and 'Red Ribbons' comprising Ella Colgan, Achsah Finney, Alice Liddle and Katie Macrae (all Y9) who performed their own arrangement of a Coldplay medley.



The standard of the final was extremely high, with all acts absolutely brimming with talent, so we were delighted when our very own Olivia Smith was voted by the judges as Runner Up 2014!

Congratulations to both acts – two stellar performances, and five amazing role models for St Anthony's Academy.



# Pastoral Year 7



## Egg decorating competition

To help raise money for Tammy's Karate Competition in Kosovo, some of Y7 took part in an egg decorating competition. The creativity shown by the girls was outstanding and we had some excellent entries, including ladybirds, a snowman, a furby and a 'contegstant' for Total Wipeout. Brooke Kelly (7SHa) was the final winner for her ingenious underwater scene which included deep sea divers and fish! Well done to all the girls who took part.



## Year 7 Attendance

We value the importance of good attendance at St. Anthony's, as we know what a difference it makes to our pupils' overall achievement.



We are particularly proud of those girls who have achieved 100% attendance in Year 7. Well done girls, keep it up!

Bethany Allsopp  
Eve Barks  
Hannah Blyth  
Julia Brunton  
Jamela Coloma  
Hannah Cowgill  
Rosie Coyne  
Paige Dodd  
Ame Gupit  
Natasha Hair  
Georgia Hales  
Millie Harrison  
Ellie Henderson  
Neve James  
Ola Kowalczyk  
Eleanor Lynn  
Anna Maw  
Neve McAvinnie

Jessie Mzembe  
Gabrielle Park  
Alix Pearson  
Izadora Preece  
Jane Redman  
Vanessa Rubio  
Ashna Saji  
Bushra Shaikh  
Leema Shaji  
Lucy Smith  
Rebecca Speed  
Lauren Stokoe  
Olivia Thompson  
Lakhraj Toor  
Alexandra Tynan  
Maia Veitch  
Stephanie Welsh

## Karate Kid

We are so proud of Tammy Proctor (7STo) for her outstanding achievement in Karate. She recently represented her club in the World Shotokan Karate Championships in Kosovo, winning both a Silver and a Gold medal in different Karate disciplines.

Well Done Tammy!



# Pastoral Year 7

## Lenten Alms

Each Lent, the girls at St. Anthony's work really hard to fundraise for St. Cuthbert's Care. The money raised goes towards the 5p bus; a mobile clothes distribution service, which travels around the North East to deliver second hand clothing to people living in areas of high deprivation.

The Year 7s worked tirelessly to fundraise £738.34 for the charity, holding events such as a movie hour and card making activities. Mille Harrison (left) singlehandedly raised over £100 for the charity by doing a sponsored swim. Well Done Millie!

In total the academy raised £1552.50, which was given to the charity at the Good Shepherd Mass. Both Millie and Elle Jackson (right) presented a cheque and a massive poster showing all the activities Year 7 took part in.

Well done girls!



## Year 7SJ Fun Run

Year 7 Form Group 7SJ organised a "Onesie Fun Run" in order to raise money for Lenten Alms. This Fun Run included pupils running laps in their onesies! Raising an outstanding amount of money, £159.01. Some students, Fay Hildreth, Rebecca Speed and Olivia Robinson all ran 52 laps! This was done in forty-five minutes which is spectacularly fast!

The costumes that we wore at the Fun Run were bright, colourful, unique, stylish and exciting! Most girls wore onesies, some girls wore pyjamas and there was even a tutu to be seen! Overall it was a great day as we raised a lot of money and everyone enjoyed the Fun Run.





# Pastoral Year 7



## World Book Day

Year 7 pupils were chosen to celebrate the annual World Book Day event by dressing up as a character from their favourite book. Both staff and pupils really embraced the event, which aims to encourage young people to celebrate authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) reading.

As you can see from the photos, everyone put in so much effort to make the day memorable. The overall award for best costume went to Paige Dodd (aka Gangster Granny!) Well Done Paige!

## Year 7 Christmas Charity

In the Christmas edition of Spotlight, we mentioned that the Year 7 Team was supporting the work of Lepira, an international charity which fundraises to fight the spread of Leprosy. We were so proud of all the Year 7s who fundraised for a week and a half, and managed to raise an amazing £1800!! As a celebration all the Year 7s took part in a fun workout to celebrate all the hard work they put in to the event and even some of the Year 7 Tutors got involved too!



# Pastoral Year 8



## Lifestyle, Activity & Food Programme

Year 8 have been involved with an exciting opportunity with the Sunderland Council LAF (Lifestyle Activity and Food) Organisation. Pupils were presented with an informative assembly about food and nutrition from the team and also were given a workshop at lunchtime, where they had the opportunity to learn more in-depth information about Sports, healthy eating and exercise. Several girls took advantage of the free weigh-in and BMI calculation and the helpful advice offered by the LAF team. From this, some lucky pupils were offered free sessions at local centres such as the Aquatic centre. The day was a great success and the LAF team will subsequently be attending the Personal Development Day and working closely with the school Food Technology department, to further enhance the girls' knowledge and awareness of healthy lifestyle choices.

Year 8 were heavily involved in celebrating the Year of Faith at St Anthony's. Several Y8 girls were proactive in the creation of a 'graffiti' banner for our Educare Centre. Girls applied creative imagery, poems and prayers for the banner celebrating the Catholic Faith and those faiths from other cultures and nations around the world!



Year 8 Pupils creating the 'graffiti' banner for the Year of Faith celebration.

## 100% ATTENDANCE

Y8 pupils have shown excellent commitment this year, none more so than those who have demonstrated 100% attendance so far.

Well done to

Mollie Bewick

Katie Crawford

Bridget Dale

Samantha Dickinson

Amy Dixon

Jennifer Emerson

Eve Grant

Bethany Griffiths

Hope Irvine

Maria Isahac

Devika Jayan

Danielle Johnson

Sarah Knight

Demi Littlefair

Brooke Makin

Hannah Marshall

Sarah McKeown

Lucie Moore

Megan Peacock

Hannah Ridley

Olivia Spoors

Jasmine Staples

Robyn Taylor

Lilly Thompson

Katie Tullock

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The academy's promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is particularly impressive

# Pastoral Year 9



## Fairtrade news

Y9 students have had a very busy and successful year. A small group of students sell Fairtrade goods every break time and sometimes at lunchtime. These include healthy bars, juice and biscuits. We organized a Christmas and Easter raffle and ordered Christmas goods for staff. For our Personal Development Day Mrs Wolland delivered talks about Fairtrade and Y9 entered a poster competition run by Sunderland city council advertising Sunderland as a Fairtrade city. The secondary poster was won by Natalia Howe. She was presented with her prize by the Mayor at the museum and Winter gardens. We have also appeared in the Traidcraft bulletin where we explained the work we do at St Anthony's. Many thanks to all who support our stall. You can check us out on the website too where we have a video made by Rebecca Terry Y10 who supports Y9 in selling regularly. A fantastic year! Well done to everybody! We have just heard that our Fairtraders have won a Diana Award for volunteering. They will each receive a certificate. Congratulations.



Mrs Wolland and the Year 9 girls at the Fairtrade poster competition



The Year 9 Fair trade team



Natalia Howe and her winning poster

## Egg decorating competition

Easter presented us with more talent – egg decorating. We had some fantastic entries: Queen of Hearts, Monsters Inc characters, Easter themed decoration and more. Those who entered spent a lot of time on their entries. First prize went to Gabrielle Coundon. Well done to everyone.



First Prize – Gabrielle Coundon





# Pastoral Year 9

## Assemblies

Several of the Year 9 form classes have planned and delivered excellent assemblies on a wide range of topics including Christmas traditions, Valentine's Day, April Fool's Day, the month of May, the discovery of penicillin and puzzles and questions.

We have very talented students in Y9. As well as our form class assemblies we have seen examples of other talents. Students have practised hymns on a regular basis – what talented singers! We have also had a group of Bollywood dancers, three-legged racers and seen basketball skills. Thank you for all our special God-given talents.



Talented Bollywood dancers



9SAo Valentine's Day Assembly



9SMa Christmas Traditions Assembly



9SAa April Fool's Day Assembly



9STo Discovery of Penicillin Assembly

## Youth village visit

The girls in year 9 are looking forward to their visit to the Youth Village in Consett which is run by the Youth Ministry Team. This overnight visit allows pupils to make use of the excellent facilities in the Youth Village to reflect on their time in Key Stage 3 and to look forward to the future of Key Stage 4.



## Celebrating Success

Emmie Thompson has had some fantastic achievements this year. Emmie is a fabulous artist and has won an Award at the Sunderland Youth Arts Exhibition and then received a Young Achievers Award

in the Youth Arts Category. Emmie has also produced an animation of her top tips for staying safe online. She entered this animation into the Well Versed Project competition run by the Parent Zone. Her animation

was chosen to be part of the final film and she was invited to attend the launch event held at the Google HQ and YouTube studios. Look out for her animation appearing on our school website soon.



## Tutorials

Tutorials for Y9 deal with three topics: Careers, Citizenship and Media. The Careers topic has been very important because of the pathways the girls have to choose before entering Y10. All girls have made mature and sensible choices. Well done.

Alongside our tutorial programme this year we have been filling in anti-bullying booklets with prayers, poems, pictures, word walls and stories. Mrs Wolland is looking forward to judging these on Personal Development Day. At the beginning of the year each tutor group was given a plant to nurture by Christmas. This proved rather difficult for some groups and many plants died before judgement day! Well done to the two plants that stayed alive. More emphasis on green fingers needed in the future but we all had fun trying!

The academy's specialist subjects of technology and languages help to prepare students well for the future

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# Pastoral Year 9



## Charity work

Y9 has worked hard all year for many charities. Every month a form class has made and sold cakes for Manzini. Over £500 has been made for this cause. We have also given over £100 from these sales to Marie Curie cancer care. Y9 has also given money to St Cuthbert's care and Healthy Heart charity. Penny Fridays venture has been introduced since Easter and all money from this will be given to Manzini. It is an easy way to ensure your change goes to a good cause. Well done everyone. A magnificent effort from all Y9 girls.

## Fundraising for a defibrillator



Katie Blyth and her friends who came up with the idea of fundraising for the defibrillator

The girls in Year 9 have been fundraising for a defibrillator for our school. They are working with the Charity North East Hearts with Goals who will provide the defibrillator. A defibrillator is a lifesaving piece of equipment.



The girls in Year 9 have carried out a sponsored healthy heart activity in order to raise funds. They have completed a sponsored Zumba and Aerobics session run by the PE department. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities. The girls raised £200 which will be donated to CHUF – The Children's Heart Unit Fund at the Freeman hospital. They also raised £200 which is being donated to the charity North East Hearts with Goals, the school is donating the other £200 towards the defibrillator.



## Year Council

Our Year Council has used its pupil voice this year. We have discussed many issues which affect our students. We meet every month and have shared ideas about canteen menus, recycling, openings for Fairtrade and other important matters. The girls learn to talk about their ideas in a very mature and respectful manner which teaches them important life skills. As a reward for all this hard work, there will be a meal out in appreciation of the valuable contribution to school life. What fun!



# Pastoral Year 10

Throughout Year 10 students have worked really hard to support several charities. The 'Teachers Got Talent' fundraiser raised over £300

for St Cuthbert's Care. Bronya Tubman, Emily Barnes and Shauna Callaghan helped Sr Josepha at Christmas time to sell homeless packs on RE day on the SVP stand. At Christmas Year 10 helped immigrant children to receive cakes and sweets to supplement the essentials they receive in order to allow their parents to give them a treat over the festive period. The girls have also raised over £200 for Lenten Alms and over £50 for CAFOD. Well done!



work experience

In July the girls will have the opportunity to complete 1 week of work experience. This is always a fascinating week as the girls venture into the world of work and hopefully learn about a career which interests them.

By completing their work experience in Year 10 we hope that this will motivate the girls to work exceptionally hard in the coming year so that they achieve as highly as possible in their final exams next year.

12 Year 10 pupils have been selected to study Hairdressing at the Spoilt Rotten Hair Salon in Holmeside (Victoria Atkinson, Megan Bell, Brogan Black, Lauren Candler, Eve Goldsmith, Rebecca Green, Sruthy Joseph Mathew, Sommer Lane, Niamh Large, Beth Morland, Sophie Ward & Morgan Wright).



Year 10 pupils are always keen to develop their talents. Our Bollywood dancers have taken part in the RE festival and have taught dance to Years 7 and 8 as well as pupils at St Mary's Primary School. They have recently taken part in "Search for the Stars".

We are always keen to develop any talents our students have in Year 10 to complement their academic studies. There is a wide range of opportunities available for any girl who wishes to develop their interests and it will also look good on any CV!



Shojimol Tom, Sruthy Joseph Mathew, Reshma Reji, Neethu Nicholas and Grace Augustine



The girls earned a place on the course following an interview with the course leader Tracy Wood. The course covers both practical and theory with an online test at the end of each unit. All practical skills are learnt in the working environment of the salon. All girls have successfully completed the Health and Safety Unit and have recently sat the Shampooing and Conditioning test. The girls attend every Tuesday night from 4.00-7.00pm in their own time. The course will culminate in a hairdressing show at the end of the 2 years and the girls will achieve a Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Hairdressing.



Students' information and communication technology skills are particularly impressive and there are close links with local multi-national industries

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# Pastoral Year 11



## 100% ATTENDANCE

Year 11 maintained their excellent attendance levels to ensure that they provided themselves with the best preparation for their GCSE examinations, including the following pupils who successfully achieved 100% attendance in the years shown below.

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Jessica Alldis     | Year 8, 9 and 11 |
| Anumol Alukkal     | Year 11          |
| Ann Andreas        | Year 10 and 11   |
| Heather Boal       | Year 11          |
| Lille Borresen     | Year 11          |
| Lauren Broom       | Year 11          |
| Grace Burlinson    | Year 8           |
| Sophie Burnett     | Year 10 and 11   |
| Emily Chisholm     | Year 11          |
| Hannah Cumiskey    | Year 10 and 11   |
| Molly Curle        | Year 11          |
| Samantha Davenport | Year 11          |
| Emma Davies        | Year 8           |
| Benedict Fikila    | Year 11          |
| Anna Foster        | Year 9           |
| Rachael Gillespie  | Year 8           |
| Eve Hawes          | Year 11          |
| Sophie Henderson   | Year 9           |
| Hannah Laverick    | Year 11          |
| Savannah Lawrence  | Year 9           |
| Rachel Lim         | Year 10 and 11   |
| Jessica Lincoln    | Year 8           |
| Jessica Lloyd      | Year 11          |
| Kate Mackinnon     | Year 7           |
| Charlotte Matlock  | Year 10 and 11   |
| Georgia Maw        | Year 11          |
| Fay McFarlane      | Year 10          |
| Amy McRoy          | Year 11          |
| Emma Morton        | Year 9 and 11    |
| Shannen O'Neill    | Year 9           |
| Emily Pearson      | Year 9           |
| Jemine Pemu        | Year 10 and 11   |
| Jessica Phipps     | Year 8           |
| Megan Price        | Year 11          |
| Riya Raju          | Year 11          |
| Bethany Richardson | Year 11          |
| Sarah Richardson   | Year 11          |
| Kennedy Ross       | Year 9           |
| Della Sabu         | Year 11          |

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Kate Summerson | Year 11       |
| Tamin Syeda    | Year 9        |
| Louise Thurlow | Year 8 and 11 |
| Lucy Tilbury   | Year 8 and 11 |
| Emily Turnbull | Year 8 and 9  |
| Megan Tynan    | Year 11       |
| Emma Watson    | Year 11       |
| Emily Woodley  | Year 11       |

## Examinations

Congratulations to all of the Year 11 pupils who have now completed their GCSE and BTEC qualifications this year. To celebrate the completion of their KS4 courses the girls attended their Leavers' Presentation which was held at the Stadium of Light for the first time this year, due to the redevelopment of the school. During the presentation the girls will be awarded with records of achievement, specific subject and Head Teacher's awards.

## Congratulations to Year 11 Award Winners 2014

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Additional Science    | Sophie Liddle           |
| Art                   | Chloe Fairweather       |
| Biology               | Anna Greaves            |
| BTEC Science          | Jessica Lloyd           |
| Business Studies      | Bethany Richardson      |
| Chemistry             | Rachel Lim              |
| Childcare             | Emma Kelly              |
| English               | Lucy Clark              |
| Food                  | Ellie Patterson         |
| French                | Savannah Lawrence       |
| Geography             | Tamin Syeda             |
| Hairdressing Award    | Chloe Wood              |
| History               | Claudia Spoor           |
| Humanities            | Chloe Williams          |
| ICT                   | Lydia Buxton            |
| Mathematics           | Ann Andreas             |
| Media                 | Anna Greaves            |
| Music                 | Georgia McCluskey       |
| PE (BTEC)             | Jessica Lloyd           |
| PE (Sports)           | Ann Andreas             |
| Physics               | Ann Andreas             |
| Product Design        | Emma Morton             |
| RE                    | Rachel Doyle            |
| Service to Chaplaincy | Ann Andreas             |
| Sociology             | Maxine McGough          |
| Spanish               | Lille Borresen          |
| Textiles              | Aimee Easterbrook-Smith |



# Pastoral Year 11

## Year Leader Community Award

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Ann Andreas  | Eve Hawes     |
| Lauren Broom | Della Sabu    |
| Emma Ford    | Claudia Spoor |
| Anna Greaves | Amy Watson    |

## Head Teacher's Award

The following girls have been recommended to the Head Teacher for All Round Academic Effort and Achievement.

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Ann Andreas    | Georgia McCluskey  |
| Anna Greaves   | Ellie Patterson    |
| Rachel Lim     | Della Sabu         |
| Kathy Santiago | Amy Watson         |
| Eve Watson     | Riya Raju          |
| Lille Borreson | Savannah Lawrence  |
| Lauren Broom   | Bethany Richardson |
| Rachel Doyle   | Heather Boal       |
| Ella Farrell   | Chloe Fairweather  |
| Anna Foster    | Emily Fox          |
| Lauren Francis | Claudia Spoor      |
| Jessica Lloyd  |                    |

## Year 11 Advent Charity

Year 11 made a collection for Mary's Meals as their advent charity. Each class was asked to provide a school bag and fill it with items listed by the charity, which provides education and makes sure each child in school has a lunch. The items included stationery, toiletries, clothing and footwear. In total 22 complete bags were filled and boxes of extra items sent. You can see the video which prompted so many girls to be so generous on the Mary's Meals website.



## Year 11 Presentation Mass

The year 11 year group participated in a wonderful Mass to celebrate their 5 years as part of the St Anthony's community. It was an uplifting Mass that included hymns chosen and sung by the Worship Choir; the offertory procession where girls presented gifts to represent the skills and knowledge that they have gained during their time at St Anthony's, and Readings carried out by girls who have regularly supported the pastoral team in their organisation and delivery of school Assemblies and Masses throughout the school years.

The mass was the last time that year 11 were able to spend together as a whole group due to the start of the GCSE examinations and it was a fitting end to 5 years of hard work.



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Students make outstanding progress and leave at the end of Year 11 with standards that are consistently well above those found nationally



# Pastoral Year 11



## Amazing Achievement!

Congratulations to the Year 11 Hairdressing students who put on an amazing Hair Show as part of their course. The girls will shortly complete their VRQ level 2 diploma in Hairdressing Services.

The girls chose a theme and designed the costumes, makeup and hair to represent their category and worked extremely hard over a number of months to perfect their skills.

The winners were Anna Greaves and Heidi Newton with their interpretation of Beauty and the Beast.

Runners up were Chloe Wood and Rachael Gillespie with their Snow White and Wicked Queen creation.

Tracy Gumbleton-Wood, manager of Spoilt Rotten hair salon and course tutor at KAT training school, praised all the girls on their outstanding talent and commitment, not only for the hair show but for the 2 years the girls have been attending the course.

"The girls have been an absolute pleasure to teach and are a credit to their parents and St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. I wish them every success in their future."

Anna Greaves said:

"It has been an excellent opportunity to attend the course. I have gained so many transferable skills and it has given me the opportunity to work with people outside of my group of friends"

Chloe Wood said:

"I have enjoyed the Hairdressing Course especially the hands-on approach to work. The skills I have gained from the course will help me in the future"

Sarah Richardson said:

"The course has helped me to gain invaluable experience of working in a professional environment. It has given me a head start in my future career'.





# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

This has been a very busy term for Year 12 who have been involved in a wide variety of charitable fundraising activities from cake making to the more adventurous Bungee Jump! Sarah Fowler, Marnie Christie, Lucy Kay, Megan Greener and Olivia Gough in year 12 dropped 175 feet from a crane in Newcastle to raise over £2000 for Manzini Orphanage in Swaziland.



Christmas Charity 2013-14

The Sixth Form Students were also very generous in their gifts of toiletries for the homeless in Sunderland. The St. Vincent De Paul Society was thrilled with the amount that the girls had managed to collect.



Natalie McRavey, Lauren Moon and Blythe Cameron from Year 12 with just a small selection of what they managed to collect.

## Sunderland declares Election results first again but this time it's thanks to St. Anthony's Sixth Form Students!

Sunderland was, as usual, the first council to declare its results in the recent elections, thanks to the help of 24 of our Year 12 and 13 students. The girls joined St. Aidan's boys and carried the ballot boxes and had to run with them to the count at the Puma centre on Thursday 1st May, for the Council and European Parliament Elections. Council officials were very complimentary about the positive, polite and cheerful attitude of our students and remarked that their behaviour was exemplary. We are very proud of all of them.

The girls really enjoyed the event and said it was thrilling to be at the heart of the action and see democracy actually happening, particularly the Politics and Law students. We are already preparing for the General Election in 2015!



Katie Campbell and Imogen Fife, two of our "runners"

In Summer this year 13 students from Years 12 and 13 will be going to Lourdes as part of the Hexham and Newcastle Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage where they will work with young people from across the diocese caring for sick pilgrims. The students are very grateful for the support they have received from the school and their parishes; this has made this pilgrimage possible and the girls have promised to remember us in their prayers at the Grotto.



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All students go on to higher education, training or employment*

# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Sixth Form

The Youth St Vincent de Paul Society continues to be active in the Sixth Form with over 100 members. Projects include visiting vulnerable people in the local community and campaigning against issues which affect young women in our society, such as human trafficking. A group of Year 12 students have volunteered to spend a week in August at Holy Island SVP Camp helping Sister M Josepha run action-packed holidays for primary school children from the region. Recently a group of students, along with Mrs Collins, Mrs Lanaghan and Sister M Josepha, visited the Stella Maris Mission in Hendon Port to see the work done by Sister M Scholastica who has set up a centre to welcome the crew of ships from all part of the world. Girls in Years 12 and 13 collected over 60 bars of chocolate to give out at Easter to the seafarers who visit the port often having spent months away from their families.



Megan Greener, Charlotte Potts, Sarah Fowler, Beth Leary, Kate Cardy and Kathryn Burke from Year 12 visiting the Stella Maris Mission at the port in Hendon.



Bethany Rowell, Helen Richardson, Chloe McDonald, Frances Moran and Kate Rutter with the chocolate that Year 12 and 13 collected at Easter for the Stella Maris Mission.

All students in Sixth Form now prepare and lead an assembly on a topic they have chosen. This year students have given presentations on a range of topics including the Holocaust, Freedom, World Religions and Happiness. It is great to see our students developing important skills they will need when they enter the world of work.

Lorna Arundel, Lucy Young, Robyn Jurdison, Shannon Doughty, Bethan Ford, Ann Rose George and Anna Lockey from 13SJ led an assembly for Year 13.



## The Sixth Form

Congratulations to all Year 13 pupils who will be leaving us this summer and in particular to those who received Awards at the Leavers' Presentation on June 24th.

## Year 13 Leavers' Awards 2014

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Rose Murray Award for English Literature      | Lucy Young       |
| Sr Wilfrid Award for English Language         | Sophie Proud     |
| Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics       | Rachael Matthews |
| Antonian Award for Biology                    | Anjana Varghese  |
| Glenda Griffiths Award for Business           | Demi Quinn       |
| Joanne Reah Award for Art                     | Lucy Mulvain     |
| Angela Gardner Award for M.F.L.               | Rebecca Toomey   |
| Lily Bowl - Childcare                         | Lauren Watson    |
| Mozart Music Cup                              | Anna Lockey      |
| St Anthony's Award for Classical Civilisation | Chantalle Helm   |
| St Anthony's Award for Chemistry              | Hannah Murphy    |
| St Anthony's Award for Design Technology      | Rebecca Toomey   |
| St Anthony's Award for Food                   | Kate Rutter      |
| St Anthony's Award for Further Mathematics    | Amy Bold         |

# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| St Anthony's Award for Geography         | Hannah Murphy     |
| St Anthony's Award for History           | Charlotte Robson  |
| St Anthony's Award for Human Biology     | Sophie Proud      |
| St Anthony's Award for I.C.T.            | Nicole Pilkington |
| St Anthony's Award for Interactive Media | Caitlin Strong    |
| St Anthony's Award for Law               | Jessica Colborn   |
| St Anthony's Award for Media             | Lucy Young        |
| St Anthony's Award for Photography       | Caitlin Strong    |
| St Anthony's Award for Physics           | Anjana Varghese   |
| St Anthony's Award for Politics          | Emily Baker       |
| St Anthony's Award for Psychology        | Madeline Murphy   |
| St Anthony's Award for Sociology         | Jasmine Kaur      |
| St Anthony's Award for Spanish           | Charlotte Robson  |
| St Anthony's Award for Sport and P.E.    | Abbe Cuthbertson  |
| St Anthony's Award for Textiles          | Amanda Longville  |
| St Anthony's Award for Theology          | Leah Cowie        |

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Head Teacher's Awards for : |                |
| Service to School           |                |
| Eileish Wigham              | Chantalle Helm |
| Hannah Trotter              | Alix Waites    |
| Rica Hipolito               | Emily Best     |
| Rebecca Martin              | Anna Watson    |
| Anna Lockey                 | Imogen Fife    |
| Service to Community        |                |
| Rebekka Brown               | Lucy Young     |
| Jasmine Kaur                | Emily Brown    |
| Nicole Pilkington           | Connie Foster  |
| Beth Wildgoose              | Caitlin Strong |
| Robyn Jurdison              | Sophie Proud   |
| Sophie Newton               |                |

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| Eileen Welch Award for overall Contribution to the Sixth Form | Hannah Haley<br>Alice Fairweather |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Academy Awards for overall academic achievement |                   |
| Any Bold                                        | Charlotte Robson  |
| Ashleigh Crosby                                 | Samantha Smith    |
| Abbe Cuthbertson                                | Stephanie Stewart |
| Chantalle Helm                                  | Caitlin Strong    |
| Chloe McDonald                                  | Rebecca Toomey    |
| Hannah Murphy                                   | Anjana Varghese   |
| Madeline Murphy                                 | Lauren Watson     |
| Sophie Proud                                    | Lucy Young        |
| Helen Richardson                                |                   |

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Reverend Mother's Awards to the Sixth Form Council |                   |
| Robyn Jurdison                                     | Katie Campbell    |
| Lorna Arundel                                      | Beth Robinson     |
| Charlotte Robson                                   | Rica Hipolito     |
| Hannah Haley                                       | Kate Trimble      |
| Beth Wildgoose                                     | Amanda Longville  |
| Eileish Wigham                                     | Kathryn Robson    |
| Deputy Head Girl                                   | Alice Fairweather |
| Head Girl                                          | Emily Best        |

We had our Presentation Mass on May 2nd led by Father Dixon in Our Lady's Hall and followed by a buffet lunch in Oaklea.

Thanks also to the Sixth Form Council, Head Girl Emily Best and Deputy Head Girl Alice Fairweather. We wish everyone success and happiness in the future.

Anna Old has been elected Head Girl and Meriel Smithson has been elected Deputy Head Girl.

This year has seen the continuation of the Youth Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Year 12.

Since September there have been many events organised to help Year 12 to make the all important decision of which course to study at university. We have had various academics from the local universities come in and talk to students about a range of course options such as midwifery, nursing, physiotherapy, law and primary education.

Pupils have also been given the opportunity to attend master classes in a variety of subjects as well as attending preparation classes for the UKCAT and LNAT tests. Many pupils took the opportunity to shadow an undergraduate for a day, and also to shadow consultants, specialist nurses and midwives at Sunderland Royal Hospital.

The Sixth Form has also been very busy fundraising for various charities. Overall this year, the Sixth Form has collected £778.17 for charity. Well done, Sixth Form!

In June we are again taking part in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership 'University Challenge.'





## 5-a-side Football Champions

Well done to the Year 9 Football team who recently won the City of Sunderland 5-a-side tournament, held at the 'Goals' Centre. The girls did extremely well, especially considering they very rarely play 5-a-side games. The 'Goals' centre pitches have no boundaries, with walls lining the sides and back of the pitch, and nets covering the top of them. This meant the games were very fast paced with no rest periods, something that the girls aren't normally used to. The girls won both of their games 2-1, although they arguably deserved to win by a bigger margin given their dominance throughout. The girls will receive their trophy at the annual Sunderland Schools' Football Presentation.



Pictured in the back row from left to right are: Layla Rowe, Imogen Morton and Laura Simpson. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Toyo Douglas and Jade Formosa.

## Inter-house Netball

All year groups took part in an Inter-House netball competition in March 2014. Well done to all participants, the standard of netball was excellent.

The results of the competition are as follows:

### Year Group winners

| Year  | Form Class                          |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 7     | Saint Margaret Clitheroe – Red Team |
| 8     | Saint Rita - Orange Team            |
| 9     | Saint Angela Merici- Purple Team    |
| 10    | Saint Margaret Clitheroe – Red Team |
| 11    | Saint Joan of Arc – Green Team      |
| 12&13 | Saint Clare – White Team            |

### Overall Results: Year 7 – 13

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

Well done 😊

## Community Sports Leaders Level 2

The PE department would like to congratulate: Lucy Kay, Samantha Minniss, Katie Robertson, Alex Pearson and Caitlyn Byrne for successfully completing their Level 2 Community Sports Leaders Award.

## Dance

The following girls have been working on two dance pieces all year for the Catholic Partnership Dance Festival and City of Sunderland Schools Dance Festival. They will be performing on stage at the Sunderland Empire and Durham Gala Theatre. They have composed a dance to "Cats" and a dance with music to represent the Commonwealth Games. They have worked extremely hard all year to choreograph two exceptional performances.



Back row left to right: Georgia Bell, Jennifer Welsh, Grace Copeland, Rose Curle and Olivia Howard. Front row left to right: Rebecca Gair, Rebecca Fishwick and Ellie Jackson.



# PE & Sport

## Sunderland Schools' Football Presentation

Well done to the Year 8 & 9 Football team who recently attended a Football Awards Evening at the Stadium of Light. The evening was held to celebrate the achievements of all the schools in the city that have been successful in the different competitions that have been held over the course of the season. Overall, the girls won three trophies which is a fantastic achievement. Pictured below are the Year 9 5-a-side team, who won the 5 a side knockout competition overcoming Farrington, Sandhill View and Houghton Kepier.



In the 9-a-side league and cup competitions, the girls also performed remarkably well. In the u13 league (which included girls from Year 8) there were 8 teams that contested the event, with St. Anthony's coming out on top, winning all of their games. In the u14 cup (which included girls from Years 8&9) the girls also reigned victorious, again winning all of their games to set up a decider against Houghton Kepier. The final was a tense affair, and after conceding an early goal, the girls battled back extremely well to equalise with 5 minutes left of the game. The girls dominated the

second half, but just as the match appeared to be heading towards penalties, Toyo Douglas scored a last minute winner after slotting home from top scorer Emily Hutchinson's low cross. Many of the girls were also nominated to represent the city in the recent district competitions. Laura Simpson, Jade Formosa and Imogen Morton performed very well for the city u15 team, but lost to Derwentside in the final. In the u13 competition, Holly Brace, Emily Hutchinson, Kelsey Thompson and Olivia Herron all played magnificently to lead Sunderland into the final, which is yet to be played. As a result of their outstanding performance, Holly Brace and Emily Hutchinson were selected to attend County Trials for Durham. If successful, they will compete in a National competition to be held at the Football Centre of Excellence in Lillleshall.



Pictured in the back row from left to right are Kelsey Thompson (Year 8), Imogen Morton (Year 9), Toyo Douglas (Year 9), Laura Simpson (Year 9 captain), Jade Formosa (Year 9), and Maisie Sherriff (Year 8). Pictured in the front row from left to right are Bridgit Dale (Year 8), Holly Brace (Year 8 captain), Morgan Brown (Year 8), Emily Hutchinson (Year 8) and Charlotte Wiseman (Year 8).

## Rounders

Congratulations to the Rounders' teams who have performed extremely well so far this season. The u13 team finished 2nd in the City of Sunderland league, and 3rd in their pool in the Tyne and Wear Competition. The u15 team finished 4th in the city of Sunderland league, despite missing many experienced players for some fixtures, due to them having other commitments. 12 teams across the city took part, meaning it was a very competitive event. In the u14 event, some of the Year 8 team joined up with the Year 9 team, and played superbly

to finish 2nd in their pool behind RGS. The girls are improving after every game they play and are hopeful of more success in the rest of their games!

u13 team : Zeta Rutherford, Aimee Lincoln, Olivia Holden (captain), Sarah Knight, Charlotte Wiseman, Holly Brace, Leah Tubman, Ashlin Roy, Teenu Thomas, Lily Frankland and Bethany Jones

u15 team: Sasha Hughes (captain), Laura Simpson, Rebecca Summerside, Charlotte Galloway, Toyo Douglas, Abbie Little, Olivia Cutter, Imogen Morton, Lalya Rowe, Bethany Ellison and Jade Formosa.

# PE & Sport



## Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament

The Year 7 and U14 netball teams competed in the Annual Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament at Blue Flames in Newcastle.

Both teams played extremely well. The Year 7 team finished in 4th place and the U14 team won all of their games to win the overall competition.

In addition, Laura Simpson in Year 9 was selected as the most promising player of the tournament.

Congratulations to all of the competitors.



U14 Champions! Pictured from right to left (top row) – Ellie Haswell, Rosie Dawson, Ceira Ellis, Lucy Robinson, Olivia Holden, Charlotte Wiseman, Rachel Green (bottom row) Abbie Little, Laura Simpson, Sasha Hughes.



4th place Year 7 – from left to right (top row) Rosie Coyne, Morgan Rutter, Grace Chisholm, Thea Heskett-Saddington, Olivia Thompson, Zeeta Rutherford (bottom row) Chelsea Nocon, Aimee Lincoln, India Lodge, Abbie Scolen, Tammy Proctor, Eleanor Lynn.

## Netball Champions

Congratulations to the Year 11, 9 and 8 Netball teams.

All teams are unbeaten during this season in the City of Sunderland and they have won both the City of Sunderland Netball League and the City of Sunderland tournament. What a great season!



Year 8 Team: From left to right – Molly Tamburrino, Olivia Holden, Emily Moore, Sarah Knight, Charlotte Wiseman, Hannah Ridely, Sophie Alderson & Rachel Green

Year 9 Team – top row left to right – Sasha Hughes, Jade Formosa, Rosie Dawson, Lorian Wallace, Ceira Ellis, bottom row left to right – Lucy Robinson, Laura Simpson (captain) and Abbie Little. Not pictured – Ellie Haswell.



Year 11 Team: Left to right – Megan Quinn, Emily Chisholm, Josie Porter, Emma Morton (captain), Bethany Miller, Bethany Richardson, Lucy Tilbury.





# PE & Sport

## The Purple Team

### Year 7 Basketball girls

The PE department would like to congratulate the Year 10 leaders and Year 7 pupils for taking part in and leading a very successful Inter-house Basketball competition. The event was a great success. The Year 10 leaders organised and ran the whole competition over three lunchtimes.



The Year 7 girls represented their form class during lunchtime and played extremely well. Congratulations to the Purple team; they were the overall winners.

## Results

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



## Saturday Revision

The AS & A2 PE groups attended an excellent revision day on Saturday 3rd May, making a first-class start to the exam period. The PE department would like to wish the girls the best of luck for their forth-coming exams.



Pictured left to right – AS PE – Anna Robinson, Katie Robertson, Samantha Minnis, Alex Miller.



Pictured – left to right: A2 PE – Sophie Newton, Bethany Topping, Beth Wildgoose, Katy Brook, Courtney Snowball, Alix Waites, Amanda Longville

## Year 10 GCSE PE

The Year 10 GCSE PE group represented St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy at the Year 3 and 4 Primary Tennis competitions at the Puma Centre, as part of their GCSE assessment. They led and umpired tennis games and activities. They were an asset to the school and performed to an exceptional standard.



From left to right: Shojimol Tom, Reshma Raji, Sally Osmond, Josie Porter, Bethaney Miller, Abigail Platts, Abigail Smith and Santia Mia



## Success at Silksworth

The St. Anthony's Athletics teams took part in the annual Wearside Schools athletics competition at Silksworth sports complex on 22nd May. They won both the junior girls and intermediate girls team events as well as having many pupils who won their individual events. These pupils will now go on to represent Wearside in the County Athletics at Monkton Stadium on 12th June.

You've made the school very proud girls and it's great for Miss Anderson to be the Wearside team manager with so many St. Anthony's girls in the team!

The following girls won their individual events and will now represent Wearside

### Junior girls (Years 8 & 9)

Katie Ash - hurdles  
Laura Simpson - long jump  
Imogen Morton - shot  
Abbie Little - 1500m  
Charlotte Wiseman - javelin  
Jessica Todd - high jump  
Olivia Cutter - discus

### Intermediate girls (Years 10 & 11)

Jennifer Welsh - hurdles  
Sophie Burnett - 3000m  
Jodie Porter - shot  
Reshma Raji - javelin  
Hannah Martin - 200m  
Georgia Hall - 100m

## Team Northumbria Visit – April 2014

Pupils from the Year 8 and 9 Netball teams joined the PE staff to watch Team Northumbria's final home match of the Super League season. The girls were offered the opportunity to become the match day mascots and were able to take part in a penalty shoot-out and a mini training session during each break. The girls were able to watch their role models compete at a high paced elite level and were asked to present the players with the 'Audience's Player of the Season.' We hope to see some of our girls following in these players' footsteps in the future.



## Tyne and Wear Trampoline Competition

The KS3 Trampoline Club competed against other schools in Tyne and Wear at the annual competition held at Whickham School. All girls performed extremely well demonstrating a compulsory and voluntary routine in front of the judges.



Back row (left to right): Kirsten Winter, Bethany Dixon, Layla Rowe, Faye Hildreth, Ellie Farrer.

Front row (left to right): Rhea Corner, Paige Dodd, Olivia Cutter, Leia Wilkinson, Chloe Henderson, Megan Hodgson.



# Psychology

## Brain Day Conference: An Introduction to Neuroscience – For the Psychology and Biology Departments



On March 5th Year 12 and 13 Psychology, Biology and Human Biology students had the opportunity to experience a half day conference in school on the brain and how it works delivered by Dr. Guy Sutton. The conference provided an excellent opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge as well as the chance to meet and discuss aspects of the brain with an academic researcher. Dr. Guy Sutton is primarily interested in the genetics of brain development and the role of the brain in affecting immunity and susceptibility to disease. He is currently a lecturer in Neuroscience at Nottingham University Medical School, previously worked at Manchester and Cambridge Universities and has conducted research for the Department of Health and the Medical Research Council.

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

Brain Day consisted of two half day interactive conference workshops on the structure and functions of the brain and both included a sheep brain dissection.

The morning session ran from 8.50-11.50 and looked at Neuroscience as it related to Psychology, 26 students took part. The session began by looking at brain anatomy and genetics and how they may relate to sleep, consciousness, memory and criminal behaviour. This was followed by a sheep brain dissection which all students found very interesting and provided a rare opportunity to see all of the key parts of the brain in a fixed specimen. The final part of the session was an introduction to psychopathology which looked at mental illness, stress, psychiatric classification and schizophrenia.

The afternoon session ran from 12.30-3.30 and looked at neuroscience as it related to Biology and Human Biology, 30 students took part. This session began by looking at nerve cells, genes and synaptic transmission and the action of psychoactive drugs. Students then took part in a Brain Web I.T. session which demonstrated neurotransmission and the action of drugs on the brain. This was followed by a sheep brain dissection and a discussion about new developments in Neurobionics, which was very interesting. The last part of the session looked at Neurodegeneration and brain damage which included the latest brain scanning technology, coma and the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

It was a really fascinating day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and definitely provided lots of food for thought by providing insight into the cutting edge of brain research.



Psychology students and the sheep brain dissection



Lucy Ellis, Sophie Baker and Blythe Cameron



Biology students enjoying the Brain Web I.T. session with Dr. Guy Sutton.



Sandra Sibby holding the brain



Dana Lim holding the brain



Dr. Guy Sutton begins the brain dissection

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### A Taste Of University Life

Year 12 Theology students visited the University of Leeds in March and were given a valuable insight into University life. The girls had the opportunity to talk to lecturers and get involved in workshops which gave them a taste of studying Theology as an undergraduate. The day included a flipped interview with Dr Rachel Muers, Senior Lecturer in Christian Theology and allowed the girls to ask a range of questions about Leeds and the range of courses on offer.

The students found the workshop with two third year students particularly useful as they were able to engage in debate openly about a variety of ethical issues such as abortion laws.

Applying to university can be quite daunting but this experience reassured our students and provided them with the confidence and knowledge they need to make their next step in education.



### University Lectures at Ushaw College

On Monday 24th of March a group of Year 12 theologians went to Ushaw College for a conference about Theology and how it can impact on our everyday lives. Three lecturers spoke to us about different topics. The lectures were very interesting and informative.

The first speaker was Professor Karen Kilby, who educated us about ethics of belief. This was very interesting and useful to the group, as we all felt we learnt something new from her lecture. The second speaker was Dr Marcus Pound. He talked about Catholic Theology and film. This informative lecture gave us an understanding of how religion can be perceived in movies. The third speaker was Dr Joshua Furnal, who explained both sides of the Ontological Argument.

Moreover, Ushaw College also invited us to visit the library and the chapel. The Library had an old feel to it and everything was neatly placed. The Chapel was beautiful.

We all thought that Ushaw College was exceptional and we had a great overall experience. This has inspired many of us to continue with further education, as we enjoyed a day in the life of a university student.



### Preparing For Pilgrimage

Staff and thirty students from Year 11 and 12 have been preparing for a pilgrimage to Rome at the end of June, beginning of July 2014. The Academy hosted a Roman-themed evening to help raise money for this pilgrimage. In the ambience of Italian background music, fancy dress and themed decorations, guests were treated to a fantastic three-course Italian meal, prepared by Darren Cowell our school chef, and his catering team.

The fun began with a Roman table top quiz, continuing with a raffle and other fundraising activities. A good night was had by pilgrims, parents, staff and guests. We are continuing our preparations materially and spiritually in anticipation for our pilgrimage to the Eternal City.



### Theology Conference with Peter Vardy

Peter Vardy is a world class and well respected theologian who travels around the UK giving lectures to students in Theology and Religious Studies. On 14th February, Vardy travelled to Carmel College in Darlington to talk to a variety of schools in the North East.

A selection of fascinating topics was discussed including Just War, Abortion and Euthanasia. Students raised thought-provoking questions giving us the opportunity to get a deeper insight into specific topics including the sanctity of human life. We were then given the opportunity to participate in debates to share our views, therefore giving us the chance to hear other students' points about the topic.

Throughout the day we found the lecture on Just War particularly interesting as it coincided with our current learning. We found it stimulating to take back to our individual learning.

### Premier Faith Festival at St Anthony's

In December 2013, the RE Department held the first ever Faith Festival in school. This was a whole school initiative to highlight faith in our school community and gave us the fantastic opportunity to bring in some outside visitors that pupils may not have ever had the chance to meet before. This was our chance to look at the word 'Faith' in more detail; what did it mean? How could we see examples of faith in our everyday lives? How is faith portrayed in the media? During this week-long celebration we had a variety of activities all around school, these included; Sikh Question Time, Henna tattooing and a faith graffiti session for Year 8, to name only a few. The week finished with a huge Christmas charity market where numerous charities from the local area came to advertise their work alongside vintage and Christmas stalls. This was a great chance to sort all those last minute presents. We also showcased many of our diocesan Faith In Action groups with representatives from SVP, Cafod, and Medaille Trust, to name a few. We are hoping to continue this work with other faith communities throughout the remainder of the term and hopefully our Faith Festival will grow bigger and bigger each year.

Another good point about the lecture was the information and resources used were up-to-date and current to our age range, for example the clip that was shown about drones and the impact they could have in the future. This was helpful as it made it easier for us to understand complex topics in today's society.

Overall, the day was very rewarding in giving us further knowledge as well being an enjoyable, interactive day for all six of us.



# Science

## Living Streets

At a local level we have taken part in the Free Your Feet campaign this year, rewarding pupils who walk at least some of the way. Four of our pupils were made Green Champions at the Pride of Wearside Awards – Ellie Clark, Samantha Harris, Zoe Jones and Victoria Lamb – an amazing achievement. At the scale of the school grounds - litter surveys have been carried out, campaigns organised to switch off lights and electrical equipment, and we have planted spring flowering bulbs to enhance the school environment. We have been involved in a NERC funded project with Durham University into what is happening to the world's glaciers. Details of the projects can be found at: Teacher resources: [https://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/ice\\_sheets\\_and\\_sea\\_level\\_outreach/](https://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/ice_sheets_and_sea_level_outreach/)

<http://www.nationalstemcentre.org.uk/elibrary/resource/10543/glaciers-and-climate-change>

We are about to begin a transition project with local primary schools to encourage walking at least some of the way to the Academy.



### The pupils of the Living Streets group have this message about Thornhill Terrace:

“As pupils of St Anthony's we care about everyone and many people are in danger of getting run over because of parents trying to park and drop pupils off on the terrace. Not only are pupils in danger but so are parents because they may get a fine because of parking and dropping people off at the gate. You will get a £70 fine because there are yellow zig-zag lines and you aren't allowed to stop on the yellow lines. If you park there you are going against the law. So don't.”

## Here is the report from the pupils:

Living Streets is a brilliant way to help the environment and have lots of fun! The group is mainly from Year seven pupils however, anyone is welcome. We have completed many projects including: planting flowers in different areas of St. Anthony's, experiments testing the different aspects of glaciers in lots of different areas of the world. Even though these projects were fun, there is one project we are determined to accomplish. This challenge is trying to convince more pupils to walk to school instead of getting driven up to the school entrance. This causes two big problems; endangering people, and also polluting the earth causing global warming! 7F1 went out around the school testing the temperature, humidity and wind speed/direction – although, soon it will change quite a bit due to pollution and getting the school re-done.





# Science

## Physics visit to London

On an early Friday morning in March, Science students headed for London for a packed weekend of activities organised by the Physics department. By the end of a busy first day they had visited the new Cern exhibition at the Science Museum, seen some of the sights on a river boat trip, including the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London and finished with an enjoyable evening at the theatre, which was 'Wicked'.



The Saturday was spent at the Science and Natural History museums before an evening 'flight' on the London Eye, allowing spectacular views across the city. A walk around Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus ended up at Covent Garden, allowing more of the sights to be seen and enjoyed.

The final day began with a boat trip to Greenwich to visit the Royal Observatory and take the traditional picture on the Greenwich Meridian. A planetarium show concluded the activities before the journey back to Sunderland.

## Year 7-11 Biology Competition

## Fearsome fungi



The Microbiology in Schools Advisory Committee introduced a competition to enhance student interest in microbiology in 1985. It became an annual event in 1994 and the **MiSAC Annual Competition** for Key Stages 3 and 4 now attracts up to 2,000 student entries each year. Each year's topic is linked to the National Curriculum and special sponsorship provides money prizes totalling £1,000 for students and their schools.

This year's competition was to develop an appreciation among secondary school students of the range of problems caused by fungi in the past and the present day. Entries had to be a poster on one A3 piece of paper and focused on diseases of plants such as ash trees and crops, diseases in frogs and insects such as bees, diseases such as athlete's foot and farmer's lung in humans and problems associated with historical events such as the Irish potato famine (potato blight), the Salem witch trials (ergotism) and trench foot in the First World War.



Anna Greaves

Entries could be as individuals or in teams of up to four students and 16 entries produced by 25 students were sent in from St Anthony's in March this year. The students received a certificate for participating and some really positive feedback from the judges which included representatives of the Society for Applied Microbiology and the British Mycological Society.

Fourteen of the entrants received highly commended for

the design, detail and research on their posters; Anna Greaves (Y11), Precious Dzirutwe, Emily Haley, Amelia Avent and Brooke Makin (Y8), Aimee Lincoln, Vanessa Rubio, Yasemin Fayaz, Nikki Bello, Mia Cummings, Hannah Blyth, Zoe Tipling, Paige Dodd and Lakhani Toor (Y7).

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



Year 7 students with their posters. Back Row: Sahaby Begum, Sara Khattab, Mia Cummings, Vanessa Rubio, Olivia Finlayson, Aimee Lincoln, Anna Maw. Middle Row: Lucy Smith, Eisha Maqsood, Olivia Kerr, Hannah Blyth, Caitlin Ford, Mackenzie Hopper. Front Row: Paige Dodd, Zoe Tipling, Neve McAvinnie, Hayley Calvert, Lakhani Toor.

# Science



## Biology Challenge 2014

The Biology Challenge is open to all Year 9 pupils in Great Britain and is an online competition which aims to encourage an interest in Biology beyond the school curriculum by stimulating curiosity in the natural world and acts as a junior version of the British Biology Olympiad. Questions are set on the topics covered in school Biology, but the Biology Challenge also rewards students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes and taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest; students who are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. This year St. Anthony's students joined over 32,500 students who registered for the Biology Challenge this year from other schools in the UK and across the globe.

Sixty Year 9 pupils from St. Anthony's took part this year and demonstrated their wide knowledge of Biology. All students did very well but a special

mention must be given to Lauren Crosby, Lucy Roberts, Anna Redshaw and Rebecca Begg. These four students achieved the Bronze award by scoring around 70% which put them in the top 15% of participants.

In addition, 10 students just missed out on Bronze, gaining Highly Commended marks by scoring between 61% and 69%; Lizzie Mushangwe, Rhiannon Laverick, Achsah Finney, Grace Copeland, Sophie Arthur, Megan Colman, Kirsten Willis, Hannah Metcalfe, Raven Farong-Ey and Sharon Pious. A further 24 students achieved Commended marks by gaining over 51% on what proved to be a difficult but enjoyable test; Lucy Robinson, Jannie Pineda, Lucy Surman-Wells, Anna Thynne, Sofia Trovero, Emily Marshall, Paige Lonsdale, Abbie Little, Charlotte Hodgson, Ellie Haswell, Yasemin Dogan, Beth Collinson, Jaymie Briton, Georgia Bell, Charlotte Galloway, Ciara Ellis, Charlotte Price, Ellie Hope, Charlotte McGough, Annabelle lee, Francesca Gray, Savannah Pye, Chloe Mackel and Alex Wood.

Well done to everyone who took part, it was good to see students showing an interest in Biology and demonstrating wide background knowledge of the subject.



Back L to R: Lizzie Mushangwe, Kirsten Willis, Megan Coleman, Sophie Arthur, Rhiannon Laverick. Front L to R: Achsah Finney, Grace Copeland, Anna Redshaw, Rebecca Begg, Lucy Roberts, Lauren Crosby

# Science



## Biology Olympiad 2014

The British Biology Olympiad challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. It is hoped that competing in the Olympiad will encourage students already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A-level.



Four Year 13 Biology students; Anna Varghese, Hannah Murphy, Amy Bold and Madeline Murphy took part in the British Biology Olympiad this year along with 5,000 other students nationally. The two-hour-long multiple choice paper was taken on-line in the first week of February and was set by the Society of Biology.

The questions tested students on areas covered in the A Level syllabus as well as some topics beyond, aimed at more talented biologists. Some questions were basic recall but the majority required interpretation of data and deduction. The top 3% in the country were invited to take a second paper and the top sixteen would be asked to take practical tests to select a team of four to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) in Bali. The IBO seeks to challenge by both theory and practical tests some of the top pre-university biology students in the world, with 60 countries taking part.

All of our students did well on a very difficult test which asked questions about subjects as diverse as plant and animal physiology, genetics and evolution, cell biology, taxonomy, ecology and biosystematics. Anna Varghese just missed out on the Bronze award by a couple of marks and received a Highly Commended certificate which puts her in the top 50% of students. Hannah Murphy and Madeline Murphy received a Commended award putting them into the top 60% of students nationally. Well done to all students who took part.



Hannah and Anjana with their certificates from the Society of Biology.



## Biology Visit to Body Worlds exhibition at the Centre for Life

On July 3rd forty Year 12 Biology and Human Biology students will be visiting the Centre for Life for the day. During their visit they will take part in a DNA workshop, where they get the chance to extract some of their own DNA, and will get the opportunity to see the visiting exhibition, BODY WORLDS Vital is an awe-inspiring exhibition about the human body, celebrating its complexity, beauty and potential, which makes its UK debut at Life in May 2014.

It is the first exhibition of its kind to inform the visitor about anatomy, physiology, and health by viewing real human bodies. The specimens on display were generously donated and preserved through plastination, the preservation process invented by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in 1977, while he was working as an anatomist at the University of Heidelberg. Since the beginning of the exhibition series in Japan in 1995, more than 38 million visitors in over 90 cities in America, Europe, Asia and Africa have seen BODY WORLDS making it one of the world's most successful travelling exhibitions.

This special collection of specimens will show Human Biology and Biology students the basics of human physiology and health. The exhibition includes whole-body plastinates, a large arrangement of individual organs, organ and arterial configurations, and translucent slices that give a complete picture of how the human body works. They will also get a chance to explore how best to fight life-threatening diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart ailments, through healthy choices and lifestyle changes. We are looking forward to this great learning opportunity to see the human body as more than simple diagrams in text books.

The Head Teacher and Leadership Team ensure that the achievement of students and the quality of teaching are optimised

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## SKI CLUB SNOZONE VISITS

Ski Club members have enjoyed two fantastic days out at the XScape Snozone in Castleford.

In true Ski Club style the days were packed with activity including bowling, shopping and eating, but the highlight was obviously skiing on snow.

For many of the girls this was their first taste of the delights of snow under the skis and they couldn't believe the difference it made to their turning ability and speed.

The trip just before Christmas was enhanced by the arrival of a skiing Santa as well as singing carols by (LED) candle light on the coach coming home.

Our Easter trip was just as much fun with the addition of Easter eggs for all.

We are looking forward to our Summer Ski Day near the end of term and Ski Club welcomes new members to join Friday night skiing from September.

There are still places available for the 2015 trip to the Austrian Alps so speak to any of the Ski Staff if you are interested in a Fantastic Ski Adventure Holiday!

Best Wishes to all our skiers for a great Summer Holiday from Miss Anderson, Mrs Armstrong, Miss Brown and Mr & Mrs Taroni.



# Important Dates

| Important Summer Dates:              |                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 17th July                   | End of term for students 3.30pm                                       |
| Friday 18th July                     | Staff Training Day                                                    |
| Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July | Summer School Year 6 (Booking Essential) – 10am to 4pm                |
| Thursday 14th August                 | A level Results Day Y13 – 8:30am<br>AS level Results Day Y12 – 1:30pm |
| Thursday 21st August                 | GCSE Results Day Y11 – 10.30am                                        |
| Friday 22nd August                   | Registration Day Y12 – 9.00am                                         |
| Monday 1st September                 | Staff Training Day                                                    |
| Tuesday 2nd September                | Start of Term Y7-Y12 – 8.45am                                         |
| Wednesday 3rd September              | Start of Term Y13 – 8.45am                                            |

| EXAMS 2014-15:                |                                                  |
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| <b>November session</b>       |                                                  |
| 3 November – 13 November 2014 | GCSE English/ Maths, Functional Skills Eng/Maths |
| 8 January 2015                | Results                                          |
| <b>January Session</b>        |                                                  |
| 8 – 14 January 2015           | Functional Skills English/ Maths                 |
| 5 March 2015                  | Results                                          |
| <b>March Session</b>          |                                                  |
| 2 – 3 March 2015              | Functional Skills English/ Maths                 |
| 16 April 2015                 | Results                                          |
| <b>Summer Session</b>         |                                                  |
| 5 May – 25 June 2015          | Examinations                                     |
| 13 August 2015                | GCE Results                                      |
| 20 August 2015                | GCSE Results                                     |



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