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Catholic Education Trust

St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

A Mercy Academy Committed to Excellence

Prospectus

OUTSTANDING IN ALL FOUR
OFSTED CATEGORIES
2013 TO PRESENT

Achievement
Teaching and Learning
Behaviour and Safety
Leadership and Management

OUTSTANDING IN ALL THREE
DIOCESAN CATEGORIES
2007, 2013 AND 2018

Curriculum RE
Catholic Life of the School
Collective Worship



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INTERESTED IN CONNECTING, OR RE-CONNECTING, WITH OUR COMMUNITY?

STUDENT ADMISSIONS ENQUIRIES Y7-Y11

Contact Mrs. J. Donaldson or Mrs. C. Donkin
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STUDENT ADMISSIONS ENQUIRIES Y12-Y13

See St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form
website www.aaasixthform.com

TEACHER TRAINING

See Beacon Teaching School section of St. Anthony's
website www.st-anthonys-academy.com/beaconta

STAFF VACANCIES

See academy website www.st-anthonys-academy.com
and Schools North East Jobs Board
www.jobsinschoolsnortheast.com

ALUMNI NETWORK www.futurefirst.org.uk



INTRODUCTION

St. Anthony's is an 11-18 Roman Catholic Academy for girls serving the community within the City of Sunderland. It is part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. There are joint post -16 arrangements across St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form.

The majority of the students are from the Roman Catholic faith tradition, given the ethos of the school, but applications are also invited from staff and girls of other faiths who are happy to learn and work within a Christian environment and join in all aspects of life within our community.

The wide catchment area, which covers the whole of the City of Sunderland, provides a genuinely comprehensive intake. Pupils attending the school come from very varied backgrounds. Many parents in neighbouring authorities seek to have their daughters educated at the academy due to its inclusive nature and often due to family connections. Sometimes three or four generations have been educated at the school since its foundation in 1904.

HISTORY AND ETHOS

The school was founded by the Sisters of Mercy during the 19th century and has a fundamental commitment to high quality education for girls.

The academy is supported in its work by a Chaplain, Mr. David Harrison, RE department staff, staff from other departments and a Pupil Chaplaincy Team. The Chaplaincy Office is situated adjacent to the School Chapel which is the venue for weekly Mass, retreat events, opportunities for reflection and many smaller-scale liturgical activities.

Students from St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's attend an audience with Pope Francis.



LOCATION, SITE AND FACILITIES

All academy buildings have either been rebuilt or refurbished during the last ten years with over £20m being spent in capital investment during this period.

The school is situated in the centre of Sunderland within walking distance of train, metro and bus stations. It is a state of the art school situated within a garden site in a conservation area. The school buildings consist of some listed Victorian buildings and some brand new buildings.



KEY INSPECTION / REPORTS / AWARDS

2020

World Class School status
Platinum Anti-Bullying Charter Mark
Gold Sainsbury's National School Games Award

2018

ISM (Incorporated Soc. of Musicians)
Bronze Music Award (3rd time in succession)
Outstanding in all three categories
Diocesan Inspection:

2019

The British Council International School Award
SSAT (Specialist Schools and Academies Trust) State School Award
Basic Skills Quality Award for Literacy and Numeracy provision (3rd time in succession)

2013

Outstanding in all three OfSTED (Section 5) categories

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE

Expectations with regard to pupil behaviour are high and the pastoral care of pupils is a strength. In the 2013 OfSTED rated behaviour as “Outstanding” and the 2007 OfSTED stated the behaviour of students was decribed as “Exemplary”.

Attendance is routinely 95% and punctuality is excellent and highly valued. In 2020 the academy received the Platinum Anti-Bullying Charter Mark having been in receipt of the Gold Anti-Bullying Charter Mark for many years.

CURRICULUM, EXAMINATIONS AND ENTRANCE INTO THE “WORLD OF WORK” OR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The school sets high academic standards and has a strong commitment to the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum. Over twenty subjects are offered at GCSE and over thirty-five at Advanced level.

Routinely a small number of the most able students are offered Oxbridge places and between a fifth and a quarter of students in the last three years have obtained places at either Russell Group universities or the most prestigious Scottish universities (often requiring straight A grades or a number of A*/A grades at A level during the last five years. Entry to Higher Education has been between 80 - 90% during the last decade.

EXTENDED / EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Pupils also enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities. There are over one hundred and fifty groups, and individual meetings, each week ranging from Ski Club with an attendance of up to eighty to small one to one sessions linked to examination prep. Many girls and teams perform in sports at local, and sometimes national and international, level. There are very high participation rates in sporting and other extended curricular activities.



Over three hundred educational visits have taken place during the last three years ranging from voluntary work in Swaziland, Ecuador and Cambodia to local and national history or art department visits eg. visits to the Leonardo Exhibition at the Winter Gardens and the National Gallery workshop held at Sacred Heart High School.

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Pupils are encouraged to be active citizens and take part in local events, charitable fund raising and volunteering as well as competing in local and national competitions.

The thriving Music department has undertaken many Music tours: Prague (2007), Dublin (2008), Cracow (2009), Rome (2010), Paris (2011), Oxford, Blenheim, Highclere and Magdalen College (2012), Venice and Verona (2013), Salzburg (2014) and Paris (2015), London (2016), Paris (2017), Amsterdam (2018) and London (2019).

The department has also presented highly successful productions for many decades: "Joseph" (2013) "Oliver" (2014), "Into the Woods" (2015), "Calamity Jane" (2016), "Songs from the shows" (2017), "The Sound of Music" (2018), "Guys and Dolls" (2019) and "School of Rock" (2020).



EXTENDED / EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

The following outdoor pursuits/water sports residentials have been undertaken by the PE Department: Tossa De Mar Spain (2019), Argeles Sur Mon France (2018), Ardeche France (2017), Tossa De Mar Spain (2016), Ardeche France (2017), Argeles Sur Mer France (2014), Ardeche France (2013), Les Deux Alps, France (2012), Tossa De Mar Spain (2011), Ardeche France (2010), Embrum Spain (2009), Ardeche Spain (2008), Ardeche Spain, Italy (2007), Ardeche Spain (2006), Ardres France (2005) and Ardres France (2003).

St. Anthony's Ski Club meets every Friday evening at Silksworth Ski Centre, during term time, and large numbers of girls ski weekly. A number of Ski Club members have completed Ski Instructor qualifications and occasionally individuals, or teams, have competed in the English Schools' National Finals (team 4th place in 2006).



Ski Club staff have organized the following ski tours: Vermont USA and city visit to New York (2018), Oetz-Solden Austria and city visit to Innsbruck (2017), Oetz-Solden Austria and city visit to Innsbruck (2015), Civetta Italy and city visit to Venice (2013), Jungfrau Switzerland and city visit to Lucerne (2012), Sierra at Tahoe USA and city visit to San Francisco (2011), Imst Austria and city visit to Innsbruck (2010), Civetta Italy and city visit to Venice (2009), Zell am See Austria and city visit to Salzburg (2008), Civetta Italy and city visit to Venice (2007), Civetta Italy and city visit to Venice (2006), Itter Austria and city visit to Salzburg (Easter 2005), Worgl Austria and city visit to Salzburg (Feb. 2005), Heavenly at Tahoe USA and city visit to San Francisco (2004), Passo Tonale Italy and city visit to Milan (Easter 2003), Cesana Italy and city visit to Milan (Feb. 2003), Sugarloaf USA and city visits to New York and Boston (2002), Grindelwald Switzerland and city visit to Lucerne (Easter 2001), Grindelwald Switzerland and city visit to Lucerne (Feb. 2001), Mont St Anne Canada and city visit to Quebec and Niagara (2000), Scheffau Austria and city visit to Salzburg (1999), Sugarloaf USA and city visit to Boston (1998), Folgaria Italy and city visit to Venice (1997), Bellamonte Italy and city visit to Verona (1996) and Zell am See Austria (1995).

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Partnership working to enhance opportunities for girls and staff:

- the school is a British Council International School;
- the school is an Expert Centre for Global Learning;
- the school is a member of the Leading Edge community;
- the school is a member of the Diocesan Secondary HT's Partnership;
- the school is involved in a National Professional Qualification training for school leaders;
- the school is a member of Monkwearmouth Catholic Partnership;
- the school is also a member of the Together for Children Education Partnership, local networking groups at all levels;
- the school is a Partner School of Schools North East and the Headteacher sits on the Board of Trustees of Schools North East;
- the school has many international partnerships;



BLESSING UPON ST. ANTHONY'S ACADEMY

This was written by a student for the opening of our new facilities by past pupil. The right honourable Lady Justice Kathryn Thirlwall D.B.E.

Bless this school,
and those who built it,
for the education
of our young people.

Bless our students, staff,
parents, governors,
parishioners and all who promote
education in our community.

May this school always be
a home of mercy and goodwill,
so that together we can build
your kingdom of mercy,
justice and peace.



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