



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week students in our Chaplaincy team led a moving liturgy to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day attended by staff and students from throughout the school community including Mr Tapping Chief Executive Officer of our Trust who praised the respectful and thoughtful attitudes of our students.

Mrs Hammill Head of School also met with the Student Council to listen to students' suggestions about how we can further strengthen provision and the quality of pastoral care and we will keep families fully informed of our developments as they progress.

Welcome Video

Please follow the link below which will take you to a welcome video on our school website where our Chair of Governors Sister Josepha introduces our new acting Executive Headteacher Mrs Craik and Head of School Mrs Hammill.

<https://st-anthonys-academy.com/about-us-2/welcome-video-from-executive-headteacher-and-head-of-school/>

Tuesday 1st February is Chinese New Year

Our catering team are putting on a special meal and the MFL department have planned activities to celebrate Chinese New Year in what should be a really fun whole school event on Tuesday.



This week we welcomed a team of study workers, from the **Office of National Statistics**, working in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine back into school. They completed the second round of the SIS2 study, information from which is being used to identify how many school



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pupils have developed antibodies against the virus and will continue to monitor how this may change over the course of the year. A number of our students volunteered to take part in the survey by providing a sample, which is being used to provide useful data to help support education and help schools to remain open by protecting pupils and staff.

Should your child wish to become involved in future testing, there will be more information forwarded to you later in this term with guidance on how to register your child's involvement.

Tyne and Wear Metro Line Closure

We have been notified of a five-day major line closure of the Tyne and Wear Metro next month to allow for essential work and maintenance. There will be no Metro services running from **St James to Tynemouth, Monday 21 Feb to Friday 25 Feb**. Services will resume as normal on Saturday 26 February. A frequent and accessible replacement bus service will run in the areas where Metro trains themselves are not running. Please note this is the half term holiday. During the closure Metro trains will still be running in other areas. For more information please go to www.nexus.org.uk.

Parent Mental Health Day

January 27th marked the first Parent Mental Health Day to encourage understanding and awareness of the importance of parent mental health and its potential impact on the whole family system with the theme 'Balance'. The day aimed to get parents and carers to take a moment to reflect on the balance they have in their lives, as well as how they balance looking after their family's mental health and to take steps to make positive change and 'balance out'. Further information and resources can be found here <https://stem4.org.uk/parentmentalhealthday/>

Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening

Wednesday 26th January saw the launch of the Virtual Open Evening for Sixth Form. The evening is aimed at Year 11 students who wish to begin sixth form studies in September 2022, however, we would encourage any student interested in coming to sixth form in future years to visit the dedicated sixth form website www.aasixthform.com. The closing date for initial on-line applications is Monday 14th February 2022.



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