



# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a very positive week in school and have particularly appreciated support from families in completing and returning consent forms for C19 vaccinations within the tight timeframe set by the Immunisations Team.

This week in school we commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January and our students have worked hard to prepare a dedicated Liturgy providing important time as a community to come together in prayer.

## **Safeguarding**

Please note some minor changes to our Safeguarding Policy which can be found following this link:

<https://st-anthonys-academy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BCCET-Safeguarding-and-child-protection-policy-2021-2022-3.pdf>

## **Face Coverings**

An announcement was made on Wednesday regarding the removal of the recommendation to wear face coverings in classrooms from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January and communal areas from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Currently, Sunderland Public Health advise that a cautious approach is maintained in school settings as part of the ongoing risk assessments in place. The schools' operational guidance does make provision for a Director of Public Health to advise the temporary use of face coverings in communal areas or classrooms, in response to the local situation or to support outbreak management.

On this basis, we have decided to share Sunderland's advice for schools with families and continue to recommend the wearing of face coverings in both classrooms and communal areas, as we feel that this is the best way to protect our students and staff from infection in a local area with high case rates.



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This advice is in response to the ongoing high rates of recorded cases of covid-19 in Sunderland and the increasing rates of infection children and young people. The current rates of infection in Sunderland and in children and young people are higher than when the Plan B measures were introduced.

We will keep you updated about any further changes.

## **Year 7 RSE Day: update**

Please be aware the planned Relationships and Sex Education Day for Year 7 students that we shared information to families about last week has had a change of date to this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Virtual Sixth-Form Open Evening**

Our Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening will take place next week and we would like to invite all Year 11 students and their families to log on to our dedicated sixth form website [www.aasixthform.com](http://www.aasixthform.com) for the launch at 5.30pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Please follow the link at the top menu to "Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening January 2022" which will take you to the start page. You will find a series of short information movies covering life in the sixth form, the academic structure, the pastoral care and how to apply for entry in September 2022.

Students and their families will also be able to find information about all the courses we offer on the website including short movie presentations from teachers of these subjects and information about the entrance requirements for each course.

Should you have any questions about the sixth form in general or specific subject questions, then you are invited to send them by email to [sixthform@st-anthonys-academy.com](mailto:sixthform@st-anthonys-academy.com) and the relevant person will get in touch with you as soon as possible.



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