



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very proud of all of our students and enjoy sharing and celebrating their many talents and gifts. We are aware many of our students take part in a range of activities within school and also beyond the school and encourage our families to please get in touch and share good news with us. This week special congratulations to one of our Year 12 students Adam Hughes: He completed in the Inter-county Cross Country Championships at the weekend and came first for the Durham Team and has now qualified for English Schools Finals! The English Schools' Athletics Association National Cross Country Championship is on 19th March in Kent. 46 Counties in England compete for the honour of being the best in the Country.

Covid Update

We expect restrictions to be lifted after half term and will have further updates for families next Friday. Until then we are following a cautious approach and ask that students and staff continue wearing face coverings in all communal areas and adhering to hand and respiratory hygiene procedures. Covid cases remain very low within our school community, and we are grateful for the commitment of staff and students to keeping us all safe.

PE Kit Update

After half-term students will revert to wearing the full school uniform at all times. We have high expectations regarding uniform standards and thank families in advance for your full support with these standards.

After half-term, from Monday 28th February, students will revert to bringing P.E. kit into school in a suitable bag to change into on the days where their P.E. lessons are timetabled. We are asking parents and carers to support your child by checking they have the correct kit for lessons and are clear about which days they will require their kit. We will be writing to all parents and carers next week with information about our P.E. kit and in particular our expectations regarding acceptable footwear.

Sanitary Bins Update

We have recently changed our supply company for the sanitary bins in toilets in school and have had some initial issues regarding the supply of new sanitary bins which has now been resolved. We take pride in the high standards of cleanliness our cleaning team achieve across the school and encourage students to immediately alert a member of staff if any action is required.



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Sixth Form Applications Deadline

Midnight on Monday 14th February 2022 is the deadline for any Year 11 student wishing to apply for a place in sixth form. Full information can be found at www.aasixthform.com.

Virtual Parents' Evenings 2022 (SchoolCloud)

We will be holding virtual Parents' Evenings for the following year groups on the following dates:

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families Support Sessions and Webinars for Parents/Carers

We continue to work with the Anna Freud Centre to support our families who may be struggling with teen behaviours and the challenges of adolescence. A number of group sessions and webinars will be commencing w/b 28th February 2022. Full details of each session and joining instructions will be emailed to all parents/carers. Further information on the group sessions can be found here:

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/15148/sss-connecting-parents-and-carers-group.mp4>

The "Connecting Parents and Carers" groups have been running since January 2021 and have been very positively received. Feedback from parents has included:

- o *"I think it was perfectly pitched and I felt supported and listened to. A big thank you." "Very reassuring to hear so many parents of teens telling very similar tales of struggle."*
- o *"I have been telling people to go to the group if it is offered again - the value is not just in meeting other parents - it is in the tools shared- the most helpful - the emotional thermometer".*

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lanaghan (Deputy Head) should you require any further information about this support.



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Sixth Form Mock Examinations

Sixth form Mock exams begin on Monday 28th February. A schedule can be found at
www.aasixthform.com/year-13-mock-timetable-february-march-2022/



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