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Parent Weekly Newsletter Friday 11 March 2022

Theme of the week

Week beginning 14 March - Lent - prayer

Foodbank week beginning 14 March week

St. Hilda & Bl. Thomas Percy

Foodbank week beginning 21 March week

St. Joan of Arc & St. Margaret Ward

Lenten Hunger Lunch

Thank you to everyone that came and donated to our Lenten Hunger Lunch on Friday 4th March. We raised a wonderful £84.10 that will be added to our Caritas Ukraine Fund and part of our CAFOD Lenten almsgiving.

Chaplaincy Team



Lord,
when we find it difficult to pray help us to keep on trying.

For you have assured us that:

"When we ask, we shall receive" – help us to keep asking for you;

"When we seek, we shall find" – help us to keep on seeking you;

"And when we knock, the door will be opened" – please open the way to you.

Amen

John Paul II Awards

Well done to the Year 13s who are receiving their John Paul II awards this Sunday at the Hilton Hotel in Gateshead. The award recognises their valuable participation in school, community and parish activities. It has been an especially difficult year to fulfil the amount of volunteering hours needed to achieve the award and we commend their hard work and perseverance. It is a great personal achievement and we are so very proud of them. From Monday stu-



POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD

Early School Closure Wednesday 23 March 2022

We are going to trial an earlier finish to the school day on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 with the majority of our students leaving the school site at 2.20pm. More information on our web-site at this link [Early School Closure - Letter to parents](#)



The Sunderland Young People's
Anti Bullying
Charter Mark

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Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

Respect and Routines

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children are adhering to our uniform and behaviour standards. Moving forward we will be focusing on attendance and punctuality and reminding students about the importance of good manners and respect towards all members of our community. You will receive a letter about attendance via email and we appreciate it if you would discuss this with your child.

Residents from the local area have contacted the school concerned about the use of the private roads adjacent to the school by parents at the start and end of the school day. As the weather is improving, and mornings and evenings are lighter, can you please encourage your children to walk a short distance from the school to be collected. This will also help to respect the privacy and safety of the local residents.

Year 11 Mock exams and parent support evening

They Y11 mocks commence on the 14 March for two weeks. Morning exams start at 8.30am (after registration). Afternoon exams start at 1.30pm. Year 11 intervention will be suspended during the period 14 March to 25 March. Students can attend supervised revision sessions in the Library Monday – Thursday 3.30pm to 4.30pm. A senior teacher will be present in the library each evening.

Supporting your child with revision information

Parent evening Monday 4 April

A dedicated parent support evening will take place on **Monday 4 April 5–6pm**. The aim is to provide parents of Y11 students with information to help in supporting your child through the exams including giving advice on revision and active revision strategies that work. Exams can be a stressful time, so we hope this advice will help reduce anxiety and ensure that your child achieves their full potential.

County Lines Awareness Week

Northumbria Police have dedicated this week to raising awareness about 'County Lines'. County Lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other forms of "deal line". This is a major threat to children and vulnerable young adults as they are being used to move and store drugs and money. County Lines is happening everywhere and parents and carers need to be aware of the signs in case a young person is being exploited. Northumbria Police have produced this [leaflet](#) for parents and carers

Action on county line drug gangs



New powers would allow the police to shut down mobile phone lines

'County lines' are where urban gangs are supplying illegal drugs in suburban areas, market or coastal towns

Vulnerable children and adults are exploited by gangs to move drugs and cash around

Home Office

School policy information

Last week we informed parents that we are currently reviewing our uniform policy and looking to introduce trousers. Thank you for the feedback so far, for those who haven't fed back, we would welcome your views. Please email enquiries@st.anthonys-academy.com.

Year 11 Prom

We have confirmed Monday 27 June at Ramside Hall for the Year 11 Prom. We will provide more information as soon as we can on the evening, including times, prices and attendance and behaviour expected. We have already had some welcomed offers of help from parents and any other parents who could also provide support would be gratefully received. Please email enquiries@st.anthonys-academy.com.

Y10 Rebel Women of Sunderland event



Our year 10 students were invited to participate in Sunderland University's Rebel Women flash fiction workshop. Our students worked alongside academics at Sunderland University to create a short story of 150 words about some of Sunderland's most remarkable women. If you would like to see more news and events from the Art Department, please follow them on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/stanthonysgirlsart/>

International Women's Day 2022

This week our students have loved learning about International Women's day, which celebrates women's achievement and raises awareness to challenge bias and inequality. Students have been researching inspirational women and creating posters to celebrate their success. Banners have been created and displayed around school to celebrate famous historical figures and badges have been worn in the colours of the Suffragettes.



Students have been celebrating #BreakTheBias by standing in unity to deliver the important message from IWD to create a gender inclusive world.



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) News

Linguist of the week - congratulations to Madiha Ali in 11F3! She tries really hard in class and has even come to extra revision lessons in the run up to her mocks. Well done Madiha!

French News

Some Y10 students are looking forward to visiting the Tyneside cinema next week to watch a French film and practise their French communication skills.



Spanish News



Our Y10/11 dual linguists were fantastic representatives of our school when we visited Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle for a GCSE study day. The pupils watched a fantastic Mexican film and engaged fully in activities. The Tyneside Cinema even rang school to commend them on their attitude and exemplary behaviour!

International Links

Our Chinese partner school in Daqing loved receiving our recording of KS3 choir singing the Chinese New Year song! They have sent us some videos back about their school, including one about the daily exercises they do, so watch this space Y7 as you may be learning the routine soon!

British Science Week

The science department will be celebrating British Science Week between the 14th and 18th March. This year's theme is 'Growth' and Y7 and Y8 students will be taking part in a series of lessons looking at different aspects of growth such as the problems caused by the growing human population and requirements for plant growth. We will also be exploring scientific discoveries link to growth such as the discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming and the role of the Hubble telescope as it investigates the growth of the universe. Students will be invited to enter a poster competition where they can explore any aspect of growth that interests them.

Celebrating success in PE

Gymnastics

Anna Place (Year 9) competed at the Deerness Gymnastics Club Competition as a Youth Grade trio. Her group achieved first place and they are now focusing on the National Competition at the end of March. Well done Anna!



Trampolining

Annabelle Jennings (Year 9) passed the regional qualifier for the North of England Trampoline competition this weekend. She achieved gold in Double Mini Trampoline, Silver in Trampoline and Gold in Team Trampoline. The next qualification is on June 19th. This is a great achievement Annabelle, keep up the hard work!

City of Sunderland Netball Tournament Winners



Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball Team who won the City of Sunderland tournament. The girls played extremely well, winning all 6 matches. We are now looking forward to the league results in April.

Eco Committee

Eco Committee are currently working towards achieving green flag status for our school as part of the Eco Schools initiative. Their 3 areas of focus are: school grounds; waste/recycling and biodiversity. They have members from Y7-Y10 who are led by Sophie Rooney (Y10), the President of the committee. They have some exciting projects coming up including a sun-flower growing competition with key stage 3 forms, and improving wildlife habitats on the school grounds. The Eco Committee met with the leadership team this week and presented their aims for the school and discussed how they can achieve these.

