



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

A Mercy Academy committed to excellence

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Parent Weekly Newsletter Friday 4 March 2022

Our Home School Relationship

We place huge importance on our relationship with our families and have developed the format of our weekly update and hope you enjoy it! We are also aware many of our parents/carers have not had opportunity to join us in school due to Covid and are considering how we might move forwards this academic year-more information to follow soon.

Support for the People of Ukraine

In line with our Mercy and Catholic ethos, we are considering how best to support the people of Ukraine. More information to follow.



Chaplaincy Team

Prayer

Lord,
protect us in our daily struggles,
as we continue our journey through Lent.
Make this season holy
by reflecting on our own lives
and living your word through our actions.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

School policy information

Academy Uniform

Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that your child returned to school after half-term looking smart and wearing correct uniform. We are continuing to support families to address any ongoing issues and are also updating our uniform policy in line with [DfE guidance](#) on school uniform. We will be reviewing the cost and the availability of uniform and the introduction of trousers as an option and welcome your thoughts as we move forward.

From Monday students will be required to remove all outdoor coats in lessons.

Planners

Please remind your child that they should be bringing their planner to school every day and be using it for messages and to record their homework. Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, form tutors will be checking and signing planners weekly and we ask parents to do the same. If your child has lost their planner, they should inform their form tutor as quickly as possible.



The Sunderland Young People's
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Year Group information

Year 9

Options 2022

A letter has been sent out today to all Year 9 parents about the Options process for 2022.

Mr McDonagh will be visiting all year 9 students in lessons on Monday morning to explain the process to them and to distribute the option forms.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information:

Virtual Parents' Evening (SchoolCloud)

Thank you to all parents/carers who have booked appointments on School Cloud. A reminder to those who haven't that the booking system will close on Monday 7th March at 9am. If you have any issues, please contact schoolcloud@st-anthonys-academy.com.

Year 11

Supporting your child with revision information

Two short videos have been uploaded onto the parents' section of the school website, giving advice on how to support your child with revision. Tips are given on how to create a good learning environment 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.

Y11 Prom

We have sent out a brief survey this week to gauge interest in a Y11 Prom as an end of KS4 celebration. We will be sending further information on this to parents and carers next week.

Year 11 and 13 Mock exams update

The Y13 mocks will continue to run until the 14 March. The timetable can be found [here](#). Morning exams start at 8.30am (after registration). Afternoon exams start at 1.30pm. If a student is absent for an examination they should see the exams officer (Mrs Taroni) or subject teacher who will arrange for them to do the examination as soon as possible.

World Book Day (WBD)

This week students and staff have enjoyed dressing up as well as decorating their form room doors inspired by their favourite books. We also held competitions where students had the opportunity to design an alternative book cover or write an alternative ending for their favourite book. On World Book Day itself, all students across KS3 and KS4 read a short story during the starter task for each of their lessons. With KS3, students also participating in a competition in which they imagined a day inside of their favourite book.

Book tokens

Students have received a £1 book token as part of the WBD celebrations, entitling them to one free World Book Day 2022 book or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers. These tokens are valid until 27 March 2022. We encourage students to use this token to enhance their access to books and support reading for pleasure. You can find out more information at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Christmas Charities

Every year our students choose a particular charity for their year group to focus on for their Christmas Charity. We have just finalised the following amounts for this academic year:



Year 7 - St Benedict's Hospice £791.45

Year 8 - Macmillan Cancer Support £266.18

Year 9 - Dementia UK £303.17

Years 12 and 13 - Centrepoin £192.75

Years 10 and 11 made up approximately 40 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Sixth Form also collected a huge amount of toiletries for the Saint Vincent De Paul Society to help the homeless.

This is an outstanding effort. Thank you to all students and parents for their support.

This week in school

Lent began on Ash Wednesday 2 March. During the six weeks of Lent, Catholics prepare for Holy Week and Easter by "prayer, fasting and almsgiving".

On Ash Wednesday every student in school was given the opportunity to receive ashes. A massive thank you to Fr. Emmanuel for coming in to celebrate Mass with us and to help distribute ashes. A big thank you to the John Paul II Award students who also helped distribute ashes.

On Friday, some staff and Sixth Formers took part in a 'Lent Hunger Lunch'. This was a limited lunch to raise money for CAFOD's Lent Campaign.

CAFOD Lent Campaign



This year, CAFOD have asked us to 'Walk against Hunger' to remember all those in the world who do not get enough food, including over 200 million children. This Lent we will be joining with CAFOD to pray for all those who go hungry. Any money we save from fasting this Lent can be donated to CAFOD with every form class having a CAFOD donation box for any spare change. As Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy said "The poor need help today, not next week".



St. Anthony's & St. Aidan's sixth form students have been selected to feature in the Bright Lights exhibition at the Arts' centre Washington

The work of 18 students has been chosen for the Youth Arts' festival 22: Bright Lights at the Washington Arts' centre, Sunderland. The exhibition runs until the 2nd April and is in the main gallery. The themes for this year's exhibition include environment, nature, landscape, heritage and identity.

Being able to see our students' work on display in the Washington Arts Centre is extremely inspiring and encouraging and gives our students a platform for recognition and success.



Celebrating Inspirational Female Athletes for International Women's day in PE

Here is some of the great work our year 8s have been doing in PE to celebrate inspirational female athletes.

DINA ASHER-SMITH

Dina Asher-Smith is the fastest British woman in history. She was born on December 4th 1995 (aged 26). Dina won a gold medal in the 200m, a silver in the 100m and another in the 4x100m relay race in the 2019 World Championships.

Dina attended Newstead Wood school, a selective state grammar school in Orpington on the southeastern edge of Greater London. She can certainly say that she was an impressive junior athlete. In 2013, she was the youngest athlete selected for the British squad at the world championships in Moscow helping the relay team bring home a bronze medal.

Then, in 2015, she became the fastest teenager in history over 60m, at the Indoor European championships in Prague. Even though she was showing signs of an incredible sporting career at an early age, she didn't give up on her academic career. She achieved strong A-level results.

ANNA SOULSBY

Anna Soulsby plays for the Newcastle women's team since 2018.

Anna Soulsby plays forward, and her squad number is 7. Anna originally played for Sunderland AFC.

Newcastle United women is an English women's football club, affiliated with Newcastle United F.C. They were founded in 1929. They are based at the Newcastle United academy training center, Benton, and play their home matches at David Park, Washington North Newcastle.



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) News

Linguist of the week - this week we are delighted to award Anannya Benny (9LF2) with the Linguist of the Week title! She works really hard in all of her French lessons, always completes all class and homework to the best of her ability and her class participation is fantastic. Well done, Anannya!



French News

This week our French students have loved learning about Coco Chanel to celebrate World Book Day. The story comes from a series called 'Little people, Big Dreams' and we hope some of our students will have been inspired by the story they read!

Spanish News

To celebrate World Book Day 2022, our Spanish students have been reading all about Frida Kahlo, an inspirational Mexican lady. We have thoroughly enjoyed it!

International Links

We are really looking forward to celebrating Journée de la Francophonie on the 20th March. On this day we will celebrate not only France, but all the countries where French is spoken throughout the world.