



St. Anthony's Girl's Catholic Academy

Newsletter – 11 November 22



Ethos

Theme of the week = Staying true to yourself

Foodbank week beginning 14 November

St. Hilda

St. Cuthbert



Foodbank week beginning 21 November

St. Joan of Arc

St. John Boste

Prayer

Dear God,

I know You have specific gifts and a specific purpose just for me.

Lord, show me my gifts.

Reveal to me my purpose.

Help me to not be afraid to be who You created me to be.

Amen

Community Carol Service at St. Patrick's church, Ryhope

On Wednesday 7th December at 7:15pm, there is a community carol service at St. Patrick's church in Ryhope. Music is being provided by Millfield Salvation Army Band. Everyone is welcome.

Safeguarding



Online Safety

You will be aware the Internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers they should be aware of and which we should all act to protect

Them from. As a school we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online.

Top Tips for Parents:

1. Talk to your child, early and often
2. Explore online together
3. Know who your child is talking to online
4. Set rules and boundaries
5. Make sure content is age-appropriate
6. Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor and report content
7. Check they know how to use privacy settings and reporting tools



Remembrance Day

Today our students observed a 2 minute silence at 11 a.m. to remember and honour the brave men and women who have served and lost their lives in war, to protect our way of life. Information was shared with students at form time on the significance of Armistice day, the symbolism of the poppy and how the fundraising appeal supports the Armed Forces' community.

Peer Mentors

Mrs Tomlin and Mrs Richardson-Dunn have delivered training this week for our new Peer Mentor scheme. Eight year 9 pupils are now fully trained Peer Mentors and will begin to support pupils in year 7 in the next few weeks. They will work one-to-one with identified pupils but will also support the year 7 wellbeing group and be around on the yard some lunchtimes to get to know the younger students. Thanks to all the students involved!

List of Key Dates this term

Date	Event
22 – 24 November	School Musical Production – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
2 December	Reports to Parents Years 7 - 13
8 December 3 - 6:30 pm	Year 11 Parents' evening: virtual (early finish for students 2:20 pm).
15 December 3 - 6:30 pm	Year 13 Parents' evening: virtual (early finish for students 2:20 pm).
22 December 6 pm	Christmas Music Concert
23 December	Last day of the Autumn Term – school closes for Christmas.
19 January	Year 12 Parents' evening (early finish for students 2:20 pm)
9 February	Sixth Form Open Evening 6:00 -8:00

Year 13 Mock Examinations

A big well done to all Year 13 students who have completed their first set of mock examinations today. As a year group they have worked incredibly hard and we hope that this will show in their mock results. A big thank you to all the teachers, tutors and invigilators for their hard work during the examination period. Finally, a big thank you to all parents and carers for the great support they have provided to their child and the school during the past 3 weeks.

Year 10 Parent Information Evening

It was wonderful to see such an amazing show of support from over 100 parents and carers with our year 10 students at the year 10 parent and carer information evening. During the evening, information and advice were shared on the Key Stage 4 curriculum; examinations, effective study skills; assessment and reporting; personal development; enrichment opportunities, well-being and entry into sixth form. The presentation that was delivered can be viewed by clicking on the link below.

[Year 10 Parent Information Evening Presentation](#)

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information

All parents with pupils in years 10 & 11 should have received an e-mail today, which provides links to our website to access detailed information on our key stage 4 curriculum. You will be able to view the topics that your child is studying in each subject and the key tasks that will be completed.

Antibullying Conference

St Anthony's were delighted to host Together for Children's Anti-bullying conference on Thursday, along with two other secondary schools and six primary schools from Sunderland. Students had talks and workshops on themes such as calling out bullying, emotional resilience, the consequences of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure, and RSHE themes. We also welcomed PCSO Allan Postings who answered questions from students and took part in the activities along with the students. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Six of our Y10 students acted as ambassadors throughout the day and were a credit to the academy and their families. Well done and thank you to Grace Cooper, Caitlin Golledge, Neve Gomes, Neve Graham, Ella Musson and Lily Padgett.



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 22 – 24 November

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang flies into St Anthony's on 22nd-24th November 2022 at 6pm. Tickets are on sale via ParentPay at £5 each and are selling quickly, so please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Here is a sneak peak of our rehearsals!



Personal Development Bulletin

Please find the first edition of our Personal Development bulletin on our website, which celebrates all the amazing things our students have experienced to promote their personal development each half term:

[Personal Development Bulletin](#)

Year 7 Retreat to Emmaus Youth Village – 28 – 30 November

As part of our school's chaplaincy programme, year 7 pupils will have the opportunity to attend a residential retreat at the Emmaus Youth village, Consett. The retreat will be led by the Youth Ministry Team and will involve art work, drama, games, walks and time for prayer and reflection.

Dance Success



Congratulations to Nancy Marshall 7SM and her partner Rosie who became the Juvenile All Girl British Champions in sequence dancing. The Championships were held at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. Nancy and her dance partner Rosie have danced together since they were 8 years old; learning Latin, ballroom and sequence dancing. As a partnership, they have had a fantastic year as they were also selected to represent England, in the team match at the Blackpool Junior Dance Festival earlier in the year. It was a huge honour to represent their country and they were in the winning team, alongside three other couples.