



St. Anthony's Girl's Catholic Academy

Newsletter – 18 November 22



Ethos

Theme of the week - Youth (Christ the King)

Foodbank week beginning 21 November : St. Joan of Arc and St. John Boste

Foodbank week beginning 28 November: St. Margaret Clitherow and St. Margaret Ward



Prayer

Father, we thank you for your great love for us.

Help us to always recognise our identity as Your children,

loved by You from the very beginning,

created to share in Your work of sanctifying and redeeming the world.

Jesus,

we thank you for giving your life for us and that through Your cross and resurrection

we can be free from needing to look at our lives through filters that portray us as something we are not.

Teach us what it means to be true to ourselves

with the help of Your mercy and grace.

Holy Spirit,

we thank You for your constant presence strengthening us.

Help us to see clearly our purpose and mission,

give us courage to serve and love those around us

and show them the love of God.

Amen.



Student Safety

As the nights are getting darker and the weather is worsening, we have, unfortunately, noticed increased traffic on The Terrace at the start and the end of the school day. Students are being put in danger, particularly at the end of school, by parents driving onto The Terrace, double-parking and making three-point-turns in what is already a very busy area. We are lucky that there have been no serious incidents, but the situation is increasingly worrying. We ask that parents do not drive onto The Terrace at the start and the end of the day; please drop your children off a short distance away and let them complete the journey on foot. The crossing support team have been reinstated at the end of the day for several weeks now and we are working with Sunderland Council to have additional support at the start of the day.

Antonian Alumni receives special Papal Award

Warmest congratulations to Pat Kennedy (nee Crilley) an alumni of St Anthony’s (1952-1959). For her services to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle she has been awarded by Pope Francis the **Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross**. This is the highest honour a Pontiff bestows upon a member of the Laity. Inaugurated by Pope Leo X111 in 1888 the Cross is worn as a medal and commemorates his Golden Jubilee in Holy Orders. The gold cross, for Church and Pope, pinned to a yellow and white ribbon - the Vatican colours, will be presented to Pat at a special Mass in St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle on Saturday December 17th at 10am.

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

Come on England!

On Monday afternoon we are going to come together as a community and watch the England vs Iran world cup game with our students and staff. Year 7 will be able to watch the first half before going to the performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Following the game we will be exploring some activities linked to personal development and what it means to be a British Citizen.



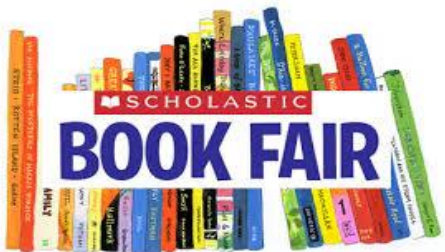
Book Fair - Monday 21st November-Friday 25th November.

The library will be hosting a Book Fair with Scholastic on Monday 21st November-Friday 25th November. Pupils will be able to look at the books during their literacy lesson in years 7-9 and by visiting the library during their allocated lunchtime. Pupils can fill in the wish list sheet and parents can order and pay for the books via parent pay. Every book ordered helps the Academy to receive free books for the library.

Please find links to Parent pay and the wish list sheet below.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1244901>

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/b0/58/teen-book-fair-wish-list-scholastic-2149310.pdf>



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 22 – 24 November

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang flies into St Anthony’s next week 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. There is also a dress rehearsal performance on Monday afternoon for all of our Year 7 pupils and their teachers.



Catholic Clergy and Leaders’ conference

Well done to members of our Senior Choir who led the music for the recent Catholic Clergy and Leaders’ conference at Newcastle Cathedral last week alongside musicians from other schools in our trust. The students were a credit to the academy and their families. Thank you and well done Evie, Ava, Imogen, Lianda, Lucy, Olivia, Harriet, Stephy, Delfina, Ava, Gabrielle, Ava and Ruby.



Year 8 Council Meeting with CEO of Sunderland Bid

Our year 8 council members met up with Sharon Appleby, the CEO of ‘Sunderland Bid’. They discussed the strengths of the city and what they would like to improve, to create a vibrant city centre and opportunities for everyone.

Red Sky Foundation

This year, our year 8 pupils will be working with the Red Sky Foundation to raise funds for babies and children with heart problems across the North East of England. The Red Sky Foundation provides life-saving defibrillators for local schools and public spaces and the CEO will be coming in to school to talk about the Charity and offer CPR training.



Jazz Music workshop and performance opportunity

Sunderland Fire Station are recruiting for young people aged 11-17 across the city to take part in an upcoming workshop and performance on Monday 21st November 4pm-7.30pm. Students should have some jazz music interest/experience and should be at Grade 3 or above on an instrument. For further information or to sign up for this, please contact Mrs Dudley in the Music department.

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 8 December

Our first parents' evening of the academic year will be for Year 11 on Thursday 8 December, 3pm-6.30pm. We are using School Cloud once again this year due to positive feedback from parents and staff around the more private nature and flexibility of online appointments. Parents/Carers should have received an email about this with key dates when the booking portal opens and closes; please let your child's form tutor know if you haven't received any communication. Please note, school will close to all students Y7-Y12 at 2.20pm on that day. Please contact your child's year leader if they need to be supervised in school until the normal finish time of 3.25pm.

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](#)

Respect and Routines -Uniform

We are approaching the Christmas Season and understand that many of our students will be planning their Christmas outings. We would like to remind parents that false, gel and painted nails and false eyelashes are not permitted in school, and that students are not allowed to wear false tan or make-up. Any students who come into school in breach of our uniform policy will need to rectify the situation immediately, or they will spend time in isolation. We hope that the end of term will be a fun time for all involved and have lots of activities planned which we would hate students to miss.