

# St. Anthony's Girl's Catholic Academy Newsletter – 23 December 2022



#### **Ethos**

Theme of the week = Advent: Love

Foodbank week beginning 9th January = St. Clare
St. Anne Line



# **Prayer**

Lord,

We await with joy the birth of your son, Jesus.

As out Advent journey nears its end,
may we develop thankful heart, and,
like Mary, give thanks for all that you do
for us each day of our lives

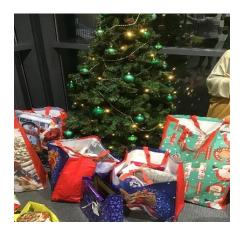
## **List of Key Dates this term**

Date	Event
23 December	Last day of the Autumn Term – school closes for Christmas.
9 January	School re-opens
19 January	Year 12 Parents' evening (early finish for students 2:20 pm)
9 February	Sixth Form Open Evening 6:00 -8:00
27 February	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations begin
27 February	Year 9 Options evening 5:00 - 6:00 pm
9 March	Year 9 Parent's evening 3:00 - 6:00 pm (virtual) Early finish for
	students at 2:20 pm
24 March	Reports to parents Y7-13
30 March	Year 10 Parents' evening 3:00 - 6:00 pm (virtual) Early finish for
	students at 2:20 pm

### Food Bank and Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022

A huge thank you for all the amazing support this term from our fabulous students, parents, staff, former pupils, parishioners and local businesses. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by those connected to our school community this year. A special mention to Norah's North Pole Charity for the amazing gifts for our families and to Lofthouse and Partners for choosing our food bank for their Christmas charity this year. Should any parent or carer need any support please get in touch, confidentially, with Mrs Lanaghan (Deputy Head).





## **Rewards Cinema Trip**

Congratulations to the 250 students who were rewarded for their excellent behaviour, work ethic, attendance and punctuality with a trip to Empire Cinema to watch Home Alone on Monday. The students had a lovely morning and were a credit to the school throughout the visit. We're looking forward to planning more rewards visits for our students during the academic year.

#### Wear Here 4 You

Thank you for Together for Children who came into school this week to talk to Year 11 on their 'Wear Here 4 You' bus about services available to them in and around Sunderland. Staff and students discussed RSE, PHSE and mental health wellbeing topics. The students' behaviour was exemplary over the two days – well done to all!



# Faith Festival & Christmas Market 19th - 22nd December

During this final week of term we have loved the return of our annual Faith Festival. It has been a couple of years, since before COVID, that we have been able to do this and it has returned with a bang! The students and staff have taken part in a range of activities including: Faith talks, a Catholic Carousel, Interfaith Bake Off and Mercy Ethos Olympics. The week ended with our very popular Christmas Charity Market, where we have raised over £1500 for various charities including: Red Sky Foundation, Cancer Research and Manzini Youth Care as well as many others. We have also taken our students over to Oaklea Convent as part of their learning into the Mercy Tradition. We hope the students and staff have enjoyed their Festival of Faith and we can't wait to start planning for next year.















#### **Christmas Concert**

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our sold-out Christmas concert yesterday evening. We were treated to stunning performances from our choirs, orchestras, ensembles and soloists, from students in Year 7 up to Year 13. Congratulations and well done to the almost 150 students who took part; they were a credit to their families. Photos to follow once processed in the New Year!

## **E-Christmas Card Competition**

The Eco Committe and Art Department teamed up to launch an e-Christmas card competition. We were so impressed with the entries we received; it was a tough decision to choose a winner! The overall winners were Precious Maranon Y8 and Eva Finkel Y13 and the three runners up were- Andrea Nsubuga Y9, Kate Mitchell Y12 and Maya Hughes Y11. Congratulations to all! Here are some photos of the runners up designs. The winning designs will go out as e-cards.







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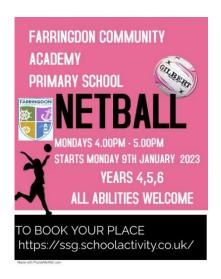
# Sport & PE Extended Curricular Activities – January – April 2023

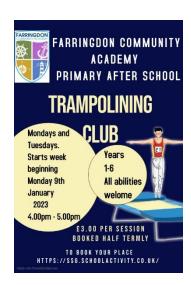
Our new Sport and PE Extended Curricular Timetable for January is available to view on the website and via the link below.

Sport & PE Extended Curricula Timetable

## **Sporting opportunities for primary pupils**

Please find some excellent opportunities for your young people of Primary school age to experience an introduction to community clubs based at Farringdon School from January 2023.







# Christmas Holiday – 24 December – Friday 6 January

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

We welcome all students and staff back on Monday 09 January 2023.