



# St. Anthony's Girl's Catholic Academy

## Newsletter – 25 November 22



### **Ethos**

**Theme of the week =** Advent: Hope

Foodbank week beginning 28th November =

St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Margaret Ward

Foodbank w/b 5th December =

St. Rita

Ven. Catherine McAuley



### **Prayer**

Lord,

help us to be on the look-out for your coming,

as the people and events of the season crowd in.

Open our eyes to see you in the guise of friend and stranger,

Whatever the path,

wherever the place,

however you come to us,

may there be recognition.

And joyous welcoming.

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.

### **Travel Disruption on the Metro System**

We have been informed by the Nexus Travel company of serious disruption to the Metro service on the Sunderland line, which they fear could last for over four weeks. As a result of damage to the substation at Pallion, they are unable to operate Metro trains between Park Lane Interchange and South Hylton. The wider impact the loss of this substation has on the power supply to the Sunderland Line, means that they have also been asked to reduce the frequency of the service between Pelaw and Park Lane to a train every 24 minutes, rather than the normal train every 12 minutes. At present customers travelling between Park Lane and South Hylton are being advised to use local bus services.

The impact of this will mean that journeys to school could take significantly longer than usual, so students will need to ensure that they adjust their journey times accordingly and leave for school earlier. A prompt start to the day is very important and we appreciate the efforts you make to ensure that your children are here on time.

**List of Key Dates this term**

Date	Event
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

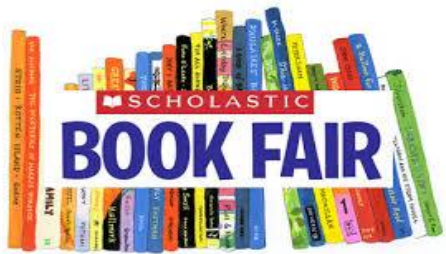
**Book Fair - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

Scholastics have agreed to extend our book fair until Wednesday 30 November at noon. 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>



**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.

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang production**

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. It was fabulous to see the amazing vocal, acting and dancing talents we have at St. Anthony's. Our students from years 8 – 13 have shown great commitment and rehearsed tirelessly to put on such a colourful and entertaining production. The fabulous support from the audience was greatly received.

A big thank you to our staff who have generously given up their time to put on the show: Mrs Dudley, Miss Duncan, Miss Liddle, Miss Lockey, Miss Napier and Mrs Tomlin.





## Gold Schools Games Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that our PE Department have been awarded the Gold Schools Games Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme to recognise school's provision and uptake in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try to engage young people in sport and to ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too, in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most, either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.



## Celebrating Achievement at the Sunderland School Sports Hall Athletics Competition

Well done to the year 7 and year 8 girls who represented the school at the Sunderland School Sports Hall Athletics Competition, at Biddick Academy. The year 7 team were placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall and the year 8 team achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the next round.



## Netball Success

The U14 and U16 Netball Teams competed in the North Durham County Netball Round on Saturday 19 November. They played exceptional netball and showed great determination and resilience. The U14 team were placed 6<sup>th</sup> and the U16 team placed 4<sup>th</sup>. This is an amazing achievement by both teams. They were an asset to the Academy. Well done girls!

## Dodgeball Competition

The Key stage three Dodgeball team competed at their first school games tournament where the competition was fierce and they managed to secure 4th place overall. Congratulations to Sophie, Olivia, Emma, Emily, Amelia, Samantha, Anna, Florence and Amirah for their amazing effort and team spirit #thisgirlcan



## Eco Committee – celebrating a great achievement

Last year, the school's Eco Committee achieved Green Flag status for their work to make the school more environmentally friendly. We were pleased to receive our green flag in the post this week. Eco Committee meet on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes in room 2.44, all are welcome to join. We welcome any donations of unwanted gardening equipment and clean empty glass jars for our upcoming projects!



## 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.