

St. Anthony's Girl's Catholic Academy Newsletter – 30 June 23





Theme of the week for w/b 3rd July = Creation Foodbank w/b 3rd July = St. Clare St. Anne Line

Foodbank w/b 10th July = St. Hilda St. Cuthbert

Weekly prayer

We pray in thanks for the beauty of creation, for the mountains, the sea, the animals and for all of humankind. We pray that we learn to see the world as something to be marvelled at and something to be cared for. Amen.

Uniform and Standards

The summer holidays are approaching, and we appreciate that a lot of you will be preparing to go on holiday. We would like to remind you that false nails, gels nails, nail varnish and false eyelashes are not permitted in school. Any student who is not fully adhering to our uniform policy will be asked to rectify the situation or they will be put into isolation. This will also be the case in September, so please ensure that your child returns to school after the summer in full school uniform.

List of Key Dates

Date	Event			
30 June	Y13 Ball			
3-7 July	Y10 Work Experience Week			
6 July	Y11 Prom			
10 – 14 July	Culture and Diversity week			
13 July	Summer Music Concert 6 pm			
17 July	Sports day			
17 July	Y7 – 10 & 12 Reports to parents,			
17-21 July	Activities week, Y12 Work Experience Week			

Year 10 Work Experience: 3-7 July

Our Year 10 Work Experience placements start on Monday. We have 216 students going out into the world of work, including placements in the law, education, healthcare, engineering and retail sectors, among others. 8 of our students are undertaking placements within school on a rota with our support staff (admin, library, caretakers and kitchen), and 14 of our students are undertaking a virtual work experience in school. A big thank you to all parents, carers and families for your support with this – we can't wait to hear all about the placements when Year 10 are back in school!

Arrangements for Year 9 Assessments

A reminder that year 9 assessments will be taking place from Monday 3rd July to Monday 10th July inclusive. All students will have an opportunity to catch-up with the assessments they miss on the two catch-up days indicated. Please see timetable of exams below.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MONDAY
	3rd July	4th July	5th July	6th July	10th July
Period			Maths catch-		Physics
1	Maths	English	up	Physics	catch-up
Period					
2					
Period			English Catch-		Biology
3			ир	Biology	catch-up
Lunch					
Period			Maths catch-		Chemistry
4	Maths		up	Chemistry	catch-up
Period					
5					

Culture and Diversity Week: 10-14 July

In response to student voice, we are celebrating our first 'culture and diversity week from 10-14 July. There will be form time activities to take part in to raise awareness of different cultures, and lunchtime enrichment led by a team of Y12 students, including food markets, cultural dress fashion shows and cultural dance workshops.



Activities Week: 17-21 July

Staff are busy planning some special activities in lessons during the final week of term for our students – the programme for the week sounds amazing! In addition to activities in lessons there will also be some whole school events: Sports Day on Monday 17th, Classics talks for Y7 and Y8 on Tuesday 18th, Interhouse Rounders tournament on Wednesday 19th and a 48 hour musical Wednesday 19th-Thursday 20th culminating in a performance on Thursday 20th at 5pm (all welcome – tickets on ParentPay soon with all proceeds going to Maggie's). We hope this will be a special final week for our school community.

Year 6 transition

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'

Lao Tzu



The pupils also enjoyed our freshly prepared food in the canteen and it was lovely to see the pupils enjoying a relaxing break with their new friends at lunchtime supported by our Year 8 Buddy team.

The pupils also gained more insight into the ethos of our school by taking part in our school liturgy. We were very impressed with the confidence of our year 6 volunteers who supported out Chaplain in delivering



Platinum Anti-bullying Award



We were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 cohort into St Anthony's this week. The pupils from over 45 feeder primaries took part in a range of engaging and exciting lessons, which gave them an insight into learning at St. Anthony's.



the liturgy or read fluently and confidently. All year 6 pupils received a special St Anthony's notebook and pen to mark their time with us. The liturgy was a very fitting way to end their transition time with us – all of the pupils coming together as one new community.

We are delighted to have received the platinum anti-bullying charter mark award.

Over the last few months staff have worked with a number of enrichment groups for example: School Council, Safe Space and our SEND Forum to update our anti-bullying policy. The students have given us great feedback including work on preventing and dealing with sexual harassment. This policy was submitted to the Sunderland Youth Council alongside the charity Together For Children and we have won a Platinum Award. Thank you to all the staff and students who supported with this very important work. If you would like to read the whole policy it can be found here...<u>https://st-anthonys-academy.com/about-us-2/policies-documents/</u>

Year 11 Leavers' presentation - Class of 2023

On Monday our class of 2023 returned to school for their Leavers' presentation to celebrate their hard work, efforts and achievements. It was wonderful to see so many students, parents, staff and governors attend the event to wish our students the very best for their future. We wish all our students well on their future journeys into Sixth Form, College, Apprenticeship or Employment.









St. Aidan's & St. Anthony's Catholic Sixth Form Year 13 Leavers' Presentation

On Tuesday our Y13 students and their parents attended our Y13 Leavers' presentation to celebrate the end of their school journey and say their farewells – many have been with us at St. Anthony's or St. Aidan's since 2016. It was wonderful to see this traditional event so well attended and to hear from one of our guest speaker and former students – Dr. Aidan Watson who shared inspiring words on the importance of asking for help, never giving up, perseverance and making the most of opportunities that present themselves. Thank you to everyone who attended and well done to our Award winners.





Dr. Aidan Watson & Dr. Cathy Emmerson (Chair of Governors at St. Aidan's).

Summer Concert - Thursday 13 July

We would like to invite you to our Summer Concert on Thursday 13 July 2023. Tickets will be available via parent pay on Friday 30 June and will cost £3 per person. Tickets will initially be limited to 2 per person to enable as many parents as possible to access tickets, but we advise you get them quickly

Primary Link PE and Sport Competitions

Well done to all of the Year 10 PE and Sport leaders for hosting an extremely successful Year 5 Rounders, Year 4 Rounders and Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills event. All leaders were exceptional and a real asset to the Academy.





Year 6 Sports' Day

Well done to year 10 leadership group who successfully ran a year 6 sports day this week. All girls were exceptional and an asset to the school!



Return of Library Books



Please hand in all your library books as soon as possible, as we want to check in all the stock before the summer holidays. Thanks Mrs Martin