



St. Anthony's Girl's Catholic Academy Newsletter – 14 July 2023



Theme of the week for week beginning 17th July – A time to rest

Weekly prayer

Loving God,
As we approach the end of another school year, we want to
offer our thanks and gratitude to You.
May we find opportunities to rest during the summer, not
just physically but spiritually too. Remind us that we are
loved by You. Help us to rest in this belief.
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.

Punctuality

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late to school on a morning. Students should be on site, in their Year area, before 8.30am. Any students arriving after the student gate has been closed will have to sign in with a member of the senior team and they will be given a same day detention. Persistent lateness will be referred to the Local Authority Attendance team. From September detentions for lateness will take place after school. Please support your child to arrive at school on time.

List of Key Dates

Date	Event
17 July	Sports day
17 July	Y7 – 10 & 12 Reports to parents,
17-21 July	Activities week, Y12 Work Experience Week

Activities Week: 17-21 July

Next week is Activities Week in school, where all students participate in activities which enrich the curriculum. Timetables will be followed as normal with some special experiences planned by staff. In addition to activities in lessons there will also be some whole school events: Sports Day on Monday 17 July, Classics talks for Y7 and Y8 on Tuesday 18 July, an Interhouse Rounders tournament on Wednesday 19 July and a 48 hour musical Wednesday 19-Thursday 20 July. We hope this will be a special final week for our school community.

48 Hour Musical!

We would love to invite you to our first ever '48 hour musical' - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! Students receive their scripts on Wednesday at 8.30am and will perform the show at 5.00pm to an audience, regardless of whether it is ready or not, in the true sense of 'the show must go on'...!

Tickets are available now on Parent Pay at £5 per person and will initially be limited to 2 per student, to enable as many students, parents and staff as possible to attend. Any remaining tickets will be released on Monday 17 July. All proceeds will be donated to Maggie's Cancer Support.

Year 12 Work Experience Week: 17-21 July

Next week Year 12 will undertake work experience placements. Students are going out into the legal, hospitality, engineering, education, healthcare and business sectors among many others – we hope they all have a really valuable experience which will benefit them and their future careers and aspirations.

Students who haven't secured a placement will be following a series of virtual work experiences from home next week; all Year 12 students and parents/carers should have received an email detailing arrangements for this. If there are any issues, please contact our KS5 careers coordinator, Mrs Osmialowski, who will support students and families.

Y13 Leavers' Ball – Friday 30 June

Year 13 celebrated the end of their exams and their school career with us last Friday at Hardwick Hall. Everyone donned their best outfits and enjoyed a lovely 3 course meal, great music and lots of dancing. We wish them the best of luck in their exams and their next steps into education, an apprenticeship or employment.



Culture and Diversity Week

Students this week had the chance to participate in the Academy's Culture and Diversity Week. Monday saw a Food Market, where students were able to taste and sample cuisines from all around the world. We had student leaders explaining these foods and their cultural significance. This proved an incredibly popular event and students loved tasting the different foods, "it helped me appreciate different cultures and it was something I'd never tried before." (Year 10 student)

This week also saw our community's first Cultural Dress Fashion Show. Organised by 6th Form leaders, students from all year groups showcased their cultural dress in a fashion show this Wednesday. We had representation from all over the world including: India, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Philippines, China, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Oman and Iraq. The students looked amazing and we even had an impromptu dance off between our 6th form students! Following on from this we also held a dance workshop where KS3 students could learn a dance from a different culture and perform in front of their peers.

We have had hugely positive feedback from this week and students have felt 'empowered' and really showcased our Mercy Ethos of 'building communities.' Thank you to all students and staff who have participated and supported this week.



Summer Concert

A huge thank you to all parents, carers, families and supporters who came to our summer concert last night. We are so proud of our amazingly talented students who put on a phenomenal show with performances from our Senior, Junior and Chamber choirs, Wind Band and String Orchestra, and many talented soloists and ensembles. It was an evening where students really shone!



Wimbledon 2023 Educational Visit

St. Anthony's staff and students took part in a very successful and enjoyable Wimbledon visit this week. We observed some fantastic tennis matches on court 2 and enjoyed the full Wimbledon experience followed by a London sight-seeing tour and shopping on Oxford street. The students were a credit to the Academy and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Women's World Cup Football

Well done to 15 Year 7&8 students who competed as England, in the Women's World Cup Football event today at Kepier. The girls demonstrated some great skill as well as excellent teamwork.



Y7 Wearside Athletics

Y7 students competed in the Wearside Athletics on Monday 3rd July.

All students performed well for the team, some achieving personal best scores. Special Congratulations to Lola who is the Y7 300m within Sunderland.



GIRLS GOLF ROCKS


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**LEARN TO PLAY
GOLF IN A WAY
THAT ROCKS!**

- † Open to all girls aged 5-18 years
- † £40 for six hours coaching
- † No experience necessary
- † No equipment required, just wear comfy clothes and trainers, and join the fun!

**HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING
GOLF CLUB
(DH5 8LU)**

COACHING CAMP DATES:
Monday 24 July 4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday 25 July 4.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday 27 July 4.00 - 6.00pm



For more information or to book your place go to www.girlsgolfrocks.org/HoughtonLeSpringGC

World Triathlon Championship Series

Over the weekend of 29-30 July 2023, Roker Beach will welcome the best triathletes from around the world as Sunderland hosts the British leg of the World Triathlon Championship Series. As well as an opportunity to watch some of the greatest British triathletes as they compete for a space in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, there will be plenty of free, family activities to get involved with including opportunity for families to take part in swim, bike & run events.

World Triathlon Championship Series

Take part in the World Triathlon Championship Series weekend by dipping your toe into the world of swim, bike, run as a family, or by stepping up to a personal challenge.

Swim Bike Run Mini - Saturday 29 July 2023

Swim 50m - Run 1km

Ages 4+ - £30 per family

Wetsuits and cycle helmets are available to borrow for FREE

One adult must be registered per a maximum of two children participating (family ticket max two adults, four children)

The Big Swim Bike Run - Saturday 29 July 2023

Swim 200m - Bike 10km - Run 2.5km

Ages 15+ - £30 per family

Wetsuits and cycle helmets are available to borrow for FREE

Find out more and book space at: **The BIG Swim Bike Run - MySunderland**

Watch for free. For those wanting to watch the historic event there is free viewing areas and the Fan Zone on Cliff Park will include Active Sunderland family activities, food and drink.



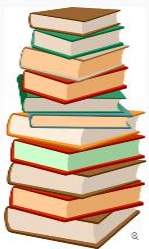
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KS3 Spelling Bee success

The Key Stage 3 St Anthony's Spelling Bee Club has only been running for a year and has had incredible success winning two out of three rounds and the overall 2022-23 BCCET Spelling Bee Competition. The girls have been dedicated, enthusiastic and determined, a formidable force! They have supported each other amazingly and really enjoyed rising to the challenge. The whole team and the club can be very proud of themselves for the excellent attitude and positivity they have shown all year.



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