



## St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy



A Mercy Academy committed  
to excellence



Proud to be part of  
Bishop Chadwick  
Catholic Education Trust

School Prospectus 2023

# Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer and Students

Welcome to St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. We are a vibrant, loving and nurturing community situated in the heart of Sunderland city centre. We are an inclusive Catholic school welcoming all students both from faith backgrounds and none. As a Mercy Academy we are committed to pursuing excellence for all students. Our students flourish in our caring environment and fully realise their potential.

Our curriculum extends beyond the classroom and we offer students a rich and diverse range of enrichment and leadership opportunities that fully support them in developing their gifts and talents. This prospectus is designed to give an overview of what we offer, for more information please:

- Visit our website: **[www.st-anthonys-academy.com](http://www.st-anthonys-academy.com)**
- Follow us on our Facebook page
- Or get in touch with the school office to arrange a visit:

Email: [enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com](mailto:enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com) or  
Phone: 0191 5658904

We very much look forward to your child joining our school community.

Kind Regards

**Mr Glenn Sanderson Acting Executive Headteacher,  
Mrs Marie Lanaghan Acting Head of School**



**Mr Glenn Sanderson**  
Acting Executive Headteacher



**Mrs Marie Lanaghan**  
Acting Head of School





# About Us

**St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy welcomes students aged 11-18 years. We are an Ofsted rated Outstanding school with over 1300 students on roll.**

The school was originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1904, based on a core ethos:

- Christ centred education
- Faith enlightened education
- Concern for the poor and the education of women and girls
- Building communities
- Pursuing excellence

The school and Sixth Form moved to its current site during the Second World War (1939). In 2017 our school joined St. Aidan's Catholic Boys' Academy in establishing a shared Sixth Form and we now offer shared provision to over 350 female and male students in Years 12 and 13.

We're very proud of our World Class Schools Quality Mark. The Quality Mark is awarded by education charity World Class Schools Quality Mark, whose unique assessment framework assesses the students, not the school, for their demonstration of World Class skills and competencies. The premise is that if the school is truly World Class, then its students should be able to demonstrate this in whatever context they find themselves. To date there are just 120 accredited World Class schools in the UK, all non-selective state schools.



*"St. Anthony's provides an outstanding education for its students. This includes their personal development as well as their academic achievement." **Ofsted***



# Our Trust

St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy joined Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust in 2020.

The multi-academy Trust aims to provide an outstanding education for all students attending its schools.

It has a range of primary schools, secondary schools and colleges, educating young people from 2 – 18 years. It covers schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland, the east of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

Currently there are 30 schools in the Trust with a further four set to join.

Being part of the Trust provides us with support and a close relationship with the other schools in the Trust.

It allows us to share best practice and training. It gives our students additional opportunities to get involved with other activities, for example music performances at Durham Cathedral in 2022.



Our Senior Choir members performed at Durham Cathedral as part of our Trust's Musical 'Footsteps into Paradise'.



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"Our strategic priority is one of achieving 'excellence for all' which is rooted in the Catholic Faith. Our mission is Better Schools, Better Communities, Better Futures, in Christ. Signifying the importance of individuals, our schools and the communities in which we operate."

**Brendan Tapping, Chief Executive Officer, Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.**





# Our School

We are situated in the centre of Sunderland within walking distance of train, metro and bus stations. Our site consists of two historic listed buildings and a state of the art modern building which provides light and airy classroom facilities, ICT suites and sporting facilities.

## Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form has an excellent reputation for high quality post-16 provision. For the last decade 85-90% of students have progressed to University with a third of students accessing the most prestigious universities.

*One of only five North East schools in the  
Sunday Times Top 200 for post-16 provision.  
**The Sunday Times***

## Admissions

Applications to school are made via the City of Sunderland application process. Applications to Year 7 are made by 31 October annually for a place starting the following September. In-year admissions (Years 8 -11) are also made via the City of Sunderland. We ensure that there is a smooth transition from primary school to ensure that students feel confident to commence at St. Anthony's.

*Applications to our Sixth Form can also be made directly to St. Anthony's.*

**Email:** [enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com](mailto:enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com) or **Telephone:** 0191 5658904



# Our Curriculum

**Students follow a broad, balanced and sequenced core curriculum to ensure every student can achieve success.**

## KS3

- English
- Maths
- Religious Education
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Modern Foreign Language
- Technology
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal Health, Social and Emotional

## KS4

- English
- Maths
- Religious Education
- Science
- Modern Foreign Language
- Technology
- Optional Subjects

## Post-16 - courses are on offer

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Photography
- Physical Education and Sports Studies
- Physics
- Politics
- Product Design 3D Design
- Product Design Textiles
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Computing

## Other Level 3 Qualifications

- Applied Law
- Engineering
- Business Studies
- Applied Science

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- Cambridge National ICT



# Our Community

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We provide Individual Education Programmes, co-ordinated by our SEND Co-ordinator for students with SEND. We work with students, parents and carers alongside external agencies to provide appropriate, tailored support so that students make exceptional progress.

## Personal Development

In addition to our taught curriculum, we offer a wide range of enrichment, character development and student leadership activities for students to get involved with at St. Anthony's.

The music department offers many activities such as choirs and orchestras and an annual musical theatre production. We also offer Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award to all students. We regularly attend national and local competitions and offer a music tour to a European city. We offer instrumental and vocal lessons which can lead to qualifications.

Our dedicated PE team run a variety of lunchtime and after school clubs including athletics, dance, football, rounders, tennis and trampolining. This gives students the opportunity to reach very high standards and compete for their city and county, on a regional and national level. They also organise a range of cultural, educational and sporting visits both in the UK and overseas, for example the annual ski trip to Europe and visits to Derwent Hill and a specialised water sports centre in France.

Students have the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Pope John Paul II Award, and St Anthony's has Green Flag status as an Eco-School and International School Status.

We run an extensive careers programme with work experience opportunities and external speakers to raise aspirations.





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"Let us be shining lamps giving light to all around us" Sr. Catherine McAuley



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