

**Welcome to  
St Anthony's Academy**



# All About St Anthony's Academy



## A Helpful Guide to Transition



### Objectives:

- ▶ To give Y6 staff, pupils and families/carers key information about life at St Anthony's.
- ▶ To help our future pupils feel prepared for their transition into secondary school.



# A message from Mrs McGann: Transition Co-ordinator

Hello! I am Mrs McGann and I am a Spanish/French teacher and the KS2-3 Transition Co-ordinator. It is my job to help you help you move from primary to secondary school. This guide will give you a lot of new information, hopes to answer any questions you may have and will tell you everything you need to know as you become a St Anthony's pupil. I hope this will help you if you're feeling a bit nervous about coming to a new school – the staff at St Anthony's can't wait to meet you!



# What does the word 'transition' mean?



A transition is a time in your life when something **changes**. For you it is a change of school.



Some of us might find change **exciting**; some might find it **nerve-wracking**; some might feel a bit of both!



We understand this at St Anthony's and all our staff are here to **help you** settle in.

# All About St Anthony's Academy

**This guide will let you know about:**

- ✓ Form classes
- ✓ Catholic life
- ✓ Uniform
- ✓ School rules
- ✓ The school day
- ✓ Homework/ planner
- ✓ Top Tips from our current Y7 pupils

# Daily Routine

<b>8:30 – 8:50</b>	Morning Registration
<b>8:50 – 9:45</b>	Lesson 1
<b>9:45 – 10:40</b>	Lesson 2
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	Break
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	Reading / Tutorial
<b>11:30 – 12:25</b>	Lesson 3
<b>12:25 – 13:15</b>	Lesson 4 (Y9, 10, 12 in lessons) <b>Lunch Y7, 8, 11 &amp; 13</b>
<b>13:15 – 14:05</b>	Lesson 5 (Y7, 8, 11 & 13 in lessons) Lunch Y9, 10, 12
<b>14:05 – 15:00</b>	Lesson 6

**Lessons are  
50 or 55  
minutes long**

# See the school!

## McAuley



This building is where De Salles House has registration and form time.

Y8 have break and lunch on the patio and grass area.

Music, RE and English lessons also happen here



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## Westburn



This building is called Westburn or as you get to know St Anthony's better, many refer to it as reception.

This is where pupils go to be collected for medical appointments or will be looked after by first aiders if they are unwell. Our lovely admin team are based here as well as SLT (Senior Leadership Team) offices.

There are also ICT suites which are all equipped with Apple Mac computers.





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## The Chapel



Mass is celebrated every  
Friday from 8.30-9.00am and  
everyone is welcome!

The Chapel is also a perfect  
place for quiet contemplation  
with a member of our  
Chaplaincy team - this is  
available for all pupils if they  
need it.



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## The Canteen (Martha's Kitchen)



The canteen serves the whole school a variety of freshly made hot dishes, a salad bar, a pasta bar, baked potatoes, wraps, baguettes, sandwiches, drinks and snacks. It is open from 8am for pupils to grab a hot chocolate, bacon sandwich or croissant before the day starts! It is also open at break time for a snack. Food allergen information is available in the canteen and on the menu, which is on our school's website.



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## Technology Room



## Art Room



Every Y7 pupil studies Technology. During the year you will try Textiles, Food Technology and Design Technology. Our fantastic Art department help you create a 3D sculpture project and offer lunch time Art Club for you to get creative!



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## Science Laboratory



In your Biology,  
Chemistry and Physics  
lessons from Y7-11 you  
will have the opportunity  
to take part in exciting  
experiments in one of our  
fully equipped labs!



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Netball Court



PE Department



PE is a big part of the St Anthony's community - our staff offer a wide variety of sports clubs and organise teams that compete locally and nationally. We have a full-sized basketball court, dance studio, trampolines and running track



# Extra-curricular clubs

One of the best ways to settle into a new place is to make friends and meet new people – joining a club is a great way to do this! We have a wide variety of clubs available to suit all interests. They mostly take place at lunch time, but some are after school too.

Here's a list of just some of the clubs we offer! So why not join one of our sports teams, use your music skills in the school band or try something new!

**Badminton Club**

**Chess Club**

**Ski Club**

**Youth SVP**

**Athletics Club**

**Spanish/French Film Club**

**Pupil Chaplaincy Team**

**Trampolining**

**Creative Writing**

**Jewellery Making**

**Safe Space**

**Duke of Edinburgh**

**Junior Choir**

**String Orchestra**

**Lego Club**

**Football**

**Art club**

**Homework Club**

**Dancing**

**Poetry Club**

**Netball**

**Gymnastics**

**Mandarin**

**Reading Club**

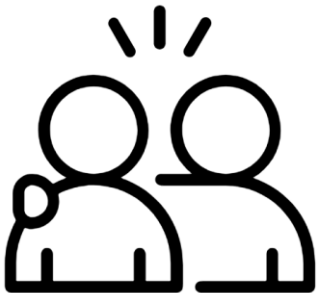
**Running**

**Maths Club**

**Lego Club**

## **Top Tip from one of our Y7 pupils!**

“Going to different clubs was the best thing I did – it was an easy way to start talking to new people and it helped me make friends more easily. You can go to whichever ones you like and try something new!”



# Music Department



**At St Anthony's we have a fantastic music department led by Miss Lockey.**

You can also have instrument/voice lessons with one of our specialist tutors (these will be arranged in September with Miss Lockey).

Here are some examples of musical activities on offer for Y7 students:

- Junior Choir
- Orchestra
- String Orchestra
- Music Theatre club
- Guitar group
- Two concerts each year (Christmas and Summer)
- A musical each year – past shows include: School of Rock, The Sound of Music, Into the Woods, Calamity Jane, Guys and Dolls, Annie and many more!!



# Music Department



**Guys and Dolls 2019**



**School of Rock 2020**



**Orchestra concert performance**



**Junior Choir concert performance**



**Antonian Award winners for Music**

# Educational Visits at St Anthony's!

Like our lunchtime clubs, there are so many visits or longer trips on offer! School trips are a great experience and are often part of pupils' best memories of secondary school. Here are some examples of where we have travelled to!

**ROME/ VATICAN CITY**

**PARIS**

**LONDON**

**NASA SPACE CENTRE,  
HOUSTON TEXAS!**

**WATER SPORTS**

**TRIP –  
SPAIN/FRANCE**

**CINEMA**

**INDIA**

**SKI TRIP – USA, ITALY,  
AUSTRIA**

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
EXPEDITIONS**

**DERWENT  
HILL**

**BARCELONA**



# Form Classes and Houses

There are 4 Houses at St Anthony's:

Thomas

Lourdes

De Salles

Gabriel

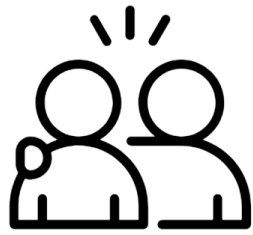
Each House is made up of form classes from Y7-11.

So you will be in a form class with other Y7 students but your House will be with all year groups.

You will have a form tutor who will look after you daily in registration and form time.

You will have a Head of House and Assistant Head of House too.

There are approximately 30 pupils in a form class. You will have some lessons with this class: art, music, technology, CIAG, PE.



# Form classes

Mrs McGann (Transition Co-Ordinator) works with your Y6 class teachers to try to place you with at least 1 friend from your school or someone you may know from another school.

If you are coming from your primary school on your own, you will be placed with other students who are in the same position, so you know you aren't the only one.



# Form Tutors

You will find out who your form tutor is when you come to St Anthony's for the Transition Days on

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

Your form tutor is the first person you go to if you have a problem or a question about something (e.g. homework, friendships, medical appointments)

You see them twice a day – during morning registration (8.30-8.50) and form time (11.00-11.30)

# Worried about homework?



You will be studying many subjects and so will get more homework. Being in secondary school is a time for you to become more **independent** and **organised!**

You will be given a planner on the first day in September – your form tutors will teach you how to use it effectively and will help you whenever you need it.

We also have a homework club for Y7 on a lunchtime to help you keep organised!

# Catholic Life



Our faith is a very important part of life at St Anthony's.

We pray every morning and afternoon as a year group, in form class and during lessons. You will even learn to pray in French or Spanish!

Every Friday we celebrate mass which every form class is invited to attend.

We also have Chapel time when form classes are invited into the chapel to lead their own prayers.

If you are not Catholic, you do not need to worry, you are welcome to learn the prayers over time and join in.

If you have a faith already and prefer to opt out of praying, we just ask that you show respect during prayer time.

We are very privileged to have Ms. Szczepanska as our Academy Chaplain.

Click the link below for more information about our Chaplaincy:

<https://st-anthonys-academy.com/about-us-2/chaplaincy/>

# The Hail Mary

*(In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit)*

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

*(In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit)*



# Pupil Support



## **Mrs Richardson-Dunn - Director of Pupil Support.**

She looks after students who need extra support and works in the Haven. This is a place where students can go if they need any extra help, support or someone to talk to



## **Mrs Perret – HLTA/ Medical Officer**

She works with Mrs Richardson-Dunn in The Haven. Mrs Perrett will help anyone with a medical condition or medication to take during the school day.



# Uniform

1. Blazer – designated St. Anthony’s blazer (navy with green braid and school crest).
2. Jumper – designated St. Anthony’s jumper (navy with green braid and school crest).
3. Blouse – white, long sleeved, loose fitting, open necked blouse with reverse collar.
4. Skirt – navy designated St. Anthony’s skirt (length: on the knee, just above the knee or below the knee).
5. Tights – navy, plain, opaque tights.
6. Shoes – black, flat “school” shoes. N.B. no sandals, sling backs, heels, mules, canvas shoes etc. Black boots may be worn during severe winter weather.
7. Scarf – designated St. Anthony’s scarf or plain navy scarf.
8. Coat – navy or black , no logos, worn over blazer.
9. Head Wear – navy scarf or hijab available from The Uniform Shop in Sunderland
10. PE Kit – With St Anthony’s school crest. PE kit is compulsory and available from Total Sport, Tel: 0191 5679043 Navy T-shirt, polo shirt Navy shorts Navy tracksuit bottoms Navy hooded top Navy socks Cross trainers.. [PE Kit Order Form \(Total Sport\).pdf](#)
11. N.B. leisure trainers and plimsoles are not suitable. Trainers don’t have to be navy or black!
11. Gym bag
12. Plain black/navy school bag/backpack. Big enough to carry everything!



# Equipment

At secondary school you have to be organised and more independent.

You will be given some equipment from your teachers (exercise books, folders, textbooks) but there is some equipment you need to bring every day.

## **Equipment to bring every day:**

- Pencil case (any colour, it doesn't have to be black or navy!)
- Black/blue pens, green pen, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener.
- Reading book
- Planner and timetable (you will receive these on your first day)
- Plain black/navy school bag
- Correct uniform
- PE (on days you have PE or a sports club)



# School Rules



In September you will be given a Planner. Inside the planner there are a few lists of rules, your parent/carer must sign to say you agree to follow the school rules.

- Wear the correct uniform.
- Be prepared to learn – have the right equipment, PE kit, homework and attitude.
- Bring planner to every lesson. The planner should be signed on a weekly basis by their tutor and parent/carer.
- Be respectful to all staff, students and the school building.
- No chewing gum or eating in class.
- Only water allowed in class – no fizzy drinks.
- Arrive to the Academy on time and go to the Y7 yard or canteen. If it is raining, go to your bad weather area.
- There is lots of time at break and lunch hour for pupils to use the toilets, the class teacher will allow a child to leave the lesson in an emergency or if they have a toilet pass from Mrs Perrett. Y7 have their own toilets during break and lunch.

**ARE THESE RULES VERY DIFFERENT TO YOUR SCHOOL NOW?**

# Mobile Phones and Social Media

Mobile phones must be **turned off** and **not taken out of bag** until you have left the school grounds. Teachers who see you with a phone have the right to confiscate it from you and you must go to reception at 3.00pm to collect it or a person from home may have to come to collect it.

**We are trusting you to follow this simple rule, there are serious consequences when phones are used on site.**

**Social Media** is also a growing problem in school as students are getting to know each other in school, they very often get to know each other online too. We work hard to educate the students on safe and sensible social media use. Here is some advice for parents – working together is key to safe and positive internet use. Parent/Carers: click the link below for support at home:

[Internet Matters- Parent Carer Guide to Social Media.pdf](#)



# Your first day:

## Common Questions

### **WHAT TIME DO I ARRIVE?**

- The school day starts at 8.30am (everyone in form class). You must be in school before then to be on time for registration.
- School is open from 8am the gates are locked at 8.30am and the Senior Leadership Team monitor who is arriving at 8.30am.
- If you are very late, go to the top gate on Thornhill Terrace, press the buzzer on the black gate and go to reception to sign in.



## Your first day:

### Common Questions

#### **WHERE DO I GO WHEN I GET THERE?**

There will be staff and students at the gates waiting for you to arrive on your first week in September and on the Transition Days in June.

They will guide you to the Y7 yard.



# Your first day:

## Common Questions

### **WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL FINISH?**

The school day ends at 3.00pm.

We recommend you do not get collected by car on Thornhill Terrace as it is extremely busy. We recommend parking in the streets nearby.





# Your first day:

## Common Questions

### **WHAT IF I GET LOST?**

Don't worry about getting lost, to be honest it is very likely that you will! There will always be a teacher or another pupil who is willing to help!



## Your first day:

### Common Questions

#### **WHAT IF I'M NOT CATHOLIC?**

Do not worry about not being Catholic or if you have a different faith. We ask that you either join in the prayers or simply be respectful as we worship.



## Your first day:

### Common Questions

#### **WHAT IF I FORGET SOMETHING?**

Share any worries you have with your form tutor during form time (11-11.30am) and they can solve the problem for you!



## Your first day:

### Common Questions

#### **AM I ALLOWED TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE?**

Yes, pupils are allowed to bring their mobile phones, but we recommend you only bring it if you really need to use it for travelling to and from school. It will be your responsibility to look after it – it **must be switched off** as soon as you enter the school gates and **it cannot be used/looked at throughout the day**. Any pupil found breaking this trust will have their **phone confiscated, detention** given, will be placed on **report** to monitor this behaviour or **excluded** from school. **We are trusting pupils to be mature and responsible**, and we take it **very seriously** when this trust is broken!



# Your first day:

## Common Questions

### **WHAT IF I NEED TO CONTACT HOME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?**

This will probably be very rare – it may be because you have forgotten to bring your PE kit or you have forgotten dinner money for example.

You must **NEVER use your phone to contact home**. If we discover you have done this there will be consequences.

Whatever the issue is, always talk **to your form tutor** first as they will be able to solve the problem!



## Top Tips from our Y7s...

Don't worry about getting lost, the school isn't as big as it first seems. You will get used to it very quickly and everyone is willing to help!

Be confident to be yourself. Treat everyday as a new opportunity to make friends.




Get to know the people that you sit next to and don't be shy! It'll be great!

Get involved with as much as possible. There's something for everyone!

Don't be afraid to ask for help about anything



# If you have any questions or want further information, you can:

-  Check the St Anthony's website - <https://st-anthonys-academy.com/>
-  Read the Y6 Transition Newsletters that you will be e-mailed regularly throughout the Summer Term.
-  Contact Mrs McGann (KS2-3 Transition Co-Ordinator) using this e-mail address **admissions@staga.co.uk** Please state it for Mrs McGann.

**I look forward to meeting you!**

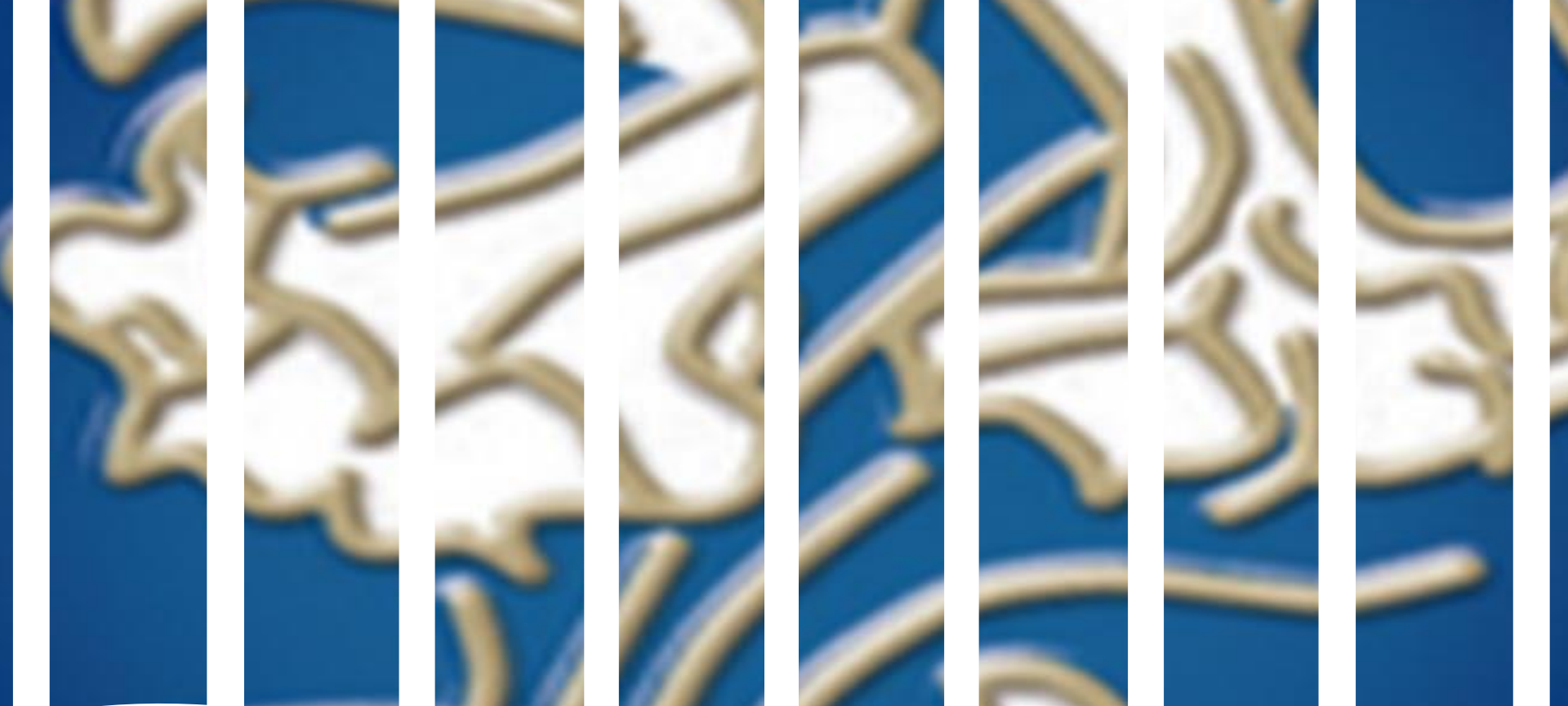
**From  
Mrs McGann**

*MFL Department/ KS2-3 Transition Co-ordinator*



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**We look forward  
to supporting you in the  
beginning of your St Anthony's journey**