



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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TRANSITION UPDATE – JUNE 2025

- Transition Newsletter 3 - Key Information about the Transition Days (Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd July) coming next week.
- Form classes will be released on the first transition day via the students - I am working very closely with all primary schools and many of yourselves have contacted me with helpful information and transition concerns you have. We spend a lot of time getting to know your child(ren) as much as possible in order to allocate them into the best possible form class for them.
- Please find attached to this e-mail a resource I've created to help prepare students in moments of getting to know their new classmates. These are some typical 'getting to know you' questions that you may wish to practice with your child or they can have a look at them to think about how they would answer them. It also works as some inspiration - they could use these questions to ask new peers too.
- Can I ask that if you haven't done so already, please complete the medical form in this link [here](#) if your child has a medical issue we need to plan for. No need to complete if your child has no medical need or if you have already submitted. Thank you for the submissions we've had so far.
- St Anthony's has been sent some information from Together for Children regarding travel - some students may be eligible - please click the link [Free Travel Permit - Together for Children](#)
- Before the end of term, you will be sent information on how to log into ParentPay to access St Anthony's school meals for September and our Arbor app with a full explanation on how we use it.

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- ***Important – ID Evidence:**

The following evidence of your child's identity and address needs to be seen **prior to the start of the September term.**

- Confirmation of your child's name and date of birth by sight of either:
 - ✓ Birth certificate original document; or
 - ✓ Passport – original valid and in date document
- Confirmation of parent / carers name and current home address by sight of one of either
 - ✓ A paper household utility bill (gas, electric, water, or fixed line telephone) that is less than 3 months old. (Mobile phone and TV licence bills are not acceptable); or
 - ✓ A paper bank or building society statement that is less than 3 months old
- If you child is under any of the following, the original document needs to be seen:
 - Adoption Order
 - Special Guardianship Order
 - Residence Order

If you are able to bring documents with you to the Transition evening (more info below), every effort will be made to confirm the details with our Admin team, but we do anticipate some queues. The event is usually very busy so we may not get a chance to see everyone. You can call into school at any time between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and until 3pm in the summer holidays.

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Wednesday 25th June - Y6 Parent/Carer Information Evening

You are invited to our Y6 Information Evening on Wednesday 25th June - this will include the following:

- Opportunity to show ID documents to our Admin team (see above)
- Opportunity to try on and purchase uniform with The School Outfit - this may be quite useful now they are only based in Washington.
- Opportunity to talk to SEND Team privately.
- Presentation with Pastoral Team - reminder of key information about the Transition Days on Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd July and how to prepare for September. (You will already have been e mailed everything you need to know about the Transition Days before this event - it is another opportunity to hear more about them). **The presentation will be published on the website and emailed to everyone after the event in case you cannot make the Information Evening.**

Key Information:

- ✓ Students can come to the event if they wish
- ✓ If you have other children and are struggling with childcare that evening of course they can come too.
- ✓ There is no tour of the school during this event – we will be based on the ground floor.
- ✓ Please enter the school via the main gate on Thornhill Terrace next to the large red brick old building. The gates will remain open and a member of staff will be there throughout the event. Students will guide you to the ground floor of the main school. You can arrive at any time you like, mindful of the talk time you have been allocated if you are attending.

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- ✓ Parking in our car park on Thornholme Road is limited to staff, please park near school in the surrounding streets (no parking restrictions in place at this time).

Timings: due to large numbers, we are repeating the same presentation twice, so the Hall does not get overcrowded. There are 210 students in the year group! You are welcome to just attend the talk and leave afterwards or you can attend the talk and take up the opportunities listed previously. **We ask that you try to attend your allocation talk so we can manage the numbers, but if you cannot make that slot and can make the other talk, that is absolutely fine and you don't need to let school know.**

- Gates open at 4.30pm (chance for Talk 1 families to see Little Gems/ SEND/ Admissions Team)
- Talk 1: 5.00 - 5.20 pm (More time *after* the talk to see Little Gems/ SEND/ Admissions Team)
- Talk 2: 5.30-5.50pm (Arrive *before* the talk to see Little Gems/ Admissions Team)
- The school closes at 6pm.

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Plains Farm Academy	St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
Barnes Junior School	St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Broadway Junior School	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Sunderland
Northern Saints Church of England Academy	English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School
Grangetown Primary School	St Anne's RC Voluntary Aided Primary School
Dubmire Primary	St John Bosco Catholic Primary School
Diamond Hall Junior Academy	St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
Fulwell Junior School	St Leonard's Catholic Primary School
Southwick Community Primary School	Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy
Hill View Junior Academy	Highfield Academy
Hudson Road Primary School	Argyle House School
Dame Dorothy Primary School	Christ's College
Bexhill Academy	New Seaham Primary School
Willow Wood Community Primary School	Howden-le-Wear Primary School
Mill Hill Primary School	St Cuthbert's RC Voluntary Aided Primary School
East Herrington Primary Academy	St Mary Magdelene RC V A Primary School
Seaburn Dene Primary School	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton
Castletown Primary School	
Richard Avenue Primary School	
Thorney Close Primary School	
Farrington Academy	
Valley Road Academy	
St Paul's CofE Primary School	
St Benet's Roman Catholic VA Primary School	

Kind regards,

Mrs McGann

MFL Teacher/KS3-3 Transition Co-ordinator

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