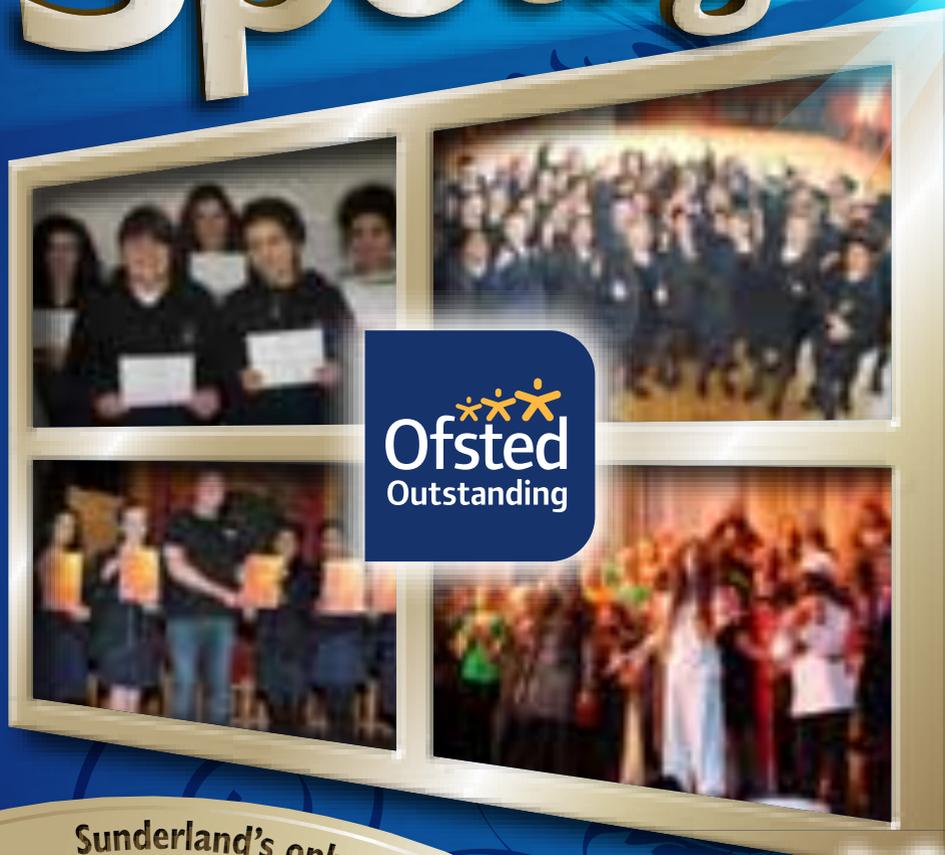




# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

*A Mercy Academy committed to excellence*

# Spotlight



  
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Sunderland's only state secondary school to be  
awarded **OUTSTANDING** by OFSTED

Summer 2013



# Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear Parents,

## Four "Outstanding" achievements for St. Anthony's!

### Section 5 OfSTED Inspection

Achievement - Outstanding  
Teaching and Learning - Outstanding  
Behaviour and Safety - Outstanding  
Leadership and Management - Outstanding  
Overall Effectiveness - Outstanding

### Section 48 (Diocesan) OfSTED Inspection

Catholic Life of the School - Outstanding  
Collective Worship - Outstanding  
Religious Education - Outstanding  
Overall Effectiveness - Outstanding

### The completion of McAuley (Phase 2)

An amazing new building linking Westburn and McAuley phase 1! (See photo below)

### Capital funding to refurbish/rebuild the rest of the school site

We look forward to additional work - starting very soon!

I write to you as we approach the end of another fabulous academic year for St. Anthony's. We also reach the conclusion of the next phase of the redevelopment

of the school site, McAuley (Phase 2). This will provide us with another eight state-of-the-art classrooms and other facilities from September 2013. This has transformed the area of school in and around Westburn House. Thank you to everyone involved, at every stage, with the funding, planning and construction of our lovely new facilities.

Our "Outstanding" success during the OfSTED Inspections was an affirmation, for the whole community, of the hard work and commitment of pupils and staff. Life continues apace as we move towards the end of a very busy Summer term with a whole host of educational visits, expeditions, activities, Y6 events and the famous Y13 Leavers' Ball at Hardwick Hall, to name just a few.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Spotlight. Thank you for your continued support and wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Summer break.

**Mrs. M. Shepherd**  
Head Teacher



## Parent Pay Point – new system!

During the Autumn term, we intend to expand our cashless school meals payment system. We are incorporating an online payment system which will allow parents to make secure online payments by credit and debit card for most school activities such as, school visits, music lessons and purchase of clothing. You can also pay in cash at local PayPoint stores. Such online systems are in operation in hundreds of academies and schools throughout the country. This system eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash to and from school and streamlines the payment process for parents.

Parents will be provided with a full launch pack prior to 'going live'.

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Outstanding OfSTED Inspection and Outstanding Diocesan Inspection 2013

# Alumnae

## Louise Pitt (St. Anthony's 1985 to 1992)



Louise just after the birth of Joanna

Louise Pitt is one of the great success stories of St. Anthony's past pupils, having established herself very successfully in a career in banking. Her name will resonate with all Sunderland fans – her father, Ritchie Pitt, was a member of the Sunderland FA Cup-winning team of 1973 when Louise was only 6 weeks old!

Louise was a very successful pupil and did very well in both GCSE and A Levels. She did a gap year working for CS Banking in Guernsey and then went on to Bristol University in 1992 and graduated with a BA Honours degree in Hispanic and Latin American studies. During her time there she spent one year studying the Spanish financial system at the Universidad de Menéndez Pelayo in Santander, Spain.

Louise has had a very successful career in finance since completing her degree and has worked for some of the biggest names in international banking. She first worked in the City of London for JP Morgan as a trader and research analyst and then spent two years working for Credit Suisse First Boston as Vice President to run European Financial Institutions' Credit research. In 2002 she joined the prestigious Goldman Sachs and Co., firstly in their London offices before relocating to New York in 2004.

Goldman Sachs is a leading global investment bank, security and investment management firm that was founded in 1869, and is one of the most successful financial houses in the world with over 10,000 employees. In 2005 Louise became a Managing

Director with the firm and currently holds the post of Managing Director Global Research Division. She is now an experienced and successful financial professional, specialising in contingent capital.

She has a home in Manhattan which she shares with Luke, whom she first met at university, and her two beloved cocker spaniels. She also has a second home in The Hamptons. She is very keen on sports and loves to watch rugby and football from England when she can. Louise is also involved in charitable work. She was Director of the Board University of Bristol Foundation, Inc. in the United States and has sponsored six pupils in attending private high school through the Student Sponsor Partners organization. While at St. Anthony's she was a very keen musician and learned to play the piano, cello and double bass. While her work commitments do not allow her to play any more, she continues to support music development. She is currently Chair of the Board of Music for Autism, (M4A) and has generously underwritten a number of concerts for the organization since joining in 2008.

Louise and Luke were both delighted to welcome baby Joanna Mary in November 2012. She was born 8 weeks prematurely and had to spend time in hospital but is now doing very well. Louise is very happy with the experience of this new chapter in her life after so many years dedicated to her career.

She returns to Sunderland regularly and visited St. Anthony's in March this year when she was thrilled with the many changes and new teaching buildings.



Louise and Luke

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St Anthony's provides an Outstanding education for its students



## Art

### Artists continue to flourish

2013 began as usual for the Art Department with our annual Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Art Exhibition in Durham Cathedral. We were very proud to once again have our work chosen to be on the HNCP poster to advertise the exhibition. It is unfortunate that the weather had other ideas about the opening night but the re-scheduled event was a great success. Enormous thanks to our pupil artists for their usual dedication and hard work.

The department linked with Textiles this year for our annual pre-controlled test with a visit to the London Art Galleries, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Many thanks to Mrs Sherriff for her hard work in coordinating this visit.



The department has been very busy with exam work, trying to make sure that all coursework is to

the pupils' highest possible standard. We wish all of our pupils well for the public exams and in particular those in Year 13 who have University and Art College places to be gained by their success.

The end of term continues to be very hectic, with four pupils attending the HNCP Bishop's Mass in Newcastle Cathedral, where our academy banner, produced to celebrate the 'Year of Faith', will be blessed. The HNCP Annual Life Drawing workshop at English Martyrs School in Hartlepool is being anticipated with much excitement by Year 12. We are also looking forward to our educational visit to Venice working in collaboration with the Music Department.

Mrs Manning continues to be so impressed with the work of the pupils of all ages, and it is a joy to watch them develop due to hard work, skill and commitment.



## Art



### Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Photography Competition

Congratulations to all Year 9 girls who entered the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Photography competition which was held at the Sage, Gateshead. The categories for the exhibition were in twelve different themes and the standard of photography was incredibly high. A big "well done" to nine pupils whose work made it into the exhibition; Jennifer Szandrowska, Eleanor Duncan, Lauren Ritchie, Ellie Clarke, Gabrielle Winton, Mary Tough, Natalie Helm and an extra big "well done" goes to Martha Dale and Livie Scott who both received Highly Commended certificates for their work. All work was displayed at the Sage for two days and a great night was had by all who attended this first competition..



## Business & Economics

### Alton Towers

Pupils in Year 10 to 13 will be attending the Annual Business Studies Department visit to Alton Towers. The visit is a reward for hard work from the pupils throughout the year, but it also allows them to research different theory topics in relation to a large business. They are asked to investigate health and safety at the park, the different products and services available, the customer services that they receive, the promotion material in the park and how effective it is encouraging the visitors to buy different products and services. They will then be able to use this type of information to help them with coursework and exams as they have to be able to apply the theory that they learn in lessons to real life examples in business. The pupils' behaviour is always impeccable during the day, which makes them a credit to the school and ensures that the experience can continue.

### Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Enterprise Competition

Four teams of Year 10 pupils will be travelling to St. Leonard's School, Durham to compete against some of the other 12 schools in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership in July. The activity will involve pupils working in teams to complete a group task, which will be judged by a panel of entrepreneurs. The Year 10 pupils are: Louise Parker, Darla Anderson, Ellie Horwood, Caitlin Hodgson, Emma Herbert, Georgia Richardson, Georgia Maw, Emily Woodley, Bethany Richardson, Emily Chisholme, Kate Summerson, Iona Surtees, Della Sabu, Emily Turnbull, Emily Ryan, Sophia Robinson, Audrey Gonzales, Faye Huntley, Talia Hall, Ellie Snowball, Kasie Hill, Hannah McNally, Cara Lewis and Keira Farrar. These pupils were chosen for the entrepreneurial, communication and presentation skills that they have demonstrated in Business Studies lessons, and we will be looking for one team to bring back the trophy to St. Anthony's.

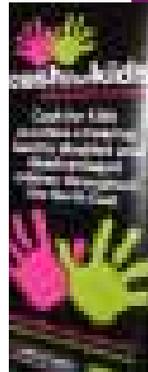
### McDonalds Visit

Year 10 Business pupils enjoyed a school visit from a franchisor of four local McDonald's restaurants. He explained how a business can benefit from the use of franchises and the benefits that he has experienced from running the business. He then created an activity where the girls had to come up with franchise ideas that they believed would be successful.

Pupils were set a task of generating a franchise idea for a business of their choice. The ideas were very innovative and included beauty buses which bring beauty treatment to the home and a range of gyms and fitness sessions aimed specifically at teenagers. All of the groups worked hard to consider a range of elements of the marketing mix to ensure their proposal would be successful. The girls then presented their findings and answered questions relating to the business, and all demonstrated a detailed understanding of what is required to run a successful franchise.

### Metro Radio 'Cash for Kids' Presentation Event

Two teams of Year 11 girls were successful as finalists in the Metro Radio regional enterprise competition and were invited to the final presentation event held at Gateshead College to celebrate the girls' achievements. The awards were presented by Karen and Steve from Metro Radio Breakfast show. St. Anthony's raised a total of **£681.93** for the 'Cash for Kids' appeal. We have two lovely glass finalists' trophies for the school and one family won tickets to see the X Factor show at the Metro Arena. Well done to all taking part, it was valuable learning experience allowing us to raise money for children in our own local area.



Girls attending the event: Meriel Smithson, Rachel Parker, Kate Hamilton, Charlotte Potts, Emily Harrison, Alexa Clark, Catherine Taylor, Alex Pearson, Alex Morton, Lara Reed and Gabrielle Fish.

## Chaplaincy

Well, since we last wrote to you, life has been very full in the Chaplaincy Department. As well as the regular activities (Mass, prayers, assemblies and chapel sessions) we've had the choir over to Oaklea convent; we've ordered and received a sacrists cupboard to be made by the Design and Technology Department; composed a prayer for the Partnership Art Exhibition; taken responsibility for a section of the Holocaust Day event; overseen the CAFOD and St. Cuthbert's Care collections, had the Lenten bag activity and visited St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. The staff had a special Benediction in our chapel, and after 6 months' instructions in school, many of our Yr 9+ girls were Confirmed. The Year of Faith events have gone on apace, perhaps the most popular being our themed food on special saints' days!

Of course we have had our two OFSTEDs, with most happy results, and three very special Masses

were celebrated: for Good Shepherd Day; for the Blessing of the School Banner and for the Welcoming of our new Yr7 pupils.

We often say that we pray for you all and you must wonder how we have time in such a busy schedule for this! We assure you that we do make a space in our day for precisely that, and once a year we go away on retreat for 24 hours with the other diocesan chaplains. This year we went to the Youth Village and enjoyed being spiritually (and materially) fed by our retreat directors, and having some necessary quiet, thinking time. We came back refreshed and ready for the next lot of challenges!

Please God, you will all have a restful and safe holiday this Summer. God bless. Sisters Adrienne and Francis.



Can you spot us among the other chaplains' in the retreat photo?

## Child Care

### Bitrex Challenge

Year 10 have recently taken part in the Bitrex Challenge as part of their Investigative Task Coursework.



Neve Gardiner and Sharlotte Baker taking the Bitrex Challenge

Jessica Lincoln said:

“As part of my Health and Safety Task as since it was Child Safety Awareness Week, we carried out the Bitrex Challenge. We were invited to the front of the class to collect a sticker. We licked the sticker and immediately had the bitterest and most disgusting taste ever! After this we collected a piece of chocolate to get the taste out of our mouth. I think that Bitrex should be included in household products to prevent children being poisoned and I have signed the petition to say that I would like it included.”



### Portland College



Year 12 were invited as special guests to a performance at Portland College as a reward for their excellent support with the Annual Christmas Party. The theme of the performance was “The boy who didn’t like reading”. All of the

Portland pupils took part in various scenes including Harry Potter, Willy Wonka and the Wizard of Oz. St. Anthony’s pupils found the whole experience both highly entertaining and very emotional.

### Level 3 Childcare Year 13

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to the first ever Level 3 Childcare pupils. Their placement reports have been a credit to both the students and the academy, their efforts have been rewarded by achieving many Distinction grades.

Five pupils from the group have been offered the opportunity to work on a supply basis in Day Care Settings over the Summer months before starting University, one pupil has secured a full time post after her first interview! Two of the group were accepted for Nursing, six for Primary Education, one for a Childhood Studies degree and one pupil is venturing abroad for employment!

We wish them every success with their chosen careers.

### CAREERS



#### YEAR 11

As part of their “Preparation for Working Life” Coursework and revision for their exam, representatives from Barclays Bank came to speak to the girls regarding Personal Finance. This involved a variety of team games, playing the interactive game ‘Who wants to be a Squillionaire?’, and looking at bank statements and working out how to work within a budget.

#### Year 10

Well done to all girls who handed in their Work Experience Forms so promptly in preparation for September. As usual pupils are going to a wide and varied range of placements from Sunderland Royal Hospital for a Clinical Taster Week, Veterinary Practices, Nissan and local Primary Schools to name but a few!

Good Luck!

## Horner’s Fundraising Corner



### PLACE FOR A RACE

St Anthony’s Girls’ Catholic Academy held the Race for Life’s ‘Place for a Race’ again this year.

Year 7 & 8 pupils ran around the school field from 12.00pm till 12.30pm doing as many laps as they can.

The Year 7 event was held on Monday 10th June and the Year 8 Monday 17th June.



Look out for the amount raised and the Year 8 photographs in the next Spotlight issue.



## Formula 1 in Schools - Regional Final.

After almost a year of preparation, Team Sparkomatic and Team Supernova competed in the Formula 1 in Schools North East Regional final in February. The cars were machined and finished, the presentations honed to perfection and pit area displays organised and arranged. The two teams looked smart in their beautifully embroidered team shirts (Thank you Uniform Shop!), We all arrived at the competition and set up the pits and handed the cars over to parc ferme. To add to the tension, the two teams were drawn to race against each other and when the results came in, Team Sparkomatic's best time over the 20m track was 1.057 seconds (an average speed of around 70 km/h!). Team Supernova managed 1.133s, with the best time on the day being 0.605s. Unfortunately the cars ended up not being quite fast enough, and despite scoring very well in many aspects of the competition (Sparkomatic achieving top marks in for their design portfolio and verbal presentation) with Sparkomatic placed 6th and Supernova 8th out of the 15 teams taking part.

The teams were shown on Tyne Tees and Sky News, and represented the academy, themselves and their sponsors extremely well.

Both teams would like to thank their sponsors: Newland Media, ConnectedICT, Rooks Jewellery, Deborah Cauchi Fine Art and The Uniform Shop for helping them to take part in the competition.

A new team of Year 7 pupils have started the challenge, hoping to represent the academy in next year's Regional final.



Team Sparkomatic's Final Design



Team Supernova's Final Design



Sparkomatic – Darcy Whyatt, Emily Cauchi, Rebecca Gair, Jennifer Welsh, Carys Beadling



Supernova – Anna McKie, Amy Short, Rebecca Terry, Abbie Young

## Hexham & Newcastle Catholic Partnership Bake Off Competition



Technical Challenge Eclairs

A Big "Well Done" for third place in the Bake Off competition for Becky Flanagan and Rebecca Green in Year 9. This resembled the BBC Great British Bake Off Competition and was a long and exhausting day. The girls were set a technical challenge to make Chocolate Éclairs. They produced

their own design of decorated biscuits where they were Highly Commended for the taste and texture of their chocolate and orange cookies. Finally, cupcakes were decorated on a children's birthday party theme and the "Snake on a Flake on a Cake" was a brilliant concept in their insect range. It has to be said they were also the tidiest workers and were always finished on time, too!



Rebecca Green & Becky Flanagan

## 'Girls and Gadgets' Day Teesside University



Girls from Years 11, 12 and 13 attended a Girls and Gadgets' day at Teesside University. It included talks designed to encourage more women to join the Computing profession and a workshop to explore new software packages. Nicole Pilkington won the prize for the best use of the software, she won an iPod nano and iTunes vouchers. Sally Crompton also won a £10 Amazon voucher.

The day was very successful and all of the girls who attended found it very useful.

## Textile Technology Workshop

It has been another successful year working with Year 5 pupils from our Primary feeder schools. Each pupil has produced a games bag which has developed their creativity and sewing skills. They used a variety of fabrics, tools and equipment in a safe and creative environment and hand-embroidered a felt image as decoration.

Each week a different group of pupils attend the workshop and they are always filled with enthusiasm. As a result of working very hard they produced a successful games bag. Thank you to all pupils who have participated in the Textile workshops, well done!



Examples of the lovely work from pupils at St. Anne's Primary School. Some pupils were able to add extra embroidery.

## Primary Links DT

Year 5 pupils from our Primary feeder schools have been attending Design Technology sessions in both Product Design and Textiles.

In Product Design, the pupils have made a wooden, caterpillar-shaped pencil holder. They learn new skills such as using pillar drills and craft knives, and they have had experience of CAD/CAM (computer aided design/computer aided manufacture) by producing the stickers used to decorate the front of their caterpillar.

All of the primary schools involved have commented on how valuable this experience has been for their pupils, especially those coming to St. Anthony's in the future.



Looks like they all enjoyed themselves!



Pupil's from St. Anne's show off their final products.

## Rocket Challenge

In June, three Year 8 pupils were invited to the Annual Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Rocket Challenge at English Martyrs in Hartlepool. Olivia Collins, Samantha Leonard and Leia Wilkinson attended the event where they had to design three different rockets to be fired from a pneumatic pump. Alongside this the pupils also designed a fantastic poster to advertise their rockets and to develop a team name, 'The Rockettes'. The girls performed admirably against some tough opposition and had some success at the launch pad. Olivia, Samantha and Leia were excellent ambassadors for St Anthony's and were a credit to our academy. Well done the Rockettes!

The Poster as produced by the girls.



Rockettes 1, 2 and 3

## Textiles and Art Visit to London

On a cold, damp February morning a group of 17 excited Textiles and Art pupils from Years 11, 12 and 13 met with 4 members of St. Anthony's teaching staff on the concourse of Newcastle train station to go on a joint visit to London.

First stop, with the sun shining the Textiles pupils visited the Fashion and Textile Museum. The FTM is a cutting edge centre for contemporary fashion, textiles and jewellery established by Zandra Rhodes. The featured exhibition was "Hartnell to Amies" – Couture by Royal Appointment. It celebrated the timeless elegance of London couture and explored how the Queen's patronage of ground-breaking British designers helped put London on the international fashion map after the Second World War. A quick whistle-stop tour of Covent Garden was followed by dinner then an evening flight on the London Eye. Exhausted, but happy, we retired to our hotel.



The following day we visited the Victoria and Albert Museum. The V&A's Fashion collection is the largest and most comprehensive collection of dress in the world. Key items in the collection include rare 17th-century gowns, 18th-century 'mantua' dresses, 1930s eveningwear, 1960s daywear and post-war couture. Plus, they observed a growing number of pieces from 21st-Century designers.

The highlight of the day for Mrs Sherriff was seeing Adam Ants "Prince Charming" Costume.

Another whistle-stop visit was planned for a quick shop at Harrods before embarking on our train journey home.

The visit was a great success and all pupils and staff had a fantastic and informative two days. The pupils were a credit to St Anthony's and to their parents.

## The CLIP Carnegie Medal

Miss Weddell and a group of enthusiastic Year 8 Readers have been taking part in the CLIP Carnegie Medal. Our shadowing group meet on Tuesday lunchtimes to read the shortlisted novels and discuss our particular favourites. We will be voting on our overall favourite choice and seeing if our decision matches the Carnegie Medal winner, which will be announced on June 19th 2013.



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2013

St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy celebrated yet another successful World Book Day on Thursday 7th March this year. World Book Day is a worldwide celebration of books and reading and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe; its aim is to promote a love of reading and create a positive effect on self-esteem and personal enrichment. Research dictates that reading for pleasure can aid pupil progression in every curriculum area, so its importance is self evident – plus we just love to read at St. Anthony's.

As part of the celebrations, many teachers and staff turned up on the day dressed as characters from their favourite novels – rabbits from Alice in Wonderland were seen running around, crying they were 'late' – one was even seen trying to sneak past Mrs Shepherd's office!



Princess Leia from Star Wars even graced us with her presence, and Little Red Riding Hood called in with a basket of food to keep our hard-working girls going.

Pupils were amazed to see Lady Macbeth arrive to teach their class – she had clearly washed her hands, as no blood spots were evident – though



the look in her eyes ensured pupils were on their best behaviour that day! Perhaps even more scary was that it was rumoured that a Matador had lost a bull in the yard (the Matador was training it for European Day!) – fortunately, concern was allayed a little when Robin Hood took up his bow in pursuit of the terrifying creature and a well-respected cowboy joined in the hunt.



Perhaps what was a little more 'unexpected' on the day was that St. Anthony's was inspected by Ofsted. Much to their bemusement, Inspectors were greeted by characters such as Minnie Mouse and Harry Potter!



Keep reading...



## YEAR 7 MAGIC, MYSTERY and MIDNIGHT FEASTS!

A group of Year 7 pupils enjoyed magic, mystery and midnight feasts at an Enid Blyton exhibition at Seven Stories, Ouseburn this term as part of the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership pupil event.

Having been reading the work of the iconic author in their English lessons the girls, along with Miss Summerside and Miss Jackson, were given the opportunity to explore original manuscripts, go on a fact-finding treasure hunt, and even get dressed up as Noddy and have a go in his toy car!



As well as a range of Enid Blyton fun-themed activities, Year 7 also participated in a creative writing workshop along with St. Thomas More Catholic RC Academy, where they made new friends and shared ideas. Pupils were also given the chance to spend time in the fabulous gift shop where there were books galore to choose from!

The day was a fun-packed success. Thank you to the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership and well done to Year 7 for impeccable behaviour as always!

## Year 10 and 11 Italy Cultural Visit

By Maddie Junia, Holly Henderson and Emily Fox (Year 10)

On the 28th March we made our way down to London; everyone was excited. When we arrived at Heathrow (at 2.30am!) we waited excitedly for our flight. As soon as we boarded the plane our excitement started again. On arrival at Italy we then had a 2-hour coach ride to Lake Garda. Our hotel, which we enjoyed very much, had a beautiful view of the Lake and the mountains.

On the Saturday we went to Verona and visited Juliet's Balcony and the Arena, whilst battling the horrible

weather. We also visited Venice for the first time. We travelled by water taxi to get to Venice, where we tasted some Italian pizza. We then went to the Doges Palace and St Mark's Basilica and Square. We enjoyed Venice so much! On our second day in Venice we visited the Academia gallery where we had a great time. The tour guide was very friendly.

On Tuesday we went to Gardaland theme park which was amazing! The weather was unreal whilst the rides were exciting. We managed to experience every ride and made new friends. We were treated to free ice cream from the teachers and everyone enjoyed it. We had a walking tour around Florence and saw the statue of David. We had an evening meal to celebrate our last night in Italy. The pasta was great. On the last day (Thursday) we visited the Cathedral then went to the market to do some last minute shopping. We all enjoyed our visit to Italy, and we would love to go again in the future.



A very wet Venice



Outside Duomo Cathedral, Florence

Thank you to Miss Weddell for organising a brilliant visit as well as Miss Summerside, Miss Grasso and Miss Higgin.

# Extended Project Qualification

## Outstanding Extended Project Qualification Results 2013



This year we have had our **most successful year** for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and the **17 pupils** who submitted projects all achieved excellent marks. The EPQ is a skills-based qualification specifically designed to aid transition to higher education by stretching and challenging 'A' level pupils. It offers the opportunity to produce an extended piece of work either in an area that they are already studying, or in which they have a particular interest. In the process it also equips them with the research, reflection and independent study skills they will need to be successful at university. Pupils are required to identify and draft the aims of their project and then plan, research and carry out the work providing evidence of all stages in a portfolio and deliver a presentation summarising their project to an audience.

The EPQ does carry UCAS points many universities are beginning to take a keen interest in the qualification. Universities are now calling for the EPQ to be made compulsory for all 16-19 year olds in Britain.

Drugs – You use, you lose? (video documentary) <b>Sarah Norman</b>	Was the Native American Boarding School project an attempt by white American society at 'cultural genocide'? <b>Siobhan Stobbs</b>
Is the message that 'Breastfeeding is best' getting through? <b>Anna Chisholm</b>	To what extent does celebrity influence fashion in British girls? <b>Anna Finuliar</b>
What led to nuclear energy becoming weaponised? <b>Laura Straughair</b>	Does tourism have an impact on Whitby? <b>Amber Warby</b>
The B project: Planning a business venture and working out financial viability <b>Bethany Thompson</b>	Does the confidence of the rider affect a horse's performance? <b>Jennifer Hodgson</b>
What makes good call centre technology? <b>Jessica Cauchi</b>	Producing a book in French and English. <b>Jennifer Tatters</b>
What makes a good antacid treatment? <b>Zeinab Zarara</b>	Is there a language barrier between English and Japanese? <b>Maria Payamo</b>
Is the symbolism of the wedding cake still relevant today? <b>Emily Wood</b>	Will we ever find the Higgs Boson and how will this affect the world of Physics? <b>Faye Havelock</b>
Can EMF radiation from new technology contribute towards DNA mutations? <b>Sophia Zazghad</b>	What is the role of teaching assistants in Primary schools and how effective are they? <b>Beth Burton</b>
Why do children commit serious crimes? <b>Catherine Evans</b>	Do the social and cultural changes which took place in 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> century Italy justify the traditional view that the period was a Renaissance? <b>Hannah Spooner</b>
What happened at Pompeii? <b>Faye Dixon</b>	

# Extended Project Qualification

The Year 13 pupils worked extremely hard on a wide range of projects from June to November 2012 and produced excellent work with **all** pupils achieving A\*- C grades and **41%** of pupils achieving **A\*/A grades**.

Sarah Norman achieved an **A\***, Sophia Zazghad, Amber Warby, Bethany Thompson, Siobhan Stobbs, Anna Chisholm and Faye Havelock achieved **A** grades. A further 8 pupils achieved **B** grades and 2 pupils achieved a **C** grade. A big thank you to the EPQ supervisors who supported the EPQ pupils this year; Dr V Laval, Dr M Cranmer, Mr M McDonagh, Mrs A Hall, Mrs J Adamson, Mrs R Whitehouse, Miss R Prestwood, Mrs A Robley, Mrs H Wolland and Sr. Catherine.

## Sarah's TRIumphant EPQ Result!

St. Anthony's Academy star Iron Man Tri-athlete **Sarah Norman** became the first pupil to score the top grade of an **A\*** in her Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) this year.

Year 13 pupil Sarah produced a video documentary entitled "Drugs: You use, You Lose?" in which she investigated the abuse of drugs in sport to enhance an athlete's chance of winning. Looking at the science behind the drugs she explored natural legal alternatives, such as Yoga, which could be used to the same effect. Sarah then tried out these methods with her coach Ken Barnes and a group of fellow tri-athletes as part of her training regime for the Iron Man Triathlon which is made up of a 4k swim, 112 mile cycle and 26 mile run.

"My coach and I began working on triathlon training on 22nd July 2012. I researched lots of natural drug alternatives: 'narcotic analgesics vs. sport massage', 'steroid injections vs. raw proteins and eggs' and 'beta blockers vs. ice bath'. I then put them into practice while creating a documentary of my training experiences." says Sarah.

Sarah's project supervisor Mr McDonagh was particularly impressed by her planning and attention to detail, not only in the project but also in the training programme that Sarah designed. The AQA Examiners agreed and the

end result speaks for itself, an **Outstanding** piece of research leading to an interesting documentary. Well done Sarah!



## Extended Curricular

### Outdoor Activity Weekend Dukeswood House, Hexham

A group of girls from Year 7 and 8 attended an activity weekend with the Kingswood's company at Dukehousewood in Hexham. The girls participated in numerous activities with other pupils from the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership



The activities included climbing, abseiling, zip wire, 3G swing, scrap heap challenge, archery, fencing, team-building exercises and a singssong around the camp fire.



### Extended Schools

This has been another successful year for our Extended Schools Programme at St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. Around 150 pupils from Primary Feeder schools and from our own school have attended many activities over the course of the year including; Cook-it Club, Trampoline Club, Arts & Crafts Club, Learn Spanish Classes and Ski Club.

These activities are an excellent way for Year 5 and 6 pupils to become familiar with St. Anthony's in a less formal environment than usual, where they can meet staff, make new friends and learn new skills. It has also been shown to ease the transition into St. Anthony's for Year 6 pupils coming to us in September, making their first few weeks in St. Anthony's easier when they see a few friendly faces.

The extended schools programme will be continuing in September, and information will be distributed to Primary schools and our Key Stage 3 pupils in the first few weeks of September. If you are interested in any of the activities, then please check our academy website for further details and registration forms.

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## Extended Curricular

### Derwent Hill

A group of 25 girls from Years 7 – 10 attended an adventure week's holiday during May half term. They enjoyed in a variety of activities from: hill walking, kayaking, canoeing and sailing (some of the girls extended this activity using the skills they had learnt to complete an all day river trip). Gorge scrambling, climbing, abseiling, a high or low ropes challenge and some bush craft were also undertaken.



Derwent Hill photos continued overleaf

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## Extended Curricular

Derwent Hill continued



### Fun Club

Fun Club takes place every Monday and Wednesday in The Geography Room (S4). Fun Club isn't just about having fun, it's a place to go where we know we will have people there we can talk to and make friends. We play games, do activities or just chat. This year we have made cards for Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day. We decorated Mrs Hall's classroom for her at Christmas with our homemade paper chains.



We have been very lucky in Fun Club this term as we have had 3 buddies, Evadne Nelson Yr 11, Ellie Wilkin Yr 10 and Jessica Lloyd Yr 10. They said "We love helping at Fun Club because it is a very friendly environment and we like to play games with the Yr 7's and help them with the activities."



Lexi from Year 7 said "She enjoys coming to Fun Club as it's a happy friendly place and she has made some lovely friends from other year groups."

We really want to say thank you to Mrs Bolton and Mrs Grieves who help us every time Fun Club is on!

## Extended Curricular

### Reading Club



Reading Club is held every morning from 8.30am until 9.10am in the Learning Resource Centre. It is run by Mrs Hall with help from Ms Jackson, Miss Summerside, Mrs Hartley, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Grieves and Miss Shanks. We use a computer program called Accelerated Reader which enables us to pick books from the library and then take a quiz on them.

The aim of our club is to get ourselves "caught reading." Not all books are fun for everyone so at Reading Club it's about finding books that we find interesting and not too hard to read. This year we have taken over **883** quizzes and read over **3,579,863** words. Some of our favourite books include:

My Mum's Going to Explode by Jeremy Strong and The Monster Story-Teller by Jacqueline Wilson, (both described as: "One of the best books I have ever read!") and Ways to Live Forever by Sally Nicholls which is a "really, really good read!"



We have found that reading aloud to someone each night for **10 minutes** increases our reading ability.



**The Stars of Reading Club this term have been:**

**The Most Words Read Award:**

**Zainab Nadeem 738,408**

**Maliha Hamid 424,054**

**Irene Joy 376,947**

They have quizzed 116 books between them this year. Marvellous!

**Most Quizzes Taken and Passed Award:**

**Lily Thompson has taken and passed 65 quizzes this year.**

All the girls have worked very hard and a total of **49 certificates** have been awarded over the year.

**VERY WELL DONE**

# Geography

## Microclimate Investigation

In May, girls in Year 7 took part in a microclimate investigation as part of their weather and climate topic. They used a range of weather recording equipment and collected data from various points around the school. They enjoyed using equipment such as wind vanes, barometers and thermometers to find out how features such as buildings and trees affect climate.

## Houghall Farm

Year 8 visited Houghall Farm in Durham as part of their Geography work on farming. Each class spent a morning at the farm where they had the opportunity to learn about pigs, sheep and cows. Our Guide was very interesting and even allowed the girls to hold the baby lambs! The information collected at the farm was used by the girls to complete their Key Assessment which was completed to a high standard.



## Homework club

A huge "well done" to all of the girls who attend homework club at lunchtime! Homework club takes place each lunchtime in the Geography department and is open to anyone who wants to complete homework from **any** subject.



## Next Term – September to December

The autumn term will be very busy for Year 10 and 11 pupils. Year 11 will visit Whitby to collect data for their GCSE coursework and Year 10 will be investigating the impact of tourism at a Honey Pot site in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.



# Geography

## Shape the Future Competition

An exciting project involved girls from Year 8 and Year 9, along with pupil Mentors from Year 12. The 'Shape the Future' competition was organised by the Department for International Development. We were awarded a certificate of Commendation, personally signed by the Right Honourable Justine Greening MP, the Secretary of State for International Development. The competition involved producing a presentation reflecting on the progress made to the Millennium Development Goals, suggesting action for the future. As part of the project we invited our local MP, Julie Elliott, to look at our work in progress and discuss the points of the United Nations Millennium Goals. These goals have clear links to the Mercy ethos of the St. Anthony's.



Sixth form Mentors: Katie Cameron, Chantalle Helm.

**Year 9 pupils:** Zoe Jones, Victoria Lamb, Amy Short, Sam Harris, Esme Featherstone, Megan Newton, Emily Oliver

**Year 8 pupil** Lauren Crosby

The winners of the school competition were **Lauren Crosby, Rebecca Summerside and Lucy Roberts.**



## The Academy's International Links

The Academy continues to develop its international links; it maintains and builds on existing links and also develops new relationships with schools and organizations abroad. The items below provide a flavour of developments in this area.

### China

St. Anthony's is aware of the growing importance of links with China and the study of Mandarin.



In July / August 2012 the school sponsored Ms Alice Robinson's visit to Beijing for a 3-week course on Chinese culture and language and she currently runs a Mandarin Club in Year 9.

We are working with St. Aidan's School and Sixth Form College and the Local Authority to provide placements for Chinese pupils. These arrangements are still at the initial stages but represent an opportunity for Chinese girls to work in St. Anthony's. The opportunities for reciprocal visits to China are an exciting development for the future.

We are also working with Sunderland Local Authority and a group of Sunderland schools to host a visit by 6 Chinese teachers later in 2013.

### India - British Council Connecting Classrooms Project

St. Anthony's has received funding from the British Council to continue to work with KVKV school in Rajkot, in the Indian state of Gujarat. Ms. Sonal Shah, Head Teacher, visited St. Anthony's in July. With support from the Sisters of Mercy and money raised by themselves, four Year 12 pupils, Emily Best, Mollie Rennoldson, Caitlin Strong and Rebecca Toomey, will accompany Mr. Flores and Mr. Jordan to India in October 2013 to take part in a programme of activities working with Indian pupils. Grateful thanks to The Mallard in Seaham for organising a fund-raising activity and to the Uniform Shop for donating very smart polo shirts for the staff and pupils to wear.



### Korea

The school is part of a team of schools from the North East of England working with 'Creativity Culture and



Education' in teacher-exchange visits with Korean teachers as part of their Creative Partnerships in Education programme. Their Korean partners for this exchange are the International Teacher Exchange Team at Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding, (APCEIU), under the auspices of UNESCO, as part of their Teaching Abroad for Global Competency.

We are linked directly to Guwol Girls' Middle School in Incheon and are also working with teachers from JungAng Girls' High School (Busan) and Korea Biological Science High School in Gyeongbuk. Miss Katie Brown is St. Anthony's Lead Teacher for this programme; she is visiting Korea for 3 weeks in June / July 2013.

### Spain - Instituto Alonso de Covarrubias, Torrijos



The Academy has an excellent link with this Spanish secondary school. Five members of staff have visited St. Anthony's in the last 3 years. They spent time observing lessons, following a programme of seminars with senior staff and improving their English. There was also a very successful pupil exchange visit in February 2011.

In the spring term we prepared a joint bid for Comenius Funding from the European Union to enable the schools to do pupil exchanges for the next two years. We will find out in August 2013 if the bid has been successful, we hope so that we can continue this very important exchange.

### Sweden - University of Linnaeus



The partnership of our Academy and this prestigious Swedish university has been established for nearly a decade. We regularly welcome initial trainee teachers for visits of up to two weeks. In February 2013 we hosted a visit by 10 trainee teachers and 2 members of staff. They toured the school, attended lectures on the English education system and observed the teaching and learning of pupils and staff in a variety of lessons.

Two members of staff have been formally invited to visit Sweden and contribute to the taught programme of English trainees. They will also visit schools and meet colleagues from a range of educational backgrounds.

## Humanities visit to York Castle Museum

In April the girls studying Humanities enjoyed a great day out at the York Castle Museum, in preparation for their controlled assessment topic. Girls spent the day investigating different aspects of childhood throughout the last 100 years, including christening traditions, changes in care for pregnant women, and the children's toys. Girls also received an illuminating talk from museum staff on the tradition of blood letting, and the role of the Barber in this gruesome task!

## Leeds Medical Museum

In April all Year 10 pupils studying History travelled to Leeds Thackray Medical Museum. The girls spent the day developing their knowledge of the development of medicine and public health from experiencing the smell of a nineteenth century town to viewing a gruesome amputation, this visit help to bring alive the pupils current topic. The girls enjoyed looking at the various displays and interacting with the exhibits.

## Segedunum Roman Fort

In preparation for their controlled assessment Year 10 pupils visited Segedunum Roman Fort. They toured the site and participated in a talk from the observation tower through which they envisioned what Segedunum would have looked like at the height of the Romans

power in 200 AD. Pupils gained relevant knowledge relating to the location and layout of the fort to help them complete their controlled assessment.

## Alnwick Castle Visit

This year a Harry Potter Club was started at St. Anthony's to highlight the links between History and Religious Education for pupils in Year 8 by new staff Miss Moran and Miss Pascoe. As part of this club, the girls went on a visit to Alnwick Castle where many of the scenes from Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone were filmed. They had a tour of the castle and dungeons and even took part in broomstick training with two resident wizards! The girls had a great time and enjoyed walking in the footsteps of Harry, Ron and Hermione!

## Berlin Visit

At Easter, a group of Year 11 and 12 pupils enjoyed six days in Berlin where they visited the Reichstag, Berlin Wall, Sanssouci Palace, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, 1936 Olympic Stadium, Wannsee Conference Centre, Jewish Museum, the site of Hitler's bunker, Brandenburg Gate and the TV Tower. They also managed to fit in a game of bowling, a river cruise down the Spree and shopping in Potsdam! The girls agreed that a highlight of the visit was the pizza vending machine at the hotel! All staff and pupils had a great time and some can't wait to go back!



# Maths

## Intermediate Maths Challenge Results



The top two Maths sets in Years 9, 10 and 11 competed in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. The challenge is taken nationwide and is intended to stretch the most able mathematicians across the country. As with the Junior Challenge, the top performing girls are presented with either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. A special mention must go to **Bethaney Miller** from Year 9, who achieved the certificate for 'Best in School'. The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 11

**Best in Year:** Lucy Ellis

#### Silver Certificate

Lucy Ellis Rachel Parker Alex Watson

#### Bronze Certificate

Melissa Phipps	Dana Lim	Alexandra Miller
Alexa Clark	Annabell Joyce	Kate Hamilton
Abby Rogers	Jessica Dow	Charlotte Potts
Lucy Thompson		

### Year 10

**Best in Year:** Ann Andreas

#### Silver Certificate

Ann Andreas

#### Bronze Certificate

Faye Huntley	Emily Chisholm	Jessica Phipps
Emma Ford	Emma Hughes	Eve Watson
Carmel Moran		

### Year 9

**Best in Academy:** Bethaney Miller

**Best in Year:** Bethaney Miller

#### Silver Certificate

Bethaney Miller	Jennifer Welsh
Jennifer Szandrowska	Stephanie Wilson
Sadie Morron	Anna McKie

#### Bronze Certificate

Heather Wilson	Megan Newton	Olivia Howard
Anya Mason	Aimee Murphy	Reshma Raji
Rebecca Terry	Zoe Jones	Sacha Brown

## Junior Maths Challenge Results

The top two Maths sets in Years 7 and 8 competed in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge in April. The challenge is taken nationwide and is intended to stretch the most able of mathematicians across the country. The girls' scores are collated and certificates are distributed to the top performing candidates who are awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze. All of the girls who competed did very well, particularly Rebecca Begg from Year 8 who was awarded the certificate for Best in School.



The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 8

**Best in School:** Rebecca Begg

**Best in Year:** Rebecca Begg

#### Gold Certificate

Rebecca Begg

#### Silver Certificate

Elle Haswell	Lucy Roberts
Grace Copeland	Charlotte Galloway
June Gomez	Lauren Crosby

#### Bronze Certificate

Holly Bailey	Anna Redshaw
Beth Collinson	Chloe Mackel
Lucy Robinson	Charlotte Hodgson
Rachel Krajovska	Hannah Metcalfe
Maisha Choudhury	Rebecca Old
Rhiannon Laverick	Seethal Vinod
Jaymie Briton	Savanah Pye
Sasha Hughes	Millie Crawford

### Year 7

**Best in Year:** Rachel Green

#### Silver Certificate

Rachel Green	Bethany Jones
Diana Sabu	Jasmine Staples

#### Bronze Certificate

Hannah Marshall	Olivia Holden
Eve Grant	Hana Elmarakbi
Jane Matibag	Katie Tullock
Kinga Lewandowska	Lucy Hall
Sophie Foster	Elizabeth Earl
Ayesha Isahac	

# Maths

## Senior Maths Challenge



Five pupils have achieved an award in the UKMT Senior Maths 2012-13. The Challenge for pupils in Years 12 & 13 is based upon problem-solving using Mathematics.

The top award of **Silver** and the **Best in School** goes to **Hannah Darby-Hall**.

**Bronze awards** go to Aimee Darby-Hall, Amy Bold, Bethan Ford and Holly Williams.

All the pupils were educated at St Anthony's except for Holly who joined St Anthony's Sixth Form from Monkwearmouth School.

All the pupils study Advanced Level Mathematics and Amy and Holly also study Further Mathematics.

## Mathematics Team Challenges

Two teams of pupils have represented St Anthony's in Mathematics competitions locally:

A team of Year 10 pupils, Rachel Lim, Savannah Lawrence, Ann Andreas and Eve Watson competed at Newcastle University, but were unlucky not to finish in the top 3.

A mixed team of Year 8 & 9 pupils, Rebecca Begg, Lucy Roberts, Anya Mason and Kaylee McNally represented St Anthony's at a competition in Middlesbrough. They too were unlucky not to achieve a top place.

Congratulations to both teams who were great ambassadors for our academy at these events.

## Mathematics Inspiration Day



In late April a group of twenty six Year 11 pupils lead by Mr McDonagh and Mrs Dugan visited the Stadium of Light for a Day of Inspiration.

Based around studying for their GCSE in Mathematics, the group spent a day working on examination technique and took time to think of their future beyond GCSE's.

The day started with a mediation based around Our Lady of Success and St Anthony. This was followed by Percentages, Pythagoras and Algebra. After lunch the group toured the Stadium and were lucky enough to see Jimmy Montgomery and The FA Cup, as a camera crew were filming a documentary!



**Europe Day**

We celebrated Europe Day at St. Anthony's on 9th May 2013. The event was hugely successful and was celebrated across all curriculum areas. Each department in the school was allocated a European country which they adopted for the day. Pupils were greeted in the foreign language of the adopted country and then completed a starter and plenary about that country. For example, match up basic classroom language (English to the foreign language) was a common starter, and a quiz along the lines of 'Who wants to be a millionaire?' (facts about the country) was a popular plenary. Many departments went even further and planned the main body of their lessons to reflect the department's adopted country. Mathematics' adopted country was Ireland and so some classes worked on the use of the Euro in Ireland.



Year 7 Pupils – Devika Jayan, Jessica Bell, Rhea Corner and Molly Rain at the European Party.

The MFL department celebrated with a wide variety of activities including Welsh and Italian taster sessions and a European party where pupils learned about the different cultures of European countries. Activities included a Fashion Show – design an outfit e.g. Flamenco Dress; European quiz and a showcase of 'the cancan'.

In the dining hall the catering staff cooked a 'European Menu' including:

**Morning Break:**

- Swedish Meatball Sub
- Croissants

**Lunch:**

- Cream of Leek Soup
- Spanish Chicken and Rice
- Bratwurst served with potato salad
- Irish Stew and Soda Bread

Staff celebrated by dressing up in clothes representing the adopted country, for example, two Maths staff dressed as the Irish pop artists Jedward and the teacher leading the Welsh taster session dressed in the colours of the Welsh Flag. Many staff wore football tops of their countries.

A great Europe day!



Mrs Wilkinson – France

**Year 13 Study Visit to Paris**

During February Mrs. S Ward, Mrs. F Collins and eight Year 13 pupils took part in a very enjoyable educational visit to Paris. The pupils were able to practise their language skills and experience French culture by visiting many of the popular Parisian sites including the Champs-Élysées, Sacré Coeur, the Louvre and Notre Dame.

They also visited the Impressionist art museums – the Musée d'Orsay and the Orangerie, to see the works of Claude Monet, Édouard Manet, Renoir and other Impressionist painters. All pupils delivered fantastic presentations in French in front of the works of art, which were listened to by a number of visitors to the museum.



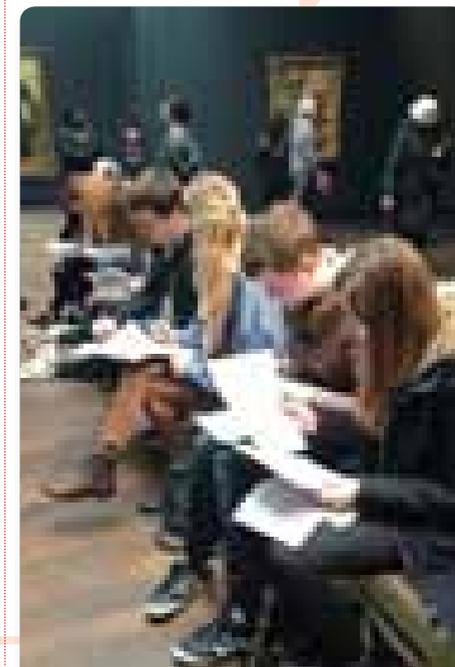
Mrs Wolland – Welsh Taster Lesson



Miss Cousin - Spain



Miss Napier - Italy



Emily Barnes, Sophie Coates, Emma Marshall, Sam Green, Samantha Beaney, Ciaran Rattou and Isabella Palacz working hard at the Musée d'Orsay.

# The Antonian Awards 2013

The Antonian Awards 2013 celebrated the success and achievements of pupils from Art, Music and Sport & PE took. All Pupils, parents and guests were invited to a formal dinner and presentation evening at the Roker Hotel, which was, once again, a great success! The nominated pupils received certificates and the winners a specially designed 'Antonian Award'. The teaching staff in the Art, Music and PE departments worked extremely hard to bring this celebration of gifts and talents together and to share it with pupils and parents.

Anita Navin (Director of Collaboration & CPD at Northumbria University) was the Master of Ceremonies and Guest Presenters were: Art – Natalie Gale, Music – Alison Barton, PE & Sport – Louise Graham

Congratulations to all pupils - Fantastic achievements in Art, Music and Sport!

Award	Department	Nominees	Winner
<b>Victrix Ludorum (Best Girl)</b>	PE	Sophie Newton Yr 12 Alex Pearson Yr 11 Ann Andreas Yr 10	<b>Sophie Newton Yr 12</b>
	Art	Chloe Connolly Yr 10 Jessica Gibbons Yr 13 Brooke Peterson Yr 12	<b>Jessica Gibbons Yr 13</b>
	Music	Ella Clasper Yr 13 Catherine Northorpe Yr 13 Anna Lockey Yr 12	<b>Catherine Northorpe Yr 13</b>
<b>Best Outstanding Achievement</b>	PE	Rebecca Fishwick Yr 10 Sophie Burnett Yr 10 Amy Dixon Yr 7	<b>Sophie Burnett Yr 10</b>
	Art	Judeanne Cuya Yr 13 Celine Santiago Yr 11 Emmie Thompson Yr 8	<b>Judeanne Cuya Yr 13</b>
	Music	Emma Robson Yr 8 Jennie Hamilton Yr 9 Monika Choudhury Yr 8	<b>Emma Robson Yr 8</b>
<b>Best Group/ Team</b>	PE	Ashbrooke Road Relay Team (represented by Jennifer Welch Yr 9 and Alix Waites Yr 12) Key Stage Three Trampoline Team (represented by Rhiannon Laverick, Leia Wilkinson and Sophie Alderson Yr 8) Sports Hall Athletics Team Yr 7 & 8 (represented by Emmie Thompson and Lucy Robinson Yr 8)	<b>Ashbrooke Road Relay Team (represented by Jennifer Welch Yr 9 and Alix Waites Yr 12)</b>
	Art	Year 8 Art Club (represented by Olivia Collins Yr 8 and Sophie Arthur Yr 8) Gospel Stories (represented by Jessica Cauchi Yr 12 and Ella Clasper Yr 13) Year of Faith Banner (represented by Lucy Mulvain Yr 12 and Kayleigh Appleton Yr 13)	<b>Year 8 Art Club (represented by Olivia Collins Yr 8 and Sophie Arthur Yr 8)</b>
	Music	Senior Choir (represented by Charlotte Riley and Alex Earl Yr 13) Orchestra (represented by Hannah Trotter Yr 12) Junior Choir (represented by Achsah Finney and Gemma Doddsworth Yr 8 )	<b>Senior Choir (represented by Charlotte Riley and Alex Earl Yr 12)</b>
<b>Best Ambassador</b>	PE	Rose Curle Yr 8 Courtney Hudson Yr 8 Katie Bittell Yr 7	<b>Rose Curle Yr 8</b>
	Art	Chloe Fairweather Yr 10 Josie Donkin Yr 10 Olivia Chisholm Yr 10	<b>Chloe Fairweather Yr 10</b>
	Music	Ella Clasper Yr 13 Lauren Broom Yr 10 Grace Copeland Yr 8	<b>Ella Clasper Yr 13</b>
<b>Paula Williams Rising Star Award</b>	PE	Laura Simpson Yr 8 Charlotte Wiseman Yr 7 Sarah Knight Yr 7	<b>Laura Simpson Yr 8</b>
	Art	Lucy Surman Wells Yr 8 Achsah Finney Yr 8 Sarah Knight Yr 7	<b>Lucy Surman Wells Yr 8</b>
	Music	Charlotte Galloway Yr 8 Georgia Bell Yr 8 Anna Donkin Yr 8	<b>Charlotte Galloway Yr 8</b>



## Pupil Librarian Scheme

This year's 'Pupil Librarians' have now completed their training scheme and, to celebrate, attended an Award Ceremony. This year it was held at the Winter Gardens in Sunderland and the guest speaker was the well known author **Alexander Gordon Smith**. He entertained us with tales about his life as an author and

then presented the girls with a certificate and a signed copy of one of his books.

Well done girls!

Nimra Mahmood 8STo	Zara Shameem 8STo
Samantha Leonard 8SJo	Keziah Biji 8SHa
Irene Joy 8SJa	Noshin Rouf 8STo
Mary Knight 8STa	Leia Wilkinson 8SJo



## Reading Club

The Year 7 Reading Club were invited to attend an Author/Illustrator session at St Aidan's Catholic Academy. Liz Millions explained how she had become an illustrator and how illustrations are an important part in a book as they can help to tell the story. She demonstrated how to create illustrations and the girls had an opportunity at designing their own characters.

Adroniki Adams 7SJa	Maryam Baber 7SRa
Courtney Dinsdale 7SRa	Courtney Holmes 7SHa
Arusha Khan 7SCo	Rachael McLoughlin 7SHo
Kira Milner 7SRo	Zainab Nadeem 7SRo
Maliha Nowshin 7SJa	Amy Parker 7STo
Olivia Spoons 7SJo	Lily Thompson 7SMo

Year 9 Reading Club girls were invited to attend an Author Workshop at Carmel School in Darlington as part of the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership events for pupils. The author, Celia Bryce, read an excerpt from her book "Anthem for Jackson Dawes" and talked about writing skills. The girls participated in various activities and explored different techniques of writing.



Autumn Beaumont 9SRa	Emma Longfield 9SRa
Samantha Scott 9STo	Courtney Young 9SJo



## Scholastic Book Club

The termly Scholastic Book Club leaflets have proved very popular and I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who have supported it this year.

## Go Go Go Joseph!



St. Anthony's Academy was transported back to Biblical times in March when pupils performed the musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.

More than one hundred pupils were involved in the cast, chorus, musicians, technical and backstage crew, they performed for three nights to sell-out audiences, paying off for months of hard work.



The director Mrs. L Dudley said "I am incredibly lucky to work with such talented and enthusiastic young ladies – their professionalism throughout the rehearsals and performances meant that the show was of such a high quality. I am so proud of them all. The standing ovation on the final night was thoroughly deserved!"

Spoiler alert...!

Next year's Academy production will be Oliver!

Auditions will be held September 2013. More information available in the new academic year!

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Experience! from a pupil perspective

This year's music production, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" provided an excellent experience for pupils from Year 7 to Year 13. The hard work that was put into this production ensured that the performances I feel were some of the best the Academy has ever had.

I think I speak on behalf of everyone involved when I say it was something we will never forget. The girls who were chosen for principal roles were great and made the performances even more special for us all; Ella Clasper (Joseph), Catherine Northorpe (Narrator), Charlotte Riley (Pharaoh), Alex Earl (Potiphar) were all outstanding and as they have now left the Academy in Year 13 we will miss them! However, without the dedication of all involved, the show wouldn't have been the massive success that it was.

Overall, the experience was amazing! We have all made so many friends, and have memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

By Amy Watson, Year 10 (Brother Issachar)



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Students are proud of many of the opportunities on offer to them, such as singing with the choir at the Vatican

## Music

### From the Sage, Gateshead to Vivaldi's Church, Venice!

There's no rest for the Senior Choir this Summer term! They are busy in rehearsals for two exciting ventures; a concert at the Sage, Gateshead 'An Evening of Music in a Year of Faith' and then we have a joint tour of Venice with the Art department!

On Wednesday 3rd July, the Choir will be performing as part of the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership in their bi-annual concert at the Sage. They will perform a medley of James Bond theme songs, then they team up with all the other 12 Partnerships schools to participate in Handel's Hallelujah chorus from his Messiah; a very tricky piece to sing!



After a week's rest (or not as the case may be!), twenty-seven members of the choir will depart on their annual tour on Sunday 14th July - this year to Venice, Italy. They are very excited to be performing a concert in the very prestigious La Pieta (otherwise known as Vivaldi's church) and then they will visit their namesake, St Anthony's church, and perform there too. Buon viaggio!

### Antonian Awards

In March the Music department showed off their talented pupils in style at the Annual 'Antonian Awards'. Twelve girls and three groups were nominated for awards and the decision this year was tougher than ever! After a lot of deliberation, the winners were:



### Victrix Ludorum Catherine Northorpe

Catherine successfully defended her award for the second year running! She is now spending a year pursuing performance opportunities and working towards her Grade 8 in both singing and guitar before going to university to study music. What a Star!



### Outstanding Achievement Emma Robson

Emma is an asset to the music department. Despite only being in Year 8 she really has achieved a lot in a short space of time: she's working towards Grade 6 Violin as well as being a member of several musical groups in and out of school, including performing at the Sage. She also plays every Friday at St. Anthony's Friday Mass. What an accomplishment!

## Music



### Best Group Senior Choir

Represented by veteran members Charlotte Riley and Alex Earl, the Senior Choir won the award this year for their commitment to the Academy – they have participated in many concerts and events this year and this group has doubled in numbers since September. Perfect!



### Best Ambassador Ella Clasper

Ella won this Award for her work as an ambassador in her starring role as Joseph – she led the cast and chorus professionally and with great enthusiasm and has inspired younger pupils to take after her. A very worthy winner!



### Paula Williams Rising Star

### Charlotte Galloway

There is no end to Charlotte's talents! Not content with being an invaluable member of the Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Orchestra, she also landed a main role in Joseph as one of the brothers, she plays flute and piano at every opportunity she can. Definitely a one to watch!

### Dates for your diary

Christmas Concert  
Thursday 19th December 2013

'The City Sings' competition  
March 2014

Music for Youth competition  
March 2014

Oliver Production  
Tues 18th – Thurs 20th March 2014

Summer Soirée  
Thursday 26th June 2014

## Pastoral Year 7

### Race for Life



Well done to the pupils of Year 7 who took part in the Race for Life on Monday 10th June. The event was very well supported by all of Year 7 pupils and gave a great effort to dress in pink and in their 'onesies'. Many pupils were running for relatives and friends who have been touched by cancer. I am sure Year 7 will have raised quite a sum for their efforts.



### 7SHo Fundraising

Congratulations to 7SHo who have successfully raised money for HCPT Charity.

The photograph shows 7SHo handing over the money to Mrs Hoey on behalf of the HCPT Charity.

All pupils in 7SHo Tutor group very generously gave up their morning break and lunchtimes to sell raffle tickets. They set out full of enthusiasm and helped raise money for children to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes for Easter week.

Year 7 is a very generous Year and have striven to raise as much money as they can for their chosen charities. Since Christmas, they have been fundraising for CAFOD and Lenten Alms. Pupils have gone to such an effort to raise a significant amount to support these very worthy causes. Pupils have held many events from cake sales, a car wash, Guess the Name of the Teddy, to name but a few! In total, Year 7 raised **£99.78** for CAFOD and an amazing **£1,194.71** for Lenten Alms. What an amazing achievement!

**Phoebe Cammiss (7SC) and Olivia Holden (7SC)** were selected to present the cheque from the academy to the charity at the Good Shepherd Mass. Many thanks to the Year 7 pupils, Year Team Teachers and parents for supporting this event.

Thank you to all Year 7 pupils who have taken part in or organised, their own assembly. The selection and quality in the assemblies has been fantastic and this is down to the hard work of the pupils. We have had pupil-led assemblies on: Chinese New Year, Cyber bullying/Internet Safety Week, India/World Book Day/Easter and a wonderful performance of the Good Samaritan, to name but a few! Thank you to all pupils who have organised and participated in these.



## Pastoral Year 8

### 8SMa Assembly Parable of the Talents



8 SMa performed in assembly on Thursday 6th June. Their chosen subject was the Parable of the Talents. As part of this they played musical instruments, including the piano and guitar and sang along to the music. They created a video to showcase their talents which allowed them to demonstrate activities that they were unable to perform in the confines of the assembly hall. These included dancing and gymnastics.

### The ANTONIAN Awards Winners 2013

Congratulations to the girls in Year 8 who were nominated for Antonian Awards for their achievements in Sport, Art and Music. In total 20 Year 8 girls were nominated for different awards!!! Six of the awards were won by Year 8 girls!!!

**Emma Robson** won the Best Outstanding Achievement Award for Music.

**The Year 8 Art Club** won the Best Group/Team Award for Art.

**Rose Curle** won the Best Ambassador Award for PE.

**Laura Simpson** won the Paula Williams Rising Star Award for PE.

**Lucy Surman-Wells** won the Paula Williams Rising Star Award for Art.

**Charlotte Galloway** won the Paula Williams Rising Star Award for Music.

Congratulations to all pupils for your fantastic achievements!

### Year 8 pupils enter Microbiology Competition



The Microbiology in Schools Advisory Committee introduced a competition to enhance pupil interest in microbiology in 1985. It became an annual event in 1994 and the MiSAC Annual Competition for Key Stages 3 and 4 now attracts up to 2,000 pupil entries each year. Each year's topic is linked to the National Curriculum and special sponsorship provides money prizes totalling £1,000 for students and their schools.

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### Facebook: A Social Media Network for Microbes

This year's competition was to create a social network page for one species of microbe in order to improve the understanding of how microbes interact with each other and contribute to human health and disease. Entries had to be on an A3 piece of paper and had to give details of the chosen microbe's life, job, relationships, friends and travels using biological information.

Entries could be as individuals or in teams of up to four pupils, and three Year 8 entries were sent in from St Anthony's in March which were produced by six girls. The pupils received a certificate for participating and received some really positive feedback from the judges which included representatives of the Society for Applied Microbiology and the Science Correspondent in the Times newspaper.



L to R: June Gomez, Achsah Finney, Rhiannon Laverick, Yasemin Dogan, Georgia Bell and Abbie Little.

Well done to the girls for their excellent entries which unfortunately did not win on this occasion, but showed great creativity.

### Form Class Assemblies

Each Form Class in Year 8 has taken responsibility for planning and delivering an assembly. This year we have had some excellent assemblies in which the girls have showcased many of their different talents. The assemblies have focused on a range of different



themes. 8SAo and 8SHa focused on the true meaning of Christmas. The girls in 8SCa delivered a lovely assembly on Valentine's Day and even gave out Valentine's gifts. On World Book Day 8SRa dressed as characters from Alice in Wonderland and did a fantastic role play. In Holy Week 8SCo and 8STa both delivered thoughtful assemblies focusing on Easter. For their assembly 8SJa decided to act out a modern-day version of the parable of the Good Samaritan, which was excellent. 8SJo delivered a lovely assembly on May Day and even had a May Pole which the girls danced around! 8SHo focused on stereotypes in their assembly and gave a really important message that "We are all different, and we think this is something to celebrate!" The girls in 8SMa delivered another fantastic assembly on the Parable of the Talents and showcased their own talents. Continuing with the theme of the Parables, several girls volunteered to take part in an assembly on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. All of the assemblies have been wonderful and we look forward to more pupil-led assemblies next year.



8SHo Form Class Assembly



8SJo Form Class Assembly

## Pastoral Year 9

### Year 9 Pastoral News

#### Attendance

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved **100%** attendance for the spring term:

Marcia Adams, Faizah Anjum, Chairman Arrojo, Grace Augustine, Amelia Barker, Emily Barnes, Autumn Beaumont, Georgina Buck, Emily Cauchi, Lucy Cassap, Eleanor Duncan, Rebecca Gair, Emily Glancey, Amy Henshaw, Ellie Jackson, Sruthy Joseph Mathew, Anna Kennedy, Sarah King, Victoria Lamb, Holly Lancaster, Caitlin Lister, Leah Littlefair, Kathryn Marshall, Rhiannon McCreedy, Anna McKie, Kaylee McNally, Joelle McNay, Sally Osmond, Reshma Raji, Lauren Ritchie, Caitlin Ryan, Livia Scott, Abbie Smith, Alex Smith, Rachel Taylor, Rebecca Terry, Guilia Trovero, Rebecca Wallace, Rebecca Walley, Catherine Ward, Jennifer Welsh, Emily Whittington, Sarah Wilson, Stephanie Wilson.

Well done girls. This is amazing. Keep it up!!!

#### Bake-off!

Congratulations to Becky Flanagan and Rebecca Green who won 3rd place in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Bake-Off Competition. A great achievement. Well done!

#### Chelsea's Choice

In April Year 9 were able to watch 'Chelsea's Choice', a production which aimed at highlighting the issues around child sexual exploitation. This was a very powerful performance based on true stories from young people who have been affected in the UK. The play certainly developed pupils' understanding of the dangers of social networking, the internet as well as other sensitive issues.

#### Year 9 Retreat - July

All of Year 9 have been invited to attend the annual retreat to the Catholic Youth Village in Consett.

This is a fantastic opportunity and has been subsidised by the school.



**Congratulations** to Amy Henshaw who has competed in the Northumberland and Durham County Swimming Championships and qualified for the Northern England Regional Championships and the Scottish National Championships. Well done!

**Well done** to Rhiannon Taggart who has performed in the London West End. A huge achievement!

## Pastoral Year 9

### Fundraising

Many Year 9 girls have been busy this year fundraising for various causes. Since Christmas pupils have fundraised for Cancer research, Lenten Alms and Manzini. Hard work has been put into raffles, cake sales and general donations. A sponsored swim was also completed which was the equivalent of swimming the English Channel. Fairtrade goods have also been sold with profits going to Manzini. To date, over **£1,000** has been raised. Well done everybody.

### Assemblies



Some of Mrs Wolland's assemblies have been on the theme of talents and we have had a wide range of talents exhibited this year. We have seen gymnastics, Indian dancing, singing with keyboard, flute playing and car siren sound making! We thank God for all these wonderful and entertaining talents. Assemblies have also been delivered by Tutor groups on topics such as animal cruelty, Help for Heroes, Footsteps, as well as an assembly on France for Europe day.

### Recycling



Year 9 has begun recycling plastic bottles in their playground. This is proving very successful and many trips have been made to recycling plants in Sunderland. Every little helps!

### Meal Out



A meal out to Luciano's in Sunderland was in order for the Year Council representatives as a reward for all their hard work this year. Fairtrade sellers from Year 10 were also invited by Mrs Wolland. So many pupils have contributed in so many ways to the life of the school. Thank you so much to everyone.

### Raffle – by Rebecca Terry 9SAo



This term 9SAo have been raising money for Manzini. A raffle was organized to win a variety of exciting prizes. To grab the attention of staff and pupils, Lucy Cassop and Rebecca Terry thought it would be fun to dress in their pyjamas! Oddly enough, it worked, and the raffle raised **£26!** The winners were – 1st prize Mrs Shannon, 2nd prize Mrs Adamson, 3rd prize Mrs Robinson. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

### Fashion Live Event

Some of our pupils were selected to take part in an event at the Metro Centre, Gateshead in April. The girls are all dancers with the Shameem Karim School of Dance

#### Year 9:

Shiromie Lawson  
Rhiannon McCready  
Grace Proctor

#### Year 8:

Caitlin Robson  
Ellie Smith

These talented pupils did an impressive four performances EACH day for four days as part of the Fashion Live Event. They thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and are quite excited that it was recorded by BBC for a television programme to be shown later in the year. We are really looking forward to watching them on TV also. Well done Girls!

## Pastoral Year 10

### Fair-trade



A group of Year 10 pupils have been working hard all year with supporting Fair-trade. They have been promoting and selling Fair-trade goods every break time and have done excellent work raising money while also making others aware of the benefits of Fair-trade. Well done to all girls involved!

### Forensic Course

"This year, I successfully applied to take part on a forensic course which was held at Sunderland library, during which we learned how fingerprints, footprints, photography and decomposition are used to help solve crime. At the end of the course, we all attended a fake crime scene, during which we wore soco suits, took evidence photographs, checked bloodstains and took fingerprints while investigating and solving the crime."

Emma Herbert, Yr 10

### 10SHo Fundraising for HCPT



The girls from 10 SHo helped with a number of different fundraising events, including a cake sale and tuck shop. All girls in Year 10 were very

generous in their purchases and donations, which helped to fund a pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Pilgrimage Trust. They raised almost **£100** which was gratefully received and donated during the pilgrimage by Mrs Hoey (10SHo Form Tutor).

### Year 10 Form Assemblies



In Year 10, the girls have continued to be creative when coming up with ideas for themes for their Form assemblies and have played a large part in the preparation, planning and delivery of the assemblies. The most recent assemblies have included modern day examples of the Ten Commandments, bringing the stories of St Valentine and St George's to life. They also provided consideration to the role Mary



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played in Jesus' life, including how this would be viewed in society today.

A group of girls recently helped out in assembly by acting out a modern-day version of the Good Samaritan. Thank you to: Amy Watson, Lauren Broom, Emma Ford, Claudia Spoor, Eve Hawes, Eve Watson & Gabrielle Kay.

### Hairdressing Diploma

Congratulations to the 12 girls who were selected to study for a Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing. The girls attend the course at 'Spoilt Rotten' Salon in Sunderland City centre on a Tuesday evening and the course offers a combination of theory and practical work, with many of the skills transferable to other careers.

The girls have so far successfully completed four theory units with **Outstanding** results - many congratulations to **Nicola Lawson** and **Sarah Richardson** who have both achieved **100%** in a unit exam.

The practical side of the course gives the girls the opportunity to complete units in shampooing, styling and colouring hair, and culminates with a hairdressing show. The feedback from Tutors is very impressive and the girls are to be commended on their enthusiasm, manners and commitment.

Keep up the great work, you are all fantastic!  
Mrs Perrett



### Celebrating the Feast of St Anthony

A group of pupils were selected to represent St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy on a visit to St Mary's Cathedral on 13th June, the patronal feast day of our school. Ann Andreas, Heather Boal, Lauren Broom, Rachel Doyle, Emma Ford, Lauren Francis, Eve Hawes, Talia McKenna, Heidi Newton, Claudia Spoor, Rachel Stoker and Amy Watson were selected and participated in an enjoyable day, celebrating Mass, praying for special intentions and visiting different statues in the Cathedral. The girls had an enjoyable day and as ever were a credit to the academy.

## Pastoral Year 11

Congratulations to our Year 11 pupils and Mrs Charlton who helped raise a total of **£180.22** for the Sunderland Royal Hospital Neonatal Unit. The money has been donated to help support the wonderful work the doctors and nurses do for new-born babies who are too poorly to go home. Year 11 pupils held a variety of fundraising activities over the past few months, including cake sales and raffles.



### Attendance

Year 11 have worked hard to continue to improve their attendance in the run up to important GCSE examinations.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved **100%** attendance this academic year.

Atkinson, Emma	Maratty, Michelle
Burke, Kathryn	Nelson, Evadne
Byrne, Caitlin	Parker, Rachel
Common, Kaitlin	Pearson, Alexandra
Cooper, Kaitlan	Phipps, Melissa
Dodds, Emily	Reed, Lara
Fowler, Sarah	Routledge, Charlotte
Hamilton, Kate	Roy, Annmary
Harrison, Emily	Sibby, Sandra
Joyce, Annabelle	Simpson, Katie
Lim, Dana	Spraggon, Ellie
Maddison, Sophie	Walsh, Nina

Congratulations to all of the Year 11 pupils for completing their final GCSE examinations in June. The pupils celebrated this milestone with a very special Leaver's Mass at where all pupils received a rosary bracelet as a spiritual memento of their time at St Anthony's. To conclude the Leavers' Celebrations Year 11 attended their Leavers Presentation where pupils many pupils are awarded prizes and commendations.

### Congratulations to Year 11 Award Winners 2013

Additional Science	Kate Hamilton
Art	Louise Smith
Biology	Chloe Connelly
Business & Economics	Kate Lormor
Business Studies	Kate Hamilton
Chemistry	Dana Lim
Childcare	Emma Addison
Contribution to the School Community	Evadne Nelson
English	Eleanor Osada
Food	Meriel Smithson
French	Meriel Smithson
Geography	Rebecca Burnett
Hairdressing Award	Breana Barnes and Karly Walton
History	Gabrielle Fish
ICT	Sandra Sibby
Mathematics	Kate Lormor
Media	Katherine Hanratty
Music	Emily Dodds
PE (Sports)	Alex Pearson
Physics	Lara Reed
Product Design	Sarah Fowler
RE	Alexa Clark
Service to Chaplaincy	Charlotte Potts
Sociology	Kate Price
Spanish	Rachel Parker
Student Librarian Award	Abigail Olsen
Textiles	Rachel Parker
Work Related Learning	Shannon Dunkeld

### Head Teacher's Award

These girls have been recommended to the Head Teacher for All Round Academic Effort and Achievement:

Sonal Mendonca	Meriel Smithson
Emma Wilkinson	Sarah Hill
Kate Hamilton	Megan Bennett
Dana Lim	Kaitlin Common
Rachel Parker	Chloe Connelly
Alexa Clark	Lara Reed
Kate Lormor	Catherine Taylor
Annmary Roy	Lucy Ellis
Sandra Sibby	Alex Watson
Alexandra Pearson	

# Pastoral Year 12-13

## Sixth Form

Congratulations to Year 13 pupils who will be leaving us this Summer and in particular to those who will be receiving awards at the Leavers' Presentation on June 25th.

Rose Murray Award for English Literature	Siobhan Stobbs
Sr Wilfrid Award for English Language	Ellen Colling
Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics	Faye Havelock
Antonian Award for Biology	Amy Harrison-Potts
Glenda Griffiths Award for Business	Nikki Javilagon & Bridgette Dobinson
Joanne Reah Award for Art	Judeanne Cuya & Jessica Gibbons
Angela Gardiner Award for M.F.L.	Sophie Coates
Lily Bowl - Childcare	Danielle Rayne
Mozart Music Cup	Catherine Northorpe
St Anthony's Award for Classical Civilisation	Faye Dixon & Alex Bowey
St Anthony's Award for Chemistry	Hayley Boal
St Anthony's Award for Design Technology	Jennifer Cain
St Anthony's Award for Economics	Bethany Thompson
St Anthony's Award for Food	Rachael Howey
St Anthony's Award for Further Mathematics	Sarah Norman
St Anthony's Award for Geography	Laura Routledge
St Anthony's Award for History	Emma Marshall
St Anthony's Award for Human Biology	Megan Reed
St Anthony's Award for I.C.T.	Jessica Cauchi
St Anthony's Award for Interactive Media	Krisnel Payumo
St Anthony's Award for Law	Catherine Evans
St Anthony's Award for Media	Jessica Robinson
St Anthony's Award for Photography	Samantha Beaney

St Anthony's Award for Physics	Agnieszka Lewandowska
St Anthony's Award for Politics	Lindsey Marshall & Emma Mullin
St Anthony's Award for Psychology	Katie Barraclough
St Anthony's Award for Sociology	Leila Nayebi
St Anthony's Award for Sport and P.E.	Anna Chisholm
St Anthony's Award for Textiles	Isabella Palacz
St Anthony's Award for Theology	Rebecca Donegan

### Head Teacher's Awards for:

Service to School	Rachel Allen Hayley Boal Ella Clasper Judeanne Cuya Alex Earl Jessica Gibbons Catherine Northorpe Krisnel Payumo Charlotte Riley Kate Rutherford
Service to Community	Kayleigh Appleton Megan Clark Georgia Green Jessica Haswell Amanda Kalansooriya Lucy Murdy Ellye Robinson Abigail Smith Alin Toji Emily Wood
Eileen Welch Award for overall contribution to the Sixth Form	Sarah Norman

Academy Awards for overall academic achievement	Natalie Bailey Katie Barraclough Hayley Boal Anna Chisholm Amy Harrison-Potts Faye Havelock Agnieszka Lewandowska Emma Marshall Lindsey Marshall Beth McCluskey Sarah Norman Catherine Northorpe Krisnel Payumo Danielle Rayne Laura Routledge Laura Straughair Bethany Thompson
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Reverend Mother's Awards to the Sixth Form Council	Rebecca Donegan Anna Finuliar Callie Foreman Hannah Foster Paige Greener Beth Mitchell Zoe Mitchie Lucy Murdy Laura Routledge Hannah Spooner Siobhan Stobbs Bethany Thompson
Deputy Head Girl	Bridgette Dobinson
Head Girl	Imogen Simpson

On May 3rd, Year 13 had a very moving Presentation Mass led by Father McCoy followed by a buffet lunch. On May 24th, their last 'official' day in school, we marked the occasion with a special farewell assembly by Mrs Smith (which had us all in tears!), individual flowers given by the Form Tutors and some fantastic cakes baked by Mrs Whitehouse - chef in the making!

Year 13 can hardly believe that, at long last, they have finished their exams and can now look forward to the delights of the Ball and their Leavers' Presentation.



Year 13 have been an excellent Year group and we thank them for all they have done for the school, in particular: the Sixth Form Council, Head Girl Imogen Simpson and Deputy Head Girl Bridgette Dobinson. We wish everyone success and happiness in the future.

Year 12 are also congratulating themselves on having finished their first year in the Sixth Form.

Emily Best (left) has been elected to the role of Head Girl and Alice Fairweather (right) has been elected as



Deputy Head Girl. Congratulations to both girls - we are sure they will do a wonderful job.

This year has seen the launch of the Youth Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Year 12. Over 60 pupils signed up and projects have included fundraising, prayer meetings and welcoming at a Diocesan Mass.

Inspired by a visit from Sister Michael (past Head Teacher), who came in to talk about human trafficking, a group of pupils, led by Mrs. F Collins have set up their own action group based on the principles of the 'Medaille Trust'. Year 8 pupils led by Mrs. A. Laydon will be coming to Gabriel House to work on joint projects with the Sixth Form, including a letter-writing campaign and poster-making to raise awareness of the issue throughout the school.



Some of the Y12 'Medaille Group': Sophie Proud, Hannah Murphy, Jasmine Kaur, Imogen Fife, Nashia Khatun and Charlotte Robson.

As part of their community volunteering work, members of the Youth SVP, along with Mrs Collins and Mrs Lanaghan, have been taking part in social time twice a week at The Little Sisters of the Poor residential care home in Sunderland, where activities have included bowling, aerobics and make-overs!



Kate Bell getting some bowling tips!

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Samantha Hessewood, Abigail Witt, Katie Campbell and Anna Watson having tea with residents.



Sophie Wearmouth (right) along with Lucy Healer Y11 (left) pictured with Bishop Seamus at the Catenians Annual Public Speaking Competition in March, where they represented the school.

Since September there have been many events organised to help Year 12 to make the all important decision of which course to study at university. We have had various academics from the local universities come in and talk to pupils about a range of course options such as midwifery, nursing, physiotherapy, law and primary education.

Pupils have also been given the opportunity to attend Master classes in a variety of subjects as well as attending preparation classes for the UKCAT and LNAT tests. Many took the opportunity to shadow an undergraduate for a day and also shadow consultants, specialist nurses and midwives at Sunderland Royal Hospital.

The Sixth Form has also been very busy fundraising for various charities. At Christmas they collected for the Coming Home Campaign and during Lent an amazing **£759.93** was raised for St. Cuthbert's Care; a group of Year 12 girls went as helpers to

the Good Shepherd Mass which was subsequently held at the Little Sisters. Overall this year, the Sixth Form has collected **£1,290.29** for charity. Well done, Sixth Form!

In June we are again taking part in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership 'University Challenge.' Our team is nearly chosen and are spending hours learning facts and figures. This year we are determined to try and win!



Our potential team 'practising'!

We would like to add a word of thanks to Mrs. A. Wilkinson, the Sixth Form Secretary, who helps the Sixth Form run smoothly in so many ways: sticking plasters for sore heels, timetable queries, financial advisor, nurse, counsellor, and so much more - for pupils and for staff...



As you can see, the Sixth Form is a very busy place to be in! We are looking forward to an even more exciting year next year and we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone, "A very happy holiday. See you next year!"

Mrs. A. Robley Head of Sixth Form, Mrs. F. Collins Head of Year 12, Mrs. H. Smith Head of Year 13.

## Science

### Sustainability

#### Good news

We have just found out that our Sustainability work has been successful in being nominated for an award. This is through the Association of Independent Academies. We are one of the three academies nominated across the country from a record number of applications. Fingers crossed for the Awards ceremony in London on July 4th! It will be like the Oscars!

#### Living Streets

The group are once again involved in planning the transition visits for Year 6 pupils. They will give presentations to our new starters and distribute the Walking Guide to St. Anthony's which they produced last year. They have successfully worked on the issue of travel to school again this year and worked on questionnaires to all Year groups to raise awareness and perhaps change attitudes. They gave out rewards at the school gate for pupils walking and distributed postcards in assemblies.

#### Chernobyl Children's Charity

There were special assemblies to mark the Anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear power station disaster. Girls from the Sixth Form, Year 11 and Year 8 were very generous. The money raised will help pay for recuperative holidays in Teesdale. Children and their mothers come over from Belarus for three weeks. The children are in remission, having been treated for cancers linked to the radioactive contamination from the nuclear accident. Many thanks to all those who have donated money to this worthy cause.

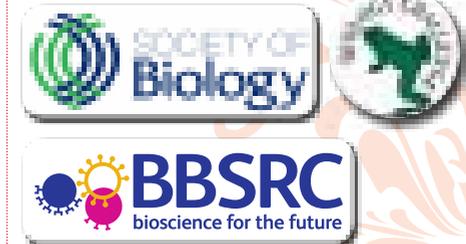
#### The response of Glaciers to Climate Change

Mrs. Charlton has been involved in a collaborative project between the Climate Change Lead Schools, NERC and Durham University. Teachers from three schools and a university lecturer met to produce a scheme of work, teaching materials and

experiments to be used in Geography or Science lessons. This cross-curricular material will be available to interested schools.



#### Biology Challenge 2013



The Biology Challenge is open to all Year 9 and 10 pupils in Great Britain and is an online competition which consists of two 30-minute papers taken in March. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are available and there is also the opportunity for top scoring pupils to be presented with prizes at an awards ceremony at the Royal Society in London. The competition aims to encourage an interest in Biology beyond the school curriculum by stimulating curiosity in the natural world and acts as a junior version of the British Biology Olympiad.

Questions are set on the topics covered in Biology, but the Biology Challenge also rewards pupils whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes and taking

notice of the news media for items of biological interest; pupils who are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. This year St. Anthony's was one of 538 schools that registered for the Biology Challenge joining almost 31,000 pupils who took part nationally.

Eight Year 9 pupils and forty-six Year 10 pupils from St. Anthony's took part for the first time this year and demonstrated their wide knowledge of Biology. All pupils did very well but a special mention must be given to **Jennifer Welsh** in Year 9 who achieved a **Gold award**. Four Year 10 pupils also did brilliantly and achieved Bronze awards; Kate Thynne, Bethany Richardson, Gabrielle Kay and Emily Fox.

In addition, 16 students just missed out on Bronze gaining Highly Commended marks; Eloise Applegarth, Emily Chisholm, Ella Farrell, Emma Ford, Savannah Lawrence, Kate MacKinnon, Georgia McCluskey, Megan Quinn, Eve Watson, Chloe Fairweather, Anna Foster, Jessica Phipps, Claudia Spoor, Emily Woodley, Ann Andreas, and Jessica Aldiss. A further 16 students achieved Commended marks; Livia Scott, Anya Mason, Lauren Broom, Rachel Lim, Lucy Tilbury, Olivia Chisholm, Rebecca Dixon, Faye Huntley, Sophie Jackson, Hannah Laverick, Leilla Stewart, Kate Summerson, Carmel Moran, Annabel Barnes, Ellie Patterson and Eve Walker.



Photo L to R: Jennifer Welsh (Year 9) who achieved a Gold award, Kate Thynne, Bethany Richardson, Gabrielle Kay and Emily Fox (Year 10) who achieved Bronze awards

Well done to everyone who took part and did so well for our first attempt, I am sure that the Biology Challenge will become a popular yearly event.

## Biology Olympiad 2013



The British Biology Olympiad challenges and stimulates pupils with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. In offering a wider syllabus than A-level, it allows pupils to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded and publicly recognised by the award of medals, certificates and other prizes. It is hoped that competing in the Olympiad will encourage pupils already interested in this valuable, wide-ranging and rewarding subject to continue their study beyond A-level.

Seven Year 13 Biology pupils; Anna Chisholm, Amy Harrison-Potts, Hayley Boal, Laura Routledge, Katie Barraclough, Sarah Norman and Imogen Simpson took part in the British Biology Olympiad for the first time this year. The two-hour-long multiple choice test was taken on-line in the first week of February and was set by the Society of Biology.

The questions tested girls on areas covered in the Advanced level specification as well as some topics beyond, aimed at more talented biologists.

## NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

The Science Department are all looking forward to our Mission on July 17th taking Year 10 to the National Space Centre in Leicester.

We will also visit the adjacent Victorian Water Works.

### Mission Objectives

Scientific: Learn more about Earth, Planets, Space, Life, the Universe and Everything Historical: Appreciate the importance of clean water to the progress of Society.

I'm sure we will all enjoy the exhibits and the Planetarium show - 'We are Aliens'.



Some questions were basic recall but the majority required interpretation of data and deduction. The 100 top scorers in the country were invited to take a second paper and the top sixteen would be asked to take practical tests to select a team of four to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) in Switzerland. The IBO seeks to challenge by both theory and practical tests some of the top pre-university biology pupils in the world, with 60 countries taking part.

All of our pupils did very well on a very difficult test which asked questions about subjects as diverse as plant and animal physiology, genetics and evolution, cell biology, ethology, ecology and biosystematics. Amy Harrison-Potts, Katie Barraclough and Sarah Norman just missed out on the Bronze award by a couple of marks and received Highly Commended certificates, and Hayley Boal received a Commended award. Well done to all pupils who took part.



L to R: Hayley Boal, Amy Harrison-Potts, Katie Barraclough, Sarah Norman



## PE & Sport



### Ashbrooke Road Relay

Sarah Knight, Abbie Little, Jennifer Welsh, Sophie Burnett and Alix Waites represented St. Anthony's at the Annual Ashbrooke Road Relay at Back House Park in April. The girls all ran a lap of the park each and out of 7 Schools finished in a time of 52 minutes and 17 seconds in Silver medal position. A special mention needs to go to Sarah Knight who ran the second fastest lap in Year 7 and Sophie Burnett who not only achieved the fastest lap for Year 10 but also ran the fastest lap overall. Congratulations, Girls!

### County Athletics

A number of girls from the academy's Athletics team recently qualified to represent Wearside at the County Schools Athletics Championships at Monkton Stadium, Jarrow.

In order to qualify for this competition the girls had to finish 1st or 2nd in their event at the Sunderland Schools' Championships the week earlier, so this was a fantastic achievement. The girls who qualified were:

- Katie Ash (Yr 8) – 80m Hurdles
- Sasha Hughes (Yr 8) – Javelin
- Laura Simpson (Yr 8) – High Jump
- Jennifer Welsh (Yr 9) – Discus & 1500m
- Sharlotte Baker (Yr 10) – 200m
- Hannah Martin (Yr 10) – 200m & Shot Putt
- Sophie Burnett (Yr 10) – 1500m
- Charlotte Clay (Yr 10) – 100m Hurdles
- Lucy Tilbury (Yr 10) – 800m
- Megan Tynan (Yr 10) – Discus
- Chloe Wiseman (Yr 10) – 100m
- Bethany Richardson (Yr 10) – 300m
- Meriel Smithson (Yr 11) – 3000m
- Alex Pearson (Yr 11) – 1500m
- Shannon Dunkeld (Yr 11) – Long Jump
- Sophie Moon (Yr 11) – Javelin
- Alix Waites (Yr 12) – 400m
- Abigail Smith (Yr 13) – 100m Hurdles

The pictures show some of the girls in action at the County Championships;



Hannah Martin (Yr. 10)



Alix Waites (Yr. 12)

## PE & Sport

### Inter-house Netball

All year groups participated in the Inter-House netball competition in March. The Year 11, Level 2 Sports Leaders led an extremely successful competition. Well done to all Leaders and participants. The standard of netball was excellent. The results of the competition are as follows:

#### Year Group winners

Year	Form Class
7	Saint Clare – White Team
8	Saint Angela Merici - Purple Team
9	Saint Margaret Clitheroe- Red Team
10	Saint Joan of Arc – Green Team
11	Saint Joan of Arc – Green Team
12 & 13	Saint Joan of Arc – Green Team

#### Overall Results:

Position	Team colour and saint
1st	Green – St. Joan of Arc
2nd	Purple – St. Angela Merici
3rd	Orange – St. Rita
4th	Red – St. Margaret Clitheroe
5th	Blue – St. Teresa of Avila
6th	Yellow – St. Hilda
7th	White – St. Clare

Well done 😊

#### Year 7: Inter-house Basketball

Year 7 pupils took part in an Inter-House Basketball competition. All girls involved were a credit to

their Year. The Year 10 girls taking Leadership qualifications managed and led an extremely successful competition. The level of performance was excellent. The results are as follows:

#### Overall Results: Year 7 – 13

Position	Team colour and saint
1st	Blue – St. Teresa of Avila
2nd	White - St. Clare
3rd	Orange - St. Rita
4th	Red – St. Margaret Clitheroe
5th	Yellow – St. Hilda
6th	Purple – St. Angela Merici
7th	Green – St. Joan of Arc

#### Netball Super Season Success

The St. Anthony's Netball Teams have had another excellent season with success at various competitions during the school year.

The Year 7 Netball team won the City of Sunderland Netball League; they came second in the City of Sunderland tournament and third in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership tournament.

The Year 8 Netball team won the Wearside Netball Tournament, came runners-up in the Wearside League and fourth in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament.

The Year 10 Netball team won the City of Sunderland tournament and came runners up in the City of Sunderland League.



Pictured are the Year 7 and 8 Netball teams.

Bottom row left to right – Molly Tamburrino, Olivia Holden, Sarah Knight, Emily Beadling, Charlotte Wiseman, Lily Heskett-Saddington and Sophie Alderson.

Top row left to right – Lily Frankland, Caitlin Robson, Katie Blythe, Ciara Ellis, Laura Simpson, Laura Colborn, Gemma Doddsworth, Ellie Haswell, Hannah Ridley, Abbie Little, Sasha Hughes, Rosie Dawson, Alex Laidler, Lucy Robinson, Robyn Taylor and Emily Moore.

## PE & Sport

### Sports Leaders Level 2

Well done to the Year 11 Sports Leaders on the successful completion of their Level 2 Certificate.

Over the last two years, the pupils taking this extra qualification in their core PE lessons have developed their leadership skills; through communication, officiating, motivation, planning and organisational tasks. As part of the course they have completed 10 voluntary hours, leading PE lessons in various Primary schools: (St. Cuthbert's, St. Anne's and English Martyrs.) They have taken on the role of a mentor in extra-curricular activities within the school community and have organised the Inter-House competitions for Key Stage 3 pupils.

Well done to all girls involved.

### Sunderland Schools Rounders

Congratulations to the Under 13 Rounders 'A' Team, who finished runners-up in the Sunderland Schools' Rounders League. This was a very competitive event, with 12 teams involved. The girls finished top of their pool of 6 teams, but lost by half a rounder in the final. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Abbie Little, Laura Simpson, Lucy Robinson and Rebecca Summerside. Pictured in the front row from Left to right are Charlotte McGough, Katie Ash and Emily Moore. Charlotte Galloway and Sasha Hughes were also part of the team, but are not pictured.



### Tyne and Wear Cycling Competition

A huge thanks to the twelve girls from Year 7 and 8 who competed in the Tyne and Wear Cycling Competition at Kingsmeadow School. All girls performed extremely well, resulting in Laura Simpson, Katie Ash, Sasha Hughes and Annabelle Lee (one of the Year 8 teams) being placed 2nd in the team relay. There was also an individual sprint where Laura Simpson came 2nd. This was the first cycling event in Tyne and Wear; we hope to continue to attend every year.



Team photo: (Left to right)

Sarah Knight, Abbie Little, Katie Ash, Annabelle Lee, Sasha Hughes, Laura Simpson, Emma Waterworth, Lydia Richardson-Dunn, Charlotte Wiseman, Kathrine Tan, Diana Sabu, Jaymie Britton.



## PE & Sport

### U15 Pentathlon

Year 8 and 9 girls have recently completed a Multi-Event Athletics competition held at Monkton Stadium, Jarrow. The girls had to compete in 5 events; 80m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt and 800m. This was a very gruelling day for the girls, particularly because they had to compete in events that were not their specialism. Overall there were 65 competitors and all of our girls finished in the top 40! Three of our girls finished within the top 29, with Katie Ash, 21st, Katie Popay, 22nd; and Laura Simpson, 29th.

Well done girls!



Names left to right: Sheila Cooper, Jessica Goodings, Taigan Hutchison, Ellie Foggin, Sharlotte Baker, Jessica Lloyd and Shannen Andeye.

### Year 10 BTEC Extended Certificate

Well done to the Year 10 BTEC class. They volunteered their help and support at a Key Stage 2 Tennis Festival at the Puma Centre. They adopted the roles of umpire, coach and led pupils in fun games and activities. They were an asset to the school.

Well done girls.

### City of Sunderland Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to Yasemin Strain and Bethany Ellison who reached the finals in the City of Sunderland Yr 8 Tennis Tournament. After a well fought tie break, in the final, Yasemin won 6-5. Also Jessica Richardson was placed 2nd in the City of Sunderland Yr 7 Tennis Tournament.

Well done 😊

Also, well done to both the Year 7&8 tennis teams who are currently unbeaten in the City of Sunderland League.



Left to right: Yasemin Strain – Yr 8 – 1st, Bethany Ellison – Yr 8 – 2nd, Jessica Richardson – Yr 7 – 2nd.

**Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Event at Durham University**

Year 12 Theology pupils visited Durham University to experience what it is like to be a university student. Other schools in the Diocese also attended, and the event was extremely successful and beneficial for the pupils. The day began with a lecture from Marcus Pound, followed by Professor Lewis Ayres along with his wife Medi Ann Volpe who gave a very interesting talk on the sanctity of human life.

**Sixth Form pupils attend Theology Conference at Carmel College led by Leading Philosopher and Theologian**

In March Year 12 pupils attended a Theology Conference at Carmel RC College hosted by Peter Vardy, a British academic, philosopher, theologian and author. He held the post of Vice Principal at Heythrop College, London from 1999 to 2011. Peter spoke on a variety of religious issues and how they affect lives.



The pupils explored 'good and bad religion' as well as looking into the basis of ethics, the interpretation of religious texts, science and religion, and the origins of the universe.

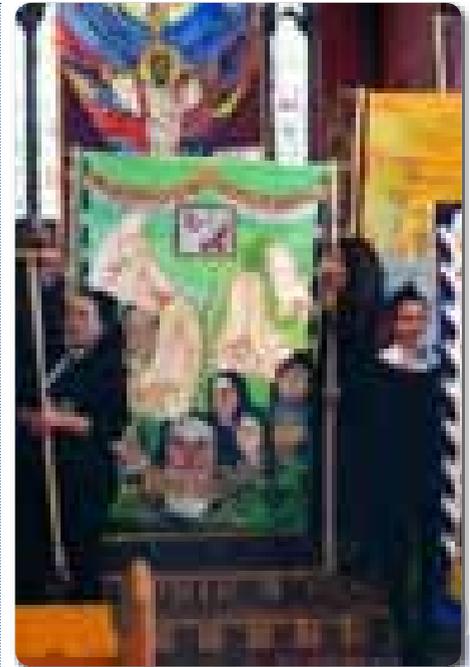
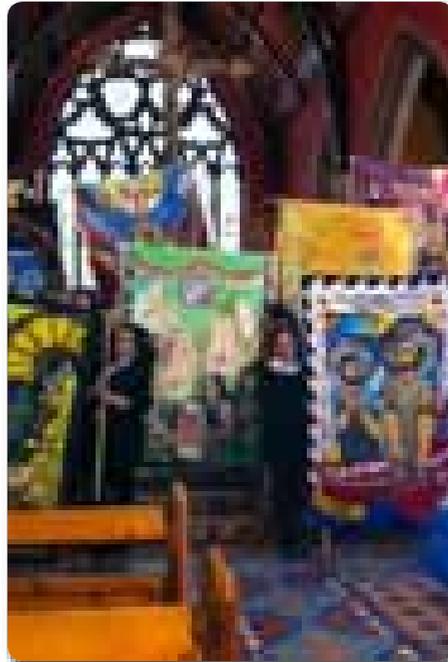
"I am trying to help the pupils to think about the issues themselves and form their own views and opinions. The issues are relevant to how they are going to live their lives. We do not tell them what to think, we are teaching them to think for themselves and develop their own thoughts and opinions on their world."

Girls found the conference extremely thought-provoking, and a great insight into the standard of debate at university level.

(Peter Vardy, Northern Echo)

Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Year of Faith Banner Mass at St. Mary's cathedral blessing and mass celebration by Bishop Seamus.

Art and RE collaborated to produce a school banner depicting the seven Saints of the House teams.



**Events in RE**

- 17th – 21st June 2013 History/RE visits to Durham Cathedral

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- 1st – 3rd July 2013 Year 9 Retreat to Catholic Youth Village

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- 8th July 2013 Deanne Van der Velde hosts Jewish workshops with Year 7 pupils



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## Sunderland Schools Slalom Races

The first Sunderland schools slalom races were held in March and an excited group of girls met very early on a Sunday morning to prepare for the races at Silksworth Dry Ski Slope. Registration and 'bib' issue was followed by 'course inspection'. For many this was the first time that they had attempted to race around poles and between gates. Nevertheless, the girls did themselves proud as they all gained respectable times and completed the course.

**Kate Lormor** won the Under -18 category and had the fastest time of the day. Well done Kate; the extra race training with Ravens really showed!



Before the Races



Team Photograph

## Italy

The destination for the ski excursion this year was Mt Civetta in the resort of Zoldo Alto. This is a fantastic but little known resort near Cortina in the Dolomites, which is one of our favourite destinations. Usually at Easter we have lots of sun but deteriorating ski conditions. This time, however, we had no sun, no views, but the most fantastic fresh powder snow every day. The skiing was perfect with wide empty slopes and just St Anthony's girls on them.

The Italian instructors were great and very impressed with the skiing ability of the girls. The end of week races were great fun with good race times and spectacular falls! – you know who you are!

Among the many activities the sledge racing and snow sculpture competitions were great fun with some bizarre creations!

We stayed at the very friendly Hotel Cristelin and since we had arrived in their annual week-long celebration of Ice Cream which was invented in



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this Valley. Our host, Attilio, served us amazing home-made Italian ice cream from his grandfather's cart.

Our day in Venice was very exciting. When we arrived there St Mark's Square was completely flooded. By midday the waters had receded and the girls had a great time shopping and sight-seeing.

The whole visit was a fantastic experience and, as usual, the girls of St Anthony's were a credit to their families and the Academy.

Many thanks to Mrs Shepherd for supporting the Ski Excursion and to all the Ski Staff who worked so hard to make it a success.



## CONGRATULATIONS to SOPHIE NEWTON

Sophie was awarded the Victrix Ludorum at the Antonian Awards.



A major factor was her dedication to Ski Club over the past 6 years in school. Sophie started in Year 7 as a complete beginner and has since progressed to be a very confident and skilful skier.

She has travelled to Italy, Switzerland, Austria and California to increase her skills on snow and has also joined the Sunderland Ravens race training club to perfect her slalom technique. She skis every Friday with Ski Club and is a great example in demonstrating moves to the younger skiers.

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## Swaziland



Once again we are busy preparing for our annual visit to Manzini in Swaziland, Africa. We look forward to meeting friends old and new and we know that we will have so much to tell you on our return. Look out for the next edition of Spotlight to share our news.

## Roker Beach

Experiencing the extremes of our British weather – Gale force winds and flooding at Roker Beach!



In September 2012 we were delighted to welcome Khanyisile and Siphishle to England.

Both are teachers at Enjabulweni Bridging School where as visitors, we help teach each year. They had a fantastic trip, going to places of local interest in the North East as well as visiting other supporters of Manzini Youth Care in Oxford and London.

Many thanks to the Head Teachers and teaching staff from the following schools for giving them an amazing experience of the English Education System. They returned home with so many wonderful ideas to try out in their own school.

Marton Manor Primary School Middlesbrough

St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

St. Benet's Primary School Fulwell

St. John Boste Primary School Washington

St. Leonard's Primary School Silksworth

Many thanks to Reverend Mother and the Sisters of Mercy for sharing 'a Good Cup of Tea' with our Swazi friends in Oaklea Convent. They really enjoyed their experience and were fascinated with the history of the Sisters of Mercy and their Mercy Mission since their arrival in Sunderland in 1843. This year The Sisters of Mercy celebrate **170 years** in Sunderland. Congratulations from everyone here at St. Anthony's and our thanks for bringing Catholic education to many generations of girls and young women.



This year we will be visiting the newly opened Girls' home Litsemba Lemphilo, meaning Hope for Life. The home takes care of young girls who have been abused, giving them a safe place to stay whilst providing support, and meeting all of their needs, including education.

We are really looking forward to supporting this new project and being given the opportunity to **'Show concern for the poor especially for women and girls'** as set out in our School Mission Statement.

We will also be visiting The Boys' Homes, McCorkindale Children's Village, Hope House for the Sick, the Community Soup Kitchens run by MYC, the Skills and Study Centres, Imvelo Jewellery Factory, the Jam and Honey Factory and much, much more.

There are so many people who continue to support this project.

We would like to extend to you all a huge **THANK YOU**. You are making an amazing difference in so many ways.



Photograph Courtesy of the Sunderland Echo

During their visit to St. Anthony's Khanyisile and Siphishle met with the pupils and staff going out to Swaziland in 2013. We look forward in anticipation to working alongside the pupils and staff at Enjabulweni Bridging School in July.



Father Larry McDonnell returned to Manzini Youth Care last summer after completing two years parish work in Johannesburg. Welcome back Fr Larry, and many congratulations from all here at St Anthony's on celebrating your Golden Jubilee – 50 years as a Salesian priest!

It was in 1978 that Fr Larry took his first 'Street Boys' into his care and Manzini Youth Care became a charitable organisation. Many hundreds of young people who have been and are still on the margins of society have benefited from the support provided by MYC. We look forward to sharing your friendship for many more years to come.

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**OUTSTANDING** Achievement

**OUTSTANDING** Teaching and Learning

**OUTSTANDING** Behaviour and Safety

**OUTSTANDING** Leadership and Management

**OUTSTANDING** for Overall Effectiveness

## Important Key Dates 2013 - 14

Important Summer Dates:	
Thursday 18th July	End of term for pupils 3.30pm
Friday 19th July	Staff Training Day
Monday 22nd July to Friday 26th July	Summer School Year 6 (Booking Essential) – 10am to 4pm
Thursday 15th August	A level Results Day Y13 – 8.30am AS level Results Day Y12 – 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd August	GCSE Results Day Y11 – 10.30am GCSE Results Day Y10 – 1.30pm
In registers at the start of Term September	GCSE Results Y9
Friday 23rd August	Registration Day Y12 – 9.00am
Monday 2nd September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd September	Start of Term Y7-Y12 – 8.45am
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Term Y13 – 8.45am

EXAMS 2013-14	
<b>November Session</b>	
Tuesday 5 November – Wednesday 13 November	GCSE English/Maths, Functional Skills Eng/Maths
Thursday 9 January	Results
<b>January Session</b>	
Thursday 23 January	Functional Skills English
Thursday 6 March	Results
<b>March Session</b>	
Monday 3 March	Functional Skills English
Tuesday 4 March	Functional Skills Maths
Thursday 17 April	Results
<b>Summer Session</b>	
Thurs 8 May to Tues 24 June	Examinations
Thursday 14 Aug - GCE	Results
Thursday 21 Aug - GCSE	Results



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