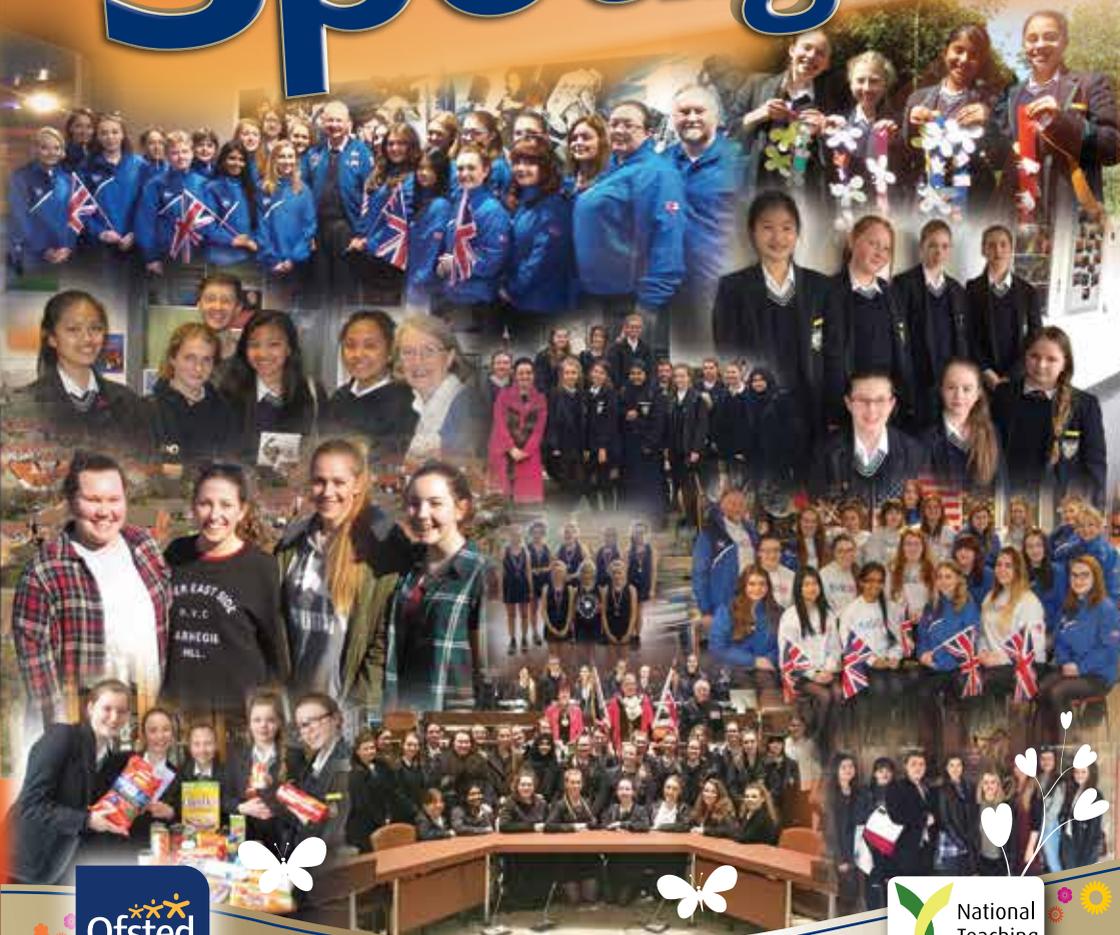




# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

*A Mercy Academy committed to excellence*

# Spotlight



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# Welcome to Spotlight on St Anthony's

Dear Parent,

As another busy school year ends and we also near the completion of the phased redevelopment of the academy site. Kier (the contractor) have been working very hard to complete the refurbishment of Westburn house, Somerleyton house and the cottage. They are also constructing a new four-court sports hall and a dance studio, as well as creating landscaping, games pitches and car parking.

We are very much looking forward to the completion of the project and to welcoming the whole community to opening events which are being planned, following the completion of two years of hard work from all concerned.





I would like to thank, and pay tribute to, the girls, the staff, our parents and our neighbours for their forbearance during the construction project. Undertaking such a large building project was never going to be easy. However, the girls and staff desperately needed the updated facilities. The vast majority of the new school site will be open in September with a small amount of work in Somerleyton house on-going next term.



Wishing all staff and students who are leaving us this Summer a very happy and healthy future and we thank them for their commitment and service to the school community, for some over many decades. We also wish all girls, staff and parents a peaceful and restful summer holiday when it arrives!

Yours sincerely,

**M. Shepherd (Mrs.)**  
Head Teacher

# The Antonian



The annual Antonian Awards took place on Thursday 17th March to celebrate the success and achievements of pupils from Art, Music, Sport & PE, Drama and Technology. All pupils, parents and guests were invited to a formal dinner and presentation evening at the Roker Hotel. The evening was, once again, a great success! The nominated pupils received certificates and a specially designed 'Antonian Award' from the Art and Design and Technology departments.

The evening welcomed past St. Anthony's pupils to present awards and certificates to the winners and runners up. For Art we welcomed Judeanne Cuya, Music; Megan Barton-Gray, for Sport; Jessica Hall, for Drama; Hannah Trotter and for Technology; Eve Purdy. Well done to all nominees, runners up and winners.



# Awards 2016



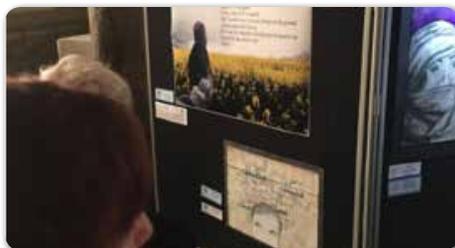
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# Art & Photography

## Catholic Partnership Durham Cathedral Exhibition

The Durham Cathedral Art Exhibition is quickly becoming one of the highlights of the academic calendar and this year was no exception. We had a range of artworks produced as a response to the theme of 'Mercy'. Once again the interpretation of the theme was broad, creative, and yielded some very interesting and engaging results. Each of the girls who took part should feel very proud and the feedback from other students, parents, staff and members of the general public has been exceptional. The Head of the Catholic Partnership, Mr Madeley, spoke to one man who wanted to pass on "heartfelt thanks for making our visit so special" on his and his family's return to the North East after visiting the Exhibition. I'm sure this sentiment was shared by a substantial number of people who visited the cathedral. The Exhibition was a great success and bodes well for the future talent here at St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. The Exhibition is a great opportunity and experience which the girls can now put towards their future artistic success. Below are some images taken on the opening night of the Exhibition by the Catholic Partnership Photography Team. If this looks like the sort of work you would be interested in producing, or the sort of event you would like to take part in, please see a member of the Art Department staff.



# Art & Photography

## Catholic Partnership Life Drawing at Sunderland University with Year 12

Earlier in the academic year our Year 12 fine artists took on the challenge of completing a full day's workshop drawing the figure and portraits. These two subjects are notoriously difficult to handle but the outcomes produced by our students were exceptional. They have followed the footsteps of past students who have undertaken these classes, put on by the Catholic Partnership and Sunderland University, and have produced excellent work.

The day was a great success and it gave the girls a chance to explore a variety of drawing materials from pencils to pastels, as well as refining their observational skills whilst looking at a live model, producing several figurative and portrait sketches. This work will be used to boost their A Level marks and give our students valuable experience of what Art at university level entails. Perhaps, more importantly, it was good fun! As is so often the case with Art, the day was sadly over too soon; however, the girls have a fantastic grounding in figurative drawing to bring back into their class work portfolios, and this experience is one which will not be forgotten quickly.



At the end of the day, the girls were very appreciative of their experience and thanks must go to the excellent organisation of both the Catholic Partnership and Sunderland University.

If this sounds like the sort of work that you would be interested in, please see one of the members of the Art staff who will advise you on the rich array of projects and areas of study available to you within the world of Art, Design and Photography.

## Art and Photography Representation at the Antonian Awards

This year's Antonian Awards continued the successful recognition of students' work in the Art and Photography categories where, as a department, we had a record number of applications for the awards on offer. It is always an extremely difficult task to narrow down a field of exceptional students to two runners-up and a winner, due to the fabulous array of talent we have here at St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. The night was a huge success and the whole evening celebrated the hard work of our creative students in Art and Photography. The department was also represented by Judeanne Cuya, a former student here at St. Anthony's who excelled at Art, and who continues to develop as a practising artist at University. She credits a lot of her success to the work and knowledge she gained from the Art Department here in school and was delighted to see and congratulate the potential artists and craftspeople of the future. We are exceptionally proud of all students nominated and we know a lot of them will appear again in future Awards Evenings. If you have produced great work in Art or Photography, or if you would like to know more about either subject, please contact a member of the Art and Photography Department for further details about courses, options and projects.

# Art & Photography

## Saatchi Gallery Competition

This year the Saatchi Gallery in London is holding a competition for all students across the UK. It is a chance for students to showcase their work on the Saatchi Gallery website, and if they are successful, to have their work exhibited in the gallery space in London as well as receiving a cash prize. Below is a snap shot of the work entered by a range of students, all of which is of a high standard and the girls should be very proud to have the work submitted. Good luck to all of the girls. If this looks like the sort of work you would be interested in producing, no matter what age, please see a member of the Art Department.

Kareen Nkomo - Year 13



Sarah Knight - Year 10



Eve Watson - Year 13



Jasmine Staples - Year 10



# Art & Photography

## Super Sisters!

Congratulations to our super sisters Lilly and Emmie Thompson for their artistic efforts and creative outcomes.

Lilly (Year 10) has shown a keen eye for photography and has already had past success in the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Exhibition two years running. Her work has also been featured in the Sunderland Echo and she has already held her first solo exhibition at the Customs House in South Shields. She has an up-coming exhibition at the Arts Centre in Washington entitled "School Days" held in the Granary Gallery from 13th May to 25th June 2016. This will be a fantastic display of creativity and a great opportunity for the general public to experience some of the talent we have here at St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. On top of this she was also a winner of the Youth Arts Exhibition in the 11-14 age category. Her winning photograph is part of the exhibition which will run from 15th January to 27th February 2016. As a result of her success she will now attend a celebration at the Stadium of Light to receive a Sunderland Young Achievers Art Award.



Emmie (Year 11) is also a keen artist, producing several excellent paintings, drawings and even animated films. She has a back catalogue of awards stemming from her time in Year 7 through to her current and most recent projects which include designing new workplaces for the Nissan plant here in Sunderland, winning two Sunderland Young Achievers Awards, having her work exhibited twice at the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Exhibition in Durham Cathedral and winning a Google backed e-safety competition where her animations were used as an educational film. This resource is now available for all schools across the UK. Emmie continues to seek out new opportunities in order to broaden her artistic range, experience and skill, recently embarking on a work placement at Kuro Dragon Animation in the Northern Design Centre, Gateshead, in order to receive some invaluable work experience in animation, a career Emmie would like to pursue in the future.

Perhaps the strongest aspect of the girl's performance however, comes when they put both of their creative talents together and work as a team. The girls have worked tirelessly on an animation called "Mitchell Goldfield". This was hand drawn, frame by frame, without any guidance or previous experience. The girls submitted this animation to the Berwick-Upon-Tweed Film and Media Arts Festival and to their surprise they won the Young Filmmakers Award. Since then the animation has become an award winning sensation travelling across the UK to several exhibitions in Northern and Southern Ireland, the BFI on London's Southbank, South Shields Customs House, Leeds Young Film Festival, and the girls have even walked the red carpet in Leister Square at the INTO Film Awards held at the prestigious Empire Theatre. Recently they have been selected as finalists in the 2016 Journal Culture Awards. The awards will take place on 26th April at Sunderland Minster. The girls say "We feel honoured to be nominated for a Journal Culture Award. Being a part of something that celebrates Art and Culture in our local area is a massive achievement for both of us". Well done girls; and keep up the hard work!

The future looks very bright for these two creative stars, so if you have a creative story or have achieved something within the field of Art, Design or Photography please let the Art Department know.



# Business & Economics



Real Business Challenge  
2015/16

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St Anthony's was the only school from Sunderland to make it to the regional finals.

## Year 7 Enterprise Competition

A large group of year 7 pupils took part in an enterprise competition where teams set up mini-enterprises selling Christmas-themed products with the money raised going to the charity Lepra. The girls came up with creative ideas for products, sold the products at a sales event, created sales stands and gave a presentation about their experience. It was extremely difficult to make a decision as all girls involved did an amazing job; but the winning group was 'The Wishful Thinkers' with team members: Michelle Lim, Katie Craig, Beth Connors, Lucy Jones, Jennifer Kirsop, Madaline Forbister and Emily Cowie.

The team produced an outstanding product mix, including knitted sweet-filled Christmas puddings, rice-filled decorated snowmen, decorated boxes of sweets, cocoa and marshmallow reindeers, and star-shaped cookies. Their sales stand and presentation displayed effective organisational and teamwork skills.



Thank you to all girls that took part in the competition and raised money for Lepra; it was an outstanding effort by all.

Charlotte Burnham, Olivia Robertson, Morgan Thompson, Ellie Thompson and Aman Heer worked very hard on the design challenge which secured their place.

Pupils worked with business mentors and representatives from Coca Cola, designing a local tidy campaign and a smart app. The girls had the daunting task of presenting their ideas to everyone. The challenge was difficult but a brilliant insight into the world of business and enterprise. Well done girls.

## Micro Tyco – Wild Heart Challenge and Deloitte

A group of enthusiastic Year 12 students took up the Wild Heart Micro Tyco Challenge. They were given £1 start-up fund and had to use their initiative to invest it appropriately to raise as much money as possible. By starting up a cake business as well as a number of other business ventures, the girls were able to raise over £500, which has been sent to Wild Heart.



Wild Heart supports people in the Third World by providing them with business loans (just over £200) to set up and run their own businesses. Women generally take advantage of this opportunity, in order to set up a business to support their families. Unbelievably, 75% of women throughout the world do not have access to money and/or banking facilities. The businesses are generally small but effective, like beekeeping/honey-making and clothes alteration services, which allows them to pay their rent, clothe their children, pay for medical care, and also to employ other people and make a difference to their local community.

Toni Bevan, Samantha Chapman, Alyanna Eligio, Georgia Herron and Tayla Wilkinson all completed the challenge and submitted their diaries to finalise the competition. Their diaries highlighted their determination and their problem-solving skills as they faced a number of barriers to the challenge which they had to overcome, as well as demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills. As a result of their hard work all five students have successfully gained a work experience placement at Deloitte (one of the UK's biggest accountancy firms) in the Summer. This is an amazing achievement and a great reward for all of their hard work.

# Careers

## Careers

Year 9 had a fantastic afternoon at the 'Introduction to Nursing' Event at Sunderland University. They had the opportunity to participate in interactive activities such as: taking the pulse, checking the heart rate, and being introduced to the SIM MAN! by Michael Collins, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Studies. A great opportunity to check vital signs!

Year 10 are looking forward to their Work Experience 11th – 15th July. Once again, this year sees a huge range of opportunities for the students to demonstrate their skills and show their talents in the workplace.



**Work Discovery  
Week commencing  
Monday 11th JULY  
2016**

Work Discovery Week will launch with a Careers Fair on Monday 11th July. This is open to all students and parents/carers from 4pm onwards at The Stadium of Light.

There are a whole host of upcoming events – including an Education Sector Day at Sunderland University, a Nissan Visit, and a Discovering Physiotherapy event.



## UK Youth Parliament Elections

The whole school has participated in the voting for this year's UKYP. All pupils were given ballot papers and given the opportunity to choose the candidate they felt would serve the young people best in Sunderland. Our very own Rachel Krajevskva (Year 11), one of the candidates, came into Assemblies to talk about the elections and gave her reasons why she should be elected. Good Luck Rachel!

# Childcare



YR12 Student Emma Harrison accompanied her Reception Class from St. Anne's to Whitehouse Farm



She is hard at work with her target child to improve her mathematical, language and numeracy skills.

In Tavistock Nursery, Seaham, Shannen is working in the babies' room. She is learning how to promote their fine motor skills after carefully observing their development and recording their progress, she will share this with staff and parents.

We wish the Year 13s every success with their chosen careers, some are going into the world of work within the childcare sector and others will be attending university.



Beth Noble is off to Durham to study Primary Education and others will also be following this course in a range of universities. Megan has chosen to study Speech and Language Therapy, whilst Beth Kennedy is part of the first cohort of the new Adult Nursing Degree at Sunderland University in conjunction with the NHS.

Year 13 have been making displays at their placements. Emma Kelly has worked hard to showcase the children's work which reflects their learning from the activities she has planned and carried out safely.



## Laura is getting ready to change nappies in Dame Dorothy Day Care!!

Under careful supervision from qualified staff, Laura is keen to learn the care routines needed to keep babies safe and happy.



# Childcare

Year 11 Child Development students have completed all their course work and some of the class are now eagerly awaiting results to begin to study this subject in more depth at 6th Form.

Many of them have already experienced working in a childcare setting and already know what lies ahead for two days a week in schools and nurseries.

In preparation for their chosen work experience in a variety of childcare establishments, the current year 10 students have been learning how children play, hopefully this will help them to enjoy and learn from their work experience.



Year 12 Child Development students have the opportunity to learn a little Makaton to help them to communicate with the students at Portland Academy where they help to set up and host the Christmas party.



# Chaplaincy

## Youth Council

Our talented and enthusiastic team of volunteers on the Diocesan Youth Council experienced a wonderful residential weekend at the Youth Village sharing with their peers and the Bishop their hopes and dreams for the future of the Church in our diocese.



## Stations of the Cross

Reflections on the journey Jesus made on Good Friday were explored in a new and creative way, whilst students walked to various prayer stations around school.



## Year of Mercy

To mark the Year of Mercy a "Mini-Mission" Mass was celebrated with students from all thirteen Deanery Schools at St. Benet's Church on 20th May. Young people presented banners and candles to mark this joyous occasion.

## John Paul 2nd Gold Award

Truly motivated Year 12 and 13 students are aiming high and "clocking up" their hours of service in the Community and in their Churches. Some are involved in visiting the elderly, packing bags at the Salvation Army food bank, supporting the Journey in Faith, the Children's Liturgy, and taking part in the annual Walk of Witness to Tunstall Hill on Good Friday.



# Chaplaincy

## Good Shepherd Mass

The annual Good Shepherd Mass this year was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, where students from St. Anthony's joined with other diocesan schools to offer their support for the works of St. Cuthbert's Care. An amazing total of £1,856.55 from

St. Anthony's was presented to the Bishop at the Mass and all enjoyed the celebration.



## Believe in Sunderland – Sunday 5th June

Young ladies from Years 7 and 9 worked alongside the Chaplaincy team to engage those attending this "Connect Network" event. We invited passers-by to place their hopes and dreams for Sunderland on the butterflies provided and to peg them to the rainbow ribbons. It was a wonderful opportunity to network with all the Church Groups in the city. Our students did St. Anthony's proud! Well done!



## Easter Assemblies

Easter Assemblies for the "Year of Mercy" were led by students from across the school who are engaged in a variety of splendid works of mercy and service. They spoke with eloquence and sang like angels! Well done!



## Shared Worship Experience

A travelling musician, Pete McAllen, visited St. Joseph's, Hebburn on 18th May from 5-7p.m. to share his worship music. We were invited to the event along with other students from local High Schools and enjoyed a very inspiring evening much appreciated by Year 11 students, Thea Bolante, Raven Sue Farong-Ey, Nikki O'Hara and Pauline Ibarra.



## SVP Mini Vinnies

A rapidly growing group of Youth SVP meet weekly for prayer and action for all those in need. Food is collected for the diocesan Justice and Peace Asylum Seeker group in Newcastle, and for the food bank in Southwick. Girls are busy preparing for the transition days on 4th – 6th July in order to welcome the new Year 6 students and promote their work of caring for those in greatest need.

# Design Technology & Computing

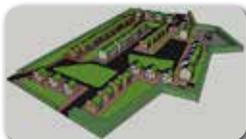
## Design Club – Wonder Towns Challenge



The Design Club has had a very busy 2016 so far; the members are pictured (opposite) at The New College, Durham, with Miss Hunter. This was in March, where they attended a morning of presentations lead by experts from the construction industry, such as civil engineers, architects, town planners and various contractors from Gentoo.

Using the information from the presentations, the girls completed over a period of several Thursday lunchtimes in the DT department, a huge amount of hard work. This was submitted in a presentation format to the competition organiser – Construction Industry Council.

The girls developed their own construction company, named 'Padua Construction,' which made strong links to our school. The girls also designed the company logo (pictured above) and all the branding, as well as an engineered plan of a new housing estate located on a local brownfield site in Sunderland. They also developed architectural drawings of the two different types of modular housing and brought it all together with a detailed CAD model (pictured right) of the whole estate.



The girls are still waiting to hear from the competition organisers to see if they have been successful and shortlisted for the final which will be held on 29th of June! Good luck, girls!

## Design Club – Jamie's Italian Competition

The members of the Design Club are currently working on their entry to submit to Jamie Oliver's interior design competition which requires students to locate a disused local building and transform it into a unique Jamie's Italian restaurant!

So far the girls have identified the Old Elvet Swimming Baths in Durham as an ideal location: close to the city centre and shops, and easily accessible.

The plan is to transform this beautiful old building into a multi-levelled eatery that will be a busy family restaurant by day, and will have a more romantic ambience by night.

The kitchen will be visible from all tables, with an authentic clay pizza oven at the centre of what was the deep end of the pool!

We are hoping to organise a visit to the old Swimming Baths before the end of this term.

The Design Club girls look forward to sharing their final entry materials with everyone in the next Spotlight update!



# Design Technology & Computing

## Industrial Cadets

During March a group of 16 Year 9 students attended a week long Industrial Cadets course at The Skills Academy for Sustainable Manufacturing and Innovation, a part of Gateshead College based at Nissan.

During the week the students were introduced to many techniques used in industry when mass-producing products to ensure that the products are made quickly, and to the required quality standards.

The task involved two teams setting themselves up as a production line to see how long it took them to produce 15 model cars, which were then tested for quality. At the start of the week the students were taking nearly an hour to make one car, but by applying what they learned during the week, by the end of it, the teams managed to achieve the task of producing 15 cars on a production line in 45 minutes!

All the girls taking part gained the Silver Industrial Cadets award as well as valuable UCAS points which they can use in the future to help their university applications.



Planning their production



Timing one of the production tasks



Making the cars

## Formula 1 in Schools 2016

On March 14th, two teams of Year 7 students attended the Formula 1 in Schools Technology Challenge event at the Nissan car plant. The teams had been preparing for several months for the challenge, and had designed and made a compressed gas racing car, made a pit area display and prepared a design portfolio and a power point presentation of their work. The two teams, Formulaettes and I and I both did exceptionally well on the day, producing competitive race times, and performing very well when presenting their work to the judges.

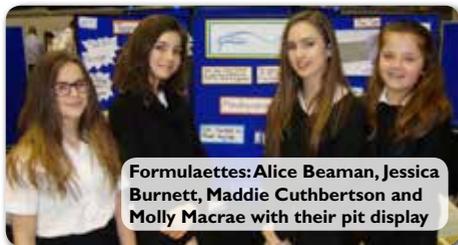
Team I and I came away with a fantastic trophy for the "Team Spirit" award in recognition of how well they had worked together during the competition and especially when talking to the judges on the day. Well done



Team I and I: Ella Harrison, Clare Spoons, Niamh Watson with their pit display



Team I and I accepting their award



Formulaettes: Alice Beaman, Jessica Burnett, Maddie Cuthbertson and Molly Macrae with their pit display



A selection of the cars from the competition

# Design Technology & Computing

## HNCV Bake-Off

Congratulations to Carra Greaves and Georgia Grieves who were selected to represent St. Anthony's at the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership Bake-Off Competition. On 23rd February Carra and Georgia were set the challenge to produce 3 dishes designed to the theme of 'Alice in Wonderland'. They produced a Choux pastry chocolate éclair, a heart-shaped short crust pastry tart with goat's cheese, sun-dried tomatoes with leeks on basil pastry, and they then decorated 3 cupcakes for their show piece. They worked so hard, practising at home, producing each product over and over in their own time. They had to work to a very tight schedule and time frame, and they produced each piece with skill, working very well as a team. They were very professional workers in the kitchen, and I am very proud of their work.

Well done, Georgia and Carra!



## The Queen's 90th Birthday Bake-Off

To celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday the Food Technology Department ran a Royal Bake-Off competition! The competition was open to students and staff from all Years. Sister Josepha had the very difficult job of choosing a winner from over 30 wonderful cakes. The winner with her fantastic commonwealth cake was Rachel Wigham in Year 7. There was also a wonderful corgi cake from Miss Moran! Well done everyone!



# Design Technology & Computing

## Costume Club

The members of the Costume Club have been involved in exciting projects including making skirts and metres of bunting for *Calamity Jane*! There was a lot of gingham used and so we give a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped to cut out the bunting, skirts and many stool covers. Costume Club girls were also given the challenge to produce a school uniform for a doll which was to be given to a school in India to represent our uniform. The original pattern pieces were produced by Chloe Fairweather and Charlotte Grieves. The doll was very small so they had to work very intricately. By using felt the girls produced a pleated skirt, school jumper with braiding, a blazer with an embroidered trim and school badge. The uniform was beautifully crafted and the girls worked very hard to meet the deadline.



The uniform was produced by Ayesha Isahac, Maria Isahac, Harwyn Jane, Jasmine Staples and Sarah Knight.

The very creative and fun winning mascot dragon design is being produced by the Costume Club and the girls have developed the design of Jasmine Staples by now making a bear from a school uniform with recycled braiding and school badge. The dragon design will become a costume for the bear to wear and the beautiful humming bird design by Kadiza Begum will be produced as part of the costume, too. The Club members have chosen to use the dragon doll produced by Sarah Knight to be part of the whole mascot display as it is brilliantly produced and links very well to the Design and Make challenge. This Design and Make process allows the students to develop their pattern-making skills and gain confidence in construction. It is very exciting and Costume Club team are full of enthusiasm as always. Well done!!!



Ayesha and Maria, members of Costume Club, producing patterns from an old bear, pictured with the dragon designed and produced by Sarah Knight.



Winning design from Jasmine Staples –Year 10



Winning design from Kadiza Begum –Year 8

## Primary Links

In Design Technology we have been running sessions for our primary feeder schools where Year 5 students come into St. Anthony's Academy and complete a DT project. This year the primary students have been making alien pencil holders using a variety of tools and equipment including pillar drills, hammers and craft knives.

The sessions are enjoyed by staff and students alike and it gives the students a valuable insight into how lessons work in a secondary school. It also gives the students the opportunity to use equipment which may not be available to them in their primary schools.



Students from St. Joseph's Primary School displaying their pencil holders. I think they enjoyed making them!

# Duke of Edinburgh



## Duke of Edinburgh Award 2016-2017

After a long wait and delays with accessing the kit, due to the 2015 October move, we are thrilled to be back on track with DofE at St. Anthony's! We have 75 girls from Yr 10 and Yr 11 who have signed up this year for the Bronze Award. We will be on practice and on real expeditions from the week commencing 11th July 2016!

For those girls who have not yet expressed their interest, by doing your DofE, you're in for an amazing adventure and masses of fun as you take part in a range of activities, all leading to the achievement of an Award that's recognised by universities and employers alike.

Before heading out on expedition across the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors, you must complete your individual DofE Checklist.

The checklist includes:

First Aid, Camp Craft, Cooking, Navigation and Route Cards – all of these sessions are run during lunchtimes and after school, and must be attended and signed off, before an expedition can be approved.



As part of the DofE Award you must also complete volunteering (e.g. donate a period of your own time at a local charity), a physical activity (e.g. netball) and develop a skill (e.g. photography). In the next update we hope to be able to congratulate a number of girls on the completion of their DofE Award and to offer them the opportunity to start their Silver Award.

## A Plea For Old And Unwanted Camping and/or Walking Gear!

Planning a summer clear out or garage de-clutter? We would be extremely grateful for **ANY** kit, equipment or clothing, including walking boots, to be donated to us to use for DofE. Please bring any of the above in to Mr Hermon. Thank you!



# Extended Curricular

## Derwent Hill

Students from Years 7-11 enjoyed a jam-packed 5-day stay at Derwent Hill in the Lake District over the May Half Term break. Accompanied by Miss Horner, Miss Hunter, Miss Simpson, Mr Pearson and Mr Talbot, students were able to work with instructors to complete activities such as gorge scrambling up waterfalls, mountain walking, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, high ropes challenge, and the scary 'death' swing (which is perfectly safe really)!



Louisa, Year 7, braves the big swing!



After a long day out on activities, the girls enjoy games after dinner

On the way up to the peak of Causey Pike!



The girls reached the peak of Causey Pike and were rewarded with fantastic views! Well done!



A massive 'Thank you', to all teaching staff who gave up their holiday break to take the group away on this superb residential activity. Look out for notices in September 2016 if you are interested for next year!

## Extended Schools Activities

The Extended Schools activities have been running successfully this year. Primary school children from a range of schools across Sunderland have been attending after-school clubs, along with students from our own Year 7 and 8 in a range of cooking and craft activities.

These activities give the Primary School students a taste of life in "big school" and, if they go on to attend

St. Anthony's in the future, can give them some friendly faces among the staff and students to help them over the first few weeks when they come to us in Year 7.

If you are interested in your child attending an Extended Schools activity then please send an e-mail to [extended-schools@st-anthonys-academy.com](mailto:extended-schools@st-anthonys-academy.com), or check out the school website for further details.



Preparing for the Cook-it club



Collecting ingredients



Primary school students preparing their workstations

# English

## Year 7 Midsummer Madness!



Miss Chalder's English class with the cast members from Theatre Space North East

To honour the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare a lucky group of Year 7 girls were given the opportunity to take part in a wonderful drama workshop. Miss Chalder's English class were thrilled to take part in the workshop based on the play they were studying at the time: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. First of all, the team from Theatre Space North East treated the girls to a 'play in 30 minutes' and really made the characters come alive! The girls were then given the chance to perform themselves, proving that we have many budding theatre stars here at St. Anthony's! One year 7 pupil, Destineà Coatman, even commented that the workshop 'made her more confident in herself.' Miss Chalder and the girls would all like to say a big thank you to the Theatre Space North East team for this fantastic opportunity to engage with and enjoy Shakespeare's work.



Hannah Cowan, Jessica Gair, Harpinder Sunner and Arwen Tipling performing with Luke from the workshop team.

## First Year Triumph at Poetry by Heart!

In February, Anya Mason in Year 12 took part in the annual Poetry by Heart county competition at Newcastle Library. Poetry by Heart is a programme that runs every year and encourages students to memorise poems by heart and perform them to their peers, teachers or families. This was the first time St Anthony's had taken part in this competition and we definitely stamped down our authority! This competition included students from ages 15-18 reciting poetry from memory and performing it to an audience. After a lot of hard work and preparation in school, Anya was selected to go to county finals, competing alongside students from various schools across the North East. She performed two poems from memory, *The Good Morrow* by John Donne, and *The Soldier* by Rupert Brooke, to an audience of peers, lecturers, writers and famous poets. Out of the seven students competing, Anya excelled, and was runner-up with just one or two points in it! One of the judges in particular commented that Anya's performance of *The Soldier* had moved her to tears. Well done Anya, you made the English department, and the school, very proud.



Anya Mason, Year 12, posing with her Poetry by Heart certificate and free books

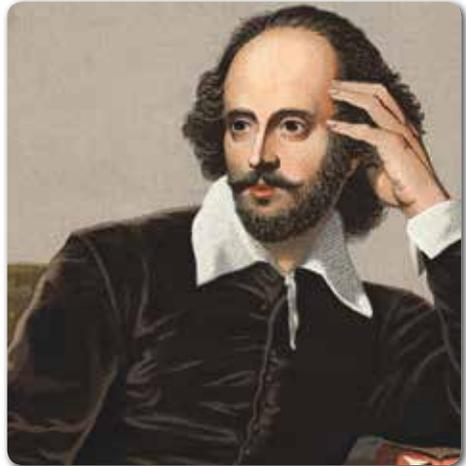
# English

## Live School Shakespeare Broadcast

On 17th March, our lucky Sixth Form English students were treated to a live performance of 'Othello' by the RSC – beamed to us straight from Stratford-upon-Avon.

All students study this fantastic play as part of their 'A' or 'AS' level courses and were invited to enjoy the full live performance in the comfort (check out the bean bags) and warmth of the Educare room. There were regular breaks in the performance for students to either stretch their legs or listen to some of the interviews with actors and production staff – and the whole morning was an engaging and useful experience.

Rumour has it that some students have even managed to cite this performance in their recent exam responses...



Some of the students watching the performance

# Geography

## Shanty Towns in Kibera

As part of the Year 7 course in Geography this year, we looked at the topic of Africa. The girls have really enjoyed studying the different elements of the African culture and describing the beautiful African landscapes available for tourists to visit.

A project of building a shanty town was one of the homework tasks set for this topic. Students went to great efforts to display the living conditions of many poor African's by building impressive models!



## Coastal walks – The Coast

The Year 8 girls have thoroughly enjoyed landform-spotting along our coastline and walked the National Trust 'Souter Saunter' pathway, and then on to South Shields for a well-earned ice-cream! We looked out for landforms in the Magnesian limestone rocks that form stacks, arches, headlands, bays and caves.

The girls were really rather proud that they were able to take what they had learned in the classroom and recognise the features of the coastline on their doorstep!



## World Environment Day – 3R's

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on the 5th June. It celebrates and raises awareness for work of the United Nations Environment Programme. Pupils across Key Stage 3 took part in a 'recycle race' and enjoyed listening to Jack Johnson's song "The 3R's" – this helps us learn about how we can help the environment, by reducing what we use and waste, re-using items such as shopping bags, and recycling what we can, when we can. After much discussion, the girls decided that, however much or however little we choose to do, it all helps to make the world a cleaner, brighter, happier place to live, so we should all try to make a start on saving our planet.

## Year 12 - Geography Schools Conference

This conference provided an opportunity for Year 12 Geography students to learn more about A Level curriculum topics from internationally recognised researchers, and to meet students from other local schools and colleges.

The subjects covered included: development, climate change and international conflict.

The workshops provided hands-on experience, using GIS and physical geography equipment.



# History & Politics

## Year 12/13 Politics, Law and History visit to London

Year 12 and 13 History and Politics students had a fascinating visit to London last December. They visited the Houses of Parliament where local MP Julie Elliot gave up some of her time for a Question and Answer session. Julie was delighted to see so many young women interested in Politics, and remarked that they were an absolute credit to the Academy.

The students also had a Day of Speakers which included MPs John Bercow, Andy Burnham and Duncan Carswell. To complete their action-packed visit, they spent an afternoon observing a trial in the "Old Bailey"



## Somme Exhibition History Club Visit

Pupils who attend History Club have been learning all about the Battle of the Somme to commemorate 100 years since the World War One conflict took place. A number of students who attend the club will have the opportunity to attend a Somme Exhibition at the end of June at the Palace Green Library, Durham, to discover more about this historical event. During the visit, students will explore how the battle affected those living in County Durham. They will also be able to view items from the archives of Durham University. The students have been excitedly preparing for this visit by learning about the event and creating some very colourful commemorative posters. History Club is open to all students at St. Anthony's and it runs every Tuesday lunchtime.



Year 7/8 students with some of their Somme commemorative posters

# History & Politics

## History Visit to Berlin



Picture shows the Holocaust Memorial

Over the Easter break, 40 Year 11 pupils took part in a visit to Berlin as part of their study of Nazi Germany, along with Mr McVay, Mr Malkin, Mrs Almond and Miss Horner. They visited the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, the Jewish Museum, and many other sites during their stay. The pupils were particularly moved by their visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and Wannsee, where pupils dealt with some difficult issues but were very mature throughout. At the Wannsee Conference Centre, the pupils were taught about the treatment of leading Nazis after 1945. This was an area of Germany's history that they had very little knowledge of, and all pupils found it very interesting to find out what happened to those who had committed such heinous crimes during World War Two. Particularly interesting for both staff and pupils was the visit to the Topography of Terror. Built close to where the Gestapo headquarters in Berlin was once situated, the informative guides explained how the Nazis used methods of terror to control the German population. Both the pupils and the staff really enjoyed the visit and pupils commented on how much they enjoyed seeing the sites that they discuss in class.

## Celebrations for the Queen's Birthday – History Competition

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, Year 7 took part in a competition to produce a poster on 'the most successful Queen'. They studied Queens who had ruled in their own right, identifying success criteria by which to judge them. Many wonderful entries were submitted on Queen Elizabeth I, Elizabeth II and Queen Anne. The winning entry however was made by Olivia Kennedy in 7SA who produced an informative poster on Queen Victoria.



## Horner's Fundraising Corner

### Cumbria Flood Appeal 2015

The academy held a staff coffee morning and raffle to help raise money for the Cumbria Flood Appeal. Miss Horner would like to say a big thank you to all who donated presents, cakes and cash in order to raise money for this cause. In total we raised **£473.68!**



# Learning Resource Centre News

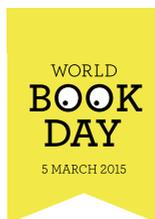
## Pupil Librarian Scheme

This year's Pupil Librarians have now completed their training scheme and to celebrate they will attend an award ceremony in June. This year it will be held at the Museum and Winter Gardens and the guest speaker will be the known author Alan Gibbons. The girls will be presented with a certificate and receive a signed copy of one of his books.

Well done, girls!

Greta Kleinovaite  
Dikan Tony-Obot  
Grace Finch

Lily Paget  
Divine Kasomba  
Abby Phillips



## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day 2016, we had a competition in the library where the girls had to create a book jacket. We had some fantastic entries and after much deliberation the winners were:

Mia Saddington Yr 7  
Ellie Innes Yr 8



## Scholastic Book Club Fair

The termly Scholastic Book Club leaflets have proved very popular. We also had a Scholastic Book Fair which was a tremendous success, so I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who have supported us this year. Winners of the book fair raffle were: Janan Sharif, Amala Benny, Gabrielle Frost, Sohbia Hussain, Laura Galley and Ellie Stanley-Roberts.



# Literacy Events

## WORLD BOOK DAY fest

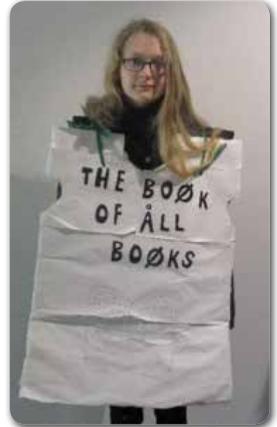
HAPPY, A BIG, BOOKY CELEBRATION IN READING

Thursday March 3rd 2016 saw St Anthony's celebrating World Book Day. A variety of events were organised throughout the whole school, with both pupils and staff taking part.

Key Stage 3 and members of staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters, raising £160.00 for Book Aid International, a charity which aims to send brand new books to libraries in schools and community libraries in sub-Saharan Africa.



Pupils from Year 7 took advantage of the lunchtime reading sessions and book sale in the Educare Centre, raising a total of £32.00.



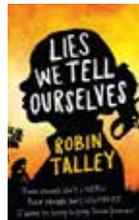
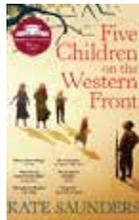
World Book Day Fancy dress and book fair.



### CILIP Carnegie Award

An enthusiastic group of Year 8 readers have been taking part in this year's CILIP Carnegie Award. They are reading from a short selection of listed books in the teenage fiction range.

Along with Miss Donaldson and Miss Weddell, pupils have been exploring literature from new novelists and a range of genres. Titles from the short list include:



Congratulations and Well Done to all Key Stage 3 pupils who attended Chatterbooks. They have made excellent progress in their reading. Thank you to all Year 12 pupils who have supported the Key Stage 3 readers.



# Maths

## Intermediate Maths Challenge Results 2016

The top two Maths sets in Years 9, 10 and 11 competed in the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February. The challenge is taken nationwide and is intended to stretch the most able young Mathematicians. Over 200,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge and the top 6% were awarded a Gold Certificate, the next 13% Silver, and the next 21% were awarded Bronze. A special mention must go to Lucy Roberts from Year 11, who achieved a Gold Certificate and also qualified for the prestigious "Pink Kangaroo" challenge.



Some Y11 Certificate Winners



Year 10 Certificate Winners



Best in School and Pink Kangaroo Qualifier:  
Lucy Roberts



Best in Year 10:  
Lily Heskett-Saddington

## Mathematics Challenge Certificate Winners

The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 11

#### Best in Year & Best in School:

Lucy Roberts

#### Gold Certificate:

Lucy Roberts

#### Silver Certificate

Rebecca Begg  
Monika Choudhury  
Katie Blyth

#### Bronze Certificate

Rhianna Powell  
Ciara Ellis  
Emmie Thompson  
Seethal Vinod  
Charlotte Galloway  
Anika Shohid  
Anna Redshaw  
Chloe Kelly

Lucy Robinson  
Jeesna George  
Rhiannon Laverick  
Emily Lau  
Lauren Crosby  
Toni Goodwin  
Irene Joy  
Achsah Finney  
Lorian Wallace  
Laura Simpson

### Year 10

#### Best in Year:

Lily Heskett-Saddington  
**Silver Certificate**  
Lily Heskett-Saddington  
Lily Frankland  
Daisy Swansbury  
Hannah Marshall  
Olivia Holden

Heather Adams  
Katie Tullock

#### Bronze Certificate

Maisie Sherriff  
Mia Howarth  
Sophie Foster  
Rachel Green  
Ellie Hamilton  
Bethany Jones  
Jodine Dow  
Ayesha Isahac  
Sophie Alderson  
Eden Footes  
Hana Elmarakbi  
Robyn Taylor  
Jasmine Staples  
Harwyn Matibag  
Eve Grant

### Year 9

#### Best in Year:

Christelle Furtardo

#### Silver Certificate

Christelle Furtardo  
Melin Sunil

#### Bronze Certificates

Ashna Saji  
Chelsea Nocon  
Amelia Turnbull  
Hannah Blyth  
Maia Veitch  
Hannah Oxley  
Tayla Freeman  
Millie Harrison  
Naomi Laverick  
Leema Shaji

# Maths

## Awards for Success in Sixth Form Mathematics

The Mathematics Department awards two prizes for the Year 13 Mathematicians who are not only academically good at Mathematics or Further Mathematics, but also have contributed to the school through their Mathematics.

In 2016 **Hannah** and **Sarah Mearns** were jointly presented the **Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics**, while **Eve Watson** received the **Further Mathematics Award**.

All three are outstanding Mathematicians, who deserve these awards, but there were many who could have received them. Good luck to all of the Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians as they await their AS and A-Level results.

Anyone interested in AS or A2 Mathematics or Further Mathematics at St Anthony's is asked to contact Mr G Dunn or Mrs Armstrong at any time.

## Year 11 Mathematics Award

The Mathematics Department awards the prize for Mathematics to an outstanding pupil in Year 11. This year Lucy Roberts was awarded this prize for her superb achievement and effort during her GCSE course. Competition for this award was tough this year with many girls deserving recognition. A huge well done to all girls in Year 11 for their commitment and hard work and best of luck as they await their examination results.



Lucy Roberts

## Junior Maths Challenge

The top two Maths sets in Years 7 and 8 competed in the Junior Maths 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 a Gold, Silver or Bronze. All of the girls who competed did very well, particularly Jade Winter from Year 8 who was awarded the Certificate for Best in School.

The following girls were awarded certificates:

### Year 8

#### Best in Year:

Jade Winter

#### Gold

Jade Winter

Caitlin Patterson

#### Silver

Catherine Burke

Ella Surman-Wells

Jaymee Ramos

Ellie Graham

Lara Carson

#### Bronze

Aparna Saji

Danielle Gomez

Holly Rutter

Oluchi Davidson

Lucy Byrne

Dikan Tony-Obot

Isabella Robinson

Kate Morris

Grace Finch

### Year 7

#### Best in Year:

Ella Harrison

#### Gold

Ella Harrison

#### Silver

Ingrid Olsson

#### Bronze

Milly Dodd

Emma Lavery

Callie McGinty

Gabrielle Frost

Georgia Lewis

Ivanna Brodanac

Michelle Lim

Emily Adamson

Madaline Forbister

Jessica Burnett

Aaliyah Langan

Emily Cowie

Beth Connors

Heidi Veater

Zebier Samra

# Maths

## GCSE Maths Revision Day – Stadium of Light



Mr Malkin and Mrs Dugan took 35 Year 11 students to a Maths Revision Day at the Stadium of Light. The girls took part in an intensive day of revision for their GCSE and were rewarded with a guided tour of the stadium at the end of the day. We wish all of our Year 11s the best of luck with their exams!

### Senior Team Mathematics Challenge 2015/16

A team of four Year 12 and 13 students represented the school in the regional heat of the UK Maths Trust Senior Team Challenge.



From left to right:  
Bethaney Miller (Year 12), Jennifer Szandrowska (Year 12),  
Jessica Phipps (Year 12) and Eve Watson (Year 13)

The girls achieved 13th place overall, which was fantastic, given the level of difficulty of the activities and the tough competition.



A great time was had by all and, as always, our students were superb ambassadors for the Academy. Well done!

# Music

## Calamity Jane

This year for our annual musical theatre production, the brand new academy hall was transformed into the Golden Garter saloon bar as we performed the western-based musical Calamity Jane to a sell-out audience for three nights in March. After almost 200 girls auditioning in September, we decided to double-cast Calamity Jane to give more of our pupils an opportunity to perform and showcase their talent, and the end result was phenomenal!

A huge thank you to all cast, chorus, saloon bar musicians, technical and backstage crew and all pupils, staff and supporters who came to watch it. Take me back to the black hills....!

## An unforgettable experience!

Calamity Jane was truly an amazing experience and a great taster for what performing in the arts is like. It all started back in September where I auditioned alongside almost 200 others for a part in the show. I was delighted to learn I got the part of Doc Pierce, and, as there was so much talent, the musical was double-casted, meaning there were two people for every part. We rehearsed every Tuesday after school and had so much to learn (including Texan accents and barn dances!) This gave me the opportunity to learn new skills and also to create new friendships. Show week in March was one of the best weeks of my life and made me realise how fun performing to a packed audience is (even if it was a little nerve-racking at first!) Calamity Jane was a huge success, and Alice Liddle (Year 11) and India Mason (Year 9) were the perfect Calamity Janes to lead us through three amazing performances.

Emma Ford (Year 13), who played Katie Brown in the show, said 'It was such an incredible experience, not just taking part but being able to work alongside the other amazing cast and crew members. I gained so many friends through being in the production and it is a show that I will never forget! I am going to miss terribly not being in the next production!'

I am so happy and grateful to have been a part of this production as it has given me friendships I hope to have for life, and a real feel for my career in the arts.

By Olivia Wildgoose, Year 10

## Our very own superstar!

Congratulations to Charlotte Galloway (Y11) who has been accepted into the training choir for the National Youth Choir of Great Britain, and has begun performing with them, starting with a performance at the Royal Albert Hall! An amazing achievement – we look forward to hearing of your continued success!



## And the winners are...

Our annual Antonian Awards were held at the Roker Hotel in March. The decisions this year were especially hard to make, but congratulations to the following winners for Music:

**Victrix Ludorum:** Emma Ford Y13

**Outstanding Achievement:** Emma Robson Y11

**Best Group:**

Care Home Choir founded by Amy Watson Y13

**Best Ambassador:** Charlotte Galloway Y11

**Paula Williams Rising Star:** India Mason Y9



# Music

## It's a hectic, showbiz life for our Senior Choir...!

2016 has so far proved to be an unforgettable year for our fantastic Senior Choir. In January we embarked upon our first ever professional gig, where we sang with the brilliant 'Geordie Rat Pack' at South Shields Customs House for one of their shows. We joined the four performers (three of whom found fame on BBC's Hebburn) on stage for the finale, where we sang backing vocals for 'Wor Way' (the Geordie version of My Way!) and 'God Only Knows'. A fantastic night was had by all!



In February, we had the privilege of being invited to perform in the inaugural North East Festival of Youth Choirs at Durham Cathedral, alongside some amazingly talented choirs from across the North East. The acoustics in the Cathedral were stunning and really emphasised the beautiful sound our choir make. It was one of the best performances by the girls, and they were a credit to the academy as always.



We also had the honour of being invited to perform at a Citizenship ceremony for new citizens of Sunderland in February. The choir sang all their favourites as the guests arrived, and the Mayor and Mayoress were so complimentary of their talent.



Perhaps the highlight of the year (so far...!) was being asked to perform at the world superstar Katherine Jenkins' outdoor concert in Herrington Park in May. We were so excited to be singing as the guests arrived, and we worked hard to perform a forty-five minute programme of pieces that Katherine would be proud of! We were advertised on SUN FM, and Emma Ford (Y13) represented the choir and travelled to the radio station to do an interview, giving us a taste of what true show-business is like!



Despite it being a very cold evening, the choir sang beautifully and all enjoyed the complimentary tickets to watch the concert afterwards.

A big thank you to everyone who came to watch us, and to those who continually support us!



A group of 19 students and 4 Staff went on the adventure of a lifetime. The NASA Mission Management Centre in Houston, Texas is home to Mission Control and the place where the Astronauts live work and train



### The Highlights

One of the most exciting events of the trip was to visit the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. There was a Mission about to commence when we arrived to see the astronauts in their space suits and then go underwater.

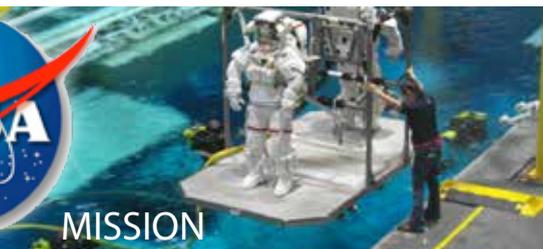
That afternoon the girls went to 'Williams' Pool' where they were able to experience a simulated spacewalk.

On the final day the St Anthony's girls were treated to a 'Brunch with an Astronaut'.

Colonel Brian Duffy who flew 4 Shuttle Missions gave an inspirational talk about life in Space. He presented all the girls with individually signed photographs.

On returning the girls have many amazing memories but now also have a better understanding of what it would be like to be an engineer, scientist, designer, nutritionist, health specialist, flight surgeon and so on. There are thousands of opportunities and it would be wonderful for a St Anthony's girl to be one of them.





lifetime to NASA in February 2016. The NASA Johnson Space Research Base for NASA Scientists and Mission Specialists as



Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL) where there is the largest Space Station (ISS). The Astronauts train underwater to simulate how we were able to see the Astronauts being helped into their



given Scuba Training by the same instructors as the Astronauts. with an Astronaut' in the executive lounge at JSC.



final talk and answered many of the questions the girls asked about photographs.

have ambitions to join NASA! Not just as an Astronaut but as a geologist, environmental engineer, mission specialist – there are many ways to be there one day!



## The NASA Challenges

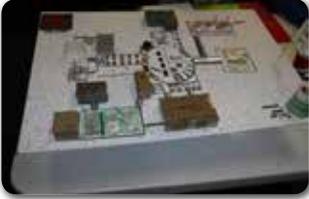
The girls spent a week working with Scientists and Engineers and were set challenges which had to be met within Budget and within Deadlines.

**The Thermal Challenge:** To protect from the Cold of Space and the Heat of Re-entry

**The Habitat Challenge:** To design a sustainable habitat for Life Support on Mars

**The Robotics Challenge:** To design and build a Rover to collect rock samples on Mars

**The Rocket Challenge:** To design and build a model 3-Stage Rocket to be launched at JSC



## The Achievements

The girls were divided into 4 teams



**Team VIKING:** Beth Maughan, Claudia Howey, Amy Henshaw, Hannah Mearns, Sarah Mearns

Awarded 1st in the Thermal Challenge and 2nd in Rocket Launch



**Team ODYSSEY:** Eleanor Ash, Ann Andreas, Olivia Chisholm, Laura Mackel, Frankie Pitt

Awarded 1st place in Research Homework and 3rd in Habitat design



**Team ORION:** Grace Burlinson, Kate Summerson, Sarah Barber, Anna Greaves, Lucy Carter

Awarded 3rd place in Rocket design



**Team OPPORTUNITY:** Lille Borresen, Georgina Buck, Hershey Lozada, Abigail Young

Awarded 2nd place in Thermal and 3rd place in Robotics



# Music

## Arts Award Accomplishment!

A huge well done to our latest batch of students who passed their Arts Awards this year during a moderation from Trinity College. All girls prepared a detailed project about their involvement and love of music, theatre or dance, and had to organise an arts event or share an arts skill. The moderator was impressed with the high quality of the work, and with the way the girls spoke with maturity and enthusiasm about the arts. Congratulations to:

Georgia Bell (Y11), Grace Copeland (Y11), Anna Donkin (Y11), Emma Ford (Y13), Charlotte Galloway (11) and Emma Robson (Y11) who all achieved their Silver Arts Awards.

Eve Hawes (Y13), Abigail Forrest (Y10), Eve Grant (Y10) and Daisy Swansbury (Y10) who all achieved their Bronze Arts Awards.



## More Exam Success!

Congratulations to all pupils who have passed ABRSM or Trinity Music examinations so far this year:

Charlotte Galloway	Grade 8 Piano
Emma Robson	Grade 8 Violin
Alice Liddle	Grade 6 Violin
Sophia Tan	Grade 3 Violin
Grace Scott	Grade 2 Guitar
Georgia Hales	Grade 1 Flute
Aimee Lincoln	Grade 1 Flute

## And finally...

The Music department has won an award! A huge thank you to our fantastic team of staff and students, whose hard work has placed us in the top 10% of Music departments in England based on last year's results.



# International Links

## China Visit May 2017

Current Yr 9 students are being given the chance of a lifetime to spend a week and a half visiting China over the May Half Term, 2017. During the exchange, the students will have the chance to do some sightseeing in Beijing, including seeing the famous Tiananmen Square and walking along the Great Wall of China. After this, the group will fly north to visit our two partner schools, Harbin Number 69 Middle School, and Daqing Foreign Language School. This is an amazing opportunity for any girls wishing to experience a different culture and make friends with people from a different continent. If anyone wants any more information, they can speak to Miss Robinson in the MFL department.

## Daqing Student Exchange

Unfortunately, due to visa problems, the Chinese students from Daqing were not able to join us in January. It was very disappointing for all the girls; however, we are now really excited that 14 students will be joining us at the end of June to spend a week in the life of a St Anthony's student. The Mandarin Club members are busy making preparations and the Chinese girls will be put into classes across Yr 7 to Yr 9. We are all really looking forward to impressing the visitors with our amazing new school and learning about their culture.

## Mandarin Club Singers

Fifteen members of the Yr 7 Mandarin Club were lucky enough to be asked to perform at the Sunderland Chinese New Year celebrations held in Keel Square on Sunday 7th February. This was the first year that Sunderland has hosted a city event to celebrate Chinese New Year and we felt very privileged to be asked to take part. The event was very varied, including a dragon dance and kung fu display. Burnside Primary School also did a fan dance later in the afternoon, but St Anthony's was the only secondary school to take part. The girls sang five songs in Chinese, and the many Chinese speakers there praised the girls for their excellent pronunciation. Even the mayor congratulated the girls on their exceptional performance, and the staff who came to watch said the girls were a real credit to the school.

7S2 were also asked to design a cover for the event brochure, incorporating the Year of the Monkey, with Sunderland landmarks. Grace Fitzakerley was the well-deserved winner; her design included the Wearmouth Bridge and the SAFC strip alongside a very cute monkey! A very big well done to Grace and the Mandarin Club singers!



The singers performing a song about Chinese numbers



Grace Fitzakerley, 7SAa, with her beautiful winning brochure cover

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

Xīnnián kuàilè- this means Happy New Year in Mandarin Chinese! St Anthony's had a great time celebrating the Chinese New Year on



Monday 8th February and welcoming in the Year of the Monkey. The canteen was full of delicious Chinese-themed food which proved extremely popular with students and staff alike! In most lessons, students also learnt different things about China, including learning to speak some Mandarin as well as looking at the food and traditions in China around the New Year. It was great fun and Miss Robinson would like to thank all the staff who got involved, as well as the students who took part in all the activities. Let's hope the Year of the Monkey is a happy and prosperous one for all!

## Year 7 Get Creative!

7S1 and 7S4 have all been completing projects where they had to create a family tree. They were given the option of creating a tree representing their own family or the family of a celebrity or of a book character. They had to map the members of the family and give various pieces of information about them, including name, age, birthdate and physical appearance. Here we have some of 7S1 modelling their very creative efforts...

Heidi Vater,  
Tracy Finulair,  
Millie Dodd,  
Maddie Cuthbertson  
and Jessica Summerside



Madaline Forbister, Emily Cowie, Olivia Kennedy and Ellie Carr

## Year 11 Revision Sessions

The MFL department would like to give a big 'Well done!' to the many girls who have taken part in GCSE revision this term.

More than 20 Year 11 French and Spanish pupils have participated in twice-weekly revision sessions, where they worked with specially trained Year 12 'Mentors' to practice their listening and reading skills. One of the mentors, Giulia Trovero said, 'The girls have become more confident as a result of attending the sessions. They actually realised that they already knew more than they thought, and I am sure that they will see the benefits in the final exam'.

As well as this weekly effort, over half of the Year group also attended the MFL Easter revision programme to give them a final boost before the exams in the Summer. One pupil said, 'It was great to go over all the topics we have learned over the GCSE course and has shown me how I can continue to revise up to the exam'.

Excellent work, girls, keep it up!

## Number Day

The MFL department celebrated Number Day in style this year! We followed a starter activity to practise our numeracy skills and then incorporated numbers into each of our lessons. The most popular of the activities was bingo in French and Spanish. Some members of the department also participated in a quiz for the Year 7 pupils by wearing a T-shirt with a coded message on it. Pupils had to crack the code, decipher the message, translate it from French and Spanish and then hand it in to Mrs Marshall. The first pupils to hand in a completed and correct answer sheet won a Spanish delicacy called Turrón. It was a very popular competition and the department were very busy supporting the pupils in cracking the code! Here we have our winners Rebekah Amy Hughes and Louise Bradford holding up their answer sheets and the delicious Turrón.



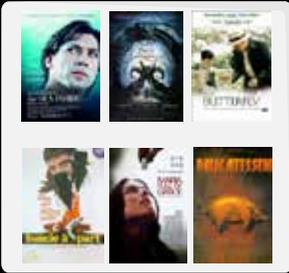


## All Sixth Form are invited to the MFL Film Club!



Free entry to French and Spanish films shown on a fortnightly basis during lunchtimes.

It's a great way to improve your language skills, experience another culture as well as improve your university applications; due to the cross-curricular themes within these specially chosen films. See posters around school for more details.



## Christmas Carol Eurovision

On 9th December Carmel College hosted the Catholic Partnership Christmas Carol Eurovision Song Contest. All students from Year 9 were invited to audition with Sahaby Begum, Abby Craig, Mia Cummings, Olivia Glover, Olivia Kerr, Ola Kowalczyk, India Mason, Faye Potts and Jane Usher forming the final group.

The task was to create an original song in a foreign language using an existing tune. They picked *Carol of the Bells* to sing about the excitement of preparing for Christmas. They produced their own lyrics using not only French and Spanish, which we learn at school, but also Polish, Slovenian and Begali! A truly international performance!

On the day St Anthony's competed with six other Partnership schools. Two of our Year 13 students; Temitope Ojo and Mikaela Delos Reyes, both studying Spanish for A2, introduced the girls before taking their place as judges. The performance was sung beautifully in three-part harmony with excellent pronunciation and attractive Christmas costumes, which entertained the other KS3 students from across the Diocese. Following their performance, the girls supported the other schools; joining in with actions and choruses. After lunch they participated in a European music quiz, a German Karaoke and a French dance competition; then they were given only 10 minutes to create a performance-ready routine with lyrics!

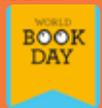
St Anthony's came 2nd in the Eurovision and 1st for their amazing music quiz knowledge! The girls agreed it was a fantastic experience; they enjoyed the creativity of the tasks, the thrill of performing, trying out new languages and getting to meet students from other Partnership schools.

Abby Craig said 'I loved it. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and make friends, it was a really fun day.' Mia Cummings' advice for next year's competitors is 'Just have fun and give 100%!'

## World Book Day

All Language pupils enjoyed a 'Harry Potter'- themed World Book Day in March. Each MFL class completed a language task based on the seven Harry Potter books that have been translated into French and Spanish. The girls completed tasks that involved translating magical charms from Latin and creating new mottos for the school. The pupils found it particularly interesting to discover that JK Rowling uses French, Spanish and Latin words frequently in her novels, particularly for her characters names. They also enjoyed reading excerpts from the books and creating a crest for their own magical school.

Anyone interested in reading a French or Spanish novel, should go along to the library and see the great range of books available.



# Pastoral Year 7

## MINIVINNIES

The Mini Vinnies group have been continually collecting food donations and raising money to help the asylum seekers in our local area. The dedication of the Mini Vinnies has been tremendous this year and we are very proud of their efforts. Well done, girls! Anyone who would like to join the group is more than welcome. Please see Sr Josepha or Mrs Dugdale for more information.



Year 7 have had a fantastic year! Our charity work this year has been amazing and the whole Year group deserves to be commended for their continued efforts. Our Christmas charity raised money for LEPR. The girls were extremely motivated and raised money through sponsored swims, cake sales and lots of other innovative ideas. The girls raised £2,700 in total. Amazing work!!! For our Lenten Alms charity (St Cuthbert's Care) Year 7 raised £481.36. This was the highest total of all the Year groups. Well done!

Year 7 have taken part in a 'Shakespeare Wooden Spoon' competition to honour the 400th anniversary of the bard's death. Congratulations to Antonia Mallin who won 'best Shakespeare Spoon' and Hazelle Yap who won 'best female character'



**World Book Day** was a tremendous success this year. The costumes were fantastic! The winners of the fancy dress costume were Ruby Marshall (Mad Hatter), Ellie Carr (The Queen of Hearts) and Noshin Tasnim (Maleficent). The girls have also completed a sponsored hour of silent reading for WBD, with some pupils raising over £30 each. Well done, girls, for all of your efforts.

# Pastoral Year 7

Attendance is so important at school. Current statistics suggest that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable



Congratulations to the following girls who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year! If anyone has concerns about their attendance then please speak to Mrs Dugdale for support.

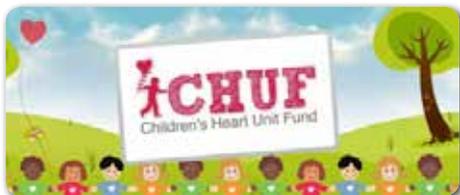
Ali, Sayra	7SMa	Hansen, Elizabeth	7SCo	Miller, Sophie	7SMa
Arnold, Sophie	7SJa	Harrison, Sophie	7SJa	Murphi, Merin	7SJa
Belton, Megan	7SAa	Hudak, Amelia	7SRo	Oakland, Alex	7SMa
Biji, Kerlin	7SRo	Hughes, Anais	7SCa	Oliver, Jessica	7SAa
Bradshaw, Louisa	7SCa	Hughes, Rebekah	7SMa	Parkin, Eve	7SCa
Brodanac, Ivana	7SJo	Jackson, Katie	7SJo	Proctor, Nikkita	7SCa
Burgess, Eden	7SMa	Jackson, Sophie	7SCa	Ross, Mia	7SCo
Burke, Christine	7SCa	Johnson, Melissa	7SCo	Scott, Shenali	7SJo
Chaffe, Katie	7SMa	Jones, Lucy	7SMa	Shehata, Laila	7SJa
Charlton, Katie	7SRo	Kennedy, Olivia	7SAa	Sidhu, Gurjot	7SCo
Compson, Evie	7SMa	Keyte, Elleisha	7SRo	Smith, Rebecca	7SRa
Connors, Beth	7SJo	Khatun, Jamila	7SRa	Spark, Emilia	7SMa
Cook, Bethany	7SRo	Lambert, Amelia	7SJa	Spoors, Clare	7SCo
Corney, Leah	7SAo	Land, Alyssa	7SMa	Standen, Holly	7SJa
Cowan, Hannah	7SMa	Langan, Aaliyah	7SMa	Sunner, Harpinder	7SAa
Davison, Angel	7SJo	Laybourn, Hallie	7SAo	Tesara, Elaiza	7SRo
Dela Pena, Jassi	7SRa	Leyland, Emma	7SRa	Thomas, Leah	7SMa
Dipper, Kate	7SCa	Lim, Michelle	7SJo	Tipling, Arwen	7SMa
Dodd, Milly	7SJa	Longstaff, Gabriele	7SCo	Todd, Katie	7SMa
Dransfield, Jessica	7SAo	Lumsdon, Amy	7SRa	Tough, Bethany	7SAo
Drea, Molly	7SMa	Mahmodi, Helen	7SAa	Tyson, Lucy	7SMa
DuTillieul, Rachael	7SCa	Mahmodi, Homa	7SMa	Veater, Heidi	7SJa
Forbister, Madaline	7SMa	Mallin, Antonia	7SAo	Walker, Evie	7SRo
Frost, Gabrielle	7SJo	Maqsood, Adilah	7SCo	Wallace-Defty, Emma	7SAo
Gepte, Ryxelle	7SCo	Marshall, Emily	7SCa	Wear, Charlotte	7SCa
Godfrey, Sophie	7SAo	Marshall, Ruby	7SMa	Westwater-Lewis, Anna	7SCa
Gough, Mia	7SAo	Mason, Courtney	7SCo	Wigham, Rachel	7SMa
Gowland, Katie	7SAa	McCreary, Chloe	7SJa	Wilson, Madeline	7SJo
Gray, Tilly	7SCa	McKeown, Hannah	7SRa	Woodruffe, Laura	7SMa

Year 7 have settled well into St Anthony's Girls' Catholic academy and we are all very proud of your achievements so far. Keep up the hard work in Year 8!

# Pastoral Year 8

## Fantastic Fundraising

When carrying out fund-raising activities this academic year, the girls decided to split the money raised between the Children's Heart Unit Fund, which provides support to the Freeman Hospital, and Macmillan Cancer research, supporting the people fighting cancer and the people who support them.



CHUF is an organisation that helps to raise funds for the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, specifically supporting the children's heart unit. It is one of only two units in the UK, and it helps children in the UK and from around the world. The Year 8 girls raised money during their Christmas fund-raising activities for this organisation, which is particularly meaningful to one of the girls in the Year group, who is currently undergoing treatment from the unit.

MacMillan Cancer Support received half of the money raised by the Year 8 girls during the Christmas fund-raising activities, and is also being supported by Sophie Snowball, a Year 8 student who is taking part in an event organised by her father. Mr Snowball has organised the event as he and those involved have all known someone who has suffered from cancer and want to give back to the MacMillan nurses for all the support that they offered then and continue to offer now.



Sophie was asked by her father if she would also like to participate, and she was very keen from the beginning, and has been preparing ever since. Sophie believes that 'every donation or involvement in the fund-raising counts, and will enable the group to raise as much as possible to contribute to someone else's lifestyle.' She believes that the event shows gratitude to the MacMillan nurses and appreciation of all of the hard work and commitment that they put in.



## Hannah Brettle

Hannah Brettle, 8SMo, led a fundraising campaign while in year 7 to raise money in support of her cousin Matthew Brettle, who suffers from Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. The Year group used a variety of methods to raise over £1,000! This contributed to the overall figure needed to adapt Matthew's home, to allow him to live there his whole life. The family now have enough money to convert Matthew's home, and ensure that it is suitable for his needs.



Hannah and her family wanted to say thank you for the kind help and generosity that was shown to the family, and she therefore delivered a presentation to the Year group explaining how the money is being used to help Matthew and allow him to remain in his home. Hannah and Matthew's families both attended the presentation and Matthew enjoyed the high fives that he received from the girls as they left the assembly!



# Pastoral Year 8

## World Book Day

Once again the girls in Year 8 were fantastic in their support of World Book Day, with costumes that were well planned and relevant to the books that the girls have enjoyed reading. The girls had more choice this year with the extra reading that takes place during their registration time and CIAG lessons.



## Year 8 Jewellery Club

With the success of our Christmas sale, we were able to buy some silver. We designed our own charms, as shown in the photo (right.) We found inspiration from nature to create unique charms.

We have been lucky to have had lots of old jewellery to recycle, and make our own gifts. Anyone with any broken or unwanted jewellery can donate to Mrs Conqueror. We meet every Wednesday lunchtime.



## 100% Attendance

The following girls have maintained 100% attendance throughout Year 7 and Year 8:

Ashley Barrett  
Catherine Burke  
Oluchi Davidson  
Ella Dobbing

Ellie Graham  
Lucy Helens  
Lydia Paget  
Sophie Snowball

Katie Stephenson  
Jade Winter



# Pastoral Year 9

## Catholic Partnership Photography Competition

I heard about the Catholic Partnership KS3 Photography Competition and I wanted to take part. So I went home and got one of my favourite pictures put. I took the picture on top of a hill in Edinburgh while the sun was setting. My photo was put in the sense of place category. When they were announcing the winners I was really anxious about who was going to win the category. Once they said my name I was relieved and very, very happy. We were all taken to the exhibition where all the entries and the winners' photos were displayed. My older sister came to support me, and my twin sister, Isha, also came runner up in the open category – we all felt very proud.



Emen Hamid, 9SHa

## Nafisah's Dancing Success

I took part in a dance competition at the Stadium of Light on the 24th April. It was great and I did some Bollywood dancing. I danced to three different types of music and I won two gold medals! I have another performance on the 11th June which is also my birthday! I enjoyed the competition and I am excited for my next performance because my friend, Eisha Maqsood (Y9) is going to dance too.

Nafisah Anjum, 9SHo

## Emmaus Visit

Many of Yr 9 are visiting Emmaus Youth village again this year. We are going from 13th – 16th June. I am sure that we will have an enjoyable time, reflecting on our time in Yr 9 and learning from the interesting activities that we will experience. Well done girls for taking part.

## Year Council

Thank you to the Year Council for committing to the meetings which have taken place every month, and I am grateful for their interesting contributions over the year. We will be going out for a meal with my Fairtrade helpers as a thank you for all their hard work.

## Ilesha's Charity Challenges

Ilesha Heads, 9SHo, decided to complete a weekly challenge in order to raise money for a family friend who is suffering from Muscular Dystrophy Duchenne. William is only 4 years old and struggles with walking. Soon he will need a lot of special equipment, which is very expensive, so Ilesha and her sister Eva (Yr 7) wanted to help raise the money. Ilesha has taken part in lots of fund-raising tasks, including donating her pocket money and doing sponsored runs. One of her proudest achievements was a 12-mile walk from Ryhope to South Shields. She set off at 5am and eventually arrived at the finish very wet and cold at around 12pm. William met her halfway to encourage her along. She can be seen in the picture with him and Kenzi Quinn, also of 9SHo, who supported her in this challenge. Ilesha will be taking part in more challenges later this year, and we wish her all the very best of luck with these.



## Fairtrade Activities

Fairtrade helpers have been busy since last Christmas. We have managed to sell twice a week and at Open Evenings. The girls spoke very well at every Year assembly about mercy during Lent. They explained the concept of Fairtrade in an interesting way. Well done.



## Sponsored Spell

All of Y9 are taking part in a sponsored spell in aid of the Heel and Toe charity chosen by the Year group through the Year Council. They are learning spellings in English and French or Spanish. Hopefully we will raise a good amount for this charity. Good luck.



# Pastoral Year 10

## Lenten Alms Fund-Raising

Year 10 too played an active role in the Academy's fund-raising for Lenten Alms. Each form did their own fund-raising, including cake sales, sweet sales and donations each week. The Year group raised over £500 in total and came second only to Year 7 in the Year group breakdown (although Mr Malkin has contested this and thinks we actually won!). A special mention must go to Mrs Marshall and Miss Rubiales' form, 10ST, who raised over £200! A fantastic achievement! All proceeds go to helping less privileged people in our own area.



Year 10 have now settled into their chosen GCSE courses and are currently completing and working on controlled assessments, coursework and GCSE examinations. Students are encouraged to ask their tutor for support to help them stay organised and manage their deadlines. The students are encouraged to complete any outstanding coursework over the holidays to ensure they have a positive start to their final year. The students have been encouraged to purchase revision guides to assist them with their courses.

We look forward to the pupils continuing with their studies in Year 11 and then progressing on into the Sixth Form.



Two of our students in year 10 and 11 have succeeded in unique art forms this past year. Emmie Thompson, 16 and Lilly Thompson, 15 both sisters who are award winning film makers, photographers, actresses and artists. These students have generously contributed to arts and culture in the North East through their many talents and promoting Sunderland in its bid for City of Culture 2021.

Emmie and Lilly have received awards for their filmmaking regionally, nationally and internationally. In March, the sisters attended the Sunderland young achievers in the Stadium of Light. Lilly was awarded for her winning piece, exhibited at Arts Centre Washington and both girls received a one-off special

recognition culture award. On the 26th of April, the Thompson sisters attended the culture awards in the Sunderland minster. Lilly and Emmie got into the top three entries out of the whole North East.

Previously, Lilly has attended the BALTIC art mix young people's group every Thursday and Monday. The group collaborated with Bridge + Tunnels, a BAFTA nominated Film Company, to create a short film about terms and conditions. The film was exhibited in BALTIC 39 in Newcastle for a week and was a part of the Late Shows.

Lilly, year 10, has also got her second solo exhibition at Arts Centre Washington this month. All of the pieces from the exhibition 'School Days' was taken in and around St Anthony's. Some of the photographs have been nominated and won awards judged by industry professionals.

The Thompson Sisters are now working on a new stop motion and 2D animated film. Their ambitions and dreams for the future are to win a BAFTA and Oscar.

Well done to 10 students from Year 10 who have successfully earned a place on the Hairdressing course with Tracy Gumbleton-Wood at Spoilt Rotten Hair Salon in Holmside. Katie Bittel, Olivia Broadbent, Rhea Corner, Sophie Evans, Lorna Glass, Danielle



Johnson, Lydia Miller, Eryn Ogden, Ajitica Richardson and Faith Scott have already successfully passed two units (Health and Safety and Shampooing and Conditioning) and now have lots of practical experience. The girls attend every Tuesday night from 4.00-6.00pm in their own time. The course will culminate in a hairdressing show at the end of the 2 years and the girls will achieve a Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Hair Services.



During the week of the 11th-15th July, Year 10 students have the opportunity to complete 1 week of work experience. This is a great opportunity as the girls enter the world of work and learn about careers that they may hopefully pursue in the future. We hope that this experience will motivate the girls to work hard towards the examinations during Year 11 which will hopefully successfully place them on their chosen career path.

# Pastoral Year 11

A huge thank you to Gary Querry and his team from Northumbria Police for their contribution to the Sex and Relationships Programme of Study in Year 11. Gary has delivered an invaluable unit to the Year 11 girls for the past 10 years on how to recognise the early warning signs of domestic abuse, honour-based violence, and forced and arranged marriages. Thank you so very much, Gary.



## Hairdressing

A number of Year 11 students have taken part in a 2-year hairdressing course organised by Mrs Perrett and run by Spoilt Rotten, a salon in Sunderland. Mrs Richardson-Dunn, Miss Brown and Mrs Tomlin were invited to the final presentation, to help judge the work of the girls, who were praised for their hard work and dedication to the course. All girls were fantastic, but particular congratulations must go to Katie Blyth and Stacy Dennis who were voted as overall winners, receiving a cash prize from the salon! Well done, girls!



## Nearly there.....

Year 11 have now taken their GCSE exams and they formally left school after their Leavers' Presentation on Wednesday 29th June. We are very proud of all of the hard work and dedication that has gone towards their revision and preparation, and wish them all the best for their results, which will be published on Thursday 25th August at 10.30am. We hope they have a well-deserved extended Summer break. To those returning to Sixth Form, we will see you in September. To those moving on to pastures new, we wish you good luck. To all of you, here are some photos of your time in St Anthony's!



# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Awards

Congratulations to all of Year 13 Students who will be leaving us this Summer, and to those who have received awards for their hard work and contribution to academy life!

Rose Murray Award for English Literature	Charlie Steer-Stephenson
Sr. Wilfrid Award for English Language	Ciara Farini
Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics	Hannah Mearns + Sarah Mearns
Antonian Award for Biology	Ann Andreas
Glenda Griffiths Award for Business Studies	Georgia Maw + Jennifer Connolly
Joanne Reah Award for Art	Eve Watson
Angela Gardiner Award for French	Ella Farrell
Lily Bowl for Child Development Studies	Shannon O'Neill
St. Anthony's Academy Mozart Award for Music	Emma Ford
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Drama and Theatre Studies	Rebecca Fishwick
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Classical Civilisation	Charlie Steer-Stephenson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Chemistry	Ann Andreas
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Design Technology	Emma Watson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Food	Caitlin Byrne
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Further Mathematics	Eve Watson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Geography	Sarah Barber
St. Anthony's Academy Award for History	Claudia Spoor
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Human Biology	Ellie Patterson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for I.C.T.	Evangelina Rea
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Interactive Media	Shannon Young
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Law	Eve Walker
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Media Studies	Emma Watson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Photography	Shannon Young
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Physics	Rachel Lim
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Government/Politics	Rachael Pearson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Psychology	Ellie Patterson
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Sociology	Maxine McGough + Lucy Clark
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Spanish	Raquel Januario
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Sport and P.E.	Faye Huntley
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Textiles	Chloe Fairweather
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Theology	Lauren Broom
St. Anthony's Academy Award for Economics	Naomi Lau + Sophie Jackson



# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Head Teacher's Award for Service to the Academy

Lauren Broom  
 Eve Hawes  
 Sarah Richardson  
 Amy Watson  
 Olivia Knowles

## Head Teacher's Award for Service to the Community

Molly Curle  
 Emma Kelly  
 Ann Andreas  
 Hannah Day  
 Emma Ford

## Eileen Welch Award for overall contribution to the Sixth Form

Ann Andreas

## Academy Award for overall academic achievement

Charlie Steer-Stephenson  
 Claudia Spoor  
 Ann Andreas  
 Rachel Lim  
 Heather Boal  
 Lille Borresen

## Academy Award for overall academic achievement (cont.)

Eve Watson  
 Tamin Syeda  
 Sarah Barber

## Reverent Mother's Awards to the Sixth Form Council

Molly Curle  
 Louise Parker  
 Eve Walker  
 Ellie Page  
 Anna Greaves  
 Ann Andreas  
 Megan Bowie  
 Sophie Jackson  
 Rifah Tasmin  
 Georgia Maw  
 Emma Morton  
 Rebecca Charlton

## Head Girl

Charlie Steer-Stephenson

## Deputy Head Girl

Hannah Day



Thank you very much to the Pride of the Wear Lodge of the Buffs for charitable fundraising to support Manzini Youth Care. Fund-raising was organised by Mr David Henderson, grandfather of Sophie Henderson in Year 13. Sophie was one of our students planning to go to Manzini this year. This massive donation of £1,141.00 will go towards paying the teacher's salaries at Enjabulweni Bridging School in Manzini.

# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## The Sixth Form

Once again we had a busy Summer Term preparing to say goodbye to our Year 13 students. Staff and students have enjoyed looking back over their achievements and reflecting upon the changes that have happened over the last 7 years. Fr Michael McCoy celebrated a beautiful Presentation Mass with the girls, and Mrs Smith led an emotional farewell assembly. Proud parents were able to celebrate the many achievements of their daughters in the Leavers' Ceremony held, for the first time, in our new academy hall.



Charlie Steer-Stephenson with her awards for Head Girl and Classic Civilisation.

## Head and Deputy Head Girl

Olivia Smith and Gabrielle Winton in Year 12 have been elected to be the new Head and Deputy Head Girl and we know they will do a great job as ambassadors for our Sixth Form. They will be supported by the Student Council and also by the team of about 30 regular Student Ambassadors who have worked hard all year supporting staff at events.



Olivia Smith (Head Girl) and Gabrielle Winton (Deputy Head Girl)

The culmination of these events was the Leavers' Ball at The Assembly Rooms in Newcastle. We wish the girls every success in the future and are delighted that so many of them have signed up to our Alumni Programme, so we will no doubt hear from them in the future. For more information about the Alumni Programme please visit the Future First website.



Ann Andreas

## John Paul II Award

We are delighted to announce that Ann Andreas in Year 13 has achieved the first John Paul II Award in the Diocese; this new initiative is to encourage young people to become more involved in charitable projects and their local community.

# Pastoral Year 12 & 13

## Raising Aspirations

Girls in Year 12 have already taken their first steps towards university, by attending courses and seminars to find out more about university life and the application process. These have included a day at St James' Park hosted by Cambridge University, and a Raising Aspirations Conference presented by Durham University, which told the girls more about daily life in the different colleges at the university as well as giving them some very useful information on personal statements and how to make a good impression on their applications.

This year Mrs Smith organised our second Careers Event; as well as workshops on interviewing skills and Selling My Brand, the students were able to talk to representatives from all of the local universities and some from further afield. There were also visitors from local companies and all branches of the armed forces. Throughout the year many students have completed work experience in a whole host of institutions including the Sunderland Royal and James Cook Hospitals.

## Marcia Adams

Marcia Adams in Year 12 has been accepted for the prestigious Yale University Summer School to experience life as a student in one of the world's top universities. We are delighted for Marcia as there is considerable competition nationwide for places on this scheme.



## Charity Work

Our commitment to working in the wider community has continued this year and we have continued with our support of many local and national projects including Mind, The SVP and Macmillan Cancer Support. Nearly 60 girls have signed up for the exciting John Paul II Award scheme, and they have worked hard in parishes and in the local community on a wide range of projects. Our students are among the first in the diocese to complete the award.

## Oxbridge Outreach

This year we have welcomed both Oxford and Cambridge outreach teams to talk to students in Years 10-12 and we also invited St. Aidan's year 12 boys to the event. Both outreach teams were very impressed by our students and it is fantastic to have the opportunity to raise student aspirations and demonstrate that Oxbridge is accessible if you are prepared to work hard.



Shona Quinn from Oxford University



The Team from Cambridge University

# PE & Sport

## Ashbrooke Road Relay



Congratulations to Evie Compson, Grace Abbott, Anna Maw, Hayley Calvert, Sarah Knight and Abbie Little. They represented St. Anthony's at the 57th Annual Ashbrooke Road Relay Race. Despite the weather conditions, the girls performed exceptionally well, and achieved second place overall. A great team effort and an amazing achievement.

A big congratulations to Sarah Knight. She has had an amazing season representing the Academy in many cross-country and running competitions. Sarah ran the fastest lap in the Year 10 & 11 Ashbrook Road Relay Race. She came first in the Wearside Cross-Country



Competition, representing the Academy. She went on to represent the region in Cross-Country, competing in Inter-Country races, qualifying and competing at English Schools. Sarah came second in the Intermediate Tyne and Wear Cross-Country Race, and first in the Individual Durham County Cup. Sarah also received the Paula Williams Rising Star Award at the annual Antonian Awards in March. An amazing season Sarah. Well done!

## School Games

Congratulations to St. Anthony's PE department. They have achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport.



## Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament

The Year 7 and U14 Netball Teams participated in the annual Catholic Partnership Netball Tournament in March. The girls performed very well against the high standards of other schools in the diocese. The U14 team were placed 7th overall and the Year 7 team missed out on a silver medal by 1 point, placing them 3rd overall. Well done, girls!



## Catholic Partnership Dance Group

The Catholic Partnership dance group is a collaboration of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils. The girls' have worked extremely hard to choreograph two dance pieces, using the Olympics as their inspiration. They have used props and their expertise to compose an energetic, lively performance for the Catholic Partnership Dance festival at the Gala Theatre in Durham on July 4th. Good luck girls and well done.



# PE & Sport

## Wearside Athletics

Congratulations to the Junior and Intermediate Athletics teams. They competed at the Wearside Athletics competition against other students from the City of Sunderland. All of the girls performed extremely well and were an asset to the Academy. The following girls came first and second in their events and will go on to represent Wearside at the County Athletics Competition. Good Luck girls ☺

### Junior Team

Event	1st Place	2nd Place
100m		Beth Parodi
200m	Georgia Hales	
Hurdles		Amy Poulton
300m	Stephanie Welsh	Lucy Weston
800m		Anna Maw
Javelin		Kate Patton
Discus	Ellie Stanley-Roberts	Stephanie Welsh
Shot	Kate Morris	Hannah Blythe
High Jump	Anna Maw	

### Intermediate Team

Event	1st Place	2nd Place
200m	Sophie Foster	
Hurdles	Julia Zazyska	Emily Beadling
300m	Holly Brace	Olivia Broadbent
800m	Abbie Little	
1500m	Sarah Knight	
Javelin	Sasha Hughes	Lauren Taylor
Discus	Leah Wilkinson	
High Jump	Julia Zazyska	Robyn Taylor
Long Jump	Emily Beadling	Laura Simpson

## Cross-Country

Congratulations to the Year 7, Junior and Intermediate Cross-Country Teams! They have had an amazing season, representing the Academy at the annual Tyne and Wear Competition, the Durham County Cup, the Sunderland Schools Wearside Competition, and the Individual Race at Watergate Park.

Year 7 have had a great season, coming first in the Wearside Cross-Country Competition. The following five girls came in the top 10: Evie Compson, 1st; Hannah Cowan, 5th; Jessica Gair, 7th; and Alyssa Land, 8th. The girls represented Wearside at the Inter-County Race. Evie Compson came 16th overall and went through to the next round, representing Durham County. A big well done to all girls.

The Year 8 & 9 girls have trained really hard all season and have worked extremely well as a team. The following girls qualified for the Inter-County Competition as they came in the top 10 at the Wearside Event: Grace Abbott, 6th; Hayley Calvert, 7th; and Madeleine Smith, 10th.

The Year 10 & 11 girls have worked really hard to achieve great results. They won the Tyne and Wear, and the Wearside Cross-Country Competitions. The following girls qualified for the Inter-County Competition: Sarah Knight, 1st; Abbie Little, 3rd; Lily Frankland, 5th; Merin Benny, 6th; Diana Sabu, 8th; and Holly Brace and Sophie Alderson, 10th. The girls also won the award for best team at the Antonian Awards – Well done girls; a great season.



## Years 9 and 10: Rounders

Congratulations to the Year 9&10 Rounders team who have made an excellent start to their season. The 'A' team are undefeated so far, and also recently won the Sunderland Schools' Finals. The 'B' team have won many of their matches, but were unlucky not to qualify for the Tyne and Wear Games' Final. The 'A' team won the event, and will now go on to represent Sunderland at the on the 7th July at the Puma Centre.

# PE & Sport

## Inter-House Netball

Congratulations to all of the girls who participated in the Inter-house Netball. Everyone who played was a credit to the school, and there was some exceptional Netball played over the two weeks. The results were as follows:

<b>Year 7</b> 3rd - White 2nd - Purple 1st - Red	<b>Year 8</b> 3rd - Red 2nd - Green 1st - Orange	<b>Year 9</b> 3rd - Red 2nd - Orange 1st - Blue	<b>Year 10</b> 3rd - Orange 2nd - Blue 1st - White	<b>Year 11</b> 3rd - Yellow 2nd - White 1st - Purple
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### Overall Results:

Position	Team colour and saint	Points
1st	Orange	116
2nd	White	113
3rd	Red	111
4th	Yellow	85

Position	Team colour and saint	Points
5th	Purple	82
6th	Blue	67
7th	Green	54

## City of Sunderland Netball League

Our Year 7A & 8A Netball Teams have done the double! Both teams have remained undefeated in all City of Sunderland League Matches, and were crowned champions of their City of Sunderland Tournaments! The Year 7B Team were placed 6th overall in the City of Sunderland League, and the Year 8B team were closely behind the winners, coming in at the 2nd place! The Year 9 Netball Team came in at a respectable 5th place in the League! All girls have performed brilliantly since September, in matches and in training!



## Years 7 and 8: Rounders

Congratulations to the Year 7&8 Rounders teams who have made an excellent start to their season. The 'A' team are undefeated so far, and also recently won the Sunderland Schools' Finals. The 'B' team have won, drawn and lost some matches, but they have also played some brilliant matches, considering many of the girls had not played any Rounders before this year. Keep up the hard work, girls!



# Psychology

Edinburgh Sixth Form Conference November 2015



## Edinburgh: Conference for A Level students: "Science and Pseudo-science"

The conference explored what was good and bad science, and how psychology fitted into science. The morning lectures were quite academically focused, whilst the afternoon presentations looked at:-

1. **The Psychology of Magic and Illusion.** Magicians appear to make solid objects vanish into thin air, defy the laws of gravity and predict the future. **Professor Richard Wiseman** invites you to step backstage and discover the secret science of sorcery.
2. **Andrew Newton** is one of the most successful and experienced **hypnotists** in the world. Andrew demonstrates the use of hypnosis whilst giving some interesting academic insights into how this process works on a psychological level. The audience are invited to participate.

## What Sixth formers said about this event:-

"The trip to Edinburgh was one of the best field trips I have been on. Not only did we get to watch the work of the hypnotist, Andrew Newton, we were also able to learn about psychology in daily life such as sleeping patterns. It is a trip I will never forget and I would definitely recommend the conference, even if you are not studying Psychology."

(Ciara Grierson, Year 12, Psychology)



"I really enjoyed the Psychology trip to Edinburgh. All of the lectures were really interesting and it was a great opportunity to get an insight into different aspects of Psychology. I would recommend this trip to any Psychology student or anyone really."

(Lauren Roberts, Year 12)

"A wonderful opportunity to learn more about the subject of psychology and experience a lovely city"

(Amelia Jane Brown, Year 12, Psychology)

"The Edinburgh trip was an excellent day out and it broadened my knowledge on Psychology. There were hypnotists and very interesting speakers who spoke about real life Psychology application. I definitely will go again! Not an opportunity to miss!"

(Anna Greaves, Year 13 Psychology)

The Psychology conference was great. It wasn't based on just things we learn in the AS specification, it was about things in everyday life such as sleeping patterns and the speed of neurons. The atmosphere was informal and there were sixth formers from all over the north of England.

(Maxine McGough Year 13 Psychology)



# Sociology

This has been another excellent year for the Sociology Department. We are thrilled to have two classes in Year 12 for the first time. The current Year 12 took the first exam of the new 'A' levels in May and we wish them luck.

Year 13 have been lucky enough to have a range of interesting talks arranged for them.

In November Professor Simon Winlow spoke to our students about his very famous and influential study of bouncers in Sunderland 'Badfellas'. He talked about the economic and social conditions which influenced the types of crime in Sunderland, and he gave a fascinating insight into the way he undertook his study. All of these issues are relevant to our Paper 4 which covers Crime and Deviance, and to our Research Methods Linked to Crime. Professor Winlow also discussed with us some of the other issues he has been researching involving changes in politics both here in the UK, and also in Europe as a whole.

## Crime Day 2016!

In January we headed off to the annual Carmel College Crime Day, where a host of speakers discussed the findings of their work. One of them was Jim Cunningham, a retired PC who spoke about the widening of the definition of domestic abuse, and the impact it will have on policing and crime figures.



In March, the Durham PCC Ron Hogg also came to Yr 13 about policing and the role of the PCC. Mr Hogg himself has a background in Sociology, and provided a fascinating discussion on the pros and cons of the legalisation of certain banned substances.

Several of our pupils are going on to study Sociology at university. We wish all Yr13 students every success in their future.



### A day in the life of a nun

This term Sister Mary Francis came to Year 8 RE lessons to discuss the life of a nun. During the lesson Sister talked through her daily routine, the reasons she became a nun and why she devotes her life to God. Year 8 asked some very insightful questions linking to the vows Sister Francis has taken and lives by every single day. Sister Mary Francis discussed her role in the convent and her prayer routine, as well as the important role the education of young women plays in the life of a Sister of Mercy. Furthermore, Sister linked her talk to learning from the Year 7 syllabus and the pupils discussed in length the life of Catherine McAuley. All in all, this one-off event was a delightful insight into a life that is not normally seen in current society, and we wish to thank Sister Francis for the time and devotion she always shows to the students.



### Faith Festival

Once again our Faith Festival was blessed with a number of exceptional speakers.

Jeremy Cain kicked off the week and enthralled students by recalling his adventures on the diocesan pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in 2012. Jeremy captivated the students when he told them about the many interesting people he met on 'The Way'. The girls were not put off by his talk of blisters or the fact that pilgrims walked 100km.

'I get it!' was one of the many positive comments from the girls after Adrian Brook's wonderful talk on the importance of Mass and the Eucharist. Adrian engaged pupils with creative activities and most of all his own passion for the faith.

As we are a girls' academy Fr. Marc Lyden-Smith, in his excellent session, thought it very important that the students hear about some female Catholic role models, such as St. Therese of Lisieux and other 'heroic women'.

Fr. Shaun O'Neill gave the students an account of his sabbatical in Cenacolo. Here he lived and worked with men who were suffering from a variety of addictions. The girls were surprised to learn that these men came from all types of backgrounds including millionaires and a former street child.

Miss Thomas, from our Science Department, and some of our Year 10 girls did a remarkable job at teaching staff and students a prayer through Classical Indian



Dance. This was truly a wonderful and beautiful experience for all involved, and it taught the girls that prayer could be expressed in many forms.

Representatives from other religions kindly shared some of the precepts of their beliefs with us. One of our sixth Form students, Rifah Tasnim, gave an informative talk about her Islamic faith. We also enjoyed listening to speakers from the Jewish and Sikh faiths.



## Sixth Form RE Conference

### Ushaw College

Our AS and A2 Theology students were once again given the opportunity to hear some fantastic Theology lectures organised by the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Partnership. The aim of the day was for Theology students to engage with lecturers from Durham University and the Centre for Catholic Studies in order to support their studies.

The speakers included Professor Karen Kilby (Bede Professor of Catholic Theology), who presented a lecture on the Papal Encyclical 'Laudato Si' by Pope Francis on the environment and human ecology. Our students enjoyed the engaging lectures and some of the topics presented were related to the Theology courses taught here at St. Anthony's. This day was complemented further by having a tour around the beautiful and historic Ushaw College which is the former provincial seminary for the North of England.

Some of our students are hoping to take their studies of Theology beyond Sixth Form and on to degree level at University. Having this opportunity to be with esteemed lecturers from Durham University Theology Department gave our students a good insight into what may await them in the near future.



# Science

## Leading Edge Research Project

Girls from Year 9 have taken part in a research project at Newcastle University, investigating drugs to treat skin cancer. The girls have enjoyed two days in the medical school laboratories and are getting ready to present their work at the finale event.

The girls involved are: • Eleanor Lynn • Aimee Lincoln • Anna Maw • Hannah Oxley • Melin Sunil • Christelle Furtado



## Year 7 Particle Models

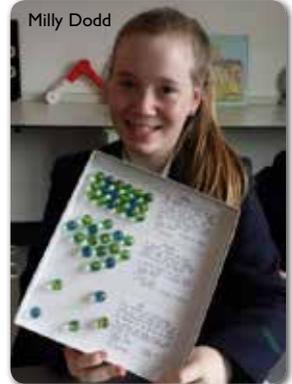
Year 7 had fun making particles models as part of their Chemistry lessons. The activity allowed the girls to show their creative side as well as consolidate their knowledge on atoms and molecules.



Charlotte Wear



Ivana Brodanac



Milly Dodd

# Science



## Three Bronze Awards in the British Biology Olympiad

This year over 7,200 students from around 600 schools took part in the British Biology Olympiad (BBO) including ten of our own Year 13 Biology students. The test consisted of two very challenging one-hour multiple choice papers taken online in school in February.

Improving on last year's success, three of our students, Dana Lim, Tamin Syeda and Hannah Mearns, have gained Bronze awards this year. They have been invited to the Royal Institution in July for a Society of Biology Awards Ceremony with keynote speaker Professor Gail Cardew FRSB. In addition, Sarah Mearns achieved a certificate of High Commendation and Anna Greaves, Ann Andreas and Rachel Lim achieved Commendation certificates.

The top 150 gold medallists took part in round two of the BBO; a ninety-minute written paper at their schools in March, and then the 16 highest achievers took part in the British Final at the University of Warwick in April. A four-person team has been selected to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) which will take place in Hanoi, Vietnam in July, and we wish them the best of luck.

The IBO seeks to challenge both theoretical knowledge and practical skill of some of the top pre-university Biology students in the world, with over 60 countries taking part. UK teams have had considerable success at IBO in previous years and maybe one year one of our own St. Anthony's students may achieve a place on the team.

This was another record-breaking year for participation, and the standard of entries was very high so competition was tough and grade boundaries were high. Many congratulations to Dana, Tamin and Hannah who have already received their medals and certificates and are hoping to attend the Awards Ceremony in London this Summer.



Anna Greaves and Tamin Syeda



Left to Right: Rachel Lim, Dana Lim, Hannah Mearns, Sarah Mearns, Ann Andreas

# Science

**BODY WORLDS**

**ANIMAL  
INSIDE OUT**



**Life**  
Science Centre



## Biology Visit to Body Worlds Animal Inside Out Exhibition at the Centre for Life

On July 5th thirty eight Year 12 Biology students will visit the Centre for Life for the day. They will get the opportunity to see the visiting BODY WORLDS Animal Inside Out and take part in a Rat Dissection Masterclass.

The specimens on display in the exhibition were generously donated and preserved through plastination, the preservation process invented by Dr. Gunther von Hagens in 1977, while he was working as an anatomist at the University of Heidelberg. It will be a great opportunity to learn about anatomy, physiology, and health by viewing real animal specimens. The exhibition includes whole-body plastinates, a large arrangement of individual organs, organ and arterial configurations, and translucent slices that gave a complete picture of physiology.

This is a great learning opportunity to see anatomy as more than simple diagrams in text books. During their visit the students will also take part in a rat dissection workshop which will develop their dissection skills as part of the new A Level specification. We hope to have a fascinating and enjoyable day that brings many different aspects of the Biology A Level Curriculum to life.



# Science

**MiSAC**  
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**2016 Competition**  
for KS3 and KS4  
(S1/2 and S3/4 in Scotland)

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microbiology

The Microbiology

## How microbes work for us



In Schools Advisory Committee introduced a competition to enhance student interest in Microbiology in 1985. This year was the 28th **MiSAC Annual Poster Competition** for Key Stages 3 and 4 and attracted 654 entries from 104 schools nationally. This year's topic was linked to the National Curriculum but aimed to broaden students' approach. Sponsorship money prizes, totalling £1,200 for students and their schools, were provided by the Society for Applied Microbiology.

The aim of the competition was to produce a popular news story about ways in which microbes work to our advantage, using a lively, fun and entertaining approach modelled on an internet news media site such as BuzzFeed. Entries had to be a poster on one A3 piece of paper and our entrants focused on production of biofuels, composting, genetic engineering to produce insulin, soil fertility and fermentation as an ancient method to preserve food in the form of Indian pickles. They certainly described many of the diverse ways that microbes are useful in our lives. We submitted two team entries from Year 10 and the students received a certificate of commendation for participating and some really positive feedback from the judges.

All five entrants received Highly Commended for the design, detail and research on their posters; they are: Riya Stephen, Devika Jayan, Ashlin Roy, Diana Sabu, Merin Benny.

Well done to the girls for their excellent entries which unfortunately did not win major prizes on this occasion, but were brilliant and showed great creativity and scientific knowledge.



Ashlin Roy, Merin Benny, Diana Sabu, Devika Jayan, Riya Stephen.

# Manzini

## Over Ten Years of Supporting Manzini Youth Care



Our very first visit to Swaziland was in the summer of 2007. We had been fund-raising for nearly 2 years to enable a group of Year 13 girls and 4 staff to work alongside Manzini Youth Care (MYC) in Manzini, Swaziland. Since then groups of students and staff have travelled out each year to continue to support the work of this amazing organisation.



In this edition of Spotlight we would like to share with you some of the life-changing experiences and opportunities that we have had in Swaziland, and also to remind you of how we have used the money raised by the community and friends of St Anthony's over the last ten years.

# Manzini



It was on our first visit to Swaziland that we met the Founder of MYC Fr Larry McDonnell (on the left). To this day Fr Larry, now retired, works closely with us for the benefit of the vulnerable young people of Manzini. Fr Tim is the new Director of MYC and we look forward to meeting him this year and working alongside him on future projects.

We were also accompanied by Steve Wright. Steve was a policeman with Northumbria Police and he continues to support MYC in so many ways. Steve has also volunteered and delivered an important PSHE unit on Personal Safety to our Year 10's for the last twelve years – his contribution to the life at St Anthony's has been invaluable.



One of our regular jobs is to redecorate the many children's homes. We are never alone in this task, there are always willing volunteers from each home to lend a helping hand.



Another amazing supporter of MYC over the years has been Kev Gingell. Kev, a retired fire fighter, has accompanied the school on so many visits to Manzini. The children's homes are much improved as a result of Kev's fantastic DIY skills.



Lindiwe always looks forward to our visits. Funding has provided a fresh water supply to her home. Her vegetables are amazing and she is now able to share clean water with her neighbours. Other taps have also been installed in her homestead, making life so much easier for many within the community.

# Manzini



One of our most successful projects has been to support the work of the pre-school trainee teachers. With the help of Mrs Miller, work is on-going to train local Swazi women who, when qualified, go out into their local communities to teach disadvantaged children who otherwise would not receive an education. This teacher training programme is renowned as being the best in Swaziland. Last year we met with the Senior Inspector of schools in Swaziland to discuss distance learning for future training with Sunderland University.



Supporting pupils and staff in education has always been a top priority for us here at St Anthony's. Each year opportunities are given for girls and staff to teach in Enjabulweni Bridging School. Many of our girls have gone on to teach with other voluntary organisations throughout the world as a result of their experiences in Manzini.

We regularly work with staff from Enjabulweni School supporting teaching and staff development and many friendships have been forged over the years.

The majority of money raised from St. Anthony's is now sent to MYC to pay teacher's salaries.



# Manzini



Cedric is a teacher at Enjambulweni School. His choir and Marimba and Drumming Band continue to be in demand to perform in Swaziland and South Africa. Donations from St Anthony's helped them secure a recording session in Pretoria, resulting in the sale of CD's to generate more income for MYC.

Invelo Jewellery, another income generating project belonging to MYC always benefits from visits from St Anthony's students and staff. We regularly match a month's takings in one order when we buy gifts to take home for friends and family.



Year 8 pupils with the support of staff in the textiles department made dresses for the young girls in Ngwane Park Home. St. Anthony's girls also included a letter about themselves with the dresses which was very much appreciated by the Swazi girls. We continue to contribute to the welfare of the girls by donating funds, clothing and toiletries.



Visiting Hope House and witnessing the amazing work of Sr. Elsa and her dedicated staff is always a very emotional and humbling experience. Cancer, TB and Aids patients receive care that is second to none. A generous donation is always left on your behalf with Sr. Elsa.



Sandile and his family always give each group visiting Manzini such a warm welcome to his family home. Sandile has been our driver and guide on many excursions to Mantenga Cultural Village and Hlane Game Park.

# Manzini

As the sun sets over a beautiful Swaziland, I would like to take this opportunity to say huge thank you to all those who have supported Manzini Youth Care over the years, in so many ways.

Who would have thought that when three Year 12 girls came to ask if we would organise a 'World Challenge' type experience for their Year group, that over a decade later, we would still be very much involved with supporting this amazing charity? Throughout the years we have raised over £100,000 and given opportunities of a lifetime to dozens of students and staff.

We could not have achieved this without the hard work of all staff who have led and supported groups going out each year – their contributions cannot be measured – THANK YOU to you all. Thanks must also go to Sister Aelred and the Sisters of Mercy, Mrs Shepherd and the Senior Leadership team at the Academy for their continued support with this project.

And last but not least, thanks to the girls who have shared these memorable experiences. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and have been fantastic ambassadors for the Academy. St. Anthony's girls and staff hold a very special place in the hearts of MYC.

Personally I have been fortunate to go out each year to Manzini and this will be my final visit as a member of staff at St. Anthony's. Although I will be retired from teaching, I will continue to support MYC as a Trustee and would be honoured to accompany and support any future Academy visits to Swaziland.

Many, many thanks once again – to each of you for your support. Ann Laydon.



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## Important Summer Dates 2016:

July	
Friday 22nd	End of term for students 3.30pm
Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th	Summer School Year 6 (Booking Essential) – 10am to 4pm
August	
Thursday 18th	A level Results Day Y13 – 8:30am AS level Results Day Y12 – 11.00am GCSE Results Day Y10 – 1.30pm
Thursday 25th	GCSE Results Day Y11 – 10.30am Registration Day new Y12 (Y11) – 10.30am-3.00pm
September	
Monday 5th	Staff Training Day Start of Term Y7-Y12 – 8.45am
Tuesday 6th	Start of Term Y13 – 8.45am



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