



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

A Mercy Academy committed to excellence



SPOTLIGHT



SUMMER 2019





Dear Parent/Carer,

Character, commitment and courage to build church, community, city and country.

Our senior students and staff have been very busy with a hectic calendar of over 175 separate external examinations this May and June. Thank you to all our parents/carers who have supported our students through this examination season. A big thank-you to Mrs. Taroni and the invigilation team, who organise this huge annual undertaking, and to teaching staff who delivered our "super learning seminar programme" prior to examinations.

We wish all our students the very best in these examinations, but also make it very clear to them that examinations will never define them as a person. They may be important to "open doors" to certain careers or university courses. However, we aim to work with our students to build character, commitment and courage within a vibrant Catholic community which welcomes young people of all faiths and none. We hope that whatever our role in life: we turn up, work hard and undertake everything to the best of our ability to ensure that we make a positive contribution to community, city and country. Without some of these personal characteristics, and associated skills, all the examinations results in the world will not create good family members, community members or employees.

During September St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's will formally become Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust. In summary, this means that we will be working even more closely together to provide the very best for the young people of Monkwearmouth Catholic Partnership i.e. the eleven Catholic schools and eleven Catholic parishes within our city and for those families, from other traditions, who choose St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's for secondary and post-16 education.

Please do follow us on twitter and mention our twitter accounts to friends, family members, and alumni. This is now our main method of sharing news quickly and very regularly. If you are not signed up you are missing out on finding out about some lovely activities, educational visits, competitions etc.

Twitter:

- @St_Anthonys3 (St. Anthony's)
- @St_Aidans_RC (St. Aidan's)
- @AASixthForm (St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form)
- @ourlady_cet (Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust – our new multi-academy trust)
- @BeaconSch (Teaching School)
- @FutureFirstOrg (Future First – our Alumni Network)

Wishing all our families a peaceful Summer break, and thank you and goodbye to those staff and students leaving us this summer. We look forward to meeting the largest ever Year 7 and Year 12 in September!

N.B. A reminder to family, friends and colleagues with children in Year 6 or Year 11:- Applications for Year 7 September 2020 close on the 31.10.2019 (Hallowe'en); and for Year 12 September 2020 on the 14.02.2020 (Valentine's Day).

M. Shepherd (Mrs.)
Headteacher



Attendance Matters!

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways parents can support their children. Attending every day has a huge impact on both attainment and enjoyment, and it helps students to develop vital skills for the future. Absences quickly add up; taking just 7 days off in an academic year can affect performance. The government has abolished the right of head teachers to authorise absence for holidays during term time, and fines can be issued to parents who take their children out of school during term time. Every day counts, so please try and make all appointments outside of school hours, and encourage your child to be here on time every day!



At the end of every term we celebrate and reward students who have met our academy target of 96%+ and who have excellent attendance.





The ANTONIAN Awards 2019



The 8th annual Antonian Awards ceremony took place on 20th March 2019 to celebrate the success and achievements of pupils from the fields of Art, Music, Drama, Sport & PE, and Technology. All pupils, parents and guests were invited to a special presentation followed by a buffet meal.

The evening welcomed past St. Anthony's pupil Sarah Hill to present awards and certificates to the winners and runners up. She was assisted by two special guests from Sunderland AFC Ladies Team, Emily Hutchinson (also a former St. Anthony's student and U18 England player) and Hannah Skull.

Congratulations to all winners and nominees!



Antonian Awards – Music

Our annual Antonian Awards were held in March, and once again it was an evening full of talented students getting recognition for their dedication, hard work and skills. Congratulations to the Music nominees winners for this year:

Victrix Ludorum (Best Girl): Natasha Hair

Outstanding Achievement: Madeleine Miller

Best Group: Senior Choir

Best Ambassador: Dani Gomez

Paula Williams Rising Star: Gabrielle Collins

Winner of the Best Ambassador award for establishing an extra-curricular guitar tuition group, Dani Gomez, said "it was a privilege to see all of my friends and peers achieve recognition for their hard work and talent for music. I was ecstatic to have won the award!"





Leonardo the Legend!

As part of the GCSE Fine Art course here at St. Anthony's our students had the opportunity to visit the touring exhibition of one of the Renaissance's great masters, Leonardo Da Vinci. Known to many as a great painter, he was also a fantastic engineer, scientist and botanist; in fact there were very few past times he didn't turn his hand to. In this exhibition, our students were able to get a close look at artwork that has been displayed less than a handful of times since its creation. This once-in-a-life-time opportunity enabled our girls to explore the techniques and processes behind Da Vinci's life and works, looking at the techniques and processes he used, whilst simultaneously drawing from his artistic brilliance and creative endeavours. This observation and understanding is now being used in the GCSE portfolios of the girls who attended the trip as they pursue their own creative outcomes. After the private tour of the exhibition the girls were given time to draw and view the permanent collection of the Museum and Winter Gardens as well as an exhibition by an artist called Andrew Tift, who produces large scale photo-realist drawings of local people. They were also able to draw directly from some of the Museum's specimens. The day was a fantastic success and a real treat for all involved whilst also contributing to the artistic progress of our GCSE students portfolios.



A portrait of a woman in profile



Screen Printing and Glass-Fusing Workshop

As part of the GCSE Fine Art course Year 10 went on a trip to the National Glass Centre and developed their pre-planned print ideas on to several sheets of glass. The method of printing they used is called screen printing, or silk screen printing, as it uses large sheets to transfer the image from design to artwork. This method is common in glassware and fabric design. It involves exposing an image, or several images, on to separate screens, using specialist equipment. Once the designs have been transferred to these screens, ink can be dragged across them. Where the emulsion on the screen has become

transparent, the ink flows through on to the glass. Where the emulsion on the screen has not been affected, this stays opaque. After screen printing two separate layers, often a base colour and then a drawn layer, the glass is fired in a kiln and fused together with an additional top clear sheet to give it a professional finish. Some examples of the outcomes and the process can be seen below. The students worked with glass artist Tina Webb who had an exhibition on at the Glass Centre at the time. They also watched a glass-blowing demonstration from the professionals who work at the National Glass Centre. They were able to see how more advanced techniques can be used to make 3D works of glass art. The trip was a great success and the outcomes produced were equally impressive.





Medical Mavericks

Last term our learning focus has been about Careers in the NHS. Years 9, 12 and 13 had a visit from the Medical Mavericks.

This consisted of a hands-on workshop that introduced a whole range of amazing medical careers from nursing, doctors & paramedics to the more-lesser known healthcare scientists. Everyone received a workbook to record and check off their activities.

The workshops included the following activities:-

- Using the ultrasound machine to see inside their body;
- Seeing inside their eye with an iPhone retina scan;
- Recording and printing an ECG from their heart;
- Hearing their pulse with a Doppler Probe;
- Trying out key-hole surgery on a training device used by surgeons;
- Using a real needle to take fake blood from a fake arm;
- Experiencing different eye diseases with the pathology goggles;
- Testing hearing and reflexes;
- Taking basic medical observations such as blood pressure, oxygen saturations, and temperature.



MEDICAL MAVERICKS TOP 5 COMMON HEALTH JOBS

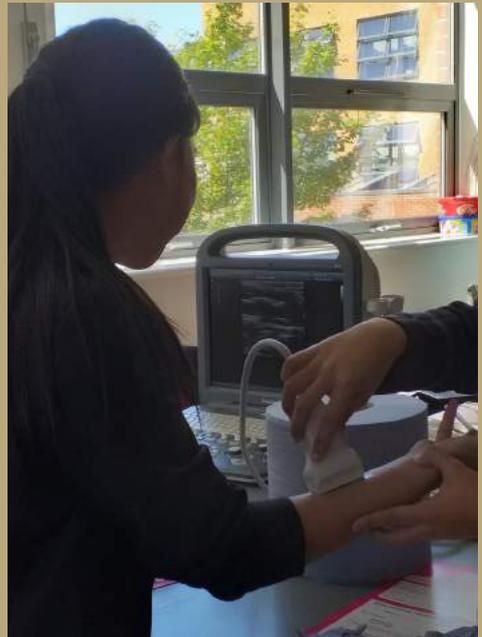
Nursing
Role: Patient Care
Training: 3 yr BSc Degree
Salary: £21k - £30k

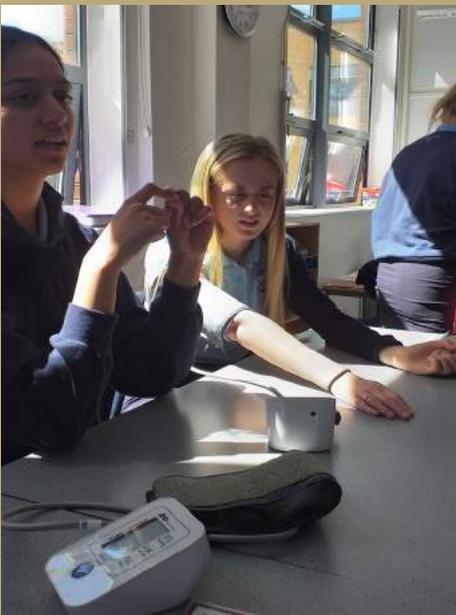
Radiographer (Diagnostic)
Role: Take & Examine medical images with x & ray, MRI and CT
Training: 3 yr BSc Degree
Salary: £23k - £40k

Doctor
Role: Diagnose & treat diseases
Training: 5 year degree course
Salary: £25k - £37k

Paramedic
Role: Respond to emergencies
Training: 2-3 year Foundation or BSc Degree Or Train on the Job as a Student Paramedic
Salary: £23k - £33k

Physiotherapist
Role: Rehabilitate patients
Training: 3 yr BSc Degree
Salary: £20k - £45k





Congratulations to Rovi Braga, Year 9. Rovi is the Regional winner of the Step into NHS Competition.



She created an App on an NHS profession of her choice – to be a Children's Nurse – and received an Amazon voucher for £50.00. Well done!



CAREERS

Work Experience

Good luck to Year 10 as they go on their Work Experience week. Once again this year there are a wide variety of work places involved where the girls should gain some valuable employability skills.

Work Discovery

The launch of Work Discovery in the next few weeks at the Stadium of Light is an exciting event for Year 9 this year, where they will meet leading employers in the area, and participate in some interview workshops.





John Paul 2nd Awards

St Aiden's and St Anthony's sixth form collecting 29 golds and 3 silvers!!



All smiles after receiving their John Paul 2nd Awards at the Tyne Theatre. The culmination of almost two years of service in their local church and local community.

From left to right: Elizabeth Earl, Eve Grant, Rachel Green, Sobia Hussain, Lily Frankland and Alice Jewitt.



A night to feel proud and inspired by our young people.

Sister Josepha with happy students celebrating their achievements at the John Paul 2nd Award ceremony in the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle.

From left to right: Amal Matthew, Lily Frankland, Sarah McKeown, Eve Grant, Amy Nichols, Rachel Green, Sohbia Hussain, Alice Jewitt and Maria Isahac



A time to shine!

Happy to be together celebrating hours of service, joy and friendship through the John Paul 2nd Award.

Sister Josepha with: Diana Sabu, Merin Benny, Ashlin Roy, Teenu Thomas, Jeffin Siby, Niroj Arulthas, Leah Tubman and Michael Nidea who was interviewed on stage with three other students describing the experiences of service in the parish, Lourdes and the wider community.

CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS

Congratulations to CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS for receiving their Awards!

Well done all!





A photo opportunity with Fr. Dermott Donnelly as we attend the **WELCOME LITURGY** for our new Bishop Robert in St. Mary's Cathedral. Representing St. Anthony's were Ashlin Roy and Diana Sabu.



Waiting with tickets in hand, full of anticipation as we get ready to take part in **FLAME 2019** at Wembley Stadium!



GOOD SHEPHERD MASS at St. Mary's Cathedral where Honey Dench handed over the cheque from St. Anthony's to St. Cuthbert's Care and Gabrielle Collins read the First Reading. Extremely proud of both students.

Monkwearmouth Partnership is proud of its confirmation candidates who "stepped up to life" at St Joseph's Church on Friday 15th March, being confirmed by Bishop Seamus.

A wonderful celebration with our partnership community, with over seventy candidates supported by our priests and people.

Congratulations to all!



THE EVENT held in St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Hebburn! Girls from St. Anthony's enjoying an evening of fun, activities, prayer and reflection as well as enjoying pizza and social time together with students from a variety of schools.



St. Aidan's and St. Anthony's sixth form students preparing to give out ashes for the Ash Wednesday lunchtime liturgy and using the opportunity to offer their services as part of their John Paul 2nd Award.





Mass a beginners guide

Mass is a holy time, a great chance to reflect and think about the people in your life and how you can work to be a better person.

Before we begin...

Singing
Just give it a go! This is a chance to give thanks to God...so try it!

Introductory Rite

This is when the community gathers

The opening prayer is called the Collect. It begins with the priest saying, "Let us pray..." followed by a pause for the people's silent prayer. All of these silent prayers of the people are then 'collected' (hence the name Collect) and offered to God in the prayer offered by the priest.



Sign of the cross – This is remembering the Trinity



Penitential Rite

This is when you say sorry for everything you have done wrong. It is great chance to get rid of the guilt you have been carrying. You can also go to Confession if you need some extra help!

REMEMBER

"Amen" means "so be it" or "Let it be." It is the people's acknowledgement and acceptance as their own the prayer which the priest has offered to God.



Listen to the Word of the Lord

Liturgy of the Word

See if you can spot the lectern...



There is a link between the First Reading and the Psalm; the Psalm is our prayerful response to what we heard in the First Reading. God spoke to us in the First Reading and we speak to God in the Psalm.

The First Reading is always from the Old Testament except during Easter when it is from the New Testament.



See if you can spot the altar – the place of sacrifice...



The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the Mass. The priest and people sign themselves on the forehead, lips and chest before the Gospel is proclaimed as a sign that we belong to Jesus in thought, word and deed.

Bread and wine will be offered to God. Both the bread and wine are the "work of human hands" so in presenting the bread and wine to God we are presenting something of ourselves.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

You may hear some bells to signal when the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ - transubstantiation



GCSE Link – see if you can spot the chalice, the paten and the ciborium

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the most holy part of Mass for Catholics, this is what you do if you are a Catholic who have had their First Holy Communion



If you haven't had your First Holy Communion or do NOT receive Holy Communion you would do this...

Concluding Rite



The final part of the Mass is the Concluding Rite. Now the priest blesses the people and sends them from the church to love and serve the Lord, to do good works, to live the faith celebrated during the Mass.

A convenient way to pay

Parents can now book and pay securely online for a range of items, such as school meals, visits, music lessons etc. using a debit/credit card, or through PayPoint. Paying online gives you the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your money has reached the school safely and is used for its intended purpose.

No More looking for having to look for change or write cheques; it's so easy now!

Please support St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy in our aim to remove all cash and cheques coming into school by using ParentPay.

If you require a copy of your activation letter, or need to reset your password, please call school on **0191 5658904** or email: **parentpay@st-anthonys-academy.com**



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We aim to become a cashless school and already operate a cashless payment system, ParentPay. This e-payment system can be accessed via a secure website www.parentpay.com or by using cash at local stores where you see the ParentPay logo



Edinburgh Zoo



In order for Year 12 and 13 to achieve criteria for Risk Assessments for educational outings, and how to plan activities for children and how they learn we are looking forward to our trip to Edinburgh where we will visit Edinburgh Zoo, the Museum of Childhood and also the National Museum of Scotland.



Portland College

Year 12 had a successful visit to Portland College, where they worked confidently with the students and were able to use sign language enabling them to communicate with the students.



Year 10 have been learning about Children's sensory development and have had the opportunity to make playdough and gloop, some in preparation for Work Experience.

They are making a good start on Unit 2 Coursework.



CHILDCARE



Congratulations to Kate Atkinson and Cherry Singh (Year 13) who have studied Childcare together for the past two years and will continue to study Primary Education together at the same University.

Well done to all Year 13 students who are completing their placements in both Daycare and Primary School settings. They have worked hard producing resources to ensure that they meet National Curriculum Standards/EYFS. These are examples of resources which have been planned and created with young children, this has helped them to secure employment in a range of Primary Schools and Daycare settings.



Year 12 have also been working on their wall displays.

Farewell and good luck to Year 11 and hope to see some of you studying Childcare in Sixth Form!





Classics Club

Classics Club has been doing some exciting activities this year, from coming up with Latin spells that would make even Voldemort shiver, to designing their own Roman villas and Percy Jackson-inspired goods for World Book Day. Particular highlights included creating a Roman style feast for Saturnalia with Athenian cabbage, honeyed dates melon "two ways" – and our favourite new game based on everyone's most lovable emperor, Wink Nero!



Pupils designed their own mythical creatures



A selection of the Roman food made for Saturnalia

Classical Civilisation

Classics A Level has had a superb year, including lots of exciting activities and visits. The pupils attended Newcastle and Durham University for Classics lectures and got a taste of university life. Some of the pupils also attended a production of a Greek tragedy, *The Oresteia*, held in Durham Cathedral. The atmosphere was great, although trying to squeeze a trilogy of plays into one sitting was a bit much even for hard core fans! Finally, the pupils attended a Classics Quiz at Newcastle High School for Girls and performed excellently, winning at Sixth Form level, despite their lack of knowledge of the Latin language and some stiff competition from several independent schools. Their win proves that knowing obscure Greek myths and gods can come in handy sometimes!





The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-24. At present there are 97 girls actively taking part in the Award! This includes: learning a new skill, volunteering, taking part in a physical activity, as well as multi-day expeditions on the North York Moors, navigating the route and carrying all their equipment themselves. So far 79 girls have completed the Bronze Award, 10 girls have achieved the Silver Award, and 6 girls have taken on the Gold Award Challenge this year.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD





A Level Design Work

Year 13 textile students have produced the fantastic design work below, we wish them all good luck at their chosen University courses. The products produced this year demonstrate creativity, originality and have been produced to the highest quality, well done!



Design work and outfit produced by Ayesha Isahac



Design work and outfit by Ellie Stafford





Design work and suit
produced by Olivia Holden



Design work and outfit
Produced by Emily Moore



Design work and dress
produced by Mia Howarth





KS 3 Jewellery Club

It was lovely to see so many eager new pupils wanting to join the KS 3 Jewellery club. The Year 10's took this as an opportunity to mentor and work with the Year 7's to produce a small batch of handmade jewellery to sell. The group had to work quickly and carefully ensuring a good quality outcome. As well as learning new design and make skills the pupils were introduced to new enterprise skills. Well done everyone.

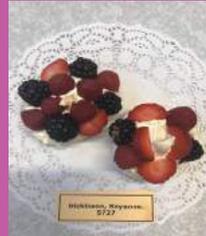


GCSE Food

The Year 10 Food Students have showcased some fantastic skills this term including Meringues, Choux Pastry, Panacotta, Chelsea Buns and Swiss Roll. The girls make a range of products demonstrating high skills in preparation for Year 11 when they have a 3 hour practical exam. Future MasterChef competitors in the making!

Here are a selection of some of their amazing products! Thankyou to Amelia Gilchrist, Reyanne Dickinson & Courtney Vandermere for the excellent photos above.

Year 11 produced some awesome food in their 3 hour exam. Here is a selection of their products courtesy of Evie Wood and Abby Phiilips. Well done girls!





RACE FOR THE LINE: COMPETITION

In April St. Anthony's took part in the Regional Finals of the 'Race for the Line' competition at RAF Boulmer. Out of twenty-three teams, St. Anthony's won first, second, third and fourth place!

All twelve girls have been invited to take part in the National Finals of the 'Race for the Line' competition at the Imperial War Museum in Cambridge. This will take place on Thursday 27th June 2019.



Year 10 Design and make challenge

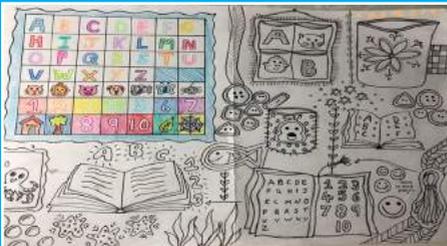
Art Nouveau was used as a starting point for inspiration. Pupils used a variety of materials and techniques to complete some amazing outcomes.

Well done Year 10.

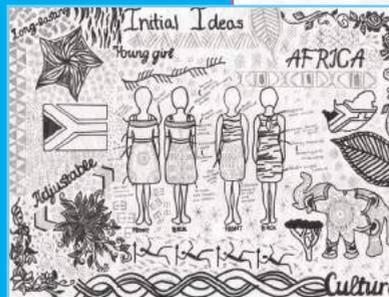


Year 11 Textile design work

Design work by
Kate Morris



Design work by
Lubabah Khatun



Design work by Faye Barker





Shakespeare Week

A group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils visited the City of Sunderland Library to celebrate Shakespeare Week. The girls completed a number of activities, from expressing their body language to perfecting reading lines from Shakespearean texts.



The girls then showcased these skills in some outstanding final group performances of 'Henry V'. Well done, ladies!



World Book Day

Everyone in the English Department looks forward to World Book Day, and this year was no different. The English teachers thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as characters from 'classic' literature, and of course they loved all of the extra reading with their classes.

It was fabulous to see the wonderful costumes worn by students from Years 7, 8 and 9, and to take part in all of the great reading throughout the day.



Everyone had a brilliant World Book Day this year.





World Poetry Day Competition – 2019

In March, students in Key Stages 3 and 4 were given the opportunity to take part in a poetry competition with a difference.

Many students took the opportunity to write their own poem, which had to be based on the title 'Who I Want to Be'. There were many thought-provoking pieces written – all displaying the incredible creative talents of the students we have at St. Anthony's. It was a pleasure to read so many excellent poems. A lucky few were chosen to be submitted to an external competition which saw some of the winners having their poems published and read out at a very important event for Head Teachers from schools across the North East!

The girls involved have received a lovely certificate for their efforts and we would encourage all of our students to keep writing creatively – whether they join our department's Creative Writing Club, or whether they do this privately. Well done to all involved!



Back row: Rebekah Hughes, Emily Adamson, Frances Armstrong, Lizzie Bland, Louise Cook, Shannon Harrison.
Front row: Lily Holder-McNish, Harriet Emery and Jean Hedley.

Year 7 love to read...

A group of our Year 7 students meet each week with older students to read together – and they love it!

Even when they're waiting for the older girls to arrive, the Year 7 students can't wait to start reading. They've even been spotted enjoying some sunshine while waiting for the older girls to arrive. They simply love to read...



Let's hope there are many more sunny days for the girls to enjoy their lunch time reading.

Year 10 bring Shakespeare to life

Some of our Year 10 students have really enjoyed bringing Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' to life with their own performances.



Miss Wallis and her Year 10 class were lucky enough to step outside into the sunshine for their performance, and they really enjoyed it...

We're sure Shakespeare would be happy his works are still being enjoyed so many years after he wrote them.

Year 11 English Study Day 2019

A select group of Year 11 students attended our annual English Study Day at Bede Tower in May this year. They worked really hard all day, and enjoyed the opportunity to concentrate on their English skills for the whole day.

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck in their English exams, and for the future too.





GEOGRAPHY

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Visits

The A Level Geography class have so far had two fieldwork visits. The first visit was to measure beach profiles in Marsden Bay. The group also assessed vegetation cover in the dunes at Sandhaven.



For the human Geography component a visit was made to investigate the Quayside and Ouseburn Regeneration in Newcastle. Later this term they will also attend an NEA conference to be held in Blyth.



Year 7 Microclimate Investigation

Year 7 have been enjoying the fine weather outside the classroom to carry out practical investigations around the school grounds. This was their first experience of geographical enquiry, which they seemed to enjoy.



Year 13 Geology

The end of the A Level course was marked with a Dinosaur and Fossil party. There were chocolate fossils, chocolate pebbles and dinosaur biscuits, including footprints, eggs and dinosaur droppings!





History Department Berlin Visit

In February Half Term the History department led a group of forty Year 11 students to Berlin. They visited many sites including the former Gestapo HQ, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the Reichstag, the Olympic Stadium, and the Jewish Memorial Site in the heart of the city.

During a packed four days the group started their trip with a visit to the intimidating 'Topography of Terror'. The site focuses on the use of terror by the Gestapo to control people in Nazi Germany. Later that day the group visited the Wansee Conference Centre. It was at this centre where plans were drawn up for the final extermination of the Jewish race. Photographs, primary documents, and official correspondence all brought to life the enormity of the atrocious decisions made at this conference centre by Hitler's most trusted officials.

On the penultimate day of the excursion the group toured the Reichstag building, took part in a chocolate work shop

experience, and visited the Jewish remembrance site at the heart of the city. This site commemorates all the Jews of Europe who were exterminated by the Nazi dictatorship; its stark use of concrete blocks serves as a reminder of the many millions who lost their lives to Nazism.

All our pupils greatly enjoyed the trip, and it helped to develop their understanding of how one ideology can negatively shape the destinies of millions of people.





Ecuador 2019



A cohort of Year 11 & 12 girls will be participating in a 4-week expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos islands during July & August



The girls will be completing different projects whilst travelling through Ecuador, some of the project will be agricultural techniques, promoting reforestation, water collection and management, community and cultural activities.

The staff and girls from St Anthony's would like to thank the academy for all their help over the last 2 years to in fundraising for the visit. The money raised from the PE departments Sport Day, raffles of a Sunderland signed football, framed shirt, cakes sales in the staff room and the Bonus ball have helped raise the £800 we needed for transport to Heathrow airport.

Thank you for all your donations.

Dementia Friends

As a Dementia Champion I am a trained volunteer who encourages others to learn a little bit about dementia. I run Information Sessions within school to inspire students and staff to help those living with dementia to live well and turn their understanding into action.



A Dementia Friend is somebody that learns about dementia so they can help their community.

Dementia Friends help people living with dementia by taking actions – both big and small. I am delighted to say that so far 165 Dementia Friends have been created in school – 143 are students. Actions don't have to be time consuming and every action counts in raising awareness.

Some examples of actions from students are 121 said they would wear their Dementia Friends badge, 83 students said they tell others about becoming a Friend and create a poster and 121 said they would be patient if they saw someone struggling with dementia.



Creating dementia friendly communities together.

A Dementia Friend is someone who ...

Understands a bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and the little ways they can help.

No action is too big or too small!



To find out more please visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk





International Links Committee

In May we had the first International Links Committee meeting – and it was a huge success! All students were invited to join, and we now have representatives from every year group. The idea behind the group is to ensure that the students get a say in international issues across the school, and are able to broaden our school's links. We would love to make contact with schools across the whole world, and we are looking forward to sharing our contacts with you!

The Committee members want to improve the international information on the school website and will be helping to plan next year's European Day of Languages event. They are also going to collate recipes from around the world from both our link schools, but also from our diverse set of students, in the hope of eventually creating our very own St Anthony's recipe book – watch this space! If anyone is interested in joining the group, please see Mrs Malkin or a member of the MFL Department – all are welcome.



International Faith Project

This year students in RE have also enjoyed linking with our partner school Panshil in India. As part of our faith festival we were delighted to welcome a display created for us by Panshil covering different religious beliefs and traditions which their students celebrate. It was fantastic to have this display all year around! Some of our KS3 RE students have also been able to use the artistic interpretations of faith to learn about religious traditions in India and have used this information to complete different activities in lessons. In return we sent several posters for Panshil to use to help teach their students about religious celebrations in the UK.



Cities Project

Year 8 students have been learning about India in their Geography lessons and as part of this investigation have begun a project with our partner school Panshil in Rajkot, India. Our students have created posters to teach Panshil students about Sunderland and some have also written letters to explain what it is like to live in a British city. This was also a great opportunity for our students to ask the Indian students questions they had always wanted to ask about Indian culture, lifestyle and cities. As Panshil are currently returning from their summer holidays we are looking forward to receiving posters and letters from them shortly.



Chinese Language Project

Once again this year we have worked in collaboration with Newcastle University to provide students with the opportunity to experience Chinese language (Mandarin) and culture. Weekly language classes have been taking place since October, taught by a native speaker, which have been very well attended by KS3 students. There have also been calligraphy lessons and singing sessions to broaden the students' understanding of the culture. To celebrate Chinese New Year, the canteen hosted a special Chinese meal and some Y7 students took part in a tai chi masterclass. They were then given the opportunity to share this new-found skill with their class mates during morning registration time. We hope that this fantastic project can continue to flourish in the future!



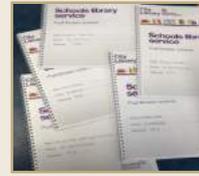


Library News

Pupil Librarian Scheme

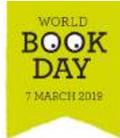
This year's Pupil Librarians have now completed their training scheme and to celebrate, they will each receive a certificate and a goody bag from the Schools Library Service. Well done girls!

Grace Alexander
Delphine Nsengimana
Olivia Scorer



Gurpreet Kaur Puni
Niamh Scorer

Scholastic Book Club



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day 2019, the girls had a great time creating bunting or designing a butterfly based on a book that they had read. The winners with the best entries were:

Butterflies: Amy Brotchie, Aimery Asuata, Bethany Briggs, Melissa Howe, Lucy Wall, and Scarlet Lee.

Bunting: Namitha Suggitt and Eve Fawcett.





Creative Writing Club Corner

'Sweeter Than Honey'

Excerpt from a short story by talented student writer, Emma Coates (8SCO).

Ever since I was young I have been told that bird song was sweeter than honey.

I read picture books with beautiful blue birds swooping through the sky, picture books with gorgeous green geckos dashing along the rough ground, picture books with lethargic lions lazing in the sun and so many more breathtaking animals in all different parts of the world.

I know my name is Heather, I just don't know what it sounds like. I know my twin sister's names are Helen and Heidi; I know my oldest sister is called Hattie; I just don't know what they sound like. My sisters and I all have the same first letter of our names: H. I have always wondered what H sounded like.

My mother home-schooled me and all my sisters until recently(ish) when we started secondary school.

I walked up to the iron gates, there were 4 different ones, I didn't know where to go so I stepped through the one nearest. The building ahead towered above me and girls clustered in groups, chatting and laughing. Suddenly I felt very, very alone. Ever since I was young I have been told that crowds are noisy. I can't hear them though and I felt very... cut off.

I made a few new friends one (Kat) even had a deaf brother so she knew sign language and together we were teaching Molly (our other friend) it to! After a few months I felt very settled and contented. I never thought that I would settle anywhere, least of all at school...

Ever since I was young people told me bird song was sweeter than honey. I wanted to believe that but I just wished I could hear it for myself. I told my friends Molly and Kat, they said that all there was to hear in school were seagulls and we laughed it off. I told my sisters – they also said that I wasn't missing much and we laughed.

Ever since I was young I was told bird song was sweeter than honey. Honey is pretty sweet but I just wish I could hear it, I wish I could hear my parents and sisters and friends' voices, but I can't and I just realised: I never would...

Literacy Reminders

With examinations and end of year assessments in full swing, remember to look out for posters and resources (on student FROG) for this half term's Literacy Focus: Decoding Questions. Students should focus on getting to know key command words, and what they are asking you to do! This half term is also KS3 students' last chance to climb the Accelerated Reader leader board in this school year. Keep up the quizzing in the library, and you could be in with a chance of winning the end of year prize! Go to www.arbookfind.co.uk for inspiration on what to read next.

The Great St Anthony's Bake Off

On World Book Day students were tasked with the challenge of creating a literary cake. Judges received the largest number of entries ever: an incredible 28 bakes were entered into the competition, giving judges a very difficult job when deciding winners!

Amongst the bookish bakes was a Harry Potter themed cake, by Year 7 students Hannah Lambton and Jodie Wang who picked up first place. Hannah and Jodie mastered fondant icing to bring Harry Potter himself to life in cake form.

As well as this magical entry, Jessica Fenn and Emilia Hall from Year 9 entered a cake inspired by 'The Jungle Book', winning second place. In third place were Year 7 students Lucy Wall and Melissa Woodruffe, who created a 'Once Upon a Time' cake that resembled a book itself.

The runner up entries included an array of cakes including a homage to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and Matilda, and even an impressive construction of Rapunzel's tower!

Judges were blown away by the quality and attention to detail in all entries – well done to all students involved!



On Thursday 7th March we had another successful World Book Day! Students from Years 7-9 impressed us with their fantastic costumes and other year groups were invited to take part in a range of exciting activities both in and out of lessons. We managed to raise a fantastic £165.66 to be donated to our Lenten Alms charity.

Big congratulations to 9SMA, who won the 'Shelfie' competition, Hala Khattab (7SR0), Gabrielle Collins (8SHA), Livia Marshall and Eve Clark (joint 9SMA) for their fabulous costumes and winning their year group's costume competition. Jodie Wang and Hannah Lambton from 7SMo were our star bakers, winning the Bake Off. This year's international focus is 'Reading is Power' and students are encouraged to consider how life-changing a book can be. When was the last time you were inspired by a good story? Why not discuss this with your daughter today!





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 2019 Jasmine Staples was given the Kathryn Dodsworth Award for Mathematics, while Jeffin Siby received the Further Mathematics Award.

Both are outstanding Mathematicians, who deserve these awards. Good luck to all of the Year 13 Mathematicians as they await their A Level results.

Anyone interested in A Level Mathematics or Further Mathematics at St Anthony's and St Aidan's Sixth Form is asked to contact Mrs T Armstrong or Mr G Dunn at any time.



Senior Maths Challenge 2018-19

Twenty Seven of our Sixth Form students have achieved an award in the UKMT Individual Senior Maths Challenge 2018-19! The challenge for pupils in Year 12 and 13 is based upon problem-solving, using Mathematics.

The top award of Silver and the Best in School goes to Mahir Islam.

Silver awards also go to Jerom Jose, Will Sharkey, Jasmine Staples, Jack Barker, James Harris, Rob Dunlop, Ben Foley, Luke Dodd and Joe Whelan.

Bronze awards go to Jeffin Siby, Bethany Jones, James Byrne, Ayesha Isahac, Christelle Furtado, Ashna Saji, Anna Greenwell, Leema Shaji, Jithin Sojan, Abrar Al Sulaimani, Maia Veitch, James Simpson, Alex Jackson, Tanjid Ahmed, Megan Davison, Hannah Oxley and Hannah Marshall.

All the students have studied Advanced Level Mathematics and Jeffin Siby, Rob Dunlop and Ashna Saji also study Further Mathematics.



From left to right:
Ayesha Isahac, Jasmine Staples and Bethany Jones



From left to right:
Maia Veitch, Megan Davison, Luke Dodd and Alex Jackson



From left to right:
James Simpson, Joe Whelan, Leema Shaji and Ben Foley



From left to right:
Hannah Oxley, James Harris, Christelle Furtado, Jack Barker, Ashna Saji, Jithin Sojan, Anna Greenwell and Rob Dunlop





Good Luck!

A huge well done and good luck to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have recently taken their GCSE and A Level examinations.

A huge amount of work has been done by the students and we are very proud of their effort and commitment to their studies.

Some hardworking Year 11 students at Maths Monday revision.



Left to right: Jade Winter, Catherine Burke and Chloe Forster

Some committed Year 13 students at A Level Maths Support.



Left to right: Harwyn Matibag, Jasmine Staples, Sohbia Hussain and Alice Jewitt.

We look forward to seeing many of our Year 11 students in Sixth Form and wish every success to those students who will be leaving us this Summer.

GCSE Maths Revision Day



Miss Clarke and Mrs Dugan continued our yearly tradition of an intensive Maths Revision Day. Although the day was tough and hard work, the girls were a credit to themselves and the Academy at all times. Best of luck in your exams!

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Yr. 7 Maths Vitruvian (Wo)Man.

Mathematics in action from students in Year 7. The girls investigate the Fibonacci sequence and the link to the Golden ratio. Here the girls are shown comparing themselves to the theoretical perfectly proportioned person.





Intermediate Maths Challenge Success

During the last academic year, we had two students achieve particularly well in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. Millie Harrison in Year 11 and Jade Winter in Year 10 both qualified for the Pink Kangaroo extension paper. It is very rare to achieve such a high score on the initial challenge, so huge congratulations to them both!

Millie is now in Year 12 studying A-Level Maths and Further Maths, and Jade is in Year 11 preparing to complete her GCSE course in Mathematics. We wish them both every success.



'Best in School',
Shenali Scott



Year 11 Certificate Winners:
Back (L to R): Sophia Tan, Catherine Burke, Chloe Forster and Jade Winter
Front (L to R): Laura Galley, Danielle Gomez and Oluchi Davidson

Mathematics Challenge Certificate Winners

The following girls were awarded certificates:

Year 11

Silver awards go to Danielle Gomez, Jade Winter, Aparna Sajj, Caitlin Patterson, Catherine Burke, Chloe Forster, Katie Stephenson and Oluchi Davidson.

Bronze awards go to Megan Appleby, Ella Surman-Wells, Sophia Tan, Laura Galley, Alex Reay, Kate Graham and Sophie Snowball.

Year 10

Gold award goes to Shenali Scott.

Silver awards go to Daisy Neil, Ingrid Olsson and Aaliyah Langan.

Bronze awards go to Ella Harrison, Anais Hughes, Katie Craig, Yuchen Sun, Katie Todd, Rebekah Hughes, Abbie Scott, Ivana Brodanac, Maddie Cuthbertson, Rachel Wigham, Lucy Wigham and Amy Lumsdon.

Year 9

Silver awards go to Esther Ogunbode and Lucie Pells.

Bronze awards go to Niamh Boshier, Thea Cojocar, Celia Sojo, Kirsten Kirkwood, Anna Ellis, Dannah Mape and Hrishita Mahamuni.



Year 10 Certificate Winners:
Back (L to R): Daisy Neil, Rebekah Hughes, Amy Lumsdon, Katie Todd, Ivana Brodanac, Shenali Scott, Rachel Wigham, Ingrid Olsson and Abbie Scott
Front (L to R): Maddie Cuthbertson, Anais Hughes, Ava Sun, Ella Harrison, Aaliyah Langan, Lucy Dixon and Katie Craig



Year 9 Certificate Winners
(L to R): Anna Ellis, Niamh Boshier, Celia Sojo, Dannah Mape, Esther Ogunbode, Thea Cojocar, Hrishita Mahamuni, Lucie Pells and Kirsten Kirkwood

Maths Twitter Account



A big thank you to all of you who follow the St Anthony's Maths Department on Twitter. We are now up to 313 followers (including @corbetmaths)!

We have been using the account to help support our Year 11 students with exam preparation and revision but plan to use it more extensively across Key Stage 3 and 4 and the Sixth Form over the next academic year.

If you don't already follow us, our twitter handle is @stanthsmaths - why not take a look?





Year 11 Mathematics Award

Every year the Mathematics Department awards the prize for Mathematics to an outstanding pupil in Year 11. The 2019 Award went to Aparna Saji for her superb achievement and effort during her GCSE course. Competition for the prize was tough this year, with many girls deserving recognition. A huge "Well done!" therefore to all the girls in Year 11 for their commitment and hard work; we wish them the best of luck as they await their examination results.



UKMT Team Maths Challenge 26th March 2019

One team of Year 8 and 9 girls represented the academy in the Regional Final of the 2019 UK Mathematics Trust Team Mathematics Challenge at Durham Johnston



From left to right: Miss Clarke, Erin Simpson and Eden Jubb

School. The competition combined mathematical, communication and teamwork skills, and offered students another way to express and develop their enjoyment of Mathematics. The girls showed great enthusiasm throughout, and they were a credit to the Academy.

The girls who participated:

Year 8:	Year 9:
Erin Simpson Eden Jubb	Thea Cojocar Hrishita Mahamuni

Year 10 Maths Feast

Eight girls were chosen to compete on behalf of St. Anthony's at the Year 10 Maths Feast in Durham. They competed as 2 teams against other schools, using their problem-solving skills to tackle some very challenging questions over 4 rounds. Unfortunately, we didn't come home with the trophy this time but a great time was had by all. The girls showed off their excellent mathematical ability and teamwork skills throughout the day. They were a credit to the Academy.

Back row from left to right: Bethany Cook, Aaliyah Langan, Emily Adamson, Daisy Neil and Amy Lumdsdon



Front row from left to right: Merin Sunil, Beth Connors and Olivia Kennedy

The Stars of Mathematics (KS3)

The following girls are our star performers in Years 7, 8 and 9. Each girl has already surpassed their end-of-year target. Keep up the good work!

Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Freya Dickman	Zainab El-Wahhabi	Amna Aslam
Sophie Johnson	Erin Hodgson	Sophie Gregory
Georgia Parkin	Mia McManus	Erin Kelsey
Akem Tony-Obot	Amber Suggitt	Erin Stronach
Sophie Wall	Robyn Tubman	



From left to right: Freya Dickman, Sophie Johnson, Georgia Parkin and Akem Tony-Obot



From left to right: Erin Stronach and Amna Aslam

Numeracy Club

We are very pleased with the progress of the girls who have been attending our Numeracy Support Programme this year. The initiative aimed to improve the progress of our students in Mathematics across Key Stages 3 and 4. The programme is run by various teachers in the Maths Department during lunchtimes, and invited students attend one session per week. Day: Monday (Yrs. 10/11, and Yr.7), Tuesday (Yr.9 and Yr.8) Time: 12:20-12:45 Venue: Maths Department



From left to right: Morgan Ashurst and Sundos Khalil

Many thanks for your support in encouraging your daughter's attendance, if she is part of the selected cohort.



From left to right: Robyn Tubman, Amber Suggitt, Zainab El-Wahhabi, Erin Hodgson and Mia McManus.

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St Anthony's Year 8 Eurovision – We've made our mind up!

This year's Eurovision groups rehearsed from October to December to create a performance of a French or Spanish song. They did a fantastic job learning lyrics, practicing dance moves and putting together costumes before creating their video performances using the fabulous video and audio facilities in Our Lady's Hall. The whole of Year 8 then watched the videos and voted during Form Time. It was a close call with all groups putting on an amazing performance, but there could only be one winner... the votes have been counted and verified and we can now reveal that this year's 'douze points' go to... The Waka Wakas! Congratulations girls; you did an great job!

It's going to be a tough act for next year's Year 8's to follow... bring it on!



Eurovision participants. Winning team, The Waka Wakas, in front.



Lights! Camera! Action!

**MFL Film Club
will be back again
next school year!**

French and Spanish films shown fortnightly from September to April. You don't have to just see the films in the language you study, so come along and experience some Hispanic humour, some French frolics, and brush up your language and cultural knowledge at the same time! Who could ask for more? We look forward to seeing you next year on the Languages corridor.

Spelling Bee Regional Final!

Following the fantastic performance at Stage 1 and 2 in the Yr. 7 Routes into Languages Spelling Bee, the MFL department took 3 amazing spelling bee-ers to the regional final. Well done Georgina, Rosie and Maya for an outstanding performance! A great day was had by all at the regional stage which took place at Emmanuel College. As this was a final, it was no mean feat, and after beating some tough competition, we are thrilled that Georgina earned herself a well-deserved place in the NATIONAL final at Cambridge University. All of the spelling bee-ers dealt well under pressure having gone head-to-head in competition against many other schools in the North East. They certainly made the MFL department and St. Anthony's proud. As always, the girls had to correctly translate and spell the words – in the foreign language, of course – and be professional throughout the competition. This was a fantastic opportunity for our top spellers, so another huge Well Done! to our winner!



MFL Lunchtime Club

On Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays all Year 10 and Year 11 French and Spanish students are welcome to come to MFL Club. This is an informal club where students can choose to work independently



on homework, speaking questions or simply furthering their linguistic skills. A range of resources are available including: revision guides, grammar and translation workbooks, and teacher support if needed. Many girls choose to use the departmental laptops on which they can access a wealth of resources on FROG; or they can study, using many of the excellent websites available to them, including: SAM learning, GCSE pod, Quizlet and Memrise. This club has proved immensely popular, with some girls attending every day! Year 10 have found it a particular useful way of keeping their Language learning regular in preparation for Year 11. Little and often works so well! Anyone interested in attending can simply turn up, and lunch passes are available from any MFL teacher.



Primary Links

This year the MFL Department has worked with many of our local primary schools to deliver fun French and Spanish lessons to Yrs.3-6. Mrs Malkin has loved working with the pupils and staff at St. Leonard's, and Mrs McGann has worked at St. John Bosco's and English Martyrs to teach them French, and at St. Joseph's and St. Cuthbert's to deliver Spanish lessons. The pupils have learned a variety of topics that will prepare them for Language life here at St. Anthony's!



English Martyrs



St Joseph's



GCSE and A Level Fine Art and Photography



Erin Milner Y11
'Orange Segments'



Syeda Maria Y11
'Cake'



Amy Pickersgill Y13
'Tyne Bridge - Detail'

Kate Morris Y1
'Dog Portrait'



Charlotte Burnham Y13
'Untitled'

Over this double page we have included some of the highlights of our academic year. This is only a very small sample of the excellent work students involved in producing creative outcomes this year!

Art Exhibition 2019



Catherine Corney Y13
'Restoration'



Amelia Laws Y11
'Apple'



Jaspreet Puni Y11
'Reflections'



Sarah Knight Y13
'Age Before Beauty'



Ellie Thompson Y13
'Two Faced'



Olivia Morton Y11
'Lake District Landscape'

GCSE and A Level Fine Art and Photography work produced this exhibition produced across a range of groups and disciplines. Well done to all



MFL Super Learning Seminars

Yr. 11's have had lots of amazing Super Learning Seminars this year to help prepare them for their GCSE exams. The seminars have been really helpful as it has helped girls to revise and to focus on the exam skills, such as including all tenses in 90-word questions. We also reminded them that the key to success is to Just FLOPP i.e. Justification, Future, Linking words, Opinion, Past, Present. Thank you to all the girls who took part in the seminars, and we wish all the Yr. 11's Good Luck / Bonne Chance / Buena Suerte for the results in August!



Some of 11F2 after a successful writing seminar

Yr. 8 Fun Club – Led by Yr. 10!

This term a group of Year 10 Spanish students asked if they could organise their own Languages Lunch Club for Year 8 students. The club will run in the last Half Term of this academic year, and will be entirely organised, resourced and led by Year 10. They have worked incredibly hard at lunch times and at home to design a programme that appeals to a wide range of students, and have used their vocabulary knowledge to create engaging educational material that we are sure Year 8 will enjoy. It will be held on Wednesday lunchtimes. So far the activities include: Vocabulary games; make your own piñata; cultural quiz and much more! We can't wait to see how it goes. Well Done, girls, for all your hard work!

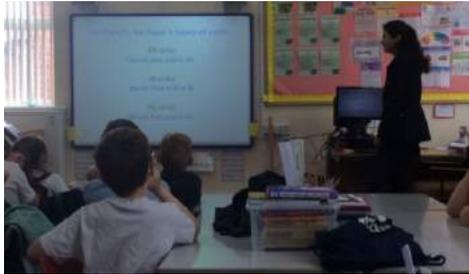




Yr. 12 French Teachers

Since September 2018, as part of our Work Experience, we have been teaching French to the pupils in Years 3,4 and 5 at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. Through this opportunity, we have been able to have a chance to meet all the children, and develop our French and communication skills, as well as our confidence and leadership. During this time, we have taught the children different types of vocabulary as well as grammar, along with a range of key skills in Languages, such as: listening, reading, writing and speaking, which will be useful to them as they move into Secondary school. We have been so impressed with their progress since September, and we feel very lucky to have been able to help and guide them into having an awareness of Languages and the importance of them. As a result of having this opportunity, we have now gained experience which has allowed us to consider teaching as a career in the future, as well as helping with our current studies. We are very thankful for this opportunity, and will miss teaching at this Primary school, after having such a pleasant experience with both the staff and the pupils.

Olivia, Anna, Alex, Mehrin - Year 12



MFL





GUYS AND DOLLS

Our Lady's Hall was transformed into New York for the Academy's annual production. Frank Loesser's famous musical, Guys and Dolls, was a unanimous choice to follow last year's 'The Sound of Music'.

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A cast, a band, and a crew of over one hundred students played to packed houses from February 10th to 13th, having rehearsed since September, juggling their school work, homework, key assessments, revision and mock exams with line learning, working out dance routines and perfecting songs.





Jane Usher, who played Sergeant Sarah Brown, has been in every musical production since she joined the Academy. She commented, "I really loved being a part of the cast of 'Guys and Dolls'. It was great to get to know everyone in the cast during rehearsals, and on the performance nights. Everyone worked so hard to put on a good show and I was so happy when we could see all of our efforts come together. I love being involved in the school musicals, and can't wait to find out what the next one will be!"



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Next year's production will be announced at the Summer Concert.





MUSIC

Simply the Best!

Huge congratulations to our Senior Choir who were named 'Best Secondary Choir' at this year's City Sings competition in March. The girls performed *Adiemus* by Karl Jenkins, and a medley of *Get Ready and Dancing in the Street* from *Motown the Musical*, with solos from India Mason and Catherine Burke helping the choir be crowned the best in the Secondary category.

The competition was the final choral performance for Lily Frankland from Yr. 13. She said "I've been part of the Senior Choir for 4 years, and having the opportunity to perform around the world has been a memorable experience. I have enjoyed being part of a team, and winning the City Sings at my final performance with the choir has definitely led my peers and me out on a high!"

A big well done to all involved!



A very musical March!

We were delighted to be invited to three prestigious events in March: The John Paul II Awards at the Tyne Theatre, the Diocesan Headteacher's conference (hosted at St Anthony's this year), and the inauguration of Bishop Robert Byrne at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. The John Paul II Awards was an exciting celebration for all award winners this year, and we were thrilled to be supporting our 32 Gold and Silver award winners from our Monkwearmouth Catholic Partnership, led by our wonderful Chaplain, Sr Josepha.



Amelia McCain Y12, who received an award as well as performing with the choir, said "It was a lovely experience, and I was honoured to sing with the choir as well as achieving an award."

A week later, our Yr. 11 members then helped headteachers from the diocese to reflect and relax by providing choral music during a service in our chapel. Dani Gomez had the nerve-racking job of singing the solo, but did so amazingly well, with several of the headteachers commenting on how beautiful she sounded.

A week later again, our Yr. 11 members then performed at the inauguration of our new Bishop, Robert Byrne, at a schools' celebration at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. What was even more special was that the choir performed a specially written hymn, 'Northern Saints,' for the Bishop, with the words by Fr. Humble and the music arranged by Mrs Dudley especially for our choir. Member of the choir Jade Winter said "it was an absolute honour to be invited to sing at such a prestigious event – it was an experience I won't forget!"



ABRSM/Grade passes

Congratulations to the following superstars who all achieved ABRSM/LCM exam passes in the Spring/Summer:

Erin Brown	Grade 1 Piano with Distinction
Louise Callan	Grade 1 Clarinet with Distinction
Dionne Chapman	Grade 1 Piano with Distinction
Grace Fitzakerly	Grade 8 Music Theatre with Distinction
India Mason	Grade 5 Singing with Distinction
Madeleine Miller	Grade 8 Music Theatre with Distinction
Camille Richardson	Grade 8 Music Theatre with Distinction
Lucy Smy	Grade 3 Flute with Distinction
Olivia Turvey	Grade 2 Piano

Almost forty of our talented instrumentalists and vocalists are waiting to sit their exams in the next couple of weeks so watch this space for results in our Christmas edition!

Congratulations Riona!

We are all extremely proud of our Yr. 8 student, Riona Sorianosos, who was crowned this year's winner of the Genfactor competition in April at a sold-out evening of talent at Rainton Meadows Arena. Riona wowed the judges with her rendition of Whitney Houston's 'I Have Nothing' and won the competition! Riona said "I didn't expect to win because everyone was so good! When they called my name I was overjoyed! I really enjoyed the whole process and I'm so excited for future performances".



Huge congratulations also go to India Mason (Yr. 12) who took third place with her version of David Bowie's 'Life on Mars'. India said "I take part in Genfactor every year because I love performing and any opportunity to be on the stage. I can't wait for next year"!

Well Done to you both, and to the many other of our students who have performed in various capacities this year.

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Arts Award Success!

Congratulations to our latest cohort of girls to achieve Bronze and Silver Arts Awards this year! Our visiting moderator was amazed at the quality of work that our students had produced, and said he hadn't seen such quality for a long time!

The Arts Award is a qualification for anyone who participates in and has a love for the arts, and it is open to anyone from Yr. 7 to Yr. 13 who takes part in activities inside or outside of school. We will be taking on new students in September – speak to Mrs Dudley or Miss Duncan if you think you'd like to take part!

Silver: Louise Callan, Laura Galley, Isobel Hair, Jess Hardy.

Bronze: Charlotte Brook, Eve Clark, Gabrielle Collins, Evie Connors, Emma Cooperwaite, Lucy Donaldson, Amelia Drea, Grace Elliott, Harriet Foskett, Anna Foster, Nina Frankland, Renée Ganley, Rebekah Liddle, Livia Marshall, Abby Phillips, Erin Simpson, Emma Skelton, Anya Tay-lor, Veronica Wallace.

A huge Well Done! to you all!





Easter Fund-raising

7SMo have raised £50 for charity this Easter- what a fantastic effort!



Prayer Box

This year Mrs Jackson's form (7SRa) have designed their own Prayer box. The pupils all compose a prayer on a regular basis and place it in the prayer box. Each pupil is then selected to choose a prayer from the prayer box. The form class have made some excellent contributions. They also have a recycled prayer box too!



Ritclaine Rabino and Ellie Powell (7SRa) share their prayers with the form class



Deborah Aisida, Nyeisha Langan and Matilda Maddison (7SRa) display their prayer box

Mindfulness

7STo have been practising mindfulness this term. This has involved a range of activities, including their efforts below.



Our year at St. Anthony's

This year at St. Anthony's has been amazing. We have had so much fun, especially on the many trips and experiences such as: Derwent Hill and Durham Cathedral. We have taken part in World Book Day, too! There are so many opportunities in the Music and Drama Department, including the yearly school production and the junior choir. The extra-curricular clubs are fun – and free!

We have also made lots of new friends who we are still friends with today. We have gained lots of knowledge while having fun at the same time. St. Anthony's has helped us through hard times, and we cannot wait for next year!

Annabelle Poulton, Hannah Hughes, Evie Hubbard (7SAa)





Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

An Education for Wellbeing Research Project

Students in Years 7 and 8 have been taking part in one of England's largest research trials of school-based mental health interventions, in conjunction with the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families. Students have participated in 5 minutes of Mindfulness every day since January. Mindfulness helps us to become more self-aware, to feel calmer and less stressed, and helps us cope with difficult or worrying thoughts. Staff and students have thoroughly enjoyed the project, and we will give more students the opportunity to have Mindfulness sessions next year.



21.03.2019
World Down Syndrome Day



#LotsOfSocks

Year 8 Charity Events

The girls in Year 8 (and their tutors) are always fantastic for contributions to various charity projects, and this term has been no different. On the 21st March, girls wore odd socks in order to raise money for Down's Syndrome. This was headed by Martha Child and Sophie Campion (8SJa), in order to raise as much as they could for a charity that was important to them. Martha additionally raised further funds by using sign language that day in order to communicate. A fantastic effort, one which raised nearly sixty pounds. Well done, girls!

Furthermore, a big Well Done! to Maddison Makel, who individually came up with an idea to raise money for Cancer Research on May 10th, selling red ribbons across the Year for girls to wear. She raised over twenty-five pounds. Once again, a testament to the kind and generous girls we have.





A Word from The Assistant Key Stage Director of Year 9

I am very excited to be back with Year 9. Let's make this final term a successful one, and one every girl can be proud of.

Mrs Fairclough

Do something today that your future self will thank you for.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE, DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS. THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU! DO NOT BE AFRAID TO DREAM OF GREAT THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS



'Omgod, You Guys'

I am currently conducting and organising a performance of 'Omgod, You Guys' from the musical Legally Blonde with the Year 9 Choir.



So far, I have practised all of the lyrics and harmonies for the song with the choir, and next I will be adding some movement to make it very theatrical, in preparation for the Summer Concert. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to take the role of the teacher and it has given me a new insight into what it is like to teach Music – something which I am quite interested in, as a career. As for the students I've been teaching, the feedback has been very positive and constructive which helps me with knowing how to apply leadership skills in my life. I am really looking forward to the Summer Concert to showcase the choir's hard work!

Eve Cole

Livia Marshall Year 9

On the 10th of May 2019, as part of the Royalty Theatre Youth Academy (RTYA) I performed in the National Theatre Connections festival at the Northern Stage in Newcastle. We performed 'Flesh', an original piece by Rob Drummond, to a full house. It was incredible to be in such a professional environment, and it was an honour and privilege to perform there. It was so exciting to work in an environment I look up to as a performance space. The technical rehearsal was incredibly different from what we have at the RTYA, and it was exciting to see how a proper "tech. run" works, and is carried out. The show we performed explored themes of modern life-style placed in the

Hrishita Mahamun

Hrishita has competed in numerous Karate competitions, both regionally and nationally during her time as a Year 9.



"In October 2018 I competed at the KUGB (Karate Union of Great Britain) Northern Regional Championships. The competition was great; I was selected by my club, Sendai Kushito, in the category of 'Team Kata', which is a team of 3 people performing a group of moments simultaneously. We came third, winning Bronze in the event.

I have also competed in my club's championships, winning Silver in the Kumite category (free-style fighting). I was



recently selected to represent my club as part of the competition squad at the KUGB National Championships at Leicester Arena. This is KUGB's most prestigious competition, where karateka (people who do karate) from all over the UK can compete – many of whom had won international world titles. I came very close to getting to the finals in the Kumite category but narrowly lost in the third round. However, as it was my first Nationals after previously competing in the National Youth competitions, I was pleased with my result. My coach, Sensei John, praised me for my 'amazing effort'. The competition was a wonderful experience; I aspire to continue competing and training, improving each time through dedication and support from my family and my club. I have recently been selected for my club's Kumite Squad!"

times of tribes and hunting. We distributed all the lines, and improvised characters as we went through the script. It didn't take long before we each had a character in mind whose lines suited them to the point that it was an obvious choice where the line went. For example, my character was a vegan who couldn't live without their phone, and would always have a snarky comment to pick up upon everyone's statements. It felt amazing during the show as my lines got laughs, and it was clear that the audience understood the message we were trying to get across. Having performed the piece twice before at the Royalty Theatre, I felt the Northern Stage performance was the best one. It will remain a memory I'll never forget, and the start of a new confidence within my acting.





The following girls have 100% attendance for the academic year thus far. Attendance is so important, particularly during the GCSE course, for the girls. Being in everyday ensures vital work is not missed. Well done, ladies!

AQUINO Gabriella
BURKE Christine
CARR Ellie
CRONIN Lilly
FINULIAR Tracy
FRYER Grace
GEPTE Ryxelle
GODFREY Sophie

HUGHES Rebekah
JACKSON Sophie
KENNEDY Olivia
LAND Alyssa
LIM Michelle
MARSHALL Emily
MOLLOY Abbie
OKPOJI Presley

SIDHU Gurjot
SPOORS Clare
TESARA Elaiza
WOODRUFFE Laura
CONNORS Beth
DODD Milly
DUKE Holly
HARRISON Sophie

KEYTE Elleisha
MAHMODI Helen
QUAN Emily
WATSON Anna
WILSON Amy
HARLING Mia

CAFOD
Just one world

CAFOD Fundraising

Throughout Lent and in the run up to Holy Week, the whole school raised money for CAFOD. The fundraising was organised by Sister Josepha and students were given a cup with chocolate eggs in (which they all ate happily!) and were asked to fill it with any spare change. Year 10 were particularly fantastic in their fundraising efforts, raising close to £300 throughout the whole year group! Two forms in particular, 10SC and 10SJ raised over £70 each! The year group were fantastic and really took pride in giving any spare change they had. Many told me during morning form time that they had forgone sweets or crisps in order to give their spare change. The year group were a credit to the school.

Fundraising for a worthy and relevant cause



Amelia Hudak in 10SRa has taken it upon herself, in her own time, to raise money for MIND – the mental health charity established in 1946. Amelia feels very strongly about there being adequate mental health facilities for all people, particularly young adults and wanted to help by raising any money that she could. She put together a speech for the school Senior Leadership Team to explain why she wanted to raise money and is now selling raffle tickets across the school for a hamper of fantastic prizes. As well as this, she will be partaking in a skydive in order to raise money! Very brave! In her own words:

'My aim is to raise awareness for mental health and make people realise it's okay not to be okay, but it's not okay to suffer in silence.'

Well done, Amelia!

Year 10 Visit to St. Anne's College Oxford

Ten Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit Oxford University as part of a visit hosted by St. Anne's College. To gain one of the ten places, we were allocated, students had to write a personal statement saying why they should go and how they would benefit from the experience and these girls were the worthy winners.

The girls had a great time visiting lots of the other colleges attending workshops and meeting students, including two former St. Anthony's students who are now studying at Oxford University, Amy Hearn and Anna McKie.



Lucy Dixon, Tracy Finuliar, Callie McGinty, Shanali Scott, Zebier Samra, Rebekah Hughes, Olivia Kennedy, Sophie Harrison, Lucy McMullan and Beth Connors.





Year 11 Pastoral

Pupils in Year 11 have raised charitable donations this year this year for the Medaille Trust, Cafod and St. Cuthbert's Care.

St Cuthbert's Care is committed to helping improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our communities in the north east, including people with profound disabilities, children in care, older people and those living on the margins of society.



Well done!

100% Attendance from Y7-11

Four pupils in the year have managed to have full attendance from Y7-11, which is exemplary, the number of pupils who have had full attendance this year is twenty-one; there is a strong correlation between academic success and high attendance figures. Congratulations to all of those students.

Full attendance Years 7-11

Catherine Burke	Katie Stephenson
Sophie Snowball	Jade Winter

Mock Examinations

This year has seen a different calendar for Y11 as their Mock examinations were held after Christmas. The behaviour of the pupils in the exam room has been excellent.

Staff have put on a comprehensive coordinated programme of lunchtime and after-school revision and coursework catch up sessions.

Most pupils have taken advantage of opportunities offered and they are to be commended for their diligence.

Head Teacher's Award

These girls are receiving prizes for all round academic effort and achievement:

Grace Abbott	Danielle Gomez	Madeleine Smith
Munah Boresli	Ellie Graham	Katie Stephenson
Catherine Burke	Madeleine Miller	Sophia Tan
Oluchi Davidson	Caitlin Patterson	Dikan Tony-Obot
Ella Dobbing	Abby Phillips	Anisha Umar
Fiona Felix	Alexandra Reay	Jade Winter
Caitlin Finlayson	Holly Rutter	
Laura Galley	Aparna Saji	



Congratulations to all of Year 13 students who will be leaving this summer and to all of those who have received Awards. Good luck to all of you in the exams and for the future.

Fine Art Award	Conrad Spoor
Biology Award	Jerom Jose Lily Frankland
Art and Design Award	Rhianna Oliver
Applied Business Studies Award	Ellie Stafford
Business Studies Award	Christopher Hogg
Chemistry Award	Jasmine Staples
Children's Play Learning and Development	Megan Allan
Classical Civilisation Award	Amy Pickersgill
Drama and Theatre Studies Award	Emilia Dove
Engineering Award	Benjamin Wilkinson
Economics Award	Sophie Alderson Callum Hutchinson
English Language Award	Emily Moore
English Literature Award	Sophie Foster
Fashion and Textiles Award	Ayesha Isahac
French Award	Amy Dixon
Further Mathematics Award	Jeffin Siby
Geography	James Byrne
History Award	Sarah Knight
Information Technology Award	Zack Goldsmith
Law Award	Charlotte Jurgens
Mathematics Award	Jasmine Staples
Media Studies Award	Emily Beadling
Photography Award	Catherine Corney
Philosophy and Theology Award	Hannah Molloy
Physics Award	Rachel Green
Politics Award	Aaisha Haque
Psychology Award	Katie Tullock
Sociology Award	Raven Farong-Ey

Spanish Award	Heather Adams
Sport and P.E. Award	Alice Jewitt
Service to the School Award	Chris Hogg Devika Jayan Diana Sabu Riya Stephen Ben Wilkinson
Service to the Community Award	Dean Edmundson Aiden Loadman Jerom Jose Raven Farong-Ey Cherry Singh
Sixth Form Council	Chloe Street Deputy Head Riley Ellis Jessica Robinson Lucy Hall Callum Hutchinson Elizabeth Earl Leah Tubman Connor Solomon Jodine Dow Jeffin Sibby Komal Kaur Rachel Green Niroj Arulthas Jasmine Staples Connor Frith Lily Frankland Adam Williams Connor O'Leary Millie Beeston Dean Edmundson Sarah Mckeown Mohamed Khattab
Head Boy	Michael Nidea
Head Girl	Sarah Knight





Lord Glenamara Award

St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form were delighted to once again have two runners up for this prestigious prize. Melin Sunil (first runner up) and Robert Dunlop received their awards from the Secretary of State for Education, Damien Hinds at University College London. The Lord Glenamara Prize was established in 2012 to commemorate the work of the former MP for Newcastle Ted Short, Lord Glenamara. Ted Short was a former secretary of state for education and a retired teacher; he was determined to raise the aspirations of young people in the North East. The award is open to every 16-18 year old student across the North East so it is a tremendous honour for the Sixth Form to yet again have two of our students among the only ten winners.



It was lovely to catch up with Mr and Mrs Short, Lord Glenamara's son and daughter in law. Mrs Short is a St. Anthony's alumni and loves to meet the current students.

Edmund Rice Student Ambassadors Visit to the UN in Geneva

Callum Hutchinson and Elizabeth Earl as Edmund Rice ambassadors had the



opportunity to spend two days in Geneva at the UN building. They were able to sit in on a variety of meetings including in the main chamber, topics under discussion included disarmament and the rights of the child.

Jesus College Students workshops for Year 12 Students

Jesus College Cambridge current students visited St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form to provide a series of workshops and talks for Year 12 and 13 students. The application process, interviews and how to write an outstanding personal statement for any university were the topics for discussion. It was particularly nice for all of us on the Sixth Form team to find that the student ambassadors were our own former students Grace Copeland and Claudia Spoor, who were delighted to have the chance of a catch-up with students and staff.





Visit to London

St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Catholic Sixth Form Students had a fantastic visit to London just before Christmas. There was a fascinating day of speakers which included John Bercow (the Speaker of the House of Commons), Nigel Farage MEP, Jess Phillips MP, Rt.Hon. Sir Vince Cable MP, Chuka Umunna MP and Rt. Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP. As part of

the trip there was also a tour of the Houses of Parliament where Julie Elliot MP was delighted to come and answer the students' questions we were lucky enough to be in the House of Commons on the day of the first debate on the Brexit Bill, watching history in the making indeed. The trip was completed with a visit to the "Old Bailey" to observe a murder trial.

Two Ballot Box Runs

As always St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Sixth Form students were at the fore front of democracy in Sunderland as they carried the ballot boxes for both the local elections and the European Parliament. As usual they were complimented by council staff for their efficiency, speed and professionalism.





Sunderland School Games Handball Competition

The Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 competed in the School Games Handball Tournament in January. St. Anthony's have never competed in a Handball competition before and we were delighted to announce that the Year 9/10 team were placed 3rd and the Year 7/8 team were placed 2nd overall.



Sunderland School Girls Cricket

Well done to the Year 7 & 8 cricket team. The girls were undefeated during the competition and are now going to represent Sunderland in the Girls chance to compete county finals held at Billingham Cricket ground and the Tyne & Wear school games at the Puma centre later this month.

Good luck with the next two matches girls.



Did you know the PE department have a Twitter account?

To keep up to date with all of our latest news and events follow us: @PEStAnthonys

Indoor Rowing

Fifteen girls, across all year groups, represented St. Anthony's in the City of Sunderland Indoor Rowing Competition. All girls performed extremely well with Eliza Ord, Stephanie Welsh and Ellie Stanley-Roberts qualifying to represent Sunderland in the Tyne and Wear Finals. These three girls qualified further as Tyne and Wear Champions, representing the county at the Regional Finals, at Durham University in March.



Eliza was placed 1st in the region, Stephanie 3rd and Ellie 5th. This is an amazing achievement girls – well done!!!





Derwent Hill May 2019

We took 48 girls from Year 7-10 away during May half term on our annual visit to Derwent Hill. The girls participated in lots of different activities including a mountain walk, water sports, high ropes, climbing & Abseiling, and the big swing. The girls had a fantastic time and gave 100% towards all the activities. Their behaviour was as always impeccable and they were a credit to the school.

Next year's visit has already been booked and places open in September for anyone interested in attending the Derwent Hill 2020 visit.





Netball Season

Congratulations to St. Anthony's Netball Teams. It was a fantastic season.

The Year 7s are undefeated Champions of the City of Sunderland league, tournament and Tyne & Wear B strand tournament.

The Year 11s are also undefeated City of Sunderland tournament and league champions.

The Year 8 team were winners of the City of Sunderland tournament, runners up in the league.

The Year 9 team were runners up in the City of Sunderland tournament and placed third in both the City of Sunderland league and the Tyne and Wear B strand tournament.

The Year 10s were runners-up in the City of Sunderland tournament and third in the City of Sunderland League and Tyne and Wear tournament.

Some fantastic achievements, well done girls!



Inter-house Netball

Well done to all of the girls taking part in the recent Inter-house Netball competitions in March 2019. The overall standard was outstanding and every form class was represented. Well done to all participants.



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Overall
1st	7SM – Red	8SR – Orange	9SH - Yellow	10SA – Purple	ST – Blue
2nd	7SJ – Green	8ST – Blue	9ST – Blue	10SH – yellow	SH – Yellow
3rd	7SA – Purple	8SM – Red	9SC – White	10ST – Blue	SR – Orange
4th	7SC – White	8SC – White	9SR – Orange	10SR – Orange	SM – Red
5th	7ST – Blue	8SH – Yellow	9SJ – Green	10SM – Red	SA – Purple
6th	7SR – Orange	8SA – Purple	9SM – Red	10SJ – Green	SC – White
7th	7SH – Yellow	8SJ – Green	9SA – Purple	10SC – White	SJ – Green



Antonian Awards

We celebrated our 8th Annual Antonian Awards in March and it was a fantastic evening celebrating the many talents and achievements of our girls in their PE and sport endeavours.

Congratulations to our PE winners;

Alice Jewitt

Victrix Lodorum (Best Girl)

Ellie Stanley-Roberts

Best outstanding Achievement

KS4 Athletics Team – Best team

Best Ambassador – Grace Elliott

Paula William Rising Star – Lucy Potts



Wearside Athletics

The Junior and Intermediate athletics team had a very successful competition at the Wearside Athletics with many competitors coming first or second in their events, meaning that they qualified to represent Wearside in the County Athletics in June. As a team the points were accumulated and both teams were triumphant and have been crowned Wearside Champions. This is an amazing achievement.



Rounders

The U15 and U13 Rounders teams have had a great start to the season. The U14 team winning all but one match in the first round at the school games rounders competition. Well done girls. Good luck in the next round.

A special mention to the U15 Rounders team, who were undefeated in the Tyne & Wear Tournament and were crowned Champions!



Inter-house Basketball

The annual Inter-house Basketball Competition took place from 3rd December – 12th December during lunchtimes in the PE Department. All participants were fantastic and played really well. Well done to all of those girls taking part and representing their form class.



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5th	7SH: Yellow	8SJ: Green	9SJ: Green	SA: Purple
6th	7SR: Orange	8SA: No entries	9SM: Red	SH: Yellow
7th	No 7SC: No entries	8SR: No entries	No 9SA: Purple	SR: Orange

Cross Country

A team of Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 pupils competed in the annual Tyne and Wear Cross Country and City of Sunderland Cross Country Competitions. The girls did extremely well, with three pupils coming in the top 10 in Tyne and Wear. Well done girls.



Primary Links

The Year 10 leaders have had a really successful year, planning and leading numerous Primary Competitions: Quicksticks hockey, football, key steps gymnastics, teddy bear olympics, kwik cricket, netball, skipping, rounders and sports day. They have excelled in every role adopted and have thoroughly enjoyed working with Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils.



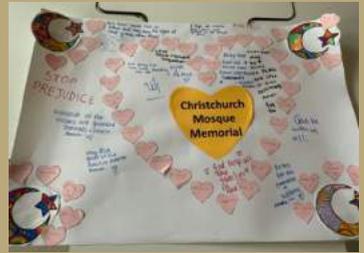


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Christchurch Mosque Memorial

Following the atrocious attacks in New Zealand where 50 people tragically lost their lives on the 15th March in a series of Mosque attacks in the city of Christchurch. The students invited all the school community to join them in remembrance.

We listened to the Prime Minister of New Zealand talk about peace and then took a moment to reflect upon her words. The girls had created poems and readings to highlight the importance of religious equality and love for all. Students also wrote messages of love and support for the victims and their families. This memorial has a permanent place in 0.8 for any students who wish to visit and discuss the events and any worries they may have. The memorial was important because it shows that all lives should be respected regardless of faith.



Caring for the environment...one litter pick at a time

As part of our Lenten challenge some of our students and the Pupil Chaplaincy Team organised a Litter Pick around school. Based on Pope Francis' teachings in Laudato Si we must, "safeguard creation." The students alongside Sister Josepha and Mrs Moran collected rubbish from all over the school grounds. Another pick is scheduled for after May half term as well as our annual Beach Litter Pick.



Miss Jurdison's Jesus Art competition

As part of the topic 'Who is Jesus?' Year 7 classes were asked to create a cultural image of Jesus. Pupils were given 2 weeks to complete this art project at home and were encouraged to be as creative as possible. This task was to encourage the girls to investigate culturally relative pictures of Jesus. This led to an understanding that different cultures present Jesus in a form that they can relate to. The end product was excellent and all girls worked incredibly hard to produce tremendous pieces of art. The winners of this year's competition were Atheena Alonzo (7W1) and Allana Fernandez (7W1). Well done to all involved!



Lourdes – My Pilgrimage by Gabby Collins

Lourdes is a beautiful town in the foothills of the Pyrenees. I have visited Lourdes many times and would recommend it to anyone, whatever your culture, interests or beliefs.

On my recent trip to Lourdes I visited:

- the Grotto (where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette)
- the Basilica (cathedral)
- the baths (where Pilgrims bathe in the holy water)
- the mountain Stations of the Cross and the Scala Santa (Holy steps)
- Bartres (the village where St Bernadette lived as a child)

Going to Lourdes is an amazing experience because:

- you can explore your beliefs
- you feel more connected with your Christianity
- the atmosphere is peaceful and everybody is very welcoming
- you can meet many people of different races and cultures
- visiting the holy sites and being blessed with the holy water makes you feel cleansed, healed and closer to God.

When I am older, I would like to return to Lourdes to help to look after sick pilgrims. I would encourage everyone to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes if they have the chance.



Holocaust Memorial Service

Each year, The Pupil Chaplaincy Team alongside the RE Department organises a service to be held on Holocaust Memorial Day. We take some time to remember those whose lives were taken due to hatred and prejudice. We lead prayers, read poems and write messages of hope. We set up banners and read true stories from survivors. The day is significant as it is important to make sure that we learn from the mistakes of the past and that we remember others suffering.

Pupil Chaplaincy Team take over our Lenten Assemblies

Our amazing Pupil Chaplaincy Team assisted in this term's Lenten assemblies. They spoke earnestly about the need for love and peace in the world following the recent terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka and New Zealand at various places of worship. They gave some great examples of things they had given up for Lent and what extras they had included in their everyday lives to make a difference during this very special and spiritual time. In addition, our CAFOD Young Leaders discussed the importance of thinking of others and examples of the amazing work they have done this academic year. We thank them all for participating!





KS3 Science Club

Science club has been a great success this year! Girls have taken part in a number of different activities from making bouncy balls to creating their own shadow portraits. Students particularly enjoyed the slime making session where they were able to mix different colours and materials to develop slime polymers with different properties. They have been able to develop their curiosity of the scientific world and deepen their understanding of some difficult concepts. A firm favourite was experimenting with the Van der Graff generator sending static electricity through their hands and hair, an excellent way to spend a Friday lunchtime!



Biology A level Sweet DNA Activity

Year 12 Biology students were learning about the structure of the DNA molecule using diagrams. However, DNA is three dimensional like all molecules and therefore it is much easier to understand when seen as a model. Students were supplied with a selection of sweets and some cocktail sticks and asked to use them to represent the structure of DNA as accurately as they could. There were some great models which everyone enjoyed making and which helped students to visualise the DNA molecule. Better still they got to eat their creations when they had finished.



Great team work from Mollie and Jasmine to produce a very neat molecule.

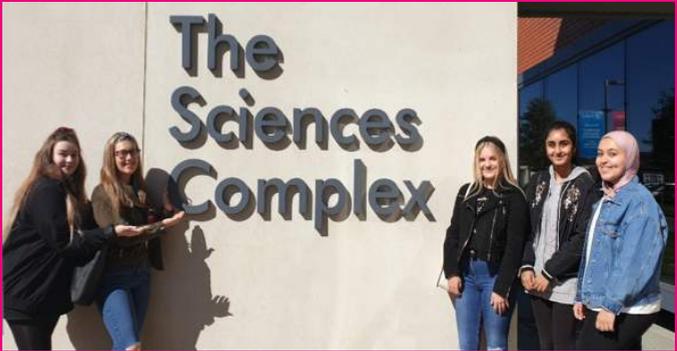


Kyle is very pleased with his DNA molecule



Patrick carefully twists his model into an alpha helix

Y12 Chemistry Trip Pharmaceutical Sciences



Yr 12 Chemistry students visited Sunderland University for an engaging and interactive pharmaceutical sciences taster day. They found out about all the undergraduate courses available to them. This was extremely useful as students will soon be applying to university.

Pupils received training, from the Cosmetic Science Programme Leader, Dr. Kalliopi Dodou herself, on how to use specialist equipment to examine the hydration and barrier function of their own skin. They also produced skin hydrogels and creams. They worked in small groups to ionise suspensions, using acid-base reactions (A-level), and infuse the gels with fragrance.

Students said they "loved all the practicals. They were really interesting!"

Students stepped into the shoes of pharmaceutical scientists to solve a medical emergency! The girls had to understand the theory of enzyme-substrate specificity and use their A Level chemistry skills to prepare samples. They got to use a specialist Spectrophotometer! Then plotted graphs with their data, and extrapolated enzyme levels in the different patient samples. They utilised and developed key skills needed for Yr 13 Chemistry practicals.

Students were buzzing about wanting to pursue a STEM career! They want to include the experience day on their UCAS applications!





NHS Medical careers day at Sunderland University

Year 12 students got the opportunity to attend a medical careers afternoon run by the NHS at Sunderland medical school in March. Many of our Biology A level students are interested in working in the health sector but are often unaware of the wide selection of careers available in the field. The day provided a look at a brief selection of some of the less well known careers in the NHS and what they involve. The day was an enjoyable opportunity to discover the enormous range of jobs available within the NHS and the different levels to access them such as apprenticeship and degree programs.

Medical Engineering & Medical Physics

Today there is a large amount of technology and equipment used in hospitals. Essential equipment as diverse as a simple drip to a life support machine costing millions of pounds are kept working by medical engineers. Physics graduates are also very useful in the NHS as they can come up with new technical measuring devices as well as efficient ways of collecting and analysing large amounts of patient data to look for trends and solutions.

Cardiology and Respiratory Care

Any patient that is referred to hospital with heart or lung problems will be monitored first by a cardiologist or respiratory care technician. Cardiologists will produce an ECG or perform an ultrasound scan of the heart to look at blood flow. Respiratory care technicians will carry out lung function tests using a spirometer.

Audiology

Audiologists carry out sophisticated hearing tests on patients from babies to adults. They then design, fit and adjust the relevant hearing aids to ensure that patients have the maximum hearing range possible.



A medical engineer shows Kieran how low the pressure is in a respirator for a baby's fragile lungs



Kieran performs a heart ultrasound scan on one of the medical school's lifelike robot patient simulators



Sara, Tiegan and Olivia are shown how to position the heart scanner and observe blood flow

There are loads more NHS careers including; Healthcare science, Pathology, Management, Nursing, Midwifery, Physician associate, Medicine, Dentistry, Health Informatics, Paramedics, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Dietician, Radiography, Music therapy, Speech and language therapy, Cardiology, Audiology, Optometry, Respiratory care plus many more.

Go to Healthcareers.nhs.uk and click explore roles

Watch episode 21 of MMTV at medicalmavericks.co.uk/mmtv



NASA 2020



In February 2020 the First joint Mission of St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's Sixth Form to NASA, JSC, HOUSTON will be launched.

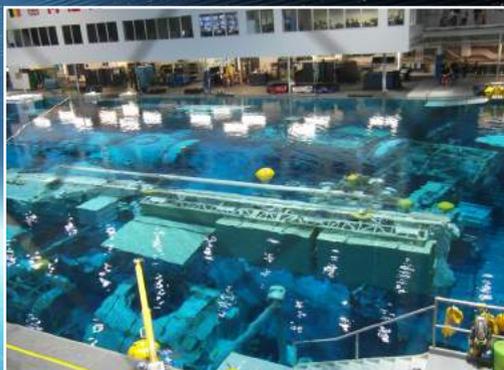
Antonauts and Aidanauts will get to visit Johnson Space Centre where the Astronauts live, work and train.

They will see behind the scenes and visit the Engineering Hall and see inside the new Orion Space Capsule, the next step from Apollo. They will be able to see the underwater International Space Station in the giant Neutral Buoyancy Lab.

There will be many challenges to meet. They will be set with budgets and deadlines in designing their own Mars Habitat and constructing and launching their own Rocket and hoping to see it parachute safely to the ground.

They will also visit the TEXAS State Capital AUSTIN and historic SAN ANTONIO, the site of the famous battle of the ALAMO where Jim BOWIE and Davy CROCKET perished.

It will be an exciting and rewarding Experience for all concerned.





SKI TRIP 2019

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JAY PEAK MOUNTAIN, VERMONT and NEW YORK

Easter 2019 saw the departure of the Skiers to the USA for a thrilling adventure which included skiing for 5days at JAY PEAK on the USA/CANADA border as well as a 2day stopover in NEW YORK.

The SKIING was amazing and the girls all improved their skills. They also had great fun at the huge Waterpark and the impressive climbing centre 'Clips and Reels'.





On the way to NEW YORK we visited WOODBURY COMMON OUTLETS where the girls had a great time shopping. In NEW YORK we visited TIMES SQUARE, The ROCKEFELLER CENTRE, The EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, PIER 17, ELLIS ISLAND and LIBERTY ISLAND as well as eating at the HARD ROCK CAFE and more shopping at MACY'S.





SKI TRIP 2019





SKI TRIP 2019

Many thanks to SkiBound and to the Parents who made this fantastic trip possible.
We are now looking forward to the next adventures to AUSTRIA, Easter 2020.

Mrs Taroni and Miss Brown

EXAM INFORMATION

Results Dates 2019

A-Level: Thursday 15th August 8.30 am

GCSE: Thursday 22nd August 9.00 am

EXAM DATES 2020

GCSE: Tuesday May 5th to Friday June 12th 2020

A-Level: Tuesday May 5th to Friday June 23rd 2020

A-Level & GCSE Contingency Day – 24th June 2020

A contingency day would be used in the event of national or local disruption to examinations in the UK.

Centres must remind candidates they must remain available until the contingency day.

Results dates 2020

A-Level: Thursday 13th August 8.30 am

GCSE: Thursday 20th August 9.00 am



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