

All About St Anthony's Academy!

Objectives:

- ✓ To give Y6 staff and pupils information about life at St Anthony's.
- ✓ To help our future pupils feel prepared for their transition into secondary school.



A message from Mrs McGann

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



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What does the word 'transition' mean?



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

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

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



All About St Anthony's Academy!

This session will let you know about:

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



Daily Routine

Time	Action
8.00-8.30	Pupils arrive
8.30	School gates close/ late sign in at reception
8.40	Lesson 1
9.40	Break
10.00	Lesson 2
11.00	Tutorial/registration
11.20	Lesson 3
12.20	Lunch
1.15	Afternoon registration
1.25	Lesson 4
2.25	Lesson 5
3.25	Dismissal



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy was recently awarded **World Class School Status** and **International School Status**!

Watch the video below made by our Y12 students which celebrate the great things going on here! It is called 'A Week in the life of St Anthony's'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v08lXaMYGkI&feature=youtu.be>



Extra-curricular clubs

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

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

Badminton Club

Chess Club

Ski Club

Youth SVP

Athletics Club

Spanish/French Film Club

Pupil Chaplaincy Team

Trampolining

Creative Writing

Jewellery Making

Mini Vinnies

Duke of Edinburgh

Junior Choir

String Orchestra

Lego Club

Football

Art club

Homework Club

Dancing

Poetry Club

Netball

Gymnastics

Mandarin

Reading Club

Running

Maths Club



Top Tip from one of our Y7 pupils!

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



Music Department

At St Anthony's we have a fantastic music department led by Mrs Dudley. You can also have instrument/voice lessons with one of our specialist tutors (these will be arranged in September with Mrs Dudley).

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

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



Music Department



Guys and Dolls 2019



School of Rock 2020



Orchestra concert performance



Junior Choir concert performance



Antonian Award winners for Music

Educational Visits at St Anthony's!

Like our lunchtime clubs, there are so many visits or longer trips on offer!

School trips are a great experience and are often part of pupils' best memories of secondary school. Here are some examples of where we have

**ROME/ VATICAN
CITY**

travelled to!

PARIS

LONDON

**NASA SPACE
CENTRE, HOUSTON
TEXAS!**

**WATER
SPORTS TRIP -
SPAIN/FRANCE**

CINEMA

INDIA

**SKI TRIP - USA,
ITALY, AUSTRIA**

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH
EXPEDITIONS**

**DERWENT
HILL**

BARCELONA



Modern Foreign Languages

Our enthusiastic MFL department offer French or Spanish from Y7. It is not possible to request which language you do from Y7 but whatever language you study you will be in good hands with our linguistic experts! In the MFL department we play lots of games, have a regular Spanish/ French Film Club, go on trips abroad and locally and much more! See what we get up to on our twitter page @MFLStAnthonys!



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A message from Miss Jones

(Assistant Director KS3 (Y7)/ History Teacher)

Miss Jones is a member of our History department and is also in charge of looking after you and the whole of Year 7. You will meet her on your first day!

A message from Miss Jones, Assistant Director KS3 (Y7)



Welcome to St. Anthony's Academy. Your transition from primary school to Year 7 may seem like a big leap, but it is my job to support you so you can settle quickly into life at St. Anthony's. It is also my role to work with your form tutor and to deal with any questions or concerns you may have- so that you are able to make the most of your time at our school! I look forward to meeting you all in the new term!

Form classes

There are 7 form classes in Y7 at St Anthony's.

Each form class is named after a saint but we call them by their shorter name.

E.g. 7 Saint Rita = 7SR

There are approximately 30 pupils in a form class.

You will have some lessons with this class: art, music, technology, CIAG, PE.



Form classes

Each of the form classes are then split into two.

E.g. 7SRa (15 pupils) and 7SRo (15 pupils)

This is a smaller group and it is who you will spend 'form time' with. You will have a form tutor who will take the register, lead form class prayers and will look after you every day.

You will find out your form class on the first day!

Mrs McGann (Transition Co-Ordinator) has worked with your class teachers to try to place you with at least 1 friend from your school.



Form Tutors

You will find out who your form tutor is on your first day.

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

You see them twice a day - during form time (11.00-11.20) and at afternoon registration (1.20pm).



Worried about homework?

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

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

We also have a homework club for Y7 on a lunchtime - this is to help you keep on top of it all!



Catholic Life

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

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

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

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

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

If you have a faith we ask that you show respect during prayer time.

We are so lucky to have Sister Francis and Sister Josepha as our School

Chaplains. You will meet them during the Transition Days. They look after everyone

- teachers and pupils!



Our Chaplaincy Team



Mrs Moran
RE Teacher and Head
of Catholic Life



Sister Josepha



Mr Harrison





The Hail Mary

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

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

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





The Morning Offering

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

O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary,

I offer to you,

All my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day,

For all the intentions of thy divine heart and the Holy Mass,

And I intend to gain, all the indulgences I can this day,

And I place them in the hands of our Blessed Lady,

For the poor, suffering souls in purgatory.

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



Pupil Support



This is Mrs Richardson-Dunn our Director of Pupil Support. She looks after girls who need extra support and works in a building called 'the Cottage'. This is a place where girls can go if they need any extra help.



Pupil Support



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



Uniform

1. Blazer - designated St. Anthony's blazer (navy with green braid and school crest).
2. Jumper - designated St. Anthony's jumper (navy with green braid and school crest).
3. Blouse - white, long sleeved, loose fitting, open necked blouse with revere collar.
4. Skirt - navy designated St. Anthony's skirt (length: on the knee, just above the knee or below the knee).
5. Tights - navy, plain, opaque tights.
6. Shoes - black, flat "school" shoes. N.B. no sandals, sling backs, heels, mules, canvas shoes etc. Black boots may be worn during severe winter weather.
7. Scarf - designated St. Anthony's scarf or plain navy scarf.
8. Coat - navy or black , no logos, worn over blazer.
9. Head Wear - navy scarf or hijab available from The Uniform Shop in Sunderland
10. PE Kit - With St Anthony's school crest. PE kit is compulsory and available from Total Sport, Tel: 0191 5679043 Navy T-shirt, polo shirt Navy shorts Navy tracksuit bottoms Navy hooded top Navy socks Cross trainers

N.B. leisure trainers and plimsoles are not suitable. Trainers don't have to be navy or black!

11. Gym bag

12. Plain black/navy school bag/backpack. Big enough to carry everything!



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Equipment

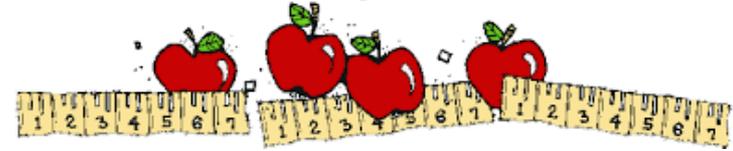
At secondary school you have to be organised and more independent. You will be given some equipment from your teachers (exercise books, folders, textbooks) but there is some equipment you need to bring every day.

Equipment to bring every day:

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



Know the Rules



- Must wear the correct uniform.
- No chewing gum!
- Only water allowed in class - no fizzy drinks.
- Mobile phones must be turned off and not taken out of bag until you have left the school grounds. Teachers who see you with a phone have the right to confiscate it from you and you must go to reception at 3.30 to collect it or a person from home may have to come. **We are trusting you to do this, this privilege will be removed if you break this rule!**
- All years may arrive early to the Academy and go to the Y7 yard or canteen. If it is raining, go to your bad weather area. Bad behaviour will result in this privilege being forfeited.
- Pupils stand when the teacher enters and leaves the room; the lesson begins with a short prayer.
- No eating in classrooms during break and lunch- must go to canteen.

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



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- The whole year group is responsible for keeping our yard and form rooms tidy. If you see litter, pick it up!

Know the Rules



- Keep to the left when moving around the school and don't run!

- Every girl must bring pens, pencils, ruler and other mathematical instruments with them to school together with a jotter for rough work.

- Girls must be organized and remember their P.E. kit or they will borrow one from the school.

- Girls must bring their planner to every lesson. The planner should be signed on a weekly basis by their tutor and their parent/carer.

- There is ample time at break and lunch hour for pupils to use the toilets, the class teacher will allow a child to leave the lesson in an emergency. Y7 have their own toilets.

- Routine dental and other appointments should be made after school or during Academy holidays. Please bring in a note 24 hours before if you need to leave school - this needs to be signed by your form tutor and Miss Jones, then shown to reception when you leave school.

- Girls are not allowed to go home at lunchtime.

- Hold the door for staff and other pupils - be polite to everyone



That was a lot of new information!

You can look at this again on our school website under 'News and Event's - 'Y6/7 Transition Arrangements'.

Next you will see some common worries and Mrs McGann's advice!



Your first day: common questions

WHAT TIME DO I ARRIVE?

- ✓ The school day starts at 8.30am. You must be in school before then at the latest. School is open from 8am. If you are late, go to the top gate on Thornhill Terrace, press the buzzer on the black gate and go to reception to sign in.



Your first day: common questions

WHERE DO I GO WHEN I GET THERE?

There will be staff at the gates waiting for you to arrive on your first day. They will guide you to the Y7 yard.



Your first day: common questions

WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL FINISH?

- ✓ The school day ends at 3.25pm. We recommend you do not get collected by car on Thornhill Terrace as it is very very busy. Arrange to meet someone nearby.



Your first day: common questions

WHAT IF I GET LOST?

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



Your first day: common questions

WHAT IF I'M NOT CATHOLIC?

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



Your first day: common questions

WHAT IF I FORGET SOMETHING?

Share any worries you have with your form tutor during form time (11-11.20) and they can solve the problem for you!



Your first day: common questions

AM I ALLOWED TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE?

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



Your first day: common questions

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

This will probably be very rare - it may be because you have forgotten to bring your PE kit or you have forgotten dinner money for example. You must NEVER use your phone to contact home. If we discover you have done this there will be consequences. Whatever the issue is, always talk to your form tutor first as they will be able to solve the problem!



Top Tips from our Y7s...

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

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

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

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

Don't be afraid to ask for help about anything



A message from Mrs McGann

If you have a question you would like answering you can:

- Check St Anthony's website - News and Events - Y6/7 Transition Arrangements page
- Contact Mrs McGann through the St Anthony's main e mail address enquiries@st-anthonys-academy.com. Please state it for Mrs McGann.



I look forward to meeting you!

**From
Mrs McGann**

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



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