

At School



Our In-School group is significantly larger than it was last year with over 100 students regularly attending in bubbles of up to 15. They follow the same remote learning offer as those at home with break at 11am and lunch at 12:30pm, during which times they get the opportunity to play badminton and basketball or spend the time outside or inside with friends from the same bubble. All COVID safety controls, as per our Risk Assessment, remain in place.

We took the opportunity last Friday, when the computer system was being worked on, to indulge in some wellbeing activities. Year 10 cooked pizzas with me, Dr Ingham and Ms Nadeem whilst KS3 students moved through a rota of sports with Mr Uglow and Mr Giblin and bingo with Mrs Ingham (with a bit of extra Maths thrown in by Mrs Ince!).

The In-School group are having great fun with the quizzes and challenges they have had set for them. Much chocolate has been distributed to those who successfully matched the staff with their favourite chocolate bars and Christmas No1s. They are currently trying to work out which Looney Tunes character is the one most loved by the St Antony's staff team and our next quiz will be focused on trying to match colleagues with previous jobs/careers.

Some of our students, both in school and at home, need extra support, especially at this time. The full SEND team of Learning Support Assistants are based on site with face-to-face support for those in school as well online support for those working at home.

Small group and individual tutoring continues for identified students and online literacy support is being provided by one of our tutors, Alexa, for targeted Year 7s.

A number of students who were attending the In School group due to lack of suitable devices at home have now been provided with a loan laptop. The school have loaned out over 60 laptops to ensure that learning can be supported at home.



Answers to the chocolate quiz - 1F, 2C, 3H, 4E, 5D, 6A, 7J, 8G, 9I and 10B

Answers to the Christmas No1 quiz – 1H, 2J, 3A, 4B, 5I, 6G, 7D, 8E, 9F and 10C

At Home



Our staff team continue to work extremely hard to ensure that students at home are safe and well and that they are receiving a high quality remote education. The feedback from students and parents with regards to both these aspects has been overwhelmingly positive and I am very grateful to the whole staff team for what they are doing to support you all. Parents/carers have also shown their gratitude with emails, cards and treats and these are always gratefully received!



We love that students are participating in the challenges and competitions which have been set: Ewan, our Yr7 juggling champion; William S in Y7, Lucas M in Y7, Ryder E in Y10, Rachel G in Y10 and Joanie P in Y11 who are the 5 winners of the Photography Competition (their prizewinning photographs are shown); design your own mask and mug competitions; produce a pet portrait as well as the regular cooking challenges with Mr Reynard. So much to join in with!



During the last lockdown we had the opportunity to participate in a Trafford wide film project which involved two of our students, Amy and Rhys, filming themselves for a few minutes everyday and sharing their feelings, thoughts and worries for themselves and their families. Please click [here](#) to view the film on YouTube. We are very proud of our little film stars!



We are also very proud of those students who make it onto the weekly Fantastic Friday list. This list is overflowing with students who have impressed their teachers with their effort and/or attainment. Under normal circumstances Fantastic Friday winners collect a bar of chocolate as their reward. If you are passing by school during your daily exercise and are a winner, please pop in to collect. Otherwise remind me on your return. I need to order an awful lot of chocolate!



As you are aware, we are closely monitoring student engagement during these weeks away from school. We are very much looking forward to having the full school body back on site and there will be much to do when we get to that point. To ensure that they are in the best position possible, students must ensure they stay on top of the work being set by their teachers. If this becomes too much, please contact school.

Week beginning 17 February
Beef Burger & Potato Wedges



KS3 Practical Food Lessons.
 Look out for your weekly practical food lessons on Teams. Mr Reynard will talk you through and demonstrate how to make a range of dishes from scratch!

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Year 7 – Thursday 11.30
 Year 8 – Friday 9.00
 Year 9 – Monday 9.00

If you are unable to purchase ingredients that would like to order, please email Mrs Maloney (s.maloney@st-antony.com) as we have a limited number of ingredients available for each topic. Collections available Friday or Monday.



For Year 7s both at school and at home, Mrs Ingham has launched a new book club. The possible first titles are shown here and she is looking forward to hearing back (r.ingham@st-antony.com) from those interested in participating.

Remember there is a large selection of stationery at the front of school. Please help yourself to what is needed.



In the Community



Following on from our very successful Christmas Dinner project when 300 meals were cooked and distributed to some of those in need in the local community along with gifts and other treats, we continue to strive to help others in need, following the teaching of St Antony.

We have launched our hugs and cupcakes initiative (see photos) where you can buy a pocket hug for £3. Email m.nadeem@st-antonys.com if interested. All proceeds will go to purchase ingredients for top quality boxes of cupcakes which can be gifted to a person who is contributing at this tough time. Suitable nominations to k.rothwell@st-antonys.com.

Mr Taylor, our Art teacher, is doing his own fundraising for St Ann's Hospice, drawing pet portraits which are then transferred onto tote bags. His order form is nearly full but if you'd be interested and would like to go on a waiting list, please email him on r.taylor@st-antonys.com.

We hope you have enjoyed finding out a little bit more about St Antony's and what we've been up to over the last few weeks. Take care and enjoy half term!

