



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

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28th January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this update letter again finds you and yours well. It seems unbelievable that we are hurtling towards the February half term with Christmas beginning to be a distant memory. As mentioned in last week's update video, we are very excited to be offering a new extra-curricular activity through the Youth Theatre Academy, which will take place on Mondays over the road from school at Highfield Primary. KS3 students will be finding out more about this early next week and will be able to sign up with Mr Betton in Room 18. Our wonderful Combined Cadet Force has resumed its activities and it has been fantastic to see them with Mr Parker Smith (along with some former students) learning about the military, the Royal Navy and practicing drills after school each Wednesday.

Our commitment to improving our students' literacy skills continues and I am delighted to inform you that all Year 7 and 8 students have received a new book as part of the initiative Book Buzz which St Antony's has signed up for. There is lots of information to be found about Book Buzz by clicking [here](#). Please ask your child which book they selected, and why, and encourage them to read it at home, ideally out loud to you. In a few weeks we will start to promote the swapping of books which have been read, so do take a look at all those available and support your child to think about what they'd like to read next.

An increasing number of our students travel to school by bike and it is essential that this is done safely (wearing helmets). Pre-pandemic, many primary schools offered cycle training as part of the [Bikeability](#) programme, but many of our younger students may have missed out on this opportunity. Trafford secondary Heads are looking to be able to get this in place, initially with interested Year 7s, and if you would like your child to participate in this please ask them to ensure their name is given to their form tutor.

The safety of our children is paramount and I'm sure we were all devastated to learn of the death of Kennie Carter, a local 16-year-old, last weekend. This heartbreaking incident, the implications of carrying knives and ways in which we can work together to try to avoid such a tragedy in the future, will be discussed with the students over the coming weeks.

You will know that the requirements to wear face coverings in the classroom was removed on Thursday 20th January and yesterday for communal spaces and corridors. There will be those who wish to continue to wear face coverings in school and they are welcome to do so. We will continue our cautious approach with enhanced cleaning and continued extra ventilation of buildings and rooms. This is important and the number of COVID cases in the school community has dropped but there are still those who do have COVID.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

With kind regards,

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