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**St Antony's Stories** – information about learning, activities, events at school which form part of **students' Personal Development - October 2023**

Who?	What's the story?
<b>Assemblies</b>	
<b>Y7-Y11</b>	<p><b>Care for Creation</b> – in Pope Francis' letter <i>Laudato Si</i>, he encouraged better care for creation, so students were reminded to care for our school community, to tidy up after themselves, to use the many bins in and around school and to say thank you to someone who had shown them that they care and therefore deserved a postcard of recognition.</p> <div data-bbox="683 875 1114 1167" data-label="Image"></div> <p><b>Community</b> – respect for all in our community and what to do if ever the victim of or witness of bullying at school #nobystanders.</p> <p><b>Acting with Integrity &amp; Rewards</b> – an opportunity to celebrate the winners of subject, attendance and Head of Year prizes. Well done to all those winners – this is the STA way!</p> <p><b>Love Others</b> – a reminder of what <i>Love Thy Neighbour</i> means in reality: be kind, be tolerant, be respectful, be helpful, be supportive, be the <b>BEST</b> version of you 😊</p> <div data-bbox="563 1498 1240 1877" data-label="Image"></div>

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<b>Personal Development Lessons from Sept-Oct in HT1</b>	
<b>Y7-Y11</b>	<b>Me and My Body</b>
<b>Y7</b>	Growing Up – Who am I?, Changing Bodies, Puberty, Menstrual Wellbeing
<b>Y8</b>	Body Expectations – Created and Chosen, Appreciating Differences, Relationship Values and Expectations
<b>Y9</b>	How Others Treat My Body – The Search for Love, Love People - Use Things, Respectful Relationships, Freedom and Consent
<b>Y10</b>	How I Treat Other People's Bodies – Authentic freedom, Self-image, Impact of Pornography, Communication and Consent
<b>Y11</b>	What I Put In My Body – Self-worth, Addiction, Substance Use, Risk and Influence
<b>Careers</b>	
<b>Y7-Y11</b>	In the final Personal Development lesson of last half term, students had a dedicated Careers lesson. Respectively, the year groups focused on the following: Y7 – My achievements and values Y8 – Character profile and beliefs Y9 – Skills for life & my best skills Y10 – My priorities Y11 – Planning for Y11 and revision
<b>KS4</b>	In addition, there have been several events attended by our students: Y11 have had many assemblies from various post-16 providers; some of Y10 have had a day visit to The University of Manchester; other Y10s were at Loreto Sixth for a High Achievers' Partnership event; and KS4 students were invited to a working lunch with a Paralegal, gaining an insight into her work and route to her current role.
<b>Y11</b>	Our Connexions officer (Emma) has started her induction and will be meeting Y11 initially for 1-1 support in preparation for post-16 choices. Independent Careers Information Advice and Guidance will be provided by her.
<b>Y7-Y11</b>	Finally, students have been communicated with to help us establish potential interest in various Careers routes for young people at this stage. We know that this may change, but it'll help with more bespoke offers over time. In the meantime, there is lots of signposting and support on the school website and noticeboards – and you or your child are welcome to reach Mrs Williams as Careers lead at any point.

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## Other St Antony's Stories

**Black History Month, *Saluting our Sisters*** – students were able to sleuth around school to find out more about black women of significance in the UK or wider world as part of the national theme this year, *Saluting Our Sisters*.

These women were the first:

1. Black, female publisher of British Vogue
2. Black Headteacher
3. Afro-Caribbean, female newsreader on British TV

Do you know who they are? (answers at the end)



**SALUTING<sup>US</sup>  
SISTERS**

**Blackout Poetry** – again to mark Black History Month, students were offered an opportunity to create some original poetry. Led by our School Library Assistant, Mr Williams, there were lots of students who participated from all year groups.

**Eco Team** – a massive congratulations to our Eco Team. After a year of hard work, examining the quality of our school environment and taking action, the work of the Eco Team means St Antony's has officially been named an Eco School. This award shows our students care about our local environment and wider global issues - they are a credit to St Antony's.



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**Caritas Big Sleep Out and being of Service** – our GIFT team have wowed us with the success of their efforts to support the drive from Caritas for the homeless via *The Big Sleep Out*.



On the 13<sup>th</sup> October, almost 50 students (and a few staff!) slept on the school hall floor. The night did include some fun, but also a stark reminder of the reality for too many people today. Students built shelters from cardboard, watched a video about homelessness on the streets of Manchester and took part in a quiz with questions about homelessness around the world.



A very worthwhile night, raising over £1000 for Caritas. Well done team, led by Ms Bartlett!

**Saluting our Sisters** answers:

1. Vanessa Kingori
2. Betty Campbell
3. Moira Stuart

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