






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

Who?	What's the story?
<b>Assemblies</b>	
<b>Y7-Y11</b>	<p>As Advent got under way, it was an opportunity to visit with each year group the symbolism of the <b>Advent Wreath</b> in the first of the December assemblies as well as its message of hope and the unending love of Christ.</p>  <p><b>Rewards</b> assemblies covered a range of excellence - with attendance as a form or as an individual, within subject to be crowned a subject prize winner, and with achievement points. There was also an opportunity to give Y11 some shout-outs connected to their Mock Exams, this time for effort, P6 attendance and for the biggest improvement. Congratulations to all receiving recognition in some way.</p>  <p>As always at the end of a term, a <b>Whole School Mass</b> was celebrated at St Hugh of Lincoln Church at 10am on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Families are always welcome to join us at any end of term Mass.</p> 

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Personal Development Lessons	
<b>Y7-Y11</b>	<b>Emotional Wellbeing, Citizenship and Careers</b>
<b>Y7</b>	Healthy Inside and Out; Citizenship - Equal Opportunities; & Careers – Skills for Life and a Careers Pathway to your Dream Job
<b>Y8</b>	Feelings; Citizenship - Human Rights; & Careers – Self Reflection and Your Best Skills
<b>Y9</b>	In Control of My Choices; Citizenship – Managing Challenging Content; & Careers – Who can Help Me, My Network and My Personal Qualities
<b>Y10</b>	Beliefs, Values and Attitudes; Citizenship – What is a Political Party and What do They Stand For?; & Careers - Who can Help Me, My Network and My Personal Qualities, review of my Careers Pathway
<b>Y11</b>	Gender Performativity & The Male Gaze; Citizenship – How do Different Countries Govern Themselves?; & Careers - Who can Help Me, My Network and My Personal Qualities, review of my Careers Pathway
Careers	
	<p>As each half term ends with a <b>dedicated lesson for Careers</b> in the Personal Development timetables lesson, please see above for the focus of Careers this half term.</p> <p>Y8 &amp; Y9 students were at the <b>Wildhearts COP28</b> Global Climate Change <b>Conference</b> at Siemens in Didsbury, presenting ideas on sustainable solutions to the threat of climate change superbly in front of other schools. They were a credit to St Antony's on the day.</p>  <p>Our Independent Careers Officer from <b>Connexions</b>, Emma, started after half term and over this month has prioritised seeing more of the <b>Y11 cohort in 1-1 interviews</b> to discuss post-16 plans. Students can request another 1-1 from her if required, and any student of any year group is welcome to the lunchtime drop-in in R8, every Monday. Her email, for students or families to use, is <a href="mailto:Careers@st-antonys.com">Careers@st-antonys.com</a> should it be needed.</p>

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## connexions

**Mock Interview day** for Y11 took place on 8<sup>th</sup> December, with 20 volunteers from Further Education or Industry interviewing our wonderfully smart, professional Y11s. The visitors were very impressed with the event at St Antony's and with the standard of Y11 in terms of work appearance, quality of the responses to questions and maturity in the interviews. Y11 found the day of benefit and "*feel more prepared for future interviews and more confident about interviewing abilities*". They also stated that "*the interviewer was nice*" and that the visitors supportive in giving immediate verbal feedback as well as personalised, written feedback shared with Y11 via form tutors afterwards. We hope that many of the same visitors will support us with our plans for Careers events for other year groups in 2024, including many local employers, such as Trafford Council, Octopus Energy and Soreen.



**Working lunch** – Y9s considering options and KS4 Computer Science classes had the opportunity to participate in a working lunch with Hewlett Packard Enterprise. As a prominent company in the Digital Industry, it was interesting to learn how widespread their reach is and how diverse the employment range is too. Thanks to Arthur from HP Enterprise.



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## Other St Antony's Stories

**Rewards trips** for both KS3 and KS4 took place at the Trafford Centre – a cinema or bowling trip for 43% of our school cohort. Well done to those who are living our values and in doing so, developing themselves as a person. For anyone who narrowly missed out, we are looking at ways to reward even more students in the coming terms, responding to feedback from families.



The **Y7 Choir** sang at the St Antony's Parish Church on Trafford Park for the annual service there. With families in attendance, students helped make the service a special event and were treated to some mince pies for their efforts. #proud to be STA



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The **KS3 Choir** have been working hard all term and last week sang in a huge concert, with both traditional and non-traditional Christmas content. They merged with other local choirs to be part of an event we hope they will never forget – The Big Sing - and one which reminded us all of the joy in collaborating with others, especially at this time of year.

**Christmas jumper day** marked the season but also served as another opportunity to raise funds for those in need. And finally, the **GIFT team** have been working wonders once again – a school disco on Friday and form class collections for Caritas. We are so grateful for the team's work in service with Miss Bartlett.



Season's Greetings to you all!

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