

St Antony's Stories – information about learning, activities, events at school which form part of **students' Personal Development** – **January and February 2024**

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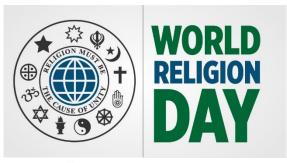
Assemblies

Y7-Y11

Encouragement as 2024 started to make the most of our **talents**, to let them be seen and to do what we can to develop them so that we become **the best version of ourselves**, the mission statement of St Antony's. *The Parable of the Talents* reminds us that we should **not hide our talents**, **but share them**, and **not be afraid of standing** out as we do so.



Assemblies throughout the rest of January then turned to our **treatment of others**, in alignment with some dates of significance, for example World Religion Day or Holocaust Memorial Day or LGBT+ History month. Assemblies meant we could remind our students **to behave with kindness and tolerance of others** who may have different religious beliefs, race, sexuality, or any other difference. It is our **responsibility** to look out for and **respect all in our school community. #nobystanders**



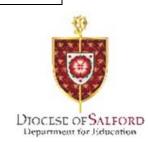




Holocaust Memorial Day

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For February, the themes of assemblies turned to Lent – particularly being charitable and **of service** in whatever way we can, like the Good Samaritan.

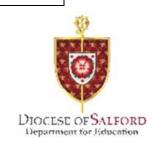




Personal Development Lessons						
Y7-Y11	Life Cycles and Citizenship					
Y7	Family Relationships, Diverse Families, Family Changes, Loss and					
	Bereavement, Foetus Rights					
Y8	Formalising Relationships, Managing Conflict, When Families Separate, Tough					
	Relationships, Gender Equality					
Υ9	Fertility and Routes to Parenthood, Pregnancy Outcomes, Pregnancy and					
	Abortion, Fertility and Contraception, Suffragettes					
Y10	Long Term Commitments & Marriage, Legal Status of Marriage, Parenting &					
	Parenthood, What is the Role of the Judicial Process?					
Y11	The Role of Intimacy and Pleasure, Safely Ending Relationships,					
	Contraception, STIs, How can we hold our Leaders to Account?					
Careers						
Y7-Y11	Careers learning in Personal Development lessons happens in the last week					
	of each half term. At the end of Half Term 3, Careers week coincided with					
	National Apprenticeships Week. Students learned what an apprenticeship is,					
	what is expected of young people who take an apprenticeship, how it is					
	assessed and what the outcome might be once finished.					
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	Apprenticeships					
	National Apprenticeship Week 5 th to 11 th February 2024					

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You can see a short Apprenticeships video here which was shared with students:

What is an apprenticeship? – YouTube

In PD Careers lessons, students learned that it's important to **recognise what inspires you** (Y7) and not to be limited by **gender stereotypes** around employment (Y8): A Class That Turned Around Kids' Assumptions of Gender Roles! (youtube.com).

For Y9, there was some guidance about how to pick **options** – see here: <u>Careers Service – GCSE subject choices advice (youtube.com)</u> – and understanding how school subjects and hobbies might influence later Career choices.



Y10 explored the **legal protections** that exist in the World of Work, while Y11 were reminded of the choices post-16 and how there should be a post-mocks action plan to get grades needed for the next steps: <u>Department for Education Post-16 Choices Animation (youtube.com)</u>

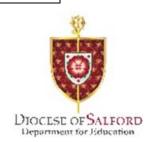


Y8-Y11

We are signposting you and your child to this opportunity which runs until May – a **Science and Engineering Saturday Club** at the University of Salford. It operates at the weekend, so would need families to organise but might be an opportunity of interest?

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Science& Engineering

Join a free Saturday Club for 13-16 year olds.

The Science&Engineering Saturday Club at the University of Salford is an excellent start for aspiring biologists. This year's focus is animal conservation in the wake of climate change. Club members will get an opportunity to meet and work with university experts in zoology, animal cognition and the biodiversity of the planet, as well as current university students You will also experience hands on conservation work, and try wildlife photography and

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Find out more @natsatclub saturday-club.org/join

Club location:

The University of Salford 43 Crescent, Salford, M5 4WT

Club times: Saturdays, 10:00 - 12:00

Working Skills morning – Visitors from post-16 providers and Industry ran workshops for Y10 to get them thinking more about post-16 life. What are the options to move into after school? What do employers want from their workers? How should I structure a CV? It's the start of support for Y10 as they think about next steps – very soon they'll be the oldest in the school with GCSEs and post-GCSE life as high priorities. You can see the workshops and some happy prize-winners here who impressed our guests very much – proud school!

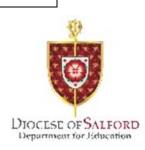
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Y10









Υ9





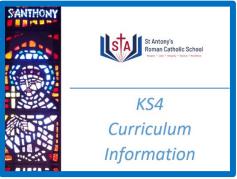
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Options Evening for Y9 - Families and students had the Options process explained to them and information shared about different option subjects, the opportunity to ask questions of subject and senior staff, as well as some post-16 progression support.



Families of Y9 are reminded that we pay an independent **Connexions Adviser** to work at St Antony's, Emma Towler. She offers Careers Education Information, Advice and Guidance which is informed and unbiased. Her email is careers@st-antonys.com and she operates a **drop-in session** over Monday lunchtimes in R9 for any student who may wish to talk to her. She's already met all of Y9 and presented to them as half form groups about Options, so they know who she is now and are welcome to talk to her before the close of the Options process.



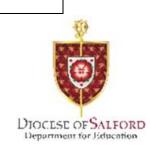
Some Y9s may have been encouraged to opt for French after some of them visited the University of Manchester and its Languages Event, *Viva Languages* – and learned some Russian along the way!



The University of Manchester

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Other St Antony's Stories

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As February is the UK's **LGBT+ History Month**, we've used the screens around the site to draw attention to the theme this month – **Medicine** - **#UnderTheScope** – which celebrates LGBT+ people's contributions to the fields of Medicine and Healthcare, both historically and today.





And the Library have also created a front-of-house collection of texts by or about the LGBT+ community.

Y8

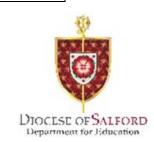
We were lucky to have a visitor from *West End for Schools* lead an **English Enrichment workshop** on **Shakespeare** for all of Y8 this half term. Students were challenged to think about Shakespeare's writing of plays and the dramatic performances of that era, including gender stereotypes, and were able to bring their study of *Romeo and Juliet* more to life. Great engagement from Y8 – they represented themselves and their families well.





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Y7-Y10

Auditions were held in January for the St Antony's production of The Wizard of Oz. Roles are set, including all those supporting on or back-stage. We are very excited about this Drama Enrichment opportunity, which involves a number of our students from Y7-Y10. Preparations are already under way, including song rehearsals each Thursday lunchtime. We look forward to seeing what the creative crew of Miss Quinn and Mr Betton put together.



Y7-Y11

Please see here the PE department's offer for this half term. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend the relevant sessions, irrespective of experience.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PLAN							
SPRING 2							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
LUNGU TTUE	Badminton All						
LUNCH TIME	Samba Football Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11				Year 11		
	Football Training	Football Fixtures All			Badminton All		
AFTER SCHOOL	All		Rugby Training Year 7-9		Flight Club Year 9-11		
		GCSE/Cam Nat - Booster Year 10-11			7 Eur 9-11		

Finally, all families and students are reminded of the offer to make use of our Homework Club which operates Monday-Thursday each week. Students can have support with their homework, have a place to work at a desk or utilise the computers to do nay homework they make have had set. Y11 have a separate revision base if they need it, if they are not attending a P6 session.



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