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Roman Catholic School

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

| Who? | What's the story? |
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| Assemblies | |
| Y7- Y11 | <p>It was lovely to welcome back our students in Y8-11 and to welcome for the first time our new Y7s – our focus on learning and respect was the theme of the welcome assembly. We have also introduced to Y7, and revisited with Y8-11, our mission – to be the best version of yourself; <i>Let the Light and Splendour of Christ Shine from Within us All.</i> We are certainly seeing students living this mission for the vast majority of the time – in lessons, with homework, with attendance and with an effective attitude to learning.</p> <div data-bbox="624 904 1082 1084" data-label="Image"></div> <p><i>Peace Sunday</i> was a prompt for us to think in another assembly about what actions we might see to help with peace in our school lives and beyond – being kind, respecting everyone, taking mindfulness moments, helping to solve problems. This reinforced one of our school values – love, to live in harmony and peace and love others.</p> <div data-bbox="560 1283 842 1621" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="946 1361 1158 1559" data-label="Image"></div> <p>The last week of September saw the focus switch to service, and an opportunity to promote <i>The Big Sleep Out</i>, the Caritas awareness raising event we are supporting as a school on Friday 18th October, with a sleep-out here on site.</p> <p>And finally, on 27th September we celebrated the Y7 Welcome Mass as part of their retreat day. This was an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be part of the St Antony's community and to explore and reflect on their</p> |

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personal faith, whatever that might be. Form prayers were created and many students had their first introduction to Sister Linda, our Student Chaplain.



Personal Development Timetabled Lessons

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| Y7-11 | <i>Me and my Body</i> |
| Y7 | Who am I?, Changing Bodies, Puberty (emotional and physical) |
| Y8 | Created and Chosen, Appreciating Differences, Relationship Values (disagreeing respectfully) |
| Y9 | The Search for Love, Love People use Things, Respectful Relationships (behaviour) |
| Y10 | Authentic Freedom, Self-Image, Impact of Pornography |
| Y11 | Self-worth, Addiction, Substance Use and Risk |

Careers

Y7-11 We have a **taught Careers Curriculum** as part of the Personal Development timetabled lessons. In September this covered:

- Y7 - Investing in Myself & The Importance of me and my Education
- Y8 - What are the Gatsby Benchmarks? & Self-Management Skills
- Y9 - Importance of Pupil Voice & Young Entrepreneurs
- Y10 – Choosing the Right Pathway & Preparing for Work Experience
- Y11 – Choices and Career Consequences & Careers Interviews

Y11 1-1 interviews are now well under way, with more than 50% of the students having received support and independent guidance from our Connexions officer, in preparation for post-16 decision-making. **Emma Towler** is employed by us via **Trafford Connexions** to offer independent Careers Information, Education, Advice and Guidance.



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Emma's work extends beyond Y11 though, and she is available in R14 every **Monday lunchtime for a drop-in service** from 1.45pm for **any student in any year group** who may wish to see her. Additionally, her email is careers@st-antony.com and students and/or parents/carers are welcome to email her with any questions or support enquiries.

Y11 have also had **post-16 assemblies** delivered by **post-16 institutions** to help them with decision-making about life after school. We have so far welcomed Xaverian and Loreto Sixth Form Colleges.



Other St Antony's Stories



A huge event for us this month has been the **European Day of Languages** on 26th September which saw **involvement across the school** – canteen meals from Europe for each day of the week, Y7 dressing up in colours of a European country and bringing in Europe-themed cakes for a competition, all form classes with an opportunity to participate in a European-linked escape-room activity, a live-streamed languages assembly, a treasure hunt around the school building to match 'language brags' with staff members, crepe cuisine available to purchase and a construction challenge with spaghetti and marshmallows for an iconic European building. There was an amazing buzz about school and we are thrilled with the active involvement of so many of our students. Cakes from the day were sold for **Macmillan Coffee Morning** which we will mark fully in October, but a huge well done for all those who were involved in this school event which marked **cultural diversity**.

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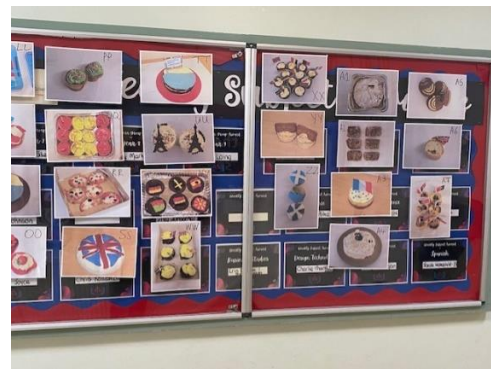
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If the Languages team were not busy enough this month, they have also launched the **MFL film club** for Y7-9. This is an opportunity to develop language skills by watching a subtitled-film spoken in another language. It's open to all in KS3 every Thursday lunchtime in R22, popcorn provided!

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The 26th September was busy for another reason this year as it was the **Y11 Geography Trip to Llandudno**. This was an opportunity to bring learning from outside the classroom, contextualise it and transform it into useful knowledge for examination questions. Y11 braved the rain to complete beach transects, studied coastal defences and interviewed locals about their town. Waterproof gear was needed!



Our **Library** has been pleased to open its doors to so many students each and every day at break time and at lunch time. We have record numbers of books out on loan and of students accessing this resource. There has been a **bookmark design competition** launched for Y7 at the same time as them all having **class visits** to the library. Furthermore, the **Library Club is open to Y7 and Y8 students** after school each Tuesday – with opportunities to read, get involved in creative writing and text illustration and even some quiet, strategic game playing.

Year 7 Bookmark Design Competition

DESIGN

The colours, the pictures, the theme – up to you!

Be creative, be imaginative, have fun!

The winning design will be reproduced for all year 7 pupils

There will be a prize of a book and stationery

Hand completed bookmark to your form tutor when finished, write your name and form on the back

Closing date: 04/10

St Antony's LIBRARY CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY 3.15 - 4.15

ACTIVITIES
Get to the library!

READING
Read any book from the library. Earn achievement points and BookIt! rewards.

CREATIVE WRITING
Feeling creative? Come to the library where we will help guide your writing. Or we can leave you alone while you produce your masterpiece.

ILLUSTRATION
Is drawing more your thing? Spend an hour in the library working on your craft.

BOARD GAMES/CHESS
Come and play a board game with friends.

ALL WELCOME!

IF THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO OFFER, COME AND SEE MR WILLIAMS IN THE LIBRARY.

Lower School Choir for Y7&Y8 is up and running every Tuesday lunchtime – this is available for anyone interested in joining in and feeling uplifted by some collaborative singing. Meanwhile *The Big Sing Trafford Choir* (Y7) and *The Big Sing Manchester Choir (Drama Cast)*, both of which will be participating in choral events this Christmas, are rehearsing each Thursday and Wednesday lunchtime respectively.

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Should there be anyone interested in **musical instrument lessons** organised by Trafford Music Service, but hosted here, you should know that there is provision through the service to have drum, piano, guitar, brass or singing lessons on site at school. You can reach Trafford Music service if you need more information.

The **GIFT team** (Growing in Faith Together) have started their planning this term of events to roll out or promote – this is **open to any student** in the school who wishes to be of **service** to the school community and its promotion of our **mission**. They are the drivers of lots of the charity work undertaken at school and support the school's Catholic ethos in assemblies, at Mass etc.

Meanwhile, the **Student Leadership Team** have been the smiling face to welcome visitors to our school during Open Evening and Parent/Carer evenings held throughout September. This group of students are now planning how they can increase their profile, while supporting other students and the school's mission. We are grateful for the **service** of these students so far, since their well-deserved appointment at the end of Y10. Please note that this year we are also working on how we can provide more students the opportunity to be involved in roles of leadership and service.



And finally, you can see here the scheduling for **PE activities** over lunchtimes and after school for this half term. Alongside this, there are extensive team playing opportunities which are shared by the PE team with each year group.

| EXTRA CURRICULAR PLAN 2024-2025 | | | | | | |
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| AUTUMN 1 | | | | | | |
| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| LUNCH TIME | Hall | Badminton All | | | | |
| | Gym | Samba Football Year 7 | Samba Football Year 8 | Samba Football Year 9 | Samba Football Year 10 | Samba Football Year 11 |
| | | Sports Leaders | | | | |
| AFTER SCHOOL | Field | Football Fixtures | | | | |
| | | | Football Training All | KS4 Booster CR5 | | |
| | Hall/Gym/Yard | Sports Fixtures All | Netball Training All | Sports Fixtures All | Sports Fixtures All | Badminton All |

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