






St Antony's
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 – October 2024**

Who?	What's the story?
Assemblies	
Y7-Y11	<p>Black History Month nationally across the UK had the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'. We were able to share the story of Black History Month and inspirational stories as well as revisit our Golden Rule of Respect, and promote the British Values of respect and tolerance.</p>  <p>UN Mental Health Day is in early October and this afforded us the opportunity to reconnect students with our school value of resilience. They were reminded of the many personal challenges they will face or might choose to face, and also reminded of strategies to help develop resilience, something needed at school but also for happy lives as adults.</p>  <p>Mid-October is Hate Crime Awareness Week, during which our assembly shared with students the protected characteristics and the fact that – in law – hostility or prejudice towards a person's protected characteristic is a hate crime. We do a lot of work at St Antony's with our students to help them understand that respect towards others at school is paramount, and this becomes just as important when they become independent citizens who need to understand the law. It's also links to a fundamental part of our school – our values of respect and love.</p> 

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Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
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As ever, the half term ended with **Rewards Assemblies** so that students can see achievements with form attendance, individual 100% attendance and the linked prize draw, the Head of Year award winner, subject badge winners, the Dr Frost Leaderboard and cross-curricular achievement point scores and associated rewards.



Personal Development Lessons, including *Citizenship* in italics

Y7-Y11	Me and My Body
Y7	Puberty and Menstrual Wellbeing, (Un)Healthy Relationships and <i>What Makes Me British?</i>
Y8	Relationships Values & Expectations, Gender Stereotypes, Gender Identity & Sexuality and <i>Intro to Community Diversity</i>
Y9	Respectful Relationships, Freedom & Consent, Grooming & Teenage Sex and <i>Intro to Human Rights</i>
Y10	Impact of Pornography, Communication & Consent, Managing Break-ups and <i>Who Makes a Law and Where Does it Come From?</i>
Y11	Substance Use, Risk & Influence, Getting Help & Support and <i>Should First Past the Post be Scrapped?</i>

Careers

Y10	The launch of Work Experience for Y10 in March of 2025 got underway. Students have received assemblies and have (in lots of cases) got their consent in place as well as organised self-placements for their week in industry later in the school year. We have been so impressed with the
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<p>Y11</p> <p>Y7-Y11</p>	<p>organisation and independence shown by students in sorting their self-placements. Now the checks for safety and suitability are undertaken by our partner – <i>Our Futures</i> – to ensure that students' wellbeing will be a priority during that week, as well as an appropriate week of work. Those with outstanding placements we will work with in the coming week or two.</p>  <p>Emma from Connexions has continued her 1-1 interviews with Y11 and has now seen about 80% of them to ensure that they have a planned route forward once they leave St Antony's. Additional interviews and bespoke support is being offered for some students too. Should anyone – in any year group – wish to see her, she runs a lunchtime drop-in in R14 every Monday lunchtime from 1.45pm.</p> 
<p>Other St Antony's Stories</p>	
	<p>Throughout October, our RSE Consultation continued with all stakeholders. Thank you to those of you who fed back to us. We value your views and appreciate the time taken to share them. The updated policy will now go to governors and be shared on the school website soon.</p> <p>The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) trip to Southport was on the 10 & 11th October. Students were supported by Mr Katsouris and Ms Gratton over their 2 days away at a water sports training base. As expected, there was lots of time undertaken with water-based learning, and skills developed to improve on previous sailing experience. The cadets trained out on the water for the two days and were sailing independently at speed around the islands in some tricky wind conditions. Well done to the Cadets on your resilience. You can see from the pictures, though, that it was not all hard work, with some down time which included beach cricket, bowling and a trip to Nando's where 1 of the CCF Cadets was surprised with a birthday cake.</p>

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Our wonderful **GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)** crew were helpful in driving the work which went into supporting the annual **MacMillan cake sale** on October 11th. The funds from this, as well as those raised by the Y7s and their European themed-cakes last month, were given to this worthwhile charity. Thanks to those who bought and ate cake! Over £240 was raised across the 2 cake sales. And thanks to those who were of **service** to those in need by getting involved.

Cake Sale in the hall @ breaktime
Friday 11th October



Further fundraising was seen as **service in action** with the **Caritas Big Sleep Out** on Friday 18th October through to Saturday 19th October. Students learnt about the challenges of those who are homeless around the world as well as on the streets of Manchester – all to support **World Homelessness Day**. Well done to the staff and students for their efforts here. You can see in the pictures the 'shelters' built to sleep in – they even were put to a weather test of wind and rain to see how they might withstand the elements! There were other challenges such as a quiz and perhaps the most obvious biggest challenge of all - sleeping on the hall floor! Funds raised at this event were just short of £1500! Brilliant!

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Black History Month Challenge - this October, our school celebrated Black History Month with some exciting activities focused on the national theme 'Reclaiming Narratives'. Students were challenged to explore information about different **influential figures** around the school and learn how they contributed to our society. We're thrilled to announce our **competition winners**: Connor D from Y11, Kayden S from Y9, and Albin J B from Y8. Each winner received a £10 Amazon voucher as a reward. A big thank you to all the students who took part; your enthusiasm and effort didn't go unnoticed!



Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday where friends and family pay respects to those who have died, was celebrated just before the half term break. The actual date for this fell in the half term holiday but we did not want our students missing out, so our event was a little early. **The Languages Team** had traditional masks for students to try, a create your own mask activity, they dressed up for the occasion, showed 'Coco' (an animated film all about Day of the Dead) and served hot chocolate to mark this cultural event. It's part of the **celebration of languages and other cultures** at St Antony's that we are proud to be expanding.

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Recognition Assembly – we held an exceptional assembly for students across all 5 year groups to recognise those who have excelled and to let them know that this had not gone un-noticed. **Excellence** in demonstrating **school values, in lessons** and in being an outstanding member of our **school community** was recognised, with achievements points and Form Tutor nominations used to determine the cohort of those whose embodiment of the school values was recognised. Well done to those students and to all of our students who choose to live our values, to be **the best version of themselves**.



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