

# St Antony's RC School: Fortnightly Bulletin for Parents and Carers – edition #1



**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

## **Important Dates & Upcoming Events**

- Week 2 of Y11 mock GCSE exams – good luck to all of our Y11 pupils – you are doing great, so keep going!
- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> March: Ash Wednesday services in school + some Y7s attend *Halle for Youth* at Bridgewater Hall
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March: Y9 Manchester Museum Trip
- Weds 12<sup>th</sup> March: Y8 Gateways Trip (careers)
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March: INSET day for all staff – school closed to all pupils
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y10 work experience week (first time we have done this!)
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March – Options Evening for Y9 pupils and their parents / carers
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March – Rewards day in school for all pupils who meet the attendance criteria
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y11 invite-only parents' evening – more information to be sent out soon regarding this
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Y8 Parents' Evening
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Start of the Summer Term – school reopens after the Easter break

## **Assembly Messaging**

- w/b 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mr Durham will be focusing on our core value of respect and linking this to 'zero discrimination day' (he'll also be plugging the importance of reading ahead of World Book Day)
- w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Our Heads of Year will be focusing their assembly messaging on another of our values – integrity. Pupils will be reminded of the importance of doing the right thing, with links made to Caritas' St Joseph's Penny Lenten Appeal and International Women's Day

## **Student Achievements**

- Over the last fortnight, the following pupils have been nominated by subject teachers for excellence in relation to their learning in lessons

English	Billy G (Y8), Jace R (Y7), Alex S (Y11), Elissa L (Y11)
Maths	Lucas K (Y7), Madison M (Y8), Kian B (Y11), Elliot M (Y11)
Science	India G (Y9), Haadiya K (Y9), Ewan L (Y11), Elissa L (Y11)
History	Beth W (Y7), Archie D (Y7), Charlie J (Y11), Maisy M (Y11)
Geography	Oliver P (Y8), Joseph E (Y8), Aiden S (Y11), Ajay S (Y11)
Computer Science	Lucas K (Y7), Evan D (Y9), Sara W (Y11), Harrison K (Y11)
PE	Kornelius B (Y7), Vaughn T (Y7)
RE	Natalia A-V (Y8), Lola C (Y10), Oscar S (Y11), Summer W (Y11)
French	Sean L M (Y9), Thomas M-F (Y9), Bobby D (Y11), Archie T (Y11)
Spanish	Daniella L (Y8), Jackson H (Y8)
Business	Molly O (Y11), Sarah B (Y11)
Music	Jayden M (Y8), Alayah Mae C (Y8)
Art	Carl O (Y11), Tia C (Y10)
Technology	Oliver B (Y8), Jaylen P G (Y8)

- Over the last fortnight, the following pupils are in the top 5 in their year group for acquiring the most amount of achievement points
  - Y7 – Macy M, Michael K, Isabelle J, Wilfred G, Luis F
  - Y8 – Amiko-Jae D-C, Natalia A V, Daniel R, Ameya P, Faizan A
  - Y9 – Harry A, Emilie-Paige F, Georgia F, Sam W, Lukas C-H
  - Y10 – Jack C, Ruby L, Sienna B, Sufiyan H, Safia B

- Y11 – Shane K, Aidan S, Kian B, Bailie G, Olivia P
- Our values focus in the upcoming half term is **service**. Pupils will be awarded achievement points, certificates and letters of commendation by staff for living this out in our school community.
- Looking ahead, our end of year rewards trip to Blackpool on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 will be available for all pupils in Y7-10 to attend, should successfully they meet the **attitude to learning** criteria. This will be shared with parents and pupils in the next few weeks.

## School Notices & Reminders

- **The focus of our behaviour and values curriculum in form time over the next fortnight is:**
  - w/b 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – How students can show Service to our school
  - w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> March – The importance of Super 7
- **Form time reading:** in form time, pupils are currently reading from the following selection with their form tutors:
  - Year 7: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, A Monster Calls, Quiet Power
  - Year 8: My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece, Watership Down, Ketchup Clouds, Pig Heart Boy
  - Year 9: The Boy Who Steals Houses, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, The Life of Pi
  - Year 10: Ketchup Clouds, The Boy Who Steals Houses, The Guilded One, 1984
  - Year 11: Lord of the Flies, 1984, The Book Thief
- **Uniform Reminder:** We currently have some concerns about the length of the skirts of a small number of female pupils. For clarity, skirts should not be rolled up and should end just above the knee – and all our pupils will be reminded of this. For most pupils this is usually enough to address the issue, but for a small number of pupils we may insist that they wear trousers to school instead if they are not willing to wear their skirts appropriately.
- **Behaviour updates:** A reminder that if your child intentionally walks away from a C4 or C5 after-school detention without a valid reason, they will be suspended from school for the following day (and possibly more if this is not the first time). We do not want to do this, but believe it is important that pupils take responsibility for their own choices and, thankfully, most pupils now clearly understand this. The parents / carers of all pupils who are suspended from school will have a reintegration meeting with a school leader on their return to discuss the matter further.
- **Attendance:** Please do everything you can to ensure your child attends school every day. The more days they miss, the more learning they miss – which makes it much harder for them to avoid having gaps in their learning. In this half term, we will be providing weekly attendance prizes for all pupils in all year groups, including Fantastic Friday's prize draws

## Curriculum & Learning Focus

- Pupils in Y7, Y8 and Y9 will be getting feedback from their teachers soon based on their performance in their recent assessments. We'll be reporting home these scores to you, along with a written report, towards the end of this half term. Thank you for all your support in helping your child to realise the importance of these assessments.
- If you do wish to know more about the curriculum your child is following, please click on this link to the relevant page of our website: [Curriculum Information – St. Antony's Roman Catholic School](#)
- If you wish to have electronic access to the homework booklets via our website, please click on this link: [Homework - Shared on Website - OneDrive](#)
- If you want to know more about how we are supporting pupils in relation to their personal development and possible future careers, please click on the following links:
  - [Careers Edition 15 – St. Antony's Roman Catholic School](#)
  - [January-2025-St-Antonys-Stories.pdf](#)

## Parent Engagement & Support

- Our next PTA meeting will take place in school on Weds 26<sup>th</sup> February. All parents / carers are invited to attend.
- The next parent forum will take place in June 2025. We will share the exact date nearer the time.
- If you have any worries, concerns or issues you would like us to address, please get in touch via [stantonys.admin@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:stantonys.admin@trafford.gov.uk). Often your child's form tutor or Head of Year is the best place to start.
- In addition, we are part of the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust – and more information about the Trust and other schools in it can be found here: [Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust | Diocese of Salford](#)

## Links with our local parishes

- The main message from the Gospel last Sunday is taken from Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–49) and it is a challenging one: Jesus challenges us to love our enemies and to love more. Take time to discuss the injustices in our world and ask: ***How do we respond as Jesus asks?***
- For more information about the work of our local churches, please use the following links:
  - Fr Ged Murphy at St Ann's, Stretford and St Hugh of Lincoln, Urmston - [St Antony of Padua RC Parish, Stretford - St Ann's & St Hugh of Lincoln | Stretford | Facebook](#)
  - Fr Kieran Mullarkey at English Martyrs and St Monica's [Home - St John Henry Newman Parish website](#)