

Date: 28th April 2025

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

- Stop the Bleed day: first aid training for all in Y7 – Weds 30th April
- Y11 French GCSE speaking exams – Thurs 1st May
- Annual staff vs Y11 football match – Fri 2nd May (kick off at 3.45pm)
- **Bank Holiday** – School is closed – Monday 5th May
- Y7 Gateways Trip (small number of Y7s) – Tues 6th May
- Y11 10-hour Art GCSE exam – Tues 6th and Weds 7th May
- Start of the main written GCSE exams – Fri 9th May
- School Nurse Energy drink lunchtime drop in R15 – Tuesday 20th May

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

Maths	Daisy I (Y7), Helena L (Y11), Ollie C (Y9), Molly O (Y11), Rio R (Y9) Charlie T-M (Y11)
Science	Dylan M (Y7), Xavier P (Y7), Alex W (Y10), Amy C (Y11)
History	Kian S(Y9) Xavier P (Y7), George E (Y7)
Geography	Anais E-M (Y7), Max K (Y11), Sam B (Y7), Amie-Leigh B (Y11)
Computer Science	Haadiya K (Y9)
PE	Adam B Y11)
RE	Peggy L-F(Y10) Jamie O (Y11), Jacob W-B (Y10), Adam B (Y11), Dylan M (Y8), Zayd A (Y11)
French	Macy M (Y7)
Spanish	Edward D (Y7)
Business	Oscar S (Y11)
Music	Anais E-M
Art	Scarlett D (Y10)
Technology	Tia S (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 – Phoenix H, Kody M, Aveline R, Verena S, Beula J
 - Y8 – Olivia S, Jackson H, Ameya P, William H, Joseph E
 - Y9 – Joshua M, Kovie-James L-D, Enzo F, Charlie P, Sereen A
 - Y10 – Alona C, Ruby L, Grace C, Conor H, Xiang Wen D
 - Y11 – James A, Chloe L, Kyle S, Sienna B, Millie Rose A
- **Charity fundraising:** A huge thank you to all pupils and families who supported our Lenten charity appeals. As a result of our collective efforts we raised £524.49 via our Readathon and £270.35 for St Joseph's Penny. In addition, we collected 120 Easter eggs which we donated to the Cornerstone Centre in Manchester which supports people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless
- Our values focus in the upcoming half term is **Integrity**. Pupils in years 7-10 will be awarded achievement points when staff see them showing integrity.
- **Behaviour updates:** Last week our summer term reward trip was launched with all students in years 7-10. Students who earn the highest attitude to learning scores from their teachers this half term will be rewarded with a place on the trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Thursday 10th July. This encompasses areas such as their Super 7 equipment, homework completion, getting involved in their learning in the classroom and their general conduct around school. We hope EVERY child can be part of this trip so please encourage your child to make the correct choices and to focus on making a significant effort in their learning. Good habits such as those detailed above, have a real impact on final grades.
- **Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school.** Nuts are not permitted at all in school
- **Designated social space for Y7 pupils:** From Mon 28th April our Prayer Garden area is going to be open to Y7 pupils at social times so they have a quiet space to sit, chat, read, etc. This will be supervised by a member of staff and there will be no running or ball games.
- **Uniform Reminder:** We are having a strong drive in this area over the coming weeks as we feel standards have slipped in a small minority. Students have been repeatedly reminded in regards to our standards and this was also in our assemblies last week. Please can we request your support by reminding your child to avoid bringing any jewellery into school as this is not permitted, and also to ensure they took their shirt in with their top buttons done.

- **Extremely warm weather:** We are aware that the weather could be getting warmer and will communicate directly to parents and students any adaptations that can be made to our uniform as we have done in previous years (e.g. no blazer day or wearing of PE kits).
- **Careers:** 1-1 Connexions meetings for Y10 begin from this term. Our latest Careers Newsletter (Edition 23) can be found here: [Careers Edition 23.pdf](#)
- **Homework update:** You may notice some small changes to homework booklets going forward. Each homework booklet will contain a Delve Deeper page, which includes suggested reading, websites and apps for pupils with a keen interest in that particular area of study. Additionally, subject leaders are reviewing their homework booklets to improve accessibility for all by simplifying instructions and improving knowledge organisers (including making text bigger!). You will also see, in addition to the quick recall questions, additional challenge/application questions to stretch pupils further and really make them think. Homework is an important part of the 5-year achievement journey in school, designed to help pupils know more, remember more and do more. Thank you for your support with homework.

News for coming fortnight:

- **Period 6:** Art P6 is running every Friday 3.15pm until 4pm.
- **PTA News: PTA Facebook Account** Please join/follow the PTA Facebook account for regular updates/news <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasyFundraisingWebsite> If you are not already aware, there is an easy way to help raise funds for the PTA by signing up to the easy fundraising website, which can be found on the following link: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/search/cause/?q=St.%20Antony%27s%20\(Urmston\)%20PTA&cat=cause](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/search/cause/?q=St.%20Antony%27s%20(Urmston)%20PTA&cat=cause)

Other sources of information:

- If you have any worries, concerns or issues you would like us to address, please get in touch via stantonys.admin@trafford.gov.uk. Often your child's form tutor or Head of Year is the best place to start.
- Information about our curriculum offer is here: Curriculum Information – [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](#)
- Parish Newsletter can be found here: [2 Easter Sunday 2025.pdf](#)
- 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](#)