Leavers Assembly

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As we celebrate our leavers service today, let us consider how we have spent our time in the school and what we can look forward to in the future. We shall begin with a famous parable entitled the Parable of the Talents. There are many things we can learn from this parable but above all we are all given talents and we must not waste these in the future. We have developed our skills so far and the school has nurtured our gifts. It is now time for Y11 to take those talents with them in life. Please listen carefully to this important parable.
We begin with the Sign of the Cross.....



Use your gifts wisely: The talents (money or abilities) given represent the gifts, skills, resources, or opportunities God gives each person. We are expected to use them productively.



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Responsibility and stewardship: We are accountable for how we manage what we've been entrusted with. Good stewardship means investing and growing what we have.

Taking initiative and risk: The servants who invested their talents showed initiative and willingness to take risks, which is praised. Playing it safe and doing nothing leads to loss.





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Judgement and reward: Those who use their talents well are rewarded, while those who bury or waste their talents face consequences. This highlights the importance of active faith and service.





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•Thanksgiving. Lord, we thank You for the time we have spent together as a school community. For the friendships formed, the lessons learned, and the memories made, we are grateful. Bless all Year 11 students as they leave this chapter behind and look ahead to the future. Lord, in your mercy…

All: Hear our prayer.

•Guidance for the Future. Loving God, we pray for all Year 11 leavers as they take the next steps in their lives. Whether it's further education, apprenticeships, or new opportunities, guide their paths. May they walk with confidence, knowing they are never alone. Lord, in your mercy…

All: Hear our prayer.

•Strength and Courage. Heavenly Father, give our leavers strength in times of challenge and courage in times of doubt. Help them to stay true to their values, to act with kindness, and to believe in their own potential. Lord, in your mercy…

All: Hear our prayer

•Blessing for the Community. We pray for those who remain—teachers, younger students, and all members of our school community. May they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and unity. Let our leavers' example inspire others to strive for excellence and compassion. Lord, in your mercy…

All: Hear our prayer.

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2026 Leavers Assembly







We made it

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Prayer

Today we thank You for our time at St Antony's; for the friendships we have made, the lessons we have learned, and the memories we will carry with us forever.

Thank You for the teachers, staff, families and friends who have supported us, encouraged us and believed in us throughout our journey.

As we prepare to leave, help us to remember that our worth is not measured by grades or achievements, but by the love You have for each one of us.

Give us courage for the future, strength in times of challenge, and wisdom to make the right choices.
Help us to live with kindness, integrity and compassion wherever life takes us.

Bless the friendships we have formed and guide us as we begin this next chapter.
May we always remember that we are never alone, for You walk beside us every step of the way.
We place our futures into Your hands with hope, faith and trust.
Amen.



St Antonys of Padua
Pray for us

Approximately 950 school days

Over 7,000 lessons

More than 5,500 hours spent in classrooms

🚶 Distance Travelled

Walking between lessons, forms, lunch and PE:
Over 1,000 miles walked around school
Equivalent to walking from Manchester to Barcelona

⏰ Time Spent Waiting

Around 250 hours waiting for lessons to start
Around 125 hours queuing for lunch



🍽 Lunchtimes

Around 950 lunches
Nearly 1,000 break times
Around 700 hours spent with friends

🔔 School Bells

Heard the bell ring approximately 20,000 times

Things Every Student Has Done

Asked "What lesson have we got?"
Forgotten a pen
Left homework until the night before
Checked Arbor more times than they'd admit

Who remembers their first day?
Who got lost?
Who carried a bag bigger than themselves?
Who was terrified walking through the gates?

Five years ago many of you walked through these gates for the first time. You were nervous, excited and probably wondering where the canteen was.






But you made it!



Well done!

So Lets have a look back in time then shall we!



THEN VS NOW

YEAR 7 ---> YEAR 11

THEN VS NOW

















GLOW UP

THEN VS NOW

THUG LIFE

















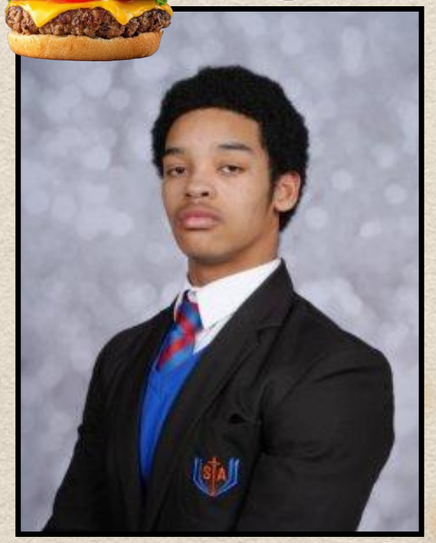
THEN VS NOW





Return of the Big Mac











SPORTY SPICE



THEN VS NOW

Eyelash Queen









KYZO PRIME











THEN VS NOW



THING 1

















SUPER SUB

THEN VS NOW













Drama
QUEEN







THEN VS NOW

GLOW UP









Scary Spice!









THEN VS NOW

















THEN VS NOW

GO, ON TYLER





That trim though









GLOW UP





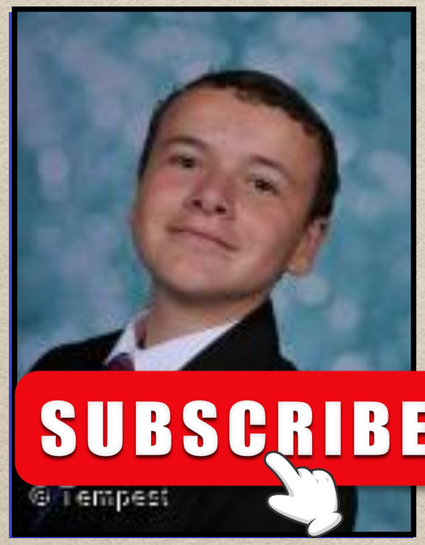
THEN VS NOW

WHAT A Save

GLOW UP









SUBSCRIBE











THEN VS NOW





Get a load of this guy!















THEN VS NOW



















THEN VS NOW

















THEN VS NOW

CAN I GO HOME YET









Late









Oclock

THEN VS NOW

MAJOR GLOW UP

















MAT THE CAT

THEN VS NOW

Head Girl





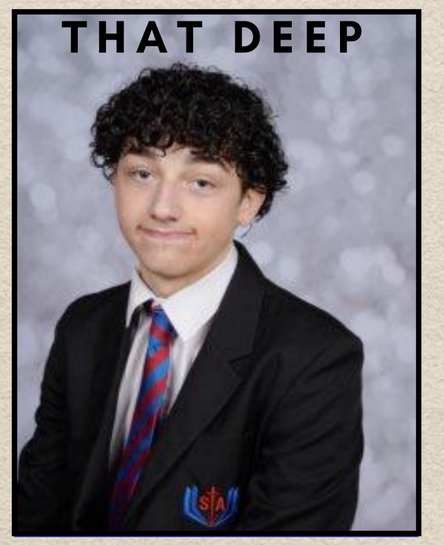








IT'S NOT THAT DEEP





THEN VS NOW

Mr RH















Spot the difference





GLOW UP

THEN VS NOW

Keep smiling Mason

















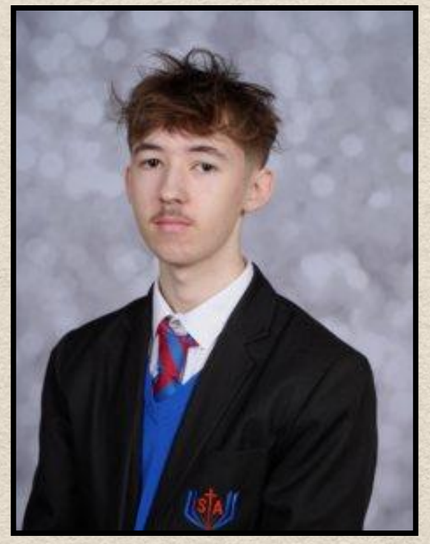
THEN VS NOW

POSH SPICE





Only time he had his blazer on













THEN VS NOW

Head Boy









JUST A PAYNE!









THEN VS NOW

















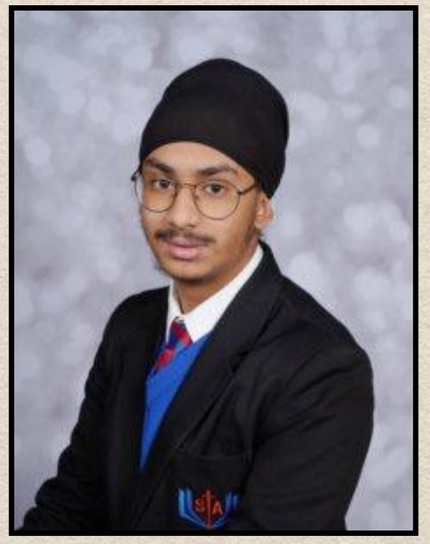
LOUDEST IN THE ROOM

THEN VS NOW

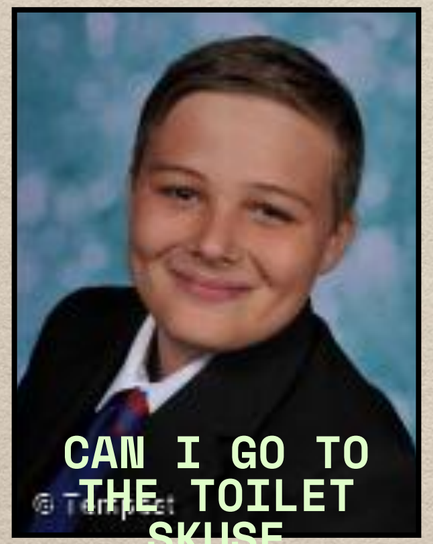
GINGER spice



















THEN VS NOW

HE GOT TALL!

















THEN VS NOW

IM TO NONCHALANT



















THEN VS NOW

100% ATTENDANCE FOR GCSE'S

Deputy Head Boy





















THEN VS NOW

The King of THE C3S









"For some students, we only have a Year 7 or 11 photo. That's not because they have got younger or aged; it's because they arrived fashionably late to the St Antony's photo day!"

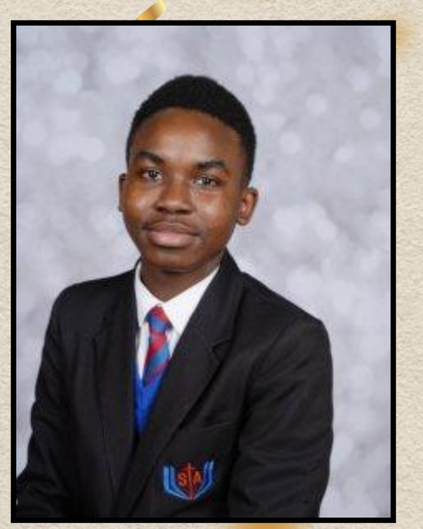










So I just Used ChatGPT



MR TAYLOR -11A



Miss Quinn - 11B



DR IGNHAM - 11C

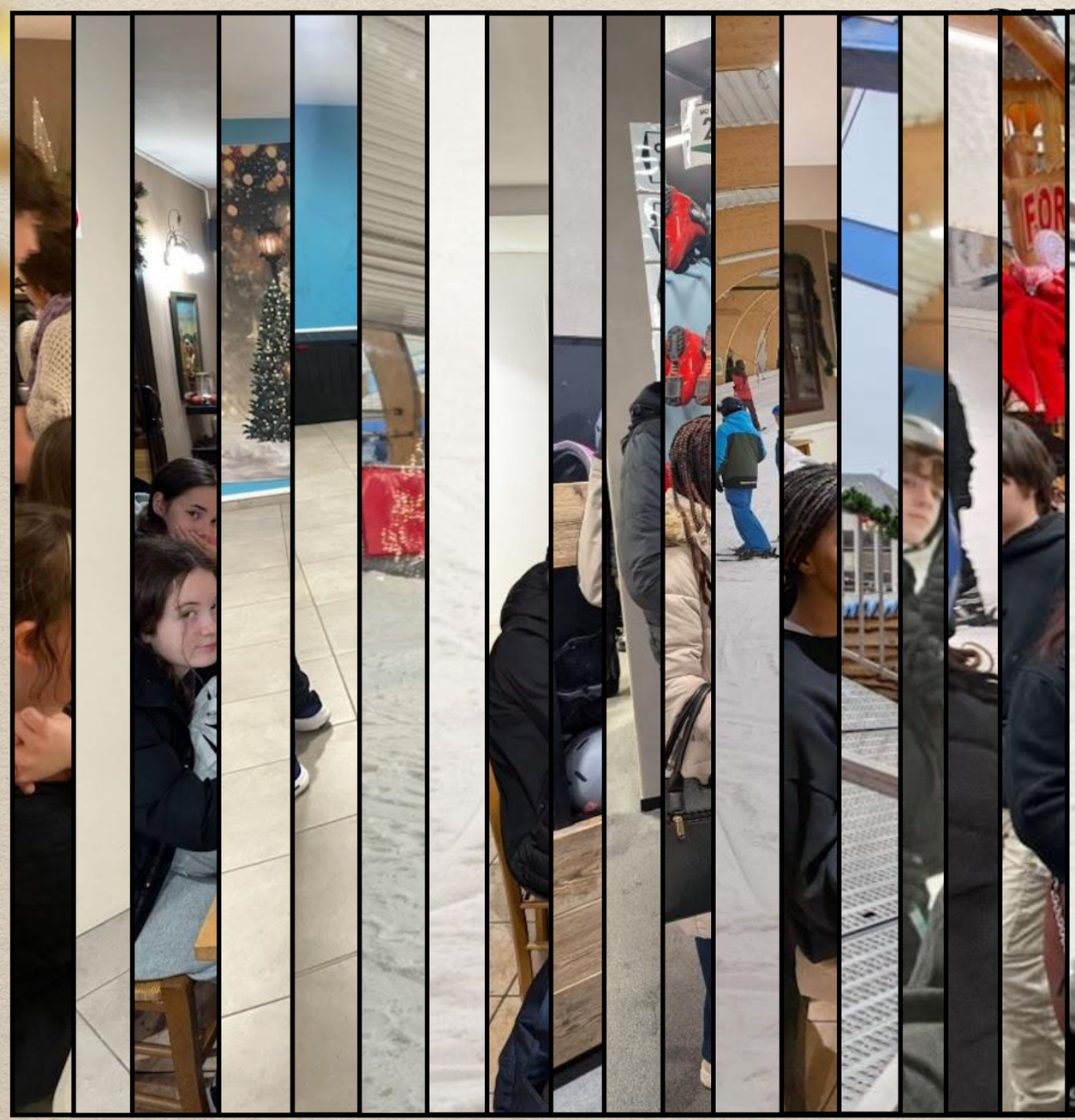


MRS STEVENS - 11M



Student leadership

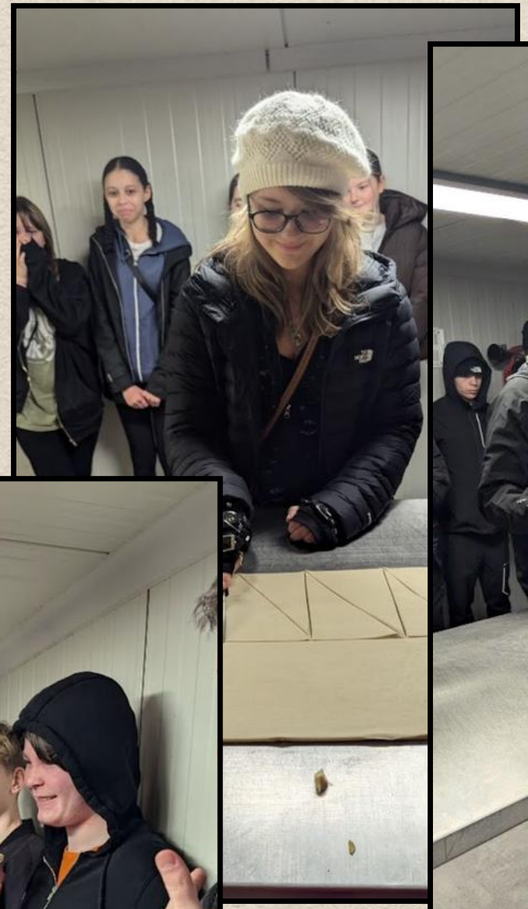






Christmas Breadmaking in Belgium









Blackpool

















Hogwarts With Mrs Ingham

(Bolton School)



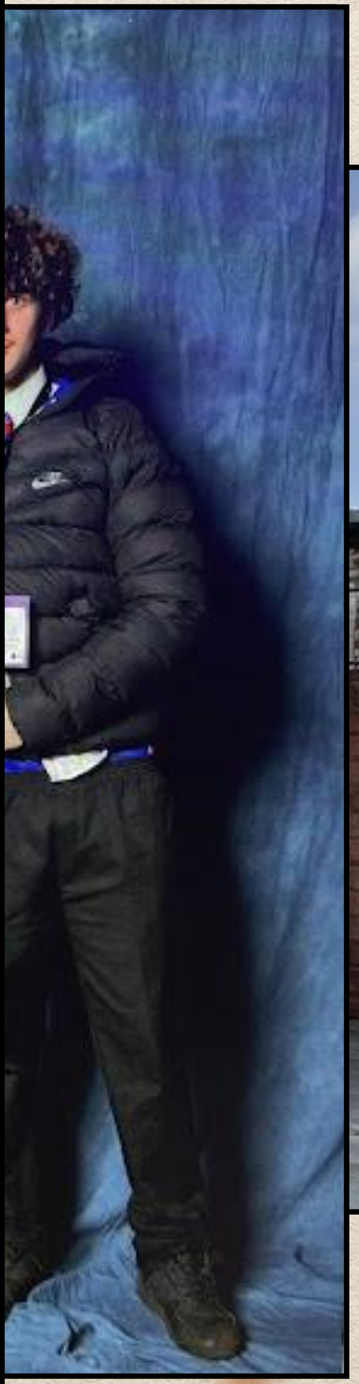
FLASH, BANG SHOW!



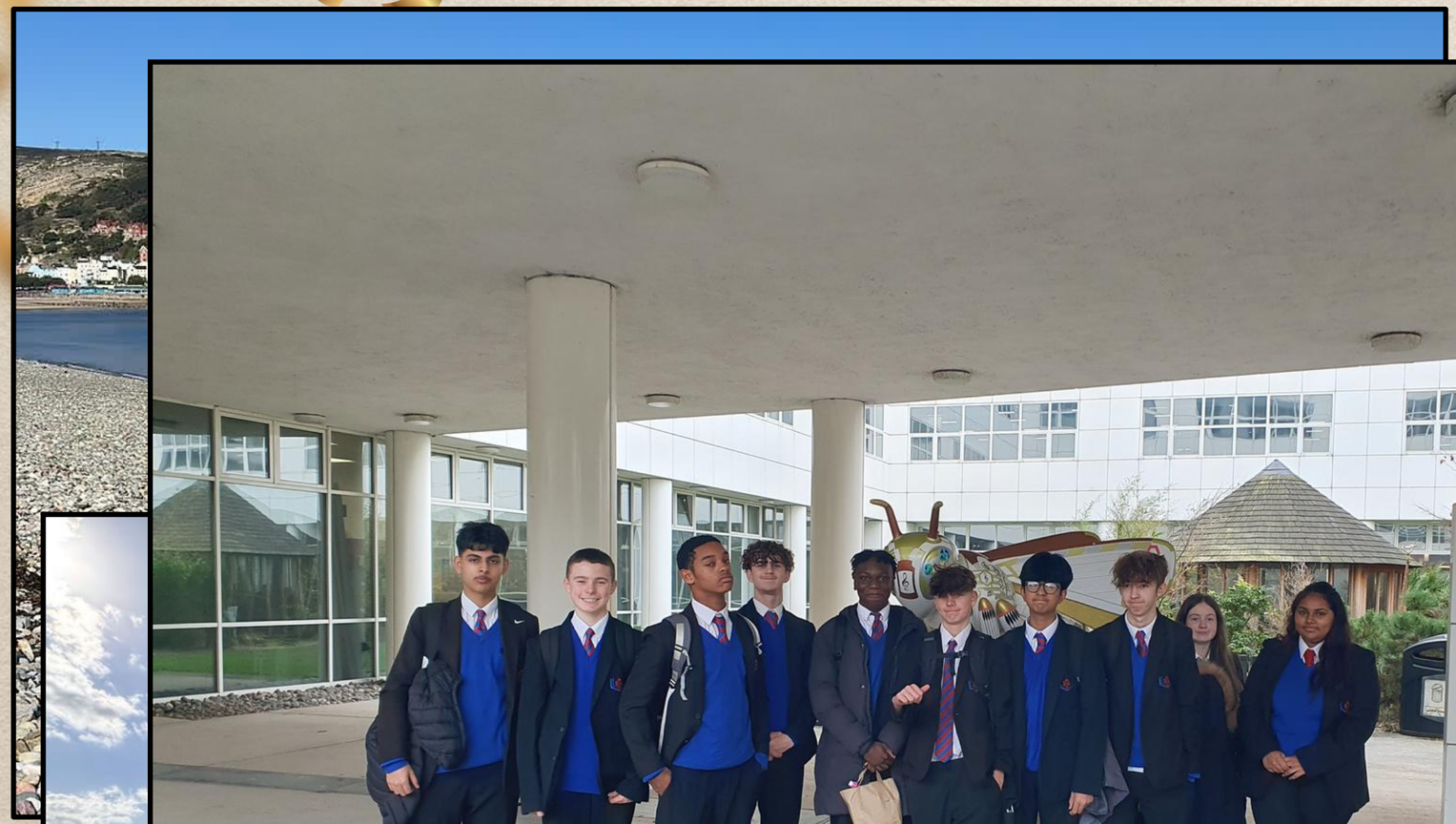


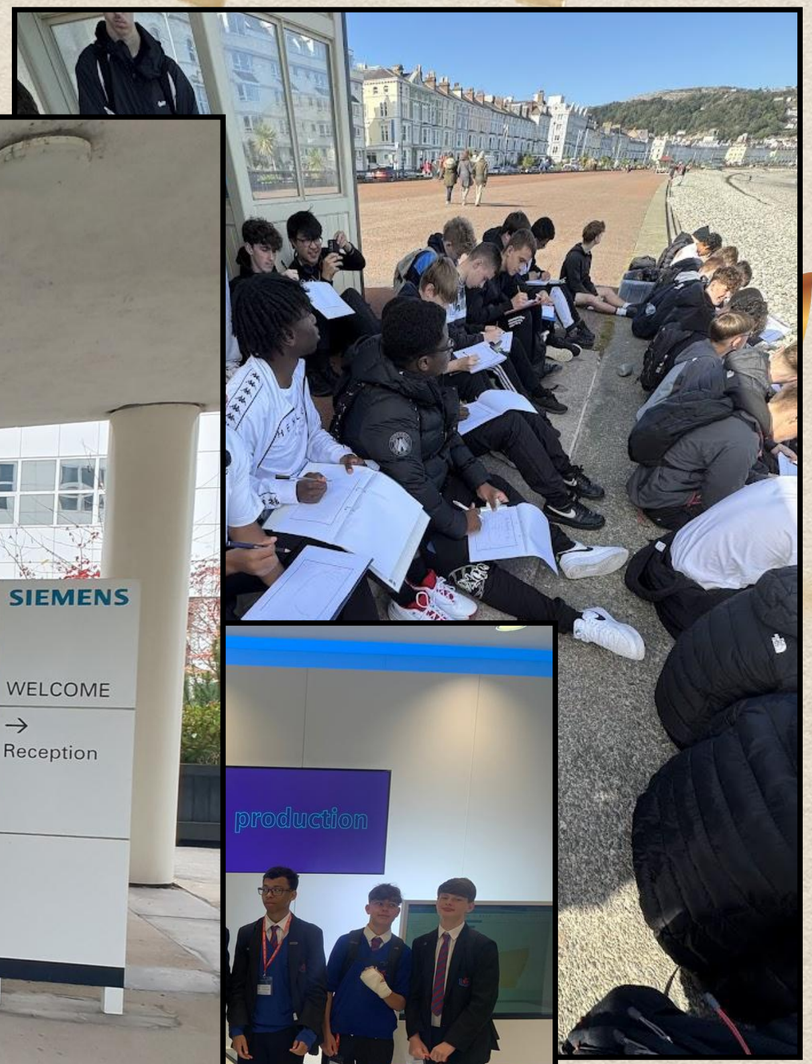






Geography





Geography











Berlin



Cinema Singalong



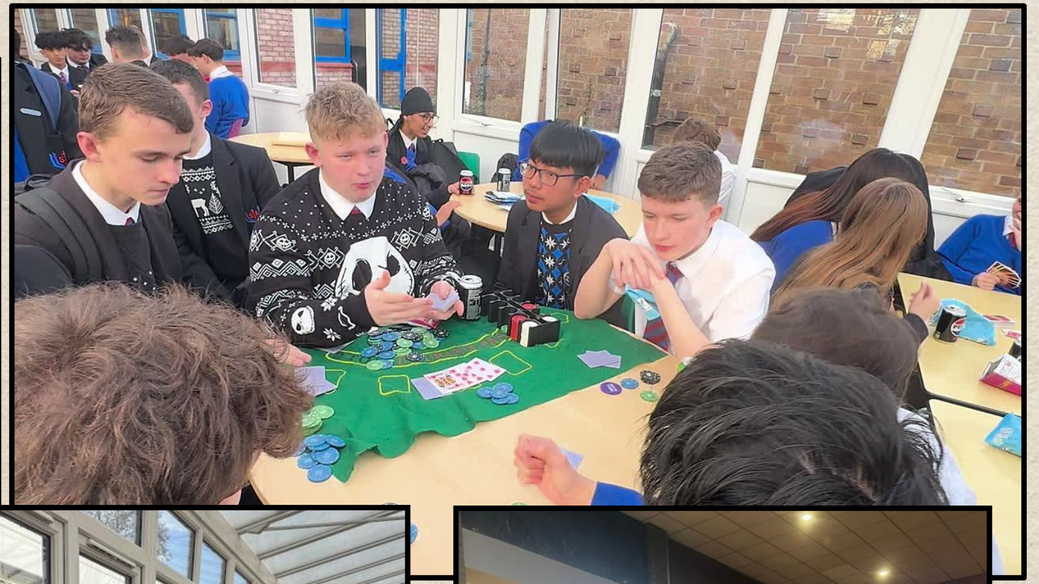


Merry Christmas at St Antonys!

Featuring a very special Santa!











Best couples



We love to dance dont we Y11








SPORTS
Stars

Sports day










HC
TG









“My fitness goal is to be able to run faster than the PE teacher.”









Year 11 won the Trafford Cup

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS



Lilys Birthday!



Why are you always taking pictures sir?

This is Why




It's Not
Did you think it was over?
Day 2 of him taking my phone

Memories



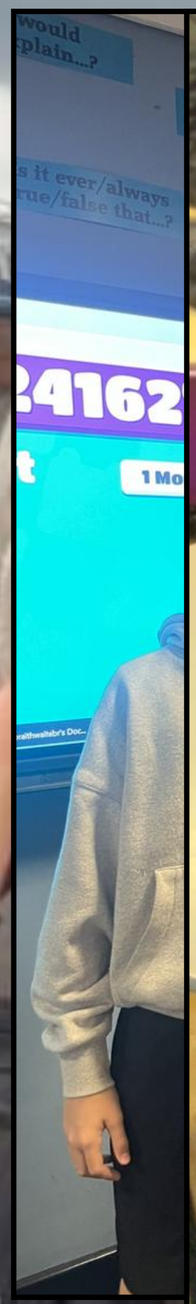







WALKERS

Memories









Memories



Memories




TikTok
@pidhur


most nonchalant boy


SD 25

Good luck Year 11



Form tutors

Now its time to thank the people who have been there every moring, guiding you and giving you support .

Mr Taylor 11A

Mr Taylor, thank you for the time, care and support you have given to 11A this year. Through the pressures of exams, revision and all the emotions that come with leaving school, you have been a calm, reliable and positive presence for your students. Your encouragement and belief in them have helped them reach this point today.

Having previously been this year group's Head of Year in Year 9, Mr Taylor knew exactly what he was getting himself into. Unlike the rest of us, he can't say nobody warned him! Thank you for your continued commitment to both 11A and the wider Year 11 cohort.

Miss Quinn 11B

Miss Quinn, thank you for the energy, positivity and encouragement you have brought to 11B this year. You have supported your students through one of the most important years of their school lives, celebrating successes, offering reassurance and always taking the time to listen when it mattered most

A special mention to 11B, who this year mastered the art of getting to assembly without their form tutor. Thanks to rehearsal commitments, 11B became the school's most independent form group – proving that after five years at St Antony's, they really could find their way anywhere

Dr Ingham 11C

Dr Ingham, thank you for the support, encouragement and guidance you have given to 11C this year. Through all the challenges and successes of Year 11, you have been a constant source of reassurance for your students, helping them reach this important milestone.

Of course, we must also thank you for sharing your love of books with 11C this year. Although, after hearing so much about the book you were "reading" to them, some students were surprised to discover that it was actually an audiobook doing most of the hard work! It turns out Dr Ingham found the perfect way to read a book and rest his voice at the same time.

Mrs Stevens

Mrs Stevens, thank you for the care, support and encouragement you have given to 11M this year. Your kindness, patience and commitment have helped your students through the challenges of Year 11, and your form have always known they could rely on you when they needed support.

As an MFL teacher, Mrs Stevens is used to speaking different languages. However, there were times this year when even English didn't seem to work with 11M! We're fairly sure she considered switching to French or Spanish just to see if they would finally listen. Somehow, despite the occasional language barrier, she managed to get her message across in the end!

Mr Shaw

A special thank you to Mr Shaw, whose support has been instrumental in the success of Year 11 this year. His guidance, encouragement and experience have not only helped our students, but have also been invaluable to me during my first year as Head of Year.

Of course, no mention of Mr Shaw would be complete without his famous food deliveries. Whether it was Period 0 sessions with breakfast bars or Period 6 revision with a trolley full of biscuits, students quickly learned that where there was food, Mr Shaw wouldn't be far behind!

Thank you, Mr Shaw, for everything you have done for Year 11.

HOY Speech

I've been thinking about what I wanted to say to you today for quite a while.
The truth is, unlike many of your teachers, I wasn't here for the whole journey.
I didn't meet you when you first arrived at St Antony's as nervous Year 7 students.
I wasn't there for your first day.
I didn't see you take your first steps into secondary school.
I joined your journey in Year 10 when I took on my first role as Head of Year.
And if I'm honest, I was probably just as nervous as some of you were.
We were learning together.
You were my first year group as Head of Year, and because of that, you will always hold a special place in my heart.
Over the last two years, I've had the privilege of getting to know you, supporting you, challenging you, celebrating with you and sometimes having those difficult conversations that neither of us particularly wanted to have.
I've seen you at your very best.
I've seen you succeed.
I've seen you laugh until you cried.
I've seen you support one another.
I've seen you overcome setbacks and disappointments.
And I've seen many of you achieve things you never thought possible.
What makes me most proud isn't your exam results.
It isn't the grades you'll receive in August.
It's the people you have become.
Because when I look around this room, I don't just see students.
I see young adults.
I see resilient individuals.
I see kindness.

HOY Speech

I see determination.
I see courage.
I see a year group that has grown enormously in the short time I've known them.
Some of you have faced challenges outside of school that nobody should have to face at your age.
Some of you have struggled with confidence.
Some with attendance.
Some with friendships.
Some with believing in yourselves.
Yet every day you came back and kept trying.
And that says far more about your character than any grade ever could.
People often think being a Head of Year is about behaviour, attendance, assemblies, reports and meetings.
And yes, there is plenty of that.
But what they don't see are the conversations.
The moments when students quietly ask for help.
The times when you trust us enough to tell us what's really going on.
The moments when we see someone finally believe in themselves again.
Those are the moments that stay with us.
And there have been many moments with this year group that I will never forget.
You have made me laugh more times than I can count.
You've tested my patience on occasion.
You've certainly kept me busy.
But you have also reminded me every day why I wanted to become a Head of Year in the first place.
As you leave today, I want you to know something.
Your time at St Antony's may be ending, but your story is only just beginning.

HOY Speech

Some of you know exactly what comes next.
Others are still figuring it out.
And that's completely normal.
At sixteen years old, nobody expects you to have all the answers.
What matters is that you continue moving forward.
Continue being kind.
Continue working hard.
Continue believing that you are capable of more than you think.
Because you are.
Every single one of you.
There will be times in life when things don't go to plan.
When you fail.
When things feel difficult.
When doors close.
But remember this:
You have already overcome challenges before.
You have already shown resilience.
You have already proven that you can keep going when things get tough.
Never forget that.
Before I finish, I want to say thank you.
Thank you for being my first year group.
Thank you for the memories.
Thank you for the laughs.
Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey, even if it was only for the final two years

HOY Speech

You may never fully realise the impact you've had on me,
just as I hope I have had some impact on you.
I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you.
Not because of what you've achieved.
But because of who you are.
As you leave St Antony's, remember that there will always
be people here cheering you on.
Always people who want you to succeed.
Always people who are proud of you.
Including me.
Good luck with whatever comes next.
Be brave.
Be kind.
Work hard.
Look after each other.
And never stop believing in yourself.
Thank you, Year 11.
It has been an absolute privilege.
God bless.

Shirt signing



Before we finish today, you will have the opportunity to sign each other's shirts and leave messages for your friends.

This is a chance to celebrate the friendships, memories and experiences you have shared over the last five years. Please make sure that anything you write is appropriate, respectful and kind. Remember that these shirts will become keepsakes that many people will keep for years to come.

Let's make sure everyone leaves with messages that make them smile when they look back on their time at St Antony's. Enjoy the moment, have fun and make some lasting memories together.