



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

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Headteachers Welcome

On behalf of the students, staff and governors I am delighted to welcome you to St Antony's Roman Catholic School. St Antony's is a vibrant, progressive and popular 11-16 co-educational school, situated in the Borough of Trafford. We are a fairly small school, taking approximately 130 students in each year group. We place a strong emphasis on supporting each individual student to thrive and succeed in their education. I believe that high quality teaching and strong pastoral support are the key to enabling our students to make excellent progress; both are of the highest priority at St Antony's. We have great expectations for all of our students and we are committed to finding and developing the talents they possess whilst supporting their academic progress and achievements.

We have a strong school community where everyone knows each other. Our teachers work closely with our Heads of Year and Pastoral Team to ensure that every student maximises their potential and is happy during their years with us.

Our Ofsted Parent View results show how positive parents are about St Antony's. These results are gathered each year by Ofsted and can be viewed on their website. We have a very strong Parent Teacher Association which parents can get actively involved in, and support the school.

As a Catholic school our core values are rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ and the values of the Gospel. Our ethos is one of respect for all and this is evident to anyone who visits our school. We endeavour to live out the Gospel values in our daily life and believe in developing the skills and talents of the whole child by encouraging our pupils to: ASPIRE to their potential, BELIEVE in themselves and ACHIEVE what they deserve.

At St Antony's, we celebrate diversity throughout the school. We build resilience within our students through a strong PSHE curriculum and ensure that students have a positive approach to their well-being and physical activities.

I hope that you find our prospectus informative. I would particularly encourage you to read our latest Section 48 Inspection Report which I believe captures much of what is positive about our school.

Please also take the opportunity to come and visit us by contacting the School Office to arrange an appointment. I would be delighted to meet you and show you around in person so you can see for yourself why St Antony's is such a popular choice in the local area.

Fiona Wright

Headteacher

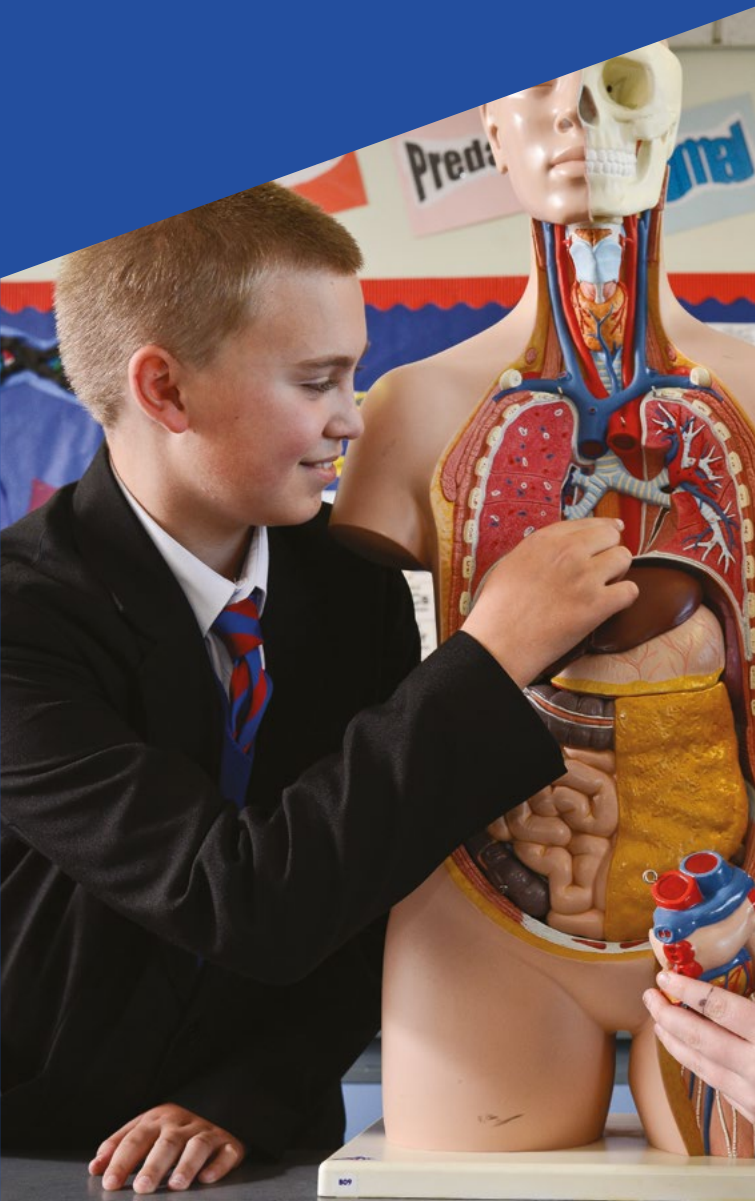


"Leaders make appropriate checks to ensure that all staff are safe to work with pupils. Clear procedures are in place to ensure that pupils at risk of harm are identified, helped and protected. Staff have regular training in safeguarding and are vigilant. They know what to do if they have concerns about a pupil. Leaders work effectively with external agencies. Pupils learn about how to keep themselves safe from risks, including when they are using the internet and social media."

Ofsted

"Staff morale is high. Staff are proud to work at the school and appreciate the training that they receive. The overwhelming majority of parents who responded to Ofsted's surveys are very positive about the school."

Ofsted



"We are so proud of our daughter. Her first year at St Antony's has been amazing. We will continue as parents to support her through her future years with you. Keep up the good work and thank you!"

Parent

"I am ecstatic with my child's report. His progress over the year and attitude to learning has soared since starting at St Antony's. Thank you to all the staff who have helped with his transition into secondary school."

Parent





Reasons to choose St Antony's Roman Catholic School

We know that choosing a school for your son/daughter is vitally important and there are many factors to take into account in making this decision. A visit to the school will show you why St Antony's is so special.

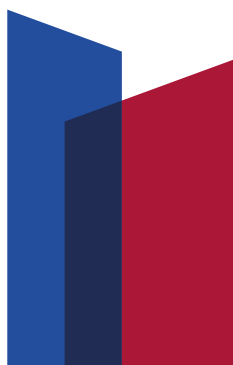
Here are some of the areas that we feel we excel at:

- Staff commitment to providing high quality teaching, and strong pastoral support and experts within their curriculum area
- A strong vision and ethos that is embedded in all that we do
- Excellent partnership between staff, parents and students
- A vast and exciting range of extra-curricular activities aimed at developing skills, interests and confidence
- High levels of parental and student satisfaction
- Excellent student attendance
- Outstanding support for SEND students
- Engaging learning environment
- Well-behaved and caring students



Our Facilities

We have superb facilities at St Antony's and all students get the opportunity to use these. We have a chapel that can be used for prayer and reflection, a well resourced reading space, football pitches and outdoor sports space, a multi-use hall, dedicated school canteen, and lockers and water fountains for students to use. Our classrooms are vibrant and well-resourced with each curriculum area having the specialist equipment needed to provide the best learning experience for students.





Our Curriculum Intent

The aim of our curriculum at St Antony's is to enable our students to be prepared for life after school as responsible and contributing citizens. We do this by ensuring that they:

- Are literate
- Attend well
- Are safe
- Are numerate
- Are resilient
- Are happy
- Achieve their academic potential

Our Curriculum

Each curriculum area has a Head of Department who oversees the performance and progression of all students. They are all passionate about their area of expertise and are proud of their team of staff and the success of their students. We have a low staff turnover at St Antony's, we ensure that we recruit the best staff and they ensure that students are at the heart of everything that we do.

The curriculum at St Antony's is made up of a variety of different subjects, including:

English
Maths
Science
Design Technology
Food Technology
Physical Education
Art
French
Geography
Graphic Design
History
Computer Science
Religious Education
Music



Online Learning

We always aim to deliver learning in the best way for our students. We use technology to support learning and have over recent months further developed our online learning for students. We are confident that we can ensure that students will have the least amount of disruption as possible should they not be able to be in school for any reason. Our online learning will enable students to develop their skills using a range of platforms and encourage further self-learning.

We have made great efforts during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that students continue their studies and feel well supported by the school. The teachers have received very positive feedback from students using the online learning and parents were very impressed that their child's learning could stay on track.





Meet our Head Boys and Girls

Each year we invite Year 10 students to apply to be our Head Boys and Head Girls in Year 11. This prestigious role is central to the school and the students contribute to a number of key activities. The students are involved in events, decision-making and working with other students throughout the school.

**Here is the team for the
academic year 2020-2021**



Head Boy

Name:

Callum Derbyshire

Former School:

St Mary's Church of England

Why I enjoy STA:

"I love the experiences, all of the teachers are incredibly supportive and, because it is a small school, all of the teachers know each and every student which gives the school a happy feel".

Trips and Visits:

"I have been on a ski trip, a visit to France, and visits to London, Romania and Jodrell Bank".

Enrichment:

"I have taken part in The Debate Club, The Brilliant Club, the choir and had piano lessons".

Why I would recommend STA:

"For the friendly, loving and homely nature of the school. The teachers are always happy to help you".

Next Step:

"I want to go to Loreto College to study languages".

Head Girl

Name:

Ellie Johnson

Former School:

English Martyrs Primary

Why I enjoy STA:

"I enjoy the camaraderie between students and teachers and the opportunities that the school has granted us".

Trips and Visits:

"I have been to universities, France and Jodrell Bank".

Enrichment:

"I have taken part in The Debate Club, the choir, Young Chef Club and netball".

Why I would recommend STA:

"The school builds your confidence and has good transition support".

Next Step:

"I want to go to Loreto College to study A-Levels and hope to become a Lawyer".





Deputy Head Girl

Name:

Natasha Radford

Former School:

Out of area - I moved from Scotland

Why I enjoy STA:

"I enjoy the welcoming and supportive community".

Trips and Visits:

"I have been on lots of Duke of Edinburgh Award and Cadet trips. I have been to France, London and Jodrell Bank".

Enrichment:

"I have taken part in Debate Club, netball, The Romania project, the choir, The Brilliant Club, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Cadets and had piano lessons".

Why I would recommend STA:

"Because they help to make their students feel supported and more confident".

Next Step:

"I want to go to Loreto College to study A-Levels in sciences and progress into the medical profession".

Deputy Head Boy

Name:

Jack Tatham

Former School:

Barton Clough

Why I enjoy STA:

"Because my performance and work has really improved".

Trips and Visits:

"I have been to London and Italy".

Enrichment:

"I have taken part in The Debate Club, The Romania project, the school football team, the choir and Duke of Edinburgh Award".

Why I would recommend STA:

"The teachers are incredibly nice and welcoming. It is easy to make friends and there are loads of trips to go on".

Next Step:

"I want to go to Loreto College to do a vocational course in games design and become a video games designer".



Deputy Head Boy

Name:

Theo Smith

Former School:

St. Monica's Roman Catholic Primary

Why I enjoy STA:

"I enjoy STA as it has a strong community spirit. The teachers and staff care so passionately about the students and their future".

Trips and Visits:

"When I was in primary school we took part in trips to STA including transition days, enterprise events and a European languages day".

Enrichment:

"I have taken part in Debate Club, I have been a Peer Mentor, The Romania project, The Brilliant Club and I am on the Anti-Bullying Team".

Why I would recommend STA:

"Going to STA has taught me so many lessons. It has great departments such as Art & Technology and Science & Maths".

Next Step:

"I want to go to Loreto College to study A-Levels".



Transition and Support

We pride ourselves on working in partnership with parents and primary schools to ensure that a students' transition to us is a positive experience. We hold a number of events before your son/daughter joins us to ensure that they feel comfortable and enthused. This includes open evenings, new parent evenings and transition days. We attend a number of events at local primary schools too. We welcome you to arrange a personal tour of the school at any stage and understand that for some students, this might be a number of visits to ease them into the school.

In Year 7

We work hard to ensure that your son/daughter settles quickly into Year 7 and makes friends quickly. In the first few weeks of induction, students will spend time finding their way round the school, joining extra-curricular classes and getting to know their form group. We offer pastoral support to those students who need some extra help and our school Student Leadership Team and Peer Mentors support the process of new students settling into school life.



Parent Evenings

We hold a number of parents evenings each year so that we can discuss your son/daughter's progress together. We will send home reports each term and always welcome you to come and see us if you have any concerns or want to share information with us. We believe passionately that a parent and school partnership is vital to ensure that your son/daughter is happy and successful, and gets the support that they need.



Learning Support

At St Antony's we adhere to three main principles to ensure that all students can access a broad and balanced curriculum and have an equal opportunity to receive an education that is appropriate to their individual needs by:

Setting suitable learning challenges

We work to give every student the opportunity to experience success in learning and to achieve as high-a-standard as possible by appropriate intervention and support.

Responding to students diverse learning needs

When we plan our lessons we take into account the different backgrounds, experiences, interests and strengths which influence the way in which students learn.

Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment

We recognise that a minority of students will have particular learning and assessment requirements and do our best to address them by relevant support during lesson time and examination time (if appropriate).



How do we do this?

Where appropriate, our team of Learning Support Assistants will work with students either in the classroom environment, in small groups or on a one-to-one basis. This support can take many forms including inside and outside of the classroom help. We welcome you to discuss this with us personally so that we can build the appropriate support for your son/daughter.

High Expectations

Everyone has high expectations of each other at St Antony's. This makes for a conducive and happy learning environment.

Attendance

It is essential for confidence and continuity that students have high attendance. You can read more about this in our Attendance Policy.





Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our students really value the extra-curricular clubs that are on offer during lunch-time and after the school day. These clubs enable our students to gain new skills, take part in their favourite sport, develop a wider group of friends and have fun. The Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Combined Cadet Force offer a great opportunity for all students to get external recognition for their skills and these awards are considered favourably by colleges and employers. The weekly clubs are delivered by our staff or external experts. The clubs vary from time-to-time and we try and meet the interests of our students. Some of the clubs that we offer include:

- Homework Club – 3:15pm to 4:15pm Monday to Friday
- Football
- Netball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Art & Craft Club
- Crazy Confidence Club
- Maths Club
- Drama

- Young Chefs
- Debate Mate
- Aspire Book Club
- Dance
- Choir
- Geography Globetrotters
- Computing Club
- Music
- Combined Cadet Force
- Duke of Edinburgh Award

Parents will get invited to see musical events and performances and to watch sporting events throughout the year.

Trips and Visits

Students will regularly get the opportunity to go on curriculum trips and visits to support their learning. We take students overseas and to places that they might not have been before in this country.





Travelling to School

The school is easy to access by public transport, although the majority of our students walk or cycle to school. There are a number of public bus routes from surrounding areas that bring students close to the school.

School Buses

There are two services that are specifically for our school students. These bring students direct to the school and take the same journey back at the end of the day. These are operated by external providers and take the following routes.

Service 785 route: From Hulme, Royce Road/City Road via City Road, Northumberland Road, Ayres Road, Seymour Grove, Kings Road, Great Stone Road, Chester Road, Davyhulme Road East, Moss Road, Derbyshire Lane, Barton Road, Chatsworth Road, Winchester Road, Moss Vale Road, Bradfield Road to St Antony's Roman Catholic School.

Service 786 route: From Flixton, Towns Gate via Irlam Road, Woodsend Crescent Road, Moorside Road, Winchester Road, Moss Vale Road, Bradfield Road to St Antony's Roman Catholic School.

Cycling to School

We have a bicycle shelter which is locked each morning and opened again at the end of the school day. Students are encouraged to cycle to school to benefit their health and fitness and to be more 'green'.





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