

Merry
Christmas



ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

Autumn
2022

The Review

Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It's that time of year again. Each year December seems to arrive that little bit earlier. It must be my age!

Christmas, is it about the tree, the gifts underneath it, the lights in the windows, the sending of cards, snow, eating with family and friends?

Using a well-known search engine I looked up, 'the true meaning of Christmas'.

The following popped up:

“To give up one's very self — to think only of others — how to bring the greatest happiness to others.”

Reading that brought one word to mind: **LOVE**.

John 3:16-17 says, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*”

God really showed His great love for us by giving each of us the ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, The Christ child.

This is what Christmas is really about; the story of God becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ.

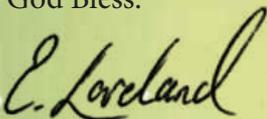
God loves us so much – He is love itself (1 John 4:8).

Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of those that are in need of support.

I wish each of you a happy and holy Christmas. May you enjoy celebrating the love God has for each one of us.

Wishing you all a holy, peaceful and happy Christmas.

God Bless.



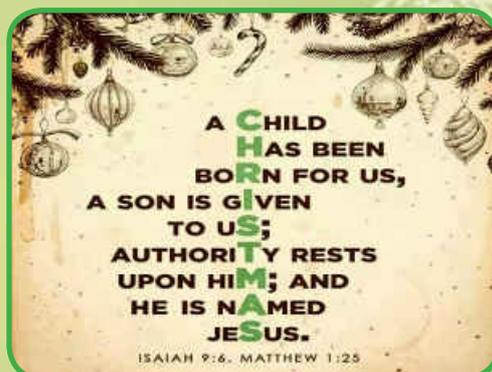
Mrs E Loveland,
Headteacher



Carol Concert



Our annual Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 1st December was a beautiful evening, made special by all the students and staff who contributed to it. Thank you to the staff who volunteered to make our traditional Christmas windowsill decorations: Ms Stracey, Ms Dee, Mrs Pausey, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Baptise, Mrs Adeleke, Mrs Smith, Mrs Hartigan, Mr La Barbera, Ms Pugh, Mr Fraser and Mr Hicks. As always, the decorations were beautiful and added to the Christmas atmosphere in the church. Along with the traditional congregational carols, Mrs Fernando prepared a beautiful choir, orchestra and small group performances, and our Gospel choir led by Marsha Morrison gave joyful renditions of Christmas songs. A huge 'Thank you' must go to all the students involved: the choirs, the soloists, the instrumentalists, readers, and helpers. They made us all very proud. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Daniel, and the parish staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George Church who have given us so much support this term.



Catholic Life of the School

Year 7 Retreat Programme



This year we were delighted to resume our Year 7 retreat programme which was held earlier this term in the 'Revival church', a few minutes from our Lower Site School. Each Form group had a full day retreat led by the school chaplain, Mr La Barbera. Our theme 'Stronger together' was helping students understand what it takes to build a community and through our activities, games, reflections and prayers we gave thanks to God for the gifts and talents of all our wonderful Year 7 students. The students worked so well together, were enthusiastic, generous and kind and it was a very rewarding day.

Holy Month of Souls Services

November is the month when Catholics remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died. To enable our school community to remember and give thanks, special lunch time services took place in the chapels on each site. At each service we listened to Bible readings as well as spent some quiet time in prayer and reflection. It was good to be praying together and to see students supporting and comforting each other.

Year 7 Welcome Mass

On Thursday 20th October we celebrated our Year 7 Welcome Mass at the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George in Enfield, celebrated by Fr. Tim. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome our Year 7 students and celebrate with their families, marking this important transition in their lives and asking God to bless them at the start of their secondary education. All Students were presented with a St. Anne's School Pin and Prayer Card. We were treated to a special performance from the whole year group of our School Hymn, 'Humbly Walk With You' as our final hymn, which was beautiful and they raised the roof. A special thank you also to readers and altar servers who made the mass truly special.



CAFOD Talk to Year 12



On Friday 2nd December 2022, we were pleased to have some guests from CAFOD visit our Upper Site to talk with Sixth Form students. The visitors included a colleague from CAFOD and three from a Colombian partner organization that works with them, called CODACO, and were invited to speak about women's rights in general and the current situation in Colombia. CODACO focuses on women's rights, protection against gender-based violence in the context of conflict, indigenous rights and the peace process. This was an excellent opportunity to hear directly from people who are living in these environments and hear their experiences. This was a great opportunity for students taking A Levels in Religious Studies, Politics, Geography and History, as well as those students studying Spanish.

Christmas Hampers

For our annual Christmas Hampers, once again we teamed up with Tara Hanna from Exodus YouthWorx UK, and joined with churches and charities across the UK to share a united message of hope and love to our communities, as part of the *Love Your Neighbour Love Christmas* project. As always, our students and staff were fantastic at donating food and gift items, enabling us to create 38 beautiful hampers across both sites. Thank you to Tara, who also donated games, treats and Christmas gifts for each hamper. This is a long-standing tradition of the school and we have been able to gift many of the hampers to families within our own school community, as well as others locally.



'Love in Action' Volunteering Award

In September, we were nominated for a Diocese of Westminster 'Love in Action' Volunteering Award, for our charitable community outreach work. We were selected as finalists by the panel for the School Social Action Award and were invited to the awards evening at Westminster Cathedral Hall. We were named runners up and were presented with a certificate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Thursday 17th November 2022. Since the start of the Covid pandemic we have been working with Exodus Youth Worx UK, a local charity, to deliver food hampers to families in need, and continue this work to date. The judges of the awards recognised that as a team we had gone above and beyond to support those most in need.



Gospel Choir Night Out



On Thursday 15th December, some of our older Gospel Choir Members attended a concert with Miss Geraci and Ms Lawrence to see The Spirituals Choir live at Union Chapel in Islington. It was a fabulous evening filled with Christmas joy, praise and worship and we loved every minute of it. The Spirituals Choir has several St. Anne's alumnae students, and they are also conducted by St. Anne's Gospel Choir conductor Marsha Morrison, so there is an abundance of greatness amongst their choir, and it was lovely to support them at their first concert.

3 Star Soloists - a Sound Development!



We were contacted by Polly Moore, CEO of Restore The Music (RTM) regarding a performance opportunity at the *Sound Development Event* on 27th September and Ms Fernando quickly set about preparing some soloists for the evening: Kira Randerwalla, Emily Tasker and Sammie-Jo Kadi-Menson. The event itself was hosted by property developers Dominus Group and DP9Ltd and organised by Sound Diplomacy, focussing on the contribution of Music and Culture to Social Value in the Built Environment. The Girls were able to showcase their outstanding vocals and talk to many of the guests throughout the evening, gaining standing ovations after their performances and praises from all in attendance. We appreciate the opportunity and relationship that we have with RTM.

"A special mention has to go to the St. Anne's students who I thought stole the show and were truly amazing. Giving the opportunity to perform to three talented young people is the very epitome of social value and the very best of real estate development." Wesley Ankrah, Dominvs Group

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children



It was great to see so many people supporting our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December. As a school we were able to raise money for Save The Children and the day really helped get everyone into the Christmas spirit. Well done to everyone who took part and showed off their favourite Christmas jumpers, accessories and creations.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

SIGN UP NOW!



Friends of St. Anne's Christmas Raffle 2022

Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Raffle. With your help we raised **£810.00**, a fantastic amount of money! A HUGE thank you to those who donated prizes. Congratulations to the following winners.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Prize- £150 Cash: Aleeza - 9J**
2nd Prize- £50 Experience Days Voucher: Janelle - 8K



OTHER PRIZES:

- Champneys Gift Set – Ms Pugh** **Roller Skating Voucher – Layla – 7K**
Champagne – Olivia – 10T **Fresh Cake – Erin – S6**

Student Prizes:

- £100 Love2Shop Voucher: Amelia – 11C**
Cinema Bundle for Two: Evelyn – 9T
Streets Ahead Dance Company - 4 Lessons: Angelyn – 7K





The Autumn term has been a positive term for Greenhouse Tennis. We have introduced forty-three new Year 7s to tennis, so a big well done to those girls for getting involved during their first term at the school. Most of these girls had never picked up a racquet before, so it's really pleasing to see their progress. Alongside this, the commitment and dedication of our older students has been excellent – they continue to develop their skills and groundstrokes which will hold them in good stead for their matches in the Spring and Summer terms.



Another highlight from this term was the October Half-Term camp which we ran for two days. It was great to see so many girls being active during the holidays.

I am looking forward to seeing the girls participate in competitive matches during the Spring and Summer terms. We have entered four teams into the LTA Youth Schools League which starts in April. There will be two teams for Year 7/8s and two teams for Year 9 /10 – it will be great to see all that practice pay off in real matches!

Tennis Stats

For the Autumn term, we have had 115 students play at Tennis Club and / or take part in a group intervention session.

Top 5 Participants who have attended the most sessions (all Year groups)

1. Zaynab Baig Y9 - 40 sessions
2. Wanda Siwec Y8 - 34 sessions
3. Esther Okafor Y9 - 33 sessions
4. Sophia Shadbolt Y8 - 25 sessions
5. Soliana Mitke Y7 - 24 sessions

Top 5 Participants (Year 7)

1. Soliana Mitke - 26 sessions
2. Nicole Kurankye - 24 sessions
3. Saoirse O'Sullivan - 17 sessions
4. Amelia Kilkenny - 12 sessions
5. Hannah Nutley - 11 sessions

Top 5 Participants (Year 8)

1. Wanda Siwec - 34 sessions
2. Sophia Shadbolt - 25 sessions
3. Aliya Kedir - 14 sessions
4. Anne Raudhay - 11 sessions
5. Gretill Twum - 10 sessions

Top 5 Participants (Year 9)

1. Zaynab Baig - 40 sessions
2. Esther Okafor - 33 sessions
3. Malicia Lukusa - 14 sessions
4. Onyinyechi Solomon - 12 sessions
5. Maabena Nontwiri Ofosuapea - 10 sessions

Top 5 Participants (Year 10)

1. Tiyana Hamilton - 18 sessions
2. Jocelyne Muanda - 15 sessions
3. Chanice Mbenza - 15 sessions
4. Maria Luisa Carvalho Lopes - 15 sessions
5. Kaylee Dumlao - 14 sessions

Top 5 Participants (Year 11)

6. Emeka Dawkins - 19 sessions
7. Isabelle O'Connell - 7 sessions
8. Nyla Wilson - 6 sessions
9. Katie Drony - 6 sessions
10. Maria Cook - 3 sessions

Rugby Club

Rugby Club has been well attended with a core of committed and talented girls training on Mondays with a coach from our local rugby club, Enfield Ignatians and Year 11 players Emeka Dawkins and Isabelle O'Connell. The girls have made massive progress and are playing in a tag tournament at the club in December. Rugby is the fastest growing sport for women in England and we'd love to see even more girls joining our club. Mondays, 3.15-4.30pm.

Football

Our Year 7 Football Team has been going from strength to strength and recently had an evening filled with success.

The team played a football cluster against Heron Hall, Lea Valley, Latymer, Enfield County and Highlands... and we beat each team emphatically!

Congratulations, girls and let's hope that the winning continues.



Enfield Schools Cross Country Championships

Students from Year 7-11 took part in the Cross County, running on a course from 3.0-3.5km. The course was wet and very muddy before they began, and only got wetter due to the heavy showers that came down. All students were a credit to the school and themselves. Cross country is a battle of the mind as well as the body and these students put themselves through that mental and physical test and came out the other end shining. We are very proud of you all.



Year 8 Borough Netball Championships



The Year 8 Netball team were unlucky to not win the Borough Netball Championships this term. They were unbeaten in the pool stages, and faced a more experienced team from Latymer School, many of whom are club players. However, St. Anne's were able to go into the half time break at 1-1, before Latymer capitalised on some small errors and stayed strong in defence to claim the win.

We are super proud of the standard of netball played, and even more impressed with the respectful and competitive attitude showed by the whole squad. Well done.

Young Writers Annual Showcase

The students at St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls are avid writers who are able to amalgamate their excellent writing skills with their vivid imaginations! All of the girls who entered the *Young Writers Annual Showcase Competition* did just that when they wrote their uniquely captivating stories, poems and scripts for the contest.

The six girls were all selected to have their work published in the Young Writers publication, *From Inside the Mind*. We are all so very proud of the girls for their achievement! Well done.



Preparing for A-Level Maths

Three Year 11 pupils participated in the challenging Maths sessions run by the Imperial College London Mathematics School in Woodhouse College. Pupils attended weekly after-school classes from October to November 2022.

Max Hughes from the school sent a message of thanks:

"It has been a pleasure to meet and get to know such a wonderful group of students, every single one of which has been polite, respectful, inquisitive and hard working in our sessions. They are an asset to your school and your community, so thank you for choosing them to attend our classes!"

Well done to Salome Adwapa-Frimpong, Berenice Dienda and Chidimna Ozor!

Comments about the Course:



"Attending the Maths programme was very insightful and helped me greatly improve my understanding of topics."

Berenice Dienda

"The Imperial Mathematics School helped me to boost my confidence in Maths and was very useful."

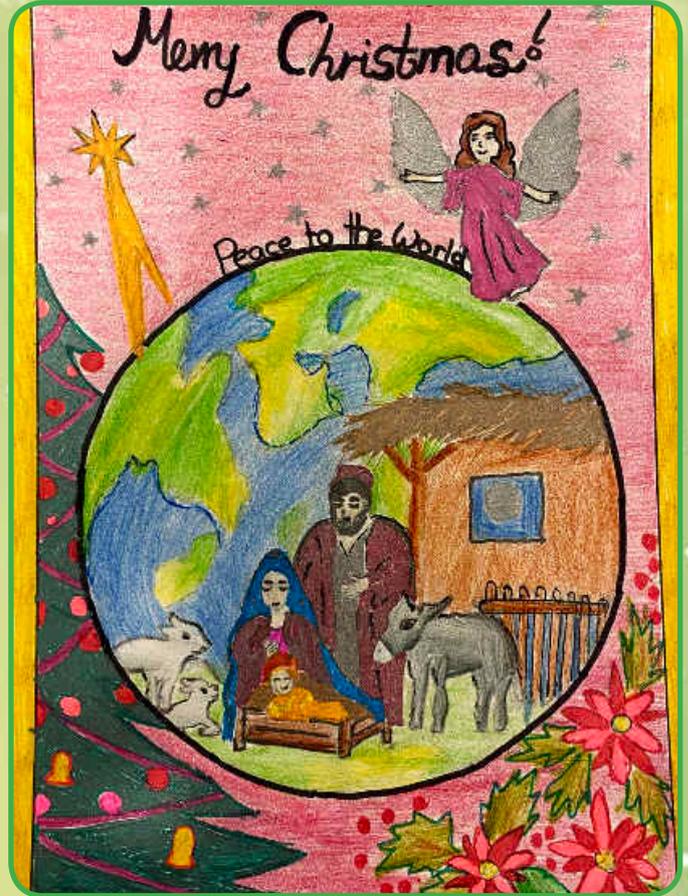
Salome Adwapa-Frimpong



Christmas Card Design Competition



Mary Ikuesan 8C



Tharushi Chiara 7T

We asked our Key Stage 3 students to create designs that encompassed the joy of Christmas and the Christian values it holds. We had so many entries, but the following four students' designs really stood out: congratulations to Tharushi Chiara in 7T, Olachim Nnamdi-Rochester in 7S, Mary Ikuesan in 8S and Divya Ashna Beekawoo in 8C (please see front cover). Excellent work, ladies! Your designs were imaginative, joyful and full of the Christmas Spirit.



Olachim Nnamdi-Rochester 7S

Iceland Trip

During the October Half Term a happy band of 54 students from Year 9, 10 and 11 along with five members of staff visited Iceland for five days. Here are some of the highlights of the trip.

Day 1

A visit to the Perlan Centre which provided students with an opportunity to explore the world's first real indoor ice cave and learn all about glaciers at an interactive exhibition. Alongside this students were able to sit back in a first-class Planetarium to go on a virtual journey through the sky and experience the amazing Northern Lights.

Day 2

The first full day of what is famously known as the Golden Circle Excursion including a visit to a geothermal power station (no high energy cost in Iceland!) and a walk around the Kerid volcano crater. The afternoon provided the opportunity for students to visit the stunning waterfall of Gullfoss. The day was finished off to see the Great Geysir a geothermal heated spouting hot spring that erupts a plume of hot water every 5-10 minutes.



Kerid Crater



Gullfoss Waterfall

Day 3

The day started with a visit to the coast to see amazing coastal features created by volcanic activity such as the basalt columns which appeared like giant organ pipes in a cathedral. The sand was black which indicates previous volcanic activity. There was a visit to the famous volcano of Eyjafjallajökull that erupted in 2010 causing huge travel disruption across Europe and is used as an actual case study for GCSE Geography. A visit to Seljalandsfoss provided the opportunity for students to walk behind an actual waterfall. During the afternoon we visited the Solheimajokull glacier. Who knows within a decade this wonderful natural feature may have all but disappeared as evidence of changing climate. During the evening there was a visit to a bowling centre whereby Mr. Sikuade thrashed Mr. Lawless. Just when we thought that was the end of a stunning day it got even better when by luck there was the opportunity to experience the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). Awesome!



Mr. Sikuade is a giant!



Stunning basalt columns at the beach...



The beautiful Northern Lights...

Day 4

The highlight of the day here was an exploration through a lava tubing cave where we marvelled at the changing colours of the lava rock formations while walking in the path of lava that flowed during an eruption.



Students form a chain across the plate boundary between the Eurasia and North American plate which divides Iceland.

And finally, the students enjoyed a once in a life experience. The Icelandic people despite their harsh climate and landscape are some of the friendliest and warmest people you could wish to meet and our students responded in kind. They were a real credit to themselves and the School. A huge thank you to Ms Done, Ms Geraci and Mr. Marimootoo for their time, energy and support throughout the trip. However, none of this would of happen had it not been for Mr. Lawless. This trip has been four years in the making partly due to interruption from Covid. He has given up so much of his time and energy to ensure that the students had an experience that will last for rest of their lives, providing them with ultimate bucket list tick. On behalf of the Geography Department we cannot thank him enough.



Current population of Iceland (excluding Mr. Lawless)

Farewell Message from Ms Lawrence



When I joined St. Anne's all those years ago on a two-term temporary contract, little did I think that my time would end up spanning three decades!

I have had the pleasure of working with three amazing Headteachers, a wonderful pastoral team, fabulous colleagues both teaching and support and thousands of outstanding students. It has been a pleasure and a privilege supporting the girls in all of my roles from Learning Mentor through to Achievement Leader.

St. Anne's will always hold a very special place in my heart and memories. I wish you all a fond farewell, a safe and happy Christmas and a fabulous new year.

Ms D. Lawrence

Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

In November, thirty of our Year 10 students attended the *Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge* workshop, an expert-led, interactive workshop aimed at empowering young people to develop good communication skills and use these skills to build speeches on subjects of their choice. They each presented their speeches to the group with the aim to select six students who will then compete for a place in the *Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge* Regional Final, which will be held at our school on Tuesday 7th February 2023.



As you can imagine, the selection process for the next stage was extremely difficult as everyone presented amazing speeches, however, our six contenders who will be up for the next challenge when we return in the New Year are:

ALEXIA • JELENA • JILIANY
LAURA • ROSE ANNE • SKY

Well done to these girls and also to Matylida who received a Highly Commended Award for her speech on Music.

The Diversity Team

The Diversity Team has continued in their aim to promote equality, diversity and inclusion throughout our school community. New ambassadors were welcomed to the team and have already started making a difference.

The Autumn Term saw the Diversity Team lead the school towards getting involved with:

- The Big Hair assembly
- Black History Month assemblies
- Ms. Baah's 'Your roots, My roots, Our roots' project
- Wear Red Day to give Racism the Red Card
- Sharing diversity prayers and posters
- Diversity word of the week
- Disability History Month
- Accessorise in purple for UKDHM

We also partnered with **BLAM UK** (Black Learning Achievement And Mental Health) and we were able to secure Racial Wellbeing workbooks which will be distributed to KS3 in the Spring Term.

We 'showed racism the red card' today.

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Community Champions: We Are Enfield

As part of a wider celebration of Enfield's black culture, during half-term, Choice in Year 12 attended Millfield to take part in a BHM exhibition.

She was commissioned to create a piece of art, which was displayed at the event.



**ENFIELD
CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY**



Year 7 Transition



Year 7 students have been busy getting to know each other and settling into the St. Anne's Learning Family. We started our transition process in July with a fun day of science, food technology and other activities designed to get the students engaged and interacting. Our four-day Summer School, led by the LMP group, saw the girls learning the layout of the Lower Site, making friends and supporting one another. Later, all Year 7 forms took part in a session with the *My Young Mind Enfield* team discussing transition. Finally, in the Spring Term, all Year 7 students will have a First Aid session with the British Red Cross, learning what to do in the event of medical situations arising.

Herts Young Mariners Base

This year, Year 7 students demonstrated the true meaning of resilience when the sun took a nap and sent rain in its place. Nothing stopped the girls who zipped up and got on with every activity from kayaking, archery, raft building and the climbing wall to name a few. Students and their form teachers had a great day of and making memories. There were squeals, screams and lots of falling overboard. Above all there was laughter, sharing and encouragement of all.



Good News for Everyone

We were delighted to welcome Malcolm Maclannan from *Good News for Everyone* into Year 7 assembly. He delivered a wonderful assembly and gifted each student a copy of the New Testament and Psalms. Many of our school staff, including Miss Geraci and Miss Labonne, still treasure the copies they received when they were in Year 7!

KS3 Badge Competition 2022 - Autumn Term Winners

The following ten fabulous designs were chosen as winners for our new St. Anne's Achievement Badges.

Those who are Student of the Week can select their favourite design to wear proudly on their blazer.

Exceptional Awards



Ola Rochester



Rienah Macamos



Julia Rejmer



Neriz Arceo



Neriz Arceo

JLT

Superstar of the Week



Aarna Lutchimiah



Ria Morely



Vaia Tsepouras



Emily Szeja



Eburn Allen

Head Girl Team

I would like to thank everyone who has made my time as Head Girl as fulfilling as possible. I was so lucky to have had such an amazing team of inspirational young women on my team. It's hard to put into words the sense of achievement that has come with giving back to my school community. There were a number of highlights throughout my time as Head Girl, but I've included some pictures of my favourites - the Cultural Day celebrations we held, helping out at the Year 11 Prom and the Jubilee celebrations, to name a few. But above all of this, the best part of my job was definitely feeling the student support around us and everything we offered to the girls. The enthusiasm and willingness to help out was so encouraging and I can't thank the students enough. I will always hold the memories of late after-school meetings, all the speeches, the team trips to lower site and all of the laughs we had close to my heart! Listing every "thank you!" would fill the whole bulletin, so I won't do too much more. But I have one more big, over-arching thank you for St. Anne's as a community. Not only for giving me this opportunity, but for helping to raise me into the (hopefully successful) young woman I am today! I wish our new Head Girl Divine Kitoko and her team the very best of luck over this next year and look forward to supporting them in the coming months. Thank you. **Frankie Edwards – Outgoing Head Girl 2021-22**



Some of our highlights

Term Dates for Spring Term 2023



- Monday 9th January 2023 : INSET Day 3 – school closed to students
- Tuesday 10th January 2023 : All students return to school – 8.30am
- Thursday 12th January 2023 : Year 11 Parents Evening - Online
- Tuesday 17th January 2023 : Start of Spring Term Mass for KS4 & KS5
- Tuesday 24th January 2023 : Staff Training Day – school closed to students
- Thursday 26th January 2023 : Year 9 Parents Evening – Online
- Friday 27th January 2023 : FOSA Year 11 Disco, 7-9pm Upper Site
- Monday 30th January - Friday 3rd February : Year 9 KS4 Taster Lessons
- Tuesday 31st January 2023 : Music Festival Finals, collaboration between St. Anne's/St. Ignatius College
- Thursday 2nd February 2023 : Year 8, Head Girl Team & Fair Trade Team Photographs
- Friday 3rd February 2023 : Year 11 Poetry Live – Dominion Theatre, London
- Tuesday 7th February 2023 : Jack Petchey Regional Final – hosted by St. Anne's
- Wednesday 8th February 2023 : GCSE Music Concert, 6pm Upper Site Hall
- Thursday 9th February 2023 : Year 9 KS4 Pathways Evening – Online
- HALF TERM – 13-17 FEBRUARY 2023
- Tuesday 21st February 2023 : Sixth Form Masterclass – Former Student Guest Speaker
- Wednesday 22nd February 2023 : Ash Wednesday Mass
- Thursday 23rd February 2023 : Author Visit for Year 9 – Lisa Williamson
- Thursday 23rd February 2023 : Year 12 Parents Evening – Online
- Sunday 26th to Tuesday 28th February 2023 : Computing Trip to Disneyland Paris
- Thursday 2nd March 2023 : World Book Day + Senior Booster Immunisations for Year 9 (Day 1)
- Friday 3rd March 2023 : Year 9 Photographs + FOSA Year 10 Disco, 7-9pm Upper Site
- Thursday 9th March 2023 : Senior Booster Immunisations for Year 9 (Day 2) + Year 7 First Aid Sessions 7C, 7B, 7S
- Friday 10th March 2023 : Gospel Choir Concert, Upper Site Hall
- Wednesday 22nd March 2023 : No Pen Day – A National Day of speaking & understanding language
- Friday 24th March 2023 : FOSA Years 8 & 9 Disco, 7-9pm Upper Site
- Monday 27th March 2023 : End of Spring Term Mass: Upper Site
- Wednesday 29th March 2023 : End of Spring Term Mass: Lower Site
- Thursday 30th March 2023 : Year 11 & Year 13 Leavers Photographs + Year 7 First Aid Sessions – 7K, 7T & 7J + Dress Down Day in support of Lenten Campaign (Catholic Children's Society) + Year 10 Parents Evening – Online
- Friday 31st March 2023 : Last Day of Term – school closes at 12.20pm



*Loving
Father,*

help us remember
the **birth of Jesus**
that we may share in

the *song of the angels*,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the *worship of the wise men*.

Close the door of hate and

open the door of love all over the

world. Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings*, and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children*, and the Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



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