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The Review

'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God'

Artwork by Tracy Obeng-Anim - Year 13

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of another academic year!

This is such a wonderful opportunity to reflect as a Learning Family on the year which has passed, the achievements of individuals and the successes we have had as a school. This Review contains much of what we have been doing this summer term. I am sure you will enjoy seeing what our students have been engaged with. I promise we have been busy!

I continue to be astounded by how much we achieve together as a result of working in partnership with students, parents and carers. We can be really proud of our school community for the way in which we have supported one another – celebrating success and being there for each other through the more challenging times.

We live in a complex world, we are in need of peace, both individuals and as a society. Pope Francis' prayer for peace beautifully sums up our hopes for the future:

Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands, Renew our hearts and minds, so that the words which always brings us together will be "sister, brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

I wish you a summer that gives each of you the time to experience renewal and rest. We look forward to seeing you in September. Until then, be kind to yourself and to others, stay safe and enjoy the break.

God Bless.



Mrs Loveland, Headteacher



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Staff Leavers - Summer 2023

At this time of year we look forward to our summer break but it is also a somewhat bittersweet time as we have to say goodbye to some colleagues.

- **Ms Pugh** and **Ms Isliker** are retiring. Together they worked at the school for nearly 30 years! We wish them well in this new phase of their lives.
- **Ms Griffin, Ms Alexander, Ms Luvuezo, Ms Azevedo, Ms Abbott, Mr Angel, Ms Ekbal** and **Dr Vilojen** - their contracts are ending. We thank them for being there in our hour of need.
- **Ms Ruffin-Ducrocq** is returning to France, **Ms Alishan** is relocating to Canada, **Ms Bozic** is returning to Slovenia and **Mr Marimootoo** is going to teach in Mexico. How lucky are these countries!
- **Mr Barnes** has secured a role closer home in a Sixth Form College. **Ms Wells**, having taken a sabbatical, will make her consultancy role permanent. We wish both well on their new adventures.
- **Ms Ganley** has secured a promotion – the school are blessed to have her as part of their leadership team. **Ms Martins** has secured a promotion – well done. **Ms Murray** is joining the Police as part of their forensic department – our very own *Silent Witness!* **Ms Fernando** is joining a school that specialises in music – we will miss her but understand the pull to go.
- **Mr Kennedy** is relocating up north. We wish him well, knowing this is the right move for him and his family but we will miss him. **Ms Gill-Carey** is taking her one woman show on the road – good luck at the Edinburgh Fringe – break a leg!

Huge thanks to each of you. We are grateful for all you have given and done for our Learning Family. We wish you well in your endeavours and may God bless you in your future.

“As I leave St. Anne’s after 19 years, I have very many happy memories. It has been a privilege to teach so many wonderful young women and I have learnt so much from them.

In my role as Head of RE and Assistant Headteacher for Catholic Life, I have been humbled by the generosity and enthusiasm of the students in their contributions to events such as the Tea Parties for older people, and for their talent in singing in the choir at Masses, the Carol Service and the Gospel Choir. I have been so inspired by their faith and joy and they have strengthened my faith.

I have also had the privilege to work with great colleagues who have always shown such dedication and support to students as well as to each other – they have been so generous in so many ways.

Finally, I have also enjoyed meeting so many amazing parents who do so much for their daughters and have given their support to the school. I wish all students, families, and colleagues all the best for their future. May God bless you all.”

Miss Pugh



The Catholic Life of the School

The Bible - The Word of God

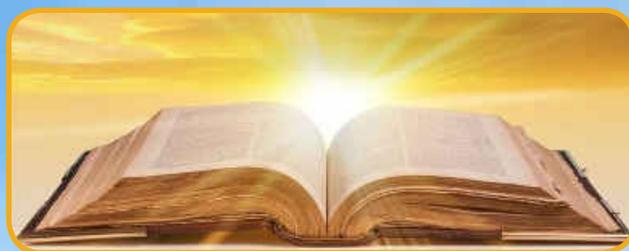
The Bible is very important in our school and this is expressed in so many ways. Firstly, our school Mission statement is taken from the Book of Micah in the Old Testament:

‘Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God.’

Micah 6:8

These powerful themes to treat others fairly, to show forgiveness to others and to acknowledge our dependence on God for everything in our lives are reflected in Jesus’ teaching. Jesus said that he had come to preach the good news to the poor and set free those who were oppressed. In Jesus’ teaching about forgiveness, He makes it clear that there is no limit to forgiving others and that we should forgive our enemies. Jesus also teaches us about praying to God our Father, and in the Lord’s prayer, Matthew 6:9-13 these themes are reiterated: Justice – ‘your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’ Forgiveness – ‘forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others. Humbly with God – ‘give us this day our daily bread.’ This short phrase reminds us just how much we depend on God even for the simple things we need to live.

The reason the Bible is so important is because we believe the Bible is the Word of God and that God continues to speak to us today, and in this belief we are united with all Christians. It is through the Bible that God is revealed and we can come to know Him better through listening to the readings at Mass and also by reading the Bible personally. The Church teaches that the Bible has authority for us because it is inspired by the Holy Spirit.



As well as Bible Studies groups at lunchtimes in the chapels, we show the importance of the Bible in our liturgies. In the Catholic Church, we hear passages from scripture in the readings at Mass over a three-year cycle. The readings from the Bible are in a book called the lectionary and at the start of each Mass the priest elevates the lectionary showing its primacy.

As we stand for the Gospel reading, we use our thumb to make a small sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips and our chest. As we do so, we are saying to ourselves ‘may the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart’ praying that Christ’s teaching will be in our thoughts, that we will use our words to reflect Jesus’ teaching and that we open our hearts to Christ.

As Pope Francis said, ***“In order that the family walk well, with trust and hope, it must be nourished with the Word of God.”*** Our learning family is continually nourished by the Bible and we pray to hear God’s Word more clearly in our lives.

Our Community Outreach Work

During the Easter Holidays and the May Half-Term we were able to continue with our Community Food Hub Days, providing food to families in need.

Thanks to our Year 9 and 12 Community Outreach Teams for giving up their time to organise and support these days. A thank you also to Warburtons and Waitrose for their regular donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, produce and bakery items which were greatly received. We also want to thank Tara Hanna, from Exodus Youth Worx UK for her continued support and partnership.

Unfortunately, due to funding we are not in a position to offer Community Food Hub Days this Summer Holiday, however we are in the process of applying for grants for the near future.

End of KS4 Mass and Year 13 Leavers' Mass

To recognise these two important milestones, we celebrated with special Masses dedicated to each group. Both Masses were very personal with a team of students planning each one, choosing readings and hymns and writing Prayers of the Faithful.

For the end of KS4 Mass, Year 11 students spent some time before the Mass reflecting on their time in KS4. In particular, they were calling to mind their own successes and those they wished to thank for helping them on their journey so far. Each student completed a 'Well done me!' sheet with everything they were proud of and also completed a set of thank you cards with messages to loved ones, friends or St. Anne's staff. These items were then brought to the altar at the entrance procession so all their reflections, thoughts and thanks were part of their special Mass of thanksgiving. As well as items chosen to symbolise their experiences in KS4, students also brought forward a paper chain they had made which celebrated their friendships and memories. A third of the Year group was directly involved in this Mass, either planning, writing prayers, saying the readings, or singing in the choir including special performances from some students in Gospel Choir at the end (pictured, above). It was wonderful to see their enthusiastic participation.



The students organising the Year 13 Leavers' Mass chose a tree to symbolise their growth together and how they have been like a family to each other. Each student wrote their memories on a tag which was hung on the branches of an artificial tree lit up for the Mass (pictured, right). Their Mass was also very personal to their Year group, with Year 13 students reading and singing in the choir. In the Spirit of St. Anne's, some Year 12 students also sang in the choir as their parting gift to their Year 13 friends.



Our thanks to Father Jerome from the church of Christ the King at Cockfosters who celebrated each Mass. A medal of St. Anne (for Year 11) and bookmarks with St. Anne's image and the school motto (for Year 13) were blessed and presented to the students so they could take away a reminder of their faith and their time at St. Anne's.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In early July, Year 8 was given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school. The whole year group attended a Reconciliation service to reflect on the ways we have gone wrong and to listen to readings from Scripture about Jesus' teaching on forgiveness.

Those students receiving the Sacrament made their confession to one of the priests and we thank Father Daniel, Father Tim and Father Vincent from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George Church, Enfield for giving the sacrament to our students.

Catholic students and families can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at local parishes, and you can find the details of your local parish from the Westminster Diocese directory: [**Find a Church - Diocese of Westminster \(rcdow.org.uk\)**](http://Find a Church - Diocese of Westminster (rcdow.org.uk))

"I felt comforted, and my worries slipped away as I sat down. The priest was very warm-hearted and welcoming. It wasn't stressful at all, and I confessed easily. I was blessed and all of a sudden had a giant weight lifted off my shoulders. Overall, it was an easy process and I found it nice that it was in school. It was a great experience."

Lunch Time Chapel Services

Every week, at lunchtime, students from all year groups can come to the chapel to pray together and to attend Bible study sessions. During May we focused our prayers on Mary.

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. During this dedicated month we are asked to think about Mary and say special prayers to her to tell her how much we love her and to ask her to help us stay close to her son Jesus, and to try to live as Jesus shows us. To mark this special month, students came to the chapels on each site to pray the Rosary at lunchtimes. It was good to see students continuing this great tradition of the Church, joining in this very special prayer to honour Mary, the mother of Christ.



“The month of May, dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily.”

Pope Francis

Confirmation Celebration: A New Beginning!

Every year our school has the pleasure of celebrating students who have made their Confirmation. We know that the Sacrament of Confirmation is an important stage in your daughter's Catholic life and we also know how much sacrifice and effort it takes to do so. To celebrate this special milestone in the students' faith, we held a special assembly and each girl was given a lapel pin in the shape of a dove as a reminder of the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit that she has received. As part of the assembly, students' choices of Confirmation saints were shared, it was very inspiring to see the reasons for their chosen saint.



“I chose Saint Rosalia as I found her inspiring because she was able to throw away her possessions and surrender/give up her life to God to create a stronger relationship with Him. Even though I may not be able to do that it reminds me I could do small sacrifices to build a stronger relationship with God.”



“I chose Saint Maria Goretti because she was very forgiving.”



“I picked Saint Theresse of Lisieux because of the way she responded wholeheartedly to God's love and the grace of the Holy Spirit within her.”

Time for Tea!

On Sunday 21st May, we were delighted to host a tea party for older people in our community, especially as we have not been able to do this since the pandemic. It was lovely to see many familiar faces join us for the afternoon.

Our Year 10 hosts were fantastic – they worked hard throughout the day, baked and bought in delicious cakes as well as donating raffle prizes. We also had a Year 10 entertainment team who provided an array of music, as well as some Irish dancing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the time spent together, and the students really enjoyed being able to speak to our guests and serve them.



IT Exchange - Back to School!



After two years of taking our IT Exchange online during the pandemic, we finally welcomed learners and volunteers back in person to school in February! IT Exchange is a long standing community project with local charity partner, Generation Exchange. Year 12 volunteers are recruited and trained to deliver 1:1 IT support to local older people. The 10 week course this academic year saw a record number of Year 12 volunteers and older learners squeezing in the library on the upper site. 24 Year 12 volunteers and 22 older people took part in the project on a Tuesday morning and the library was a hub of activity with lots of learning, laughter and tea during the hour and a half of the course. One week when the Year 12s had PPEs, a large cohort of Year 10s stepped in and led a Kahoot quiz and chatted to the older people.

100% of the older learners completed evaluation forms and said they would recommend the project to others. One of the learners summed up the project and the help received beautifully: *“I have been very impressed by the courtesy shown to me, not only by the students teaching me, but also by the manners and respect shown when I have walked down the corridors. Well done St. Anne’s Catholic High School for Girls.”*

One of Year 12 volunteers told us: *“It has been a great, wonderful experience. I would absolutely recommend it to others. It has enriched my knowledge on the older generation and given me the chance to practice teaching skills.”*



Thank you to all the Year 12s for your support and commitment and to the Year 10s too - we hope you enjoyed your volunteering experience and look forward to welcoming the project back next year with the new Year 12s.

For more information about the project please contact Leonie Eisenberg, IT Exchange Project Coordinator on generationexchange2@gmail.com

Diversity - Cultural Week 2023

Students were given the opportunity to share their views on the impact and importance of celebrating Cultural Week annually. After a resounding average of 4.7 stars out of 5, we knew we had to continue with this tradition.

A lot of activities were planned and thoroughly enjoyed:

- Year 7 Cultural Show and Tell Period, where they worked in teams to research a culture or country and then create presentations. Winners: 7T – Maja, Yazmin and Angie's (Poland), 7J – Gabriella, Hannah, Maliyah Greene, 7K – Sharon, Ngoyi, Abigail, Janae, Marwa, Ruth (DRC), 7S – Christina Kuye's, Shaina, Precious, Danielle, Molly (Portugal), 7C – Ola
- Year 8, 9, 10, 12 Cultural food picnics in the field
- Lower Site Fashion Show and Performances
- Upper Site Fashion Show and Performances
- Cultural Dress Day
- Greek Culture Club
- Kahoot Quizzes
- Poster Competitions



Prizes and certificates were won as well, which made this year that much extra special. Diversity ambassadors worked so hard including leading the assemblies and organising different groups and activities.

Staff were also involved with a Staffroom Cultural Foodshare. It was amazing.

Through the sharing of food, dance, fashion, activities, show and tell, research and competitions, we ended the year on a massive high, embodying what the bible teaches, that: **“WE ARE ALL UNITED AS ONE BODY IN CHRIST!!!”**

Sociologists Visit the Joseph Rowntree Foundation



On 22nd June, the Year 12 sociologists visited the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for a talk on the impact of poverty in the UK. A lively discussion was had about the impacts of housing and employment on poverty in the UK, with many questions from the students. We also found out that this foundation gets its name from the sweets, Rowntree's, which is how it was originally financed and set up!

We then had some homemade pizza on Southbank and went to the *Dear Earth* exhibition at the Hayward Gallery. The exhibition was about the “artistic responses to the climate emergency” exploring “themes of care, hope, interdependence, emotional and spiritual connection, and activism”, which was very innovative and gave us much cause for reflection.

Overall, the purpose of the day was to expose Year 12 sociology students to themes that show the intersection of society and the individual through some real-life, contemporary issues: poverty and pollution.

St. Anne's Poets Laureate

In April we launched a Student Poet Laureate competition here at St. Anne's to give our girls the opportunity to represent the school through their writing, to mark special events and occasions throughout the school year. After receiving many fantastic entries, we were able to shortlist five girls: Jeneba Musa, Anne Raudhay, Chinwe Odukwu, Divya Beekawoo and Ellie Nakimbugwe, who blew us away with their truly magnificent poems. We decided that the girls had so much talent and so much to offer the school community that we created roles for each one! We are proud to announce that all of our shortlisted candidates will fulfil the following roles and look forward to their contributions in 2023-2024:

Anne Raudhay & Jeneba Musa : KS3 Poets Laureate
Chinwe Odukwu : KS4 Poet Laureate
Divya Beekawoo : Inclusivity Representative
Ellie Nakimbugwe : Official Illustrator



Culture is Beautiful by Chinwe Odukwu

Culture is beautiful,
I wish I could experience all of them at least once,
Culture is everything that divides but unites us,
How all of our differences bring us together to discuss,
Games, clothes, languages, music, food and more
In our cultures we put our trust.
Some of us roll our r's,
Or have c's in place of t's,
Did you know that in some cultures everything warrants a party,
that some cultures have produced the most unique art you'll ever see,
Some still use swords to fight and even dance, I guarantee,
Some use sticks for a series of games,
Some use them to show you should respect their names,
Some dance a lot with dresses that swirl and flip,
Some's dances round the world are only centred in the hips,
Every culture has something, whether old or new,
This cultural day I'll explore them, what will you do?

A Pop of Colour! by Anne Raudhay

This is the day we look forward to each year,
Having fun seeing new things appear,
Burst of joy, Brilliant costumes,
Seeing Vibrant colours flow out of the classrooms
On this day we refuse to stay away,
Embracing others backgrounds,
Dancing to the rhythmic sounds.

The school is our canvas,
And we are the art,
We strengthen our community with inclusivity and a big heart,
Seeing all these cultures paints my blank mind,
Nothing is unshown nothing is left behind,
Let us look deeper to explore even more,
Uncovering all the hidden gems which will be hidden no more.

Let us go to Europe see what we can find,
Lithuania and Italy what a great kind,
In Lithuanian it's labas, in Italy it is chow,
But both seem to intrigue me and I really wonder how,
Maybe it's the cuisine,
Bolognese and celepinei,
Both of which don't fail to catch my eye.

Now let's take a look at Asia,
Vietnam and India,
Cultures blossom throughout,
And never fail to show what they're all about,
Vietnamese traditional clothing is Ao dai,
It is a silk tunic with thin trousers,

While in India we have sarees and lungis,
Both sides of clothing are wearable art,
But the cuisine also captured my heart,
Pho gà and khichri on a rainy day,
You just taste it and tell me what you have to say,
I would be lying if I said just the food was the best,
But be aware the spice can put you up to the test.

Finally to Africa we go,
Ghana, Senegal and Nigeria have so much to show,
The Dancing The Food The History they hold,
An explosion of beauty left for people to unfold,
Watching these cultures that are on display,
Is more than enough to take my breath away.

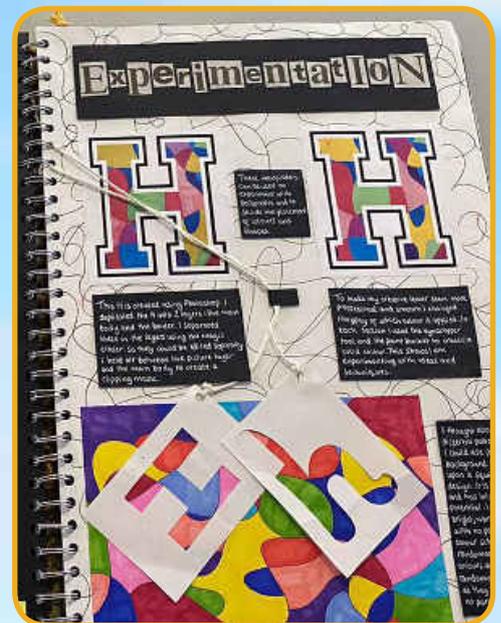
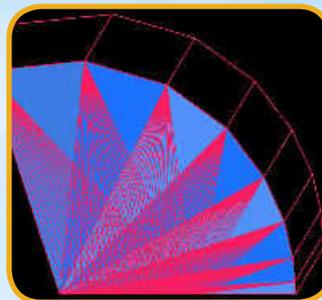
Art Department News

St. Anne's Summer Exhibition 2023



This year, the St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls Summer Exhibition - *Material Realities* - extended to include Textiles, Graphics, Food Technology & Music. Students came together across all these departments to showcase the creative capacity of the school, with the exhibition stretching across both Art rooms as well as the Hall. Not only did visitors have the chance to engage with the 2D and 3D work of our students but they were also able to witness live performances from Key Stage 3, 4 and 5.

Material Realities was composed to showcase the inner creative worlds of our students through which ever medium they desired. Every student had a piece in the show, providing guests the opportunity to see our creative community as a whole. Our students from St. Ignatius also contributed, especially those in Sixth form studying Art, who had a wonderful impact on the A-level show. All departments and students should be proud of the work they achieved to put on such an immense display of talent. Well done, everyone.



Drama Department News

The Drama Department has been busy, as usual.

The Year 12 Theatre Studies students have been to a number of different live theatre performances, ranging from *Romeo and Juliet* at the Dugdale Arts Centre and *Dear Evan Hansen* and *Tina Turner*, a wonderful uplifting musical in the West End, which had us all standing and clapping in the aisles, to *Woman Beware the Devil* (pictured, right) at the Almeida Theatre in Islington.

The Year 12s performed in-the-round a disturbing play, inspired by Artaud, to an audience of Year 10 and staff. They were all mesmerising performers. They danced and moved in a highly stylised way and had devised the whole play themselves (pictured, below).



Key Stage 3 have been performing extracts of *Blood Brothers* in Year 8, *Earnie's Incredible Illucinations* in Year 7 and looking at different genres of Drama in Year 9, creating horror and western inspired performance for their KS3 exams.

We were sad to see the Year 11s go but they did two fantastic performance evenings (pictured, below left) where they performed extracts of plays to parents and then to a visiting examiner. There were hilarious comedy's like *Teechers* by John Godber, *Girls Like That* by Evan Placey, *Once A Catholic* by Mary O'Malley, and contrasting pieces such as *4:48 Psychosis* by Sarah Kane, *Road* by Jim Cartwright and *Love and Information* by Caryl Churchill.



All the girls did amazing jobs at playing their characters, learning lines and understanding the style and genre. I am sure the examiner was impressed. We all were.

Mr Marimootoo and Ms Gill-Carey are so proud of all the girls and wish them all every success for the future. We are both very sad to be leaving such talent.

Music Department

What a great musical term! We are so proud of our musical and talented students and would like to share their activities.

Elysium Music Soundscapes: An Orchestral Concert of African-American Music



In April 2023, Neche, Sarai, Eburn and Krisela - our lovely Year 7 drummers - joined with their St. Ignatius counterparts in a unique orchestral event performing Florence Price's *Symphony No. 1*, in a movement which combined djembes drums with the orchestra. It was an important musical event curated by its young conductor Enyi Okpara, presenting the music of African American composers. Students reported the thrill of sitting right in the middle of the orchestra and hearing the wonderful sound from inside!

Steinway Grand Piano Masterclass

In May, Veronika and Abigail of Year 10 stepped forward to perform at the *Steinway Grand Piano Masterclass organised by Restore the Music*, who funded our musical instruments two years ago. Our girls performed beautifully and confidently, as we had fully expected them to.

Music Enhances the St. Anne's Summer Arts Exhibition

In June, over 40 students joined forces for the first time with the Art Department at the Summer Arts Exhibition which took place at Upper Site. They gave wonderful musical performances – we had our Year 7 drummers with their composition, our wonderful Year 8 vocal group: Wanda, Beverley, Jeneba, Isabel and Zion, plus our KS3 string players: Natalia, Esther, Lily and Evlyn, Tugra, Olivia and Ola, with a solo by Wanda (pictured, right). Then, our KS4 and KS5 performers came forward: Veronika reprised a Ukrainian piano composition, *The Harmony of Life*, vocalists Michelle, Aerin, Tasha, Holly, Emily. Our Sixth formers Holly and Emily always stun us with their performances. Veronika's Ukrainian song's theme of both sides of things in life pointed us to reflect on the harrowing war in Ukraine. The final act was the fantastic premiere of *unHINGED*, our very own Year 10 band: Izzy, Sophia, Angel and Wiktorina – performing hits to the delight of our enthusiastic audience!



Open Mic Sessions

Following at the heels of our first *Lower Site Open Mic* was our Summer sessions (pictured, right)! Wanda, Beverley, Zion, Jeneba and Isabel, with some young singers: Angelyn, Ola and Halle, wowed an audience of their peers! How lucky we are to be able to enjoy such musical talent!



Enfield Music Services Vocal Concert

June also saw eleven girls wow us with their magical performances at the Dugdale Arts Centre for Enfield Music Services Vocal Concert. Holly, Emily, Joelle, Tasha, Kira and our hugely busy and talented Year 8 vocal group sang their solos - so professionally - in the company of musical peers from all around Enfield. What a lovely experience to perform in a professional concert venue. What was even more heartwarming was the enthusiastic support all the vocalists gave each other as audience members.

St. Ignatius Summer Concert



18 students rehearsed for the St. Ignatius Summer Concert on 4th July, with 9 string players from KS3, plus 9 choir singers joining with their St Ignatius counterparts. What a thrill for our string players to combine with the woodwind and lower string sections performing orchestral greats. And what a truly effective blend of girls and boys voices singing the two songs. The second song, *Jazz Cantate*, was accompanied by saxophone, drums, bass and electric guitar – what sleek sounds, what joy...

And we are so glad that our Year 10 Band *unHINGED* took part in Restore the Music's *Battle of the Bands*, which took place at Skinners Academy alongside 16 other bands from all over London. Our girls nailed it, made new friends, and re-affirmed themselves as the school's very own girl band!

A huge thank you to everyone that has contributed to and supported these musical activities. At the heart of this is our community of wonderful, talented and musical young people. Thank you and congratulations – your joy and exuberance inspires us all! Keep it up.

Donated Guitar

On Friday 14th July, we were visited by Bernie Lappage, former Mayor of Enfield, ex-student and friend of the school. Bernie is the Chair of an Enfield based charity – *Enfield Sounds Great* (ESG) and has gifted St. Anne's Music Department this beautiful guitar, which was originally donated by Anthony Fisher to ESG.

We are excited to make this guitar available to students studying Music next academic year.



UK Maths Trust Challenge



Congratulations to all of the students from Year 7 and Year 8 that participated in the Junior Maths Challenge in April. The results were outstanding from both year groups.

Fantastic maths problem solving skills were shown by all of the students and, in particular, the certificate winners.

Bronze Certificate Winners:

Year 7 - Jewel Jomy, Romina Roman and Subhana Uddin; Year 8 - Victoria Alvear Gomez, Gabija Balandyte, Abigail Daniel, Avni Hurwanth, Michelle Ibeabuchi, Zion Semuju, Adiva Shahid and Maya Uddin.

Silver Certificate Winners:

Year 7 - Hania Boodhoo, Rania Bukhari, Chiara Coco, Uyou Guo, Angella Kurucova, Aarna Lutchmiah, Amelia Maciejewska and Isla O'Neill-McAuliffe; Year 8 - Aleksandra Adamek, Janelle Prempeh-Brifu and Pranavi Srisankaran.

Gold Certificate Winners:

Year 7 - Leisha Karthi; Year 8 - Vaargini Srikanthan and Anika Suhendra.

Huge congratulations to you all!

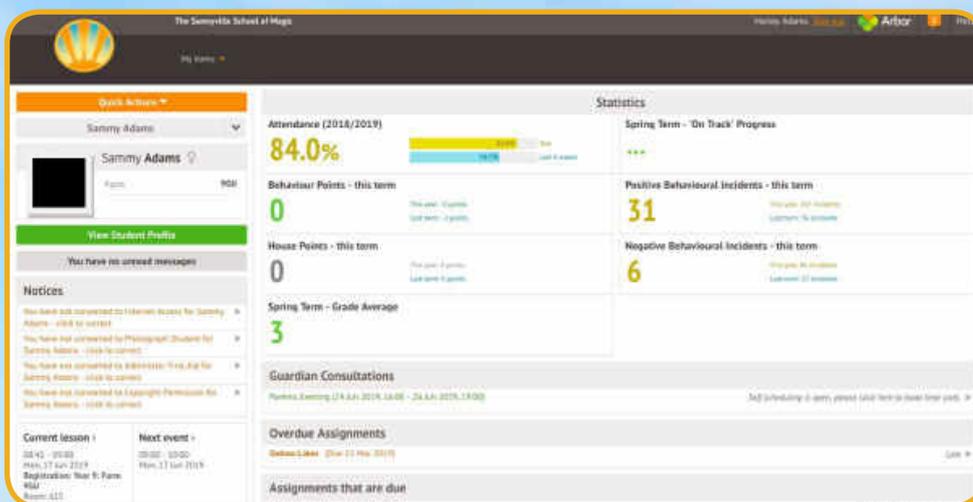


Parent Portal and Arbor App

Over the summer, the school is replacing its Management Information System with a fully integrated Parent Portal.

This is a fantastic app - linking to your computer/mobile - that lets the primary parent/carer (called Guardian) to log in and see a variety of information about their daughter/s.

Using the Parent Portal, parents/carers can book consultation slots, register their daughter/s for clubs, update information about their daughter/s, thus removing the need for sign-up sheets and data collection forms. Parents/carers can also use it to check in on their daughter's attendance, behaviour and academic progress. An example of the main page, once logged in, is shown above.



Please note, the Parent Portal is accessed via the unique email address for each parent or carer and differs from the Student Portal. As the functionalities are different, it is important that parents and carers must not share the Parent Portal logins with students.

P.E. Department News

Golf

In June, seven students from Year 8 and 9 were selected to lead at a golf event for local primary schools. The girls showed maturity and enthusiasm as they engaged, instructed and assisted Year 4 students around a circuit of activities at Bush Hill Park Golf Club. The younger children loved our girls and the teachers couldn't believe they were just 13 and 14 years old! We are very proud of you!



Nottingham Tennis Trip

Four Tennis participants (Nicole Kurankye, Amelia Kilkenny, Nikita Hood and Soliana Mitke) had the opportunity to attend The Rothesay Open in Nottingham in June. This trip was funded by Greenhouse and we were gifted complimentary tickets from the LTA. One of our students, Nicole Kurankye, was given the honour of tossing the coin before the day's opening game on centre court, which included the Ladies British #1 Katie Boulter! The girls had a great time watching live tennis and meeting players, and had a group photo with Katie Boulter after she had played on one of the practice courts (see right). It was an amazing experience, and we look forward to more Greenhouse tennis trips in the future!



LTA Schools Youth League

During the last term, the LTA Schools Youth Tennis League commenced, and this year we entered two teams from both age groups (Year 7/8 and Year 9/10). For all the girls, this was the first experience they had of playing tennis matches. The girls performed remarkably well in all the fixtures, and it was great to see them putting all their hard work in training during school time and after school clubs into practice in their fixtures. Our Year 7/8 teams all performed really well – they were extremely unlucky to lose two matches on a



“super tie break”, otherwise they would've had two wins from their three fixtures! Our Year 9/10 team (Zaynab Baig, Esther Okafor, Tiyana Hamilton, Kaylee Dumlao) performed extremely well and pulled off a sensational result to get our first ever win as a team against Mill Hill private school! Well done, girls.

LTA Level 1 – Assistant Coach Course

In July, two of our Year 11 students, Isabelle O'Connell and Emeka Dawkins started their LTA Level 1 coaching course, run by Greenhouse Sports and is provided free of charge. The course usually costs £250.00, so it's been a fantastic opportunity for both girls to be involved. After the completion of the course, the girls will be officially qualified to help assist tennis coaches at clubs or schools – this is a great way to earn their first wage and also provides them with a massive career opportunity once they have left school. This is also the first level on the tennis coaching ladder so it will also allow them to build on this and progress further. Good luck to the girls on the completion of their course and I'm sure they will be back at St. Anne's to assist with the Greenhouse Tennis programme in the near future!

Looking Ahead - Tennis Programme Events This Summer

- Norfolk Summer Residential Trip – six students will attend in Week 1 of the holidays
- Summer Camps – Running throughout the holidays, Weeks 2-6
- Trip to Southend – 15 girls will be attending
- Black Prince's Trust Foundation Fitness Sessions – 10 girls will attend a new gym in Vauxhall during the 6 weeks
- A Girls only Sports Festival Day at St. Paul's Way School – all girls are encouraged to attend!

Borough Athletics Championships



Last week, our Athletics team took part in the Borough Athletics Championships at Lea Valley Stadium, becoming borough champions for the second successive year. Year 7-10 girls represented the school in a positive and very professional manner. We are extremely proud of them. St. Anne's are officially the 2023 Borough Athletics Champions!

YEAR 7 MEDALLISTS	Event	Placing	Time/Distance
Jade-Alexis Martins	70M Hurdles	Gold	13.2
Chancey Belo	Javelin	Gold	20.19
Nicole Kurankye	Discus	Silver	15.68
Charlotte Rogers	Long Jump	Silver	3.89
Janae Akarovwe	100m	Bronze	14.65
Victoria Okorie	200m	Bronze	30.2
Janae Akarovwe	Relay	Gold	59.2
Victoria Okorie	Relay	Gold	59.2
Gabriella Nnadozie	Relay	Gold	59.2
Pretty Anokye	Relay	Gold	59.2
YEAR 8 MEDALLISTS	Event	Placing	Time/Distance
Deborah Adenola	200m	Gold	26.72
Seraphina Luscombe	Discus	Gold	16.43
Danita Darko	100m	Silver	14.22
Ruby Mae Adewumi	300m	Silver	49.18
Felista Sseguya	75m Hurdles	Bronze	16.21
Elora Danso	Long Jump	Bronze	3.92
Felista Sseguya	Relay	Bronze	57.75
Deborah Adenola	Relay	Bronze	57.75
Melika Ijomanta	Relay	Bronze	57.75
Elora Danso	Relay	Bronze	57.75
YEAR 9 MEDALLISTS	Event	Placing	Time/Distance
Adaeze Anaeme	100m	Bronze	14.39
Iliana Forsyth	800m	Bronze	2.57
Gisella Rowley	High Jump	Bronze	1.05
Gewelle Baxter	Relay	Gold	55.81
Tara Walsh	Relay	Gold	55.81
Adaeze Anaeme	Relay	Gold	55.81
Giovanna Nnadozie	Relay	Gold	55.81
YEAR 10 MEDALLISTS	Event	Placing	Time/Distance
Clariss Faith Seisay	80m Hurdles	Gold	15.65
Lizzie Omisore	400m	Gold	1.0
Sky Meniru	200m	Gold	27.5
Clariss Faith Seisay	Triple Jump	Gold	9.10
Ann Oerlemans	High Jump	Gold	1.35
Olive Oluigbo	Discus	Silver	19.70
Izzy Palombo	Javelin	Bronze	14.3
Lizzie Omisore	Relay	Gold	54.79
Sky Meniru	Relay	Gold	54.79
Dulcie Danso	Relay	Gold	54.79
Lucie Guinevan	Relay	Gold	54.79

St. Anne's Out and About!

Geography Trip to Whitstable

A group of Year 12 'A' Level geography students visited this coastal town in Kent to carry out field work investigations about issues affecting this coastal environment. The excitement of measuring and analysing beach pebbles was only bettered by the glorious weather. It was difficult to distinguish the lobsters on the lunch menu from Mr. Lawless' tanned legs! Year 12, you were a credit to St. Anne's.



London School of Economics

On 14th June, 19 Year 7s attended a workshop at the London School of Economics as part of the *Mapping People & Change* exhibition. They worked with an academic who studies city growth and conflict in cities. The girls participated in a walk around Central London looking for evidence of conflict and inequality and were asked to think about cities, who can use the space and how, what kind of difficulties they see, and what they would change. This was a great opportunity to see how Geography and History is researched at university level.

Year 10 Normandy Trip

43 Year 10s attended the History/French trip to Normandy. On the trip, students experienced French culture, exploring towns such as Bayeux and Honfleur, while also trying out their French speaking skills. Students also enjoyed a range of historical experiences which linked very closely to their GCSE curriculum, including visiting the Bayeux Tapestry, multiple Normandy landing beaches and going to the Normandy World Wars Museum.

"The Normandy trip was amazing! We had a great time, not only to brush up our French skills but to learn facts and walk through Historical monuments which made its mark on today's society. It was the perfect mix of enjoyment and education. I would go back 1000 times over!!!!!" **Tatyana, student**



Year 12 Politics and History

Year 12 Politics students went for a tour of the Houses of Parliament, including seeing both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and spotting multiple MPs during the trip.

Year 12 History visited the Imperial War Museum, and looked at exhibitions about both World Wars and the Holocaust. They read firsthand accounts of people's experiences and saw original letters and artefacts.



Year 8s @ Tottenham Hotspur FC!



The tree built by our girls



Our Year 8 students meet Spurs club ambassador Ledley King

Following a ten-week programme with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, a team of five Year 8s were chosen to represent Tottenham Hotspur as part of the Premier League Inspires Programme. This project was not football related, but focused on key skills of confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, and communication skills and the final team consisted of Daniela, Gia, Lola, Michelle and Nina. The girls were tasked with creating a social action project and worked in their team to form their ideas. The theme was centred around Sustainability, and the team 'Nature Change' chose the topic of Plastic Pollution as an area to raise awareness about and make a difference. They worked with the school community to execute their social action project and KS3 students paid £1 in support of their Dress-Down Day to raise funds for Friends of the Earth. This raised £370.00.

The team also delivered assemblies and designed a Kahoot quiz. Following this, they hosted creative workshops where students transformed collected recycled plastics into stunning art projects. These pieces were added to a tree, built by the team, which is proudly displayed in the school reception area, serving as constant reminder of the astounding beauty of our planet.

The team worked extremely hard to complete their Social Action Project and we are immensely proud of what they created and achieved. If you would like to see their project video, you can [view it at YouTube](#).

On Thursday 13th July, we attended the *Premier League Inspires Challenge 22-23 Celebration* event and spent the day with nine other Premier League teams and their winning schools. We are extremely proud of the girls for what they have achieved over the last two terms. Thank you to the Spurs Foundation Team for their work and on-going support.

You can find out a bit more about the day by reading the article on the [Tottenham Hotspur website](#).



Lola is interviewed

KS3 Review

The academic year for KS3 students was filled with fabulous opportunities. Year 7 students adapted to their new school, embracing the challenges of their academic journey while exploring a wide range of subjects. They eagerly participated in core subjects and enriching activities such as boxing, Netball Club, Tennis Club, robotics, Craft Club, Gospel Choice, chess, Maths Challenge, Eco Warriors, and First Aid, developing new skills, interests, and a sense of teamwork.

In addition to their academic studies, Year 8 students actively engaged in enrichment activities to broaden their horizons. Opportunities such as Rugby club, Knitting Club, theatre trips, the Greenhouse tennis tournament, and the chance to hear from BBC 1Xtra DJ Natalie D Scott, provided Year 8 students with new experiences, skills, and the chance to nurture their passions. These enrichment activities are so important in their personal growth and development.

Year 9 marked a transformative year as students moved to the Upper Site and selected their GCSE options. Year 9 students also had the privilege of hearing from influential and expert guest speakers. These inspiring individuals, such as author Lisa Williamson and lawyer Helen Phillips, left a lasting impact on students, motivating and enlightening them on their academic and personal journeys.



The exceptional accomplishments of our students were regularly recognised through the half-termly Exceptional Awards, which provided well-deserved recognition for their hard work and dedication.

As the term drew to a close, Key Stage 3 students participated in a celebration afternoon, recognising outstanding achievements and efforts across all subjects. Year 9 students were acknowledged in a special assembly that highlighted awards including Most Improved Student, Most Helpful, and the Headteacher Award, which was awarded to Zaynab Baig (pictured).



It was truly a year of growth, discovery, and celebration for Key Stage 3 students as they embraced a variety of opportunities, received recognition for their achievements, and prepared themselves for the next phase of their educational journey.

Zoom with Deputy High Court Judge



During an engaging session, Key Stage 3 students had the privilege of listening to Margaret Obi, a distinguished Deputy High Court Judge renowned for her Nigerian heritage. Margaret graciously shared her personal background, allowing our students to gain valuable insights into her life experiences.

Following her presentation, our students eagerly posed a range of thought-provoking questions. One particularly noteworthy query was, “**What initiatives or changes would you like to see in the legal profession to promote diversity and inclusivity?**”

Key Dates for Autumn 2023-2024



Thursday 17th August – A Level & BTEC Results Day, 10am-12pm

Thursday 24th August – GCSE Results Day, 10am-12pm / Sixth Form Enrolment, 10am-3pm

Friday 25th August – Sixth Form Enrolment, 10am-1pm

Friday 1st September – Inset Day 1 (School closed to students)

Monday 4th September – Year 7 & Year 12 Induction Morning

Tuesday 5th September – All Year Groups Return (Normal school day) / St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day

Thursday 21st September – Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening, 7pm

Monday 25th September – Year 7 Photographs / Year 13 Pre-Public Exams Begin

Wednesday 27th September – Year 7 Trip to Herts Young Mariners Base – Day 1 (3 Forms)

Thursday 28th September – Year 7 Trip to HYMB – Day 2 (3 Forms) / Year 10 Curriculum Information Evening

Monday 2nd October – Open Evening, 6-8pm Lower Site (School will close early to students)

Tuesday 3rd October – Year 7 Retreats begin

Wednesday 4th October – Open Morning for Year 6 families - Lower Site

Thursday 5th October – Open Morning for Year 6 families – Lower Site

Friday 6th October – CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

Monday 9th October – St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Fortnight begins

Wednesday 11th October – Inset Day 2 (School closed to students)

Friday 13th October – Year 7 Rewards Trip

Tuesday 17th October – Year 12 Photographs

Wednesday 18th October – Year 7 Welcome Mass, 7.30pm, Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. George

HALF TERM: 23rd-27th OCTOBER 2023

Thursday 1st November – All Saints Day Masses

Thursday 2nd November – All Souls Services in the School Chapels – Break & Lunch

Thursday 9th November – Sixth Form Open Evening, 6-8pm

Monday 13th November – St. Catherine of Alexandria Feast Fortnight Begins / Year 11 Pre-Public Exams Begin

Thursday 16th November – Flu Immunisations – Lower Site / Year 13 Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd November – Red Wednesday (wear something red day) -

a day to acknowledge and pray for Christians around the world that are persecuted for their religious beliefs

Friday 24th November – Self-Focus Day (School closed to staff and students)

Saturday 25th November – St. Catherine of Alexandria Feast Day

Monday 4th December – Flu Immunisations – Upper Site / Advent – Liturgies from 4th-20th in School Chapels

Thursday 7th December – Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th December – Carol Service, 7.30pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. George's Church

Wednesday 20th December – Last Day of Term (school closes at 12.20pm)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: 21ST DECEMBER 2023 – 5TH JANUARY 2024

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day

Monday 8th January – Inset Day 3 (School closed to students)

Thursday 11th January – Year 11 Parents Evening



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