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ST. ANNE'S  
CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS

Autumn  
2023

# The Review

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

# Headteacher's Message

Dear St. Anne's Families, Students, Staff and Governors,

Our recent Carol Concert, which was just wonderful, and seeing students engage with the services of reconciliation, really made me feel that Christmas is nearly upon us.

For all sorts of reasons this significant Christian feast has found expression in celebration in the community long before the actual day of the birth of Jesus, we have Christmas parties, Christmas lights, Christmas cribs, Christmas presents. All are indicative that something monumental is being honoured and remembered. We must continue to ensure that these early manifestations of Christmas, including the tinsel, the baubles and all that accompanies them do not take precedence over the true meaning of Christmas. That is about celebrating '...a saviour..been born; he is Christ the Lord'. Remembering and knowing this message should be a constant source of jubilation for each one of us and the true reason for all our celebrations.

While participating in our prayerful reflections during this feast of Christmas the story of Jesus' birth should instil in us not only an immense joy but also a sense of gratitude to God whose love for us knows no bounds. I very much hope that knowing each one of us is enveloped with His love that we are left feeling hugely wanted and needed.

As we hear the words of the Gospel proclaiming the wonder of the birth of our Lord, then like Mary, his Mother and Ann his grandmother, we should treasure these beautiful words from the Gospel of Luke:

*The Angel said to them,  
Do not be afraid; for see –  
I am bringing you good news  
of great joy for all the people:  
To you is born this day in the  
City of David a Saviour,  
Who is the Messiah, The Lord.*

**Luke 2:10-11**

I wish every member of our Learning Family God's blessings this Christmas as we celebrate this extraordinary time within the liturgical calendar.

Much love and thank you for all your support this term.



Mrs E Loveland,  
Headteacher



## Staff Farewells

We thank Ms Mutton, Ms Langford, Mr Ades and Ms Tawfiq who were there in our hour of need. We wish them well in their future positions.

Mr Graham, Premises Officer, who has been with St. Anne's for fifteen years, leaves us having secured a promotion. Congratulations Sir, but we will miss you.

Ms Cotton and Ms Wilks-Harper are leaving to take up different roles. We wish them well in their new positions and thank them for all they have done at St. Anne's.

Ms Mann, Subject Lead for PE, is retiring! We wish this new phase in your life will be as busy, full and rewarding as your time as St. Anne's.

*We give our thanks for all they have done for St. Anne's and wish them well for whatever God has chosen for them.*

# Catholic Life of the School

## Year 7 Welcome Mass

On Wednesday 18th 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. Daniel. 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.

## Year 7 St. Kateri – Christmas Shoe box Appeal

Students in Year 7 were asked to donate unwanted items for children to open on Christmas Day. As a year group we managed to create 19 boxes. Thank you to students in 8.5 who helped.



## Carol Service 2023

Our annual Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 14th December 2023 was a beautiful evening, made very 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: Mrs Stracy, Ms Anderson, Ms Calder, Mrs Darrer, Mrs Davies, Miss Geraci, Mr La Barbera, Ms Montgomery, Ms Petherbridge, Mrs Hartigan, Ms Vevers and Mrs Danneau-Joyce. As always, the decorations were beautiful and added to the Christmas atmosphere in the church.

Along with the traditional congregational carols, Mr Lukosius prepared a beautiful choir and we had stunning small group performances. Our Gospel Choir was led by Salem Tshibambe, a former student and they 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, Fr Patrick and the parish staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George Church who have given us so much support over this term.



# Christmas Hampers



For our annual Christmas Hampers, we have once again 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. Our students and staff were fantastic at donating food and gift items, enabling us to create 34 beautiful hampers across both sites. 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.

## CAFOD Young Leadership Programme



This year, some of our Sixth Formers took up the opportunity to join CAFOD's Young Leaders programme. This programme offers Sixth Formers across the country the opportunity to learn how to lead their peers and younger students to promote the work of CAFOD, to raise money and awareness and to gain transferrable leadership skills and experience gained are transferrable to University applications and their future employment.

The course consists of five sessions spread across the academic year covering leadership skills, communication, project management, evaluation and skills analyses and development.

As part of their commitment to the programme, throughout the year, the young leaders are expected to lead their school community by raising awareness, fundraising, and campaigning with CAFOD. CAFOD recognise that young people can make a huge difference, which is why they want to equip young people to be leaders for social justice in their local and global communities. We look forward to seeing what our CAFOD Young Leaders plan for next term.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day

As a school community, we are committed to putting our Faith in Action. Each academic year, students and staff focus on raising money to support local, national and international charities - and one of that we gladly support every year is CAFOD. This was to raise funds for CAFOD's **Family Fast Day** which is held in October and to stand in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable of our world.

We did this by collecting spare change in our 'CAFOD Pyramid Boxes' and on Friday 6th October we asked students and staff to donate the amount of something they would normally treat themselves to, such as a chocolate bar, donut etc.

We can all be part of helping to eradicate global poverty and building a brighter world. Whatever we do to brighten up, we need to make a difference! We raised £354.00. Thank you all for your generosity.

## KS4 & KS5

### Reconciliation Service

Each Year group is given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Students from Year 10, Year 11 and the Sixth Form received theirs during our Advent season this term. Key Stage 3 students will receive the Sacrament during Lent.

## Immaculate Conception Mass

Forty KS3 students representing St. Anne's and attended the mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. George Church, our local church in Enfield, on Friday 8th December. It was nice to join the local community at mass and to celebrate this feast.

## Morning Masses in the US Chapel for Staff and Students every month

From September and once a month since, we have had the pleasure of holding a special Morning Mass in our Upper Site School Chapel. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Mehall Lowry from St Monica's Church (our local Parish) and lasted only 20 minutes, allowing us all to be on time for Registration and usual lessons.

It is beautiful to start our day with a direct encounter with Jesus through communion and see students and teachers sharing the Word of God and prayers. We prayed for our loved ones and our own intentions, and Fr Mehall offered them to God.



## Y7 Retreats Programme



Each Year 7 form attended a day of retreat with Mr La Barbera, the School Chaplain. The students fully participate in the programme and enjoyed the day. Through the retreats, students have the time and space away from their daily routine to consider important issues connected with their lives, Faith, the world and local communities.

The theme was the community and being together, making the students understand that united we are stronger indeed: 'Stronger Together'.

## Enfield Deanery Meeting



On 10th October, we welcomed the priests of the Enfield Deanery and hosted their monthly meeting here at school. It was a great opportunity for the priests to see the school, meet students, and for us to show our appreciation of how they support us through celebrating Masses and providing the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the students and staff.

## Month of the Holy Souls

During November, Catholics remember and pray for loved ones who have died. Students were given the opportunity to pray for them during school, timing with Lunch Services that took place in both chapels throughout the month.

Students were invited to add the names of any loved ones to a November prayer list. At each service we prayed and remembered our beloved loved ones with biblical readings, poems, prayers, and thoughts.

## ACN Red Wednesday



On 22nd November we supported Red Wednesday in solidarity with people who are persecuted for their Faith. Most churches and government institutions were lit in red. This was our opportunity to support this great campaign. Students wore red ribbons or accessories in their hair as a symbol of Faith and Freedom, and KS3 students wore special red glasses and joined the ACN online assembly for schools. It was nice to see our girls taking action and raising awareness regarding freedom of belief and speech.

# We're an Outstanding Catholic School!



On 9th and 10th November 2023, St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls underwent a thorough Catholic School Inspection (CSI) and I'm thrilled to share that it was a resounding success! We scored a grade 1, the highest grade, in all three categories, namely: Catholic life and mission, Religious Education and Collective worship.

Therefore, we have been awarded **"Outstanding"** as an overall grade.

I am immensely proud to highlight the outstanding dedication and excellence showcased by our remarkable RE department led by Mr Tamale. Their unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional religious education has been instrumental in our school's success.

Additionally, our Chaplain, Mr La Barbera's invaluable support and guidance has enriched the spiritual fabric of our institution, fostering a nurturing environment for both students and staff.

I'd also like to spotlight the exceptional efforts put forth by Ms Geraci, our Marketing and Special Projects Officer. Her events and projects not only bring our school community together, but also showcase the vibrant spirit and values we hold dear. Her meticulous planning and execution truly add depth and meaning to our school's ethos.

A heartfelt appreciation to our RE department, Chaplain, and Marketing and Special Projects Officer for their exceptional contributions. Their passion and dedication have significantly contributed to the fabric of our school's success. Let's celebrate this momentous accomplishment together and continue striving for excellence in nurturing our students. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of them for making this success possible.

The report, which you **can read in full on our website**, included observations on what we do well and what we will do to continue to grow.

Mrs Danneau-Joyce

The following extracts are wonderfully representative of the report:

## Regarding Catholic life and mission:

*"Pupils are very respectful of those of other faiths and none, and there is an ethos of tolerance and a desire to find common ground. The behaviour of pupils is exemplary both in lessons and throughout the school as they try to live out the school motto: 'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly.' Pupils raise awareness and fundraise for a variety of charities including CAFOD, the Catholic Children's Society and Young Minds, as well as hosting afternoon tea parties for older members of the local community. An innovative programme pairs pupils with older members of the community to help them with their computer skills."*



### **Regarding Religious Education:**

*"Pupils at St Anne's are developing excellent knowledge, understanding and skills in religious education. GCSE exam results and value-added are outstanding and demonstrate the excellent progress that pupils make as they move through the school. Pupils are able to use key terms effectively demonstrating strong religious literacy."*

### **Regarding collective worship:**

*"A wide range of services are offered to pupils including regular Masses, services of Reconciliation, assemblies and Lower School retreats. They enjoy these celebrations and recognise that they are provided with a wide range of opportunities to pray. Pupils spoke of their pride and joy in belonging to the Gospel choir and how it allows them an opportunity to reflect upon their faith. A number of pupils volunteer to undertake liturgical ministries including Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and readers."*

Finally, we are including a snippet of the letter from Nancy Conoboy, Chief Inspector of Schools:



December 2023

Dear Emma,

Many congratulations to you, your leadership team, the governors and all of the staff and pupils of St Anne's Catholic High School on a highly successful CSI inspection.

Reading the report provided me with a real sense of what it is like to be a member of the St Anne's school community. What comes through as a real strength is, the depth of relationships fostered between staff and students. The care and nurture provided is the perfect foundation for an outstanding Catholic education. The approach adopted by the RE team ensure pupils fulfil their academic potential at GCSE, whilst being given the time and space to develop morally and spiritually. It was wonderful to read about the numerous and varied prayer and worship opportunities the school provides. The impact of liturgy was evident in the pride and joy expressed by students in belonging to the Gospel choir and how it allows them an opportunity to reflect upon their faith. No doubt your emphasis on responsibility for others will help to build empathetic young women who will make a valuable contribution to their communities and wider society.

As always, it is the sustained commitment of the head, leaders and governors to their vocation that enables all the members of a school to flourish and excel.

The report has now been published on the Diocesan website; it is therefore ready for you to share with parents and to publish on your own website.

# Gospel Choir

## The Kingdom Choir 30th Anniversary Concert



On Thursday 30th November, members of our Gospel Choir had the honour of performing at The Kingdom Choir's 30th Anniversary Concert. Ms Karen Gibson, Director of The Kingdom Choir invited us to join them at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, to perform with them. We performed one of our own pieces - *I Opened My Mouth Unto the Lord* - and then joined in with two Kingdom Choir pieces: *Something Inside So Strong* and *Lovely Day*.

It was a fabulous experience and a great concert to be a part of, with an audience of 900+. Our students were able to observe part of the sound check and rehearsal beforehand, meet with Kingdom Choir members and supported the final song, by joining the audience, dancing and cheering the Kingdom Choir on with huge balloons and confetti.



## Gospel Choir Night Out - Spirituals Choir



On Sunday 12th November, a group of Gospel Choir Members attended a concert with Miss Geraci and Ms Sheaf to see The Spirituals Choir live at KOKO in Camden. It was an amazing evening filled with Gospel Music, 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 concert.

# History

## Secret Listeners Workshop



Trent Park ran a workshop for a group of Year 9s, where students learnt about the Secret Listeners, Jewish German migrants who helped Britain decipher German messaging during the war. Students used drama and primary sources to think and learn about the lives of these migrants.



## Caabu Middle East Talk

A speaker from the Council for Arab-British Understanding came into school to speak to Year 11 and Sixth Form students about Understanding Israel and Palestine.

Our guest spoke about the origins of the conflict, as well as the current situation. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and saw a range of maps and primary sources to support their understanding of the conflict.



# English

## Young Writers Competition



We are so excited to announce that four of our new Year 7 students – Sapphire Ullah, Lily-Rose Grant, Imori Palmer and Carmelita Faoju – have won a Young Writers' Poetry Competition.

The competition, *This Is Me!*, was run by Young Writers ([www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk)). As winners, these brilliant students will have their work published in *This Is Me! The Poetry Tapestry!*

The girls had the opportunity to write about themselves and what they truly care about, expressing their ideas and emotions through the medium of poetry.

### Norfolk Residential Trip

During the summer holiday, 6 girls had an amazing time on a Norfolk residential. They spent a week in an activity centre and experienced rock climbing, archery, zip wire, orienteering, leap of faith and abseiling, along with a campfire and nightly walks. The girls also met Greenhouse Sport participants from other schools. Well done to Zaynab Baig, Zofia Wroblewska, Chanice Mbzena, Tiayana Hamilton, Jocelyne Muanda and Kaylee Dumlao for attending and being really well behaved for the whole trip.



### BPT Gym Sessions

We also organised free gym taster sessions in the summer for girls on the tennis programme – in cooperation with the Black Prince Trust gym in Vauxhall. These sessions enabled the girls to work on their fitness and try out state-of-the-art gym equipment. They had a brilliant time and those who attended all three sessions were given free gym equipment! Well done to Zaynab Baig, Sophia Shadbolt, Wanda Siewic, Sumaya Chin, Lucie Guinevan, Maria Carvalho and Gretil Twum.



### Southend Day Trip

The Southend day trip was a real success last year and this time around we managed to take even more students. The girls had a fantastic day at Adventure Island – they took in all the rides and also visited the amusement park. We are really looking forward to running this trip again next summer!

### Year 7 Red Ball Tennis Tournament

During October, ten of our new Year 7s represented St. Anne's in the first ever Year 7 Greenhouse Tennis Tournament at Lee Valley Tennis Centre in Stratford. The girls displayed such enthusiasm for tennis this term, making it tough to pick just ten girls from the whole cohort. Our two teams performed very well, finishing the tournament in 2nd and 3rd places – a truly amazing achievement considering the quality of the opposition. The other Greenhouse coaches were really impressed with our girls' attitude, ability and fair play. Special thanks to Miss Foster, who kindly took the girls to the tournament and spoke highly of their efforts and achievements. St. Anne's is very proud of how these girls represented the school. Huge congratulations to Maya Farcas, Cynthia Horniak, Elena Pertaia, Esther Hemans, Isla Carrigy, Maddie Hudson, Malaika Umutoni, Nikita Ostapuik, Olivia Luscombe and Prescillia Murden. A big thank you, too, to two Year 8 girls who came to help and umpire the matches – Nicole Kurankye and Nikita Hood.



### Tennis Leader Award

During October half term, five of our students attended a Tennis Leader Award course at St. Paul's Way School. This course was funded by Greenhouse and gave the girls the opportunity to learn and qualify as tennis leaders – this enabled them to learn leadership skills around coaching and also gives them the chance to help out with younger age groups during after school clubs here at St Annes. The girls commented that they really enjoyed the course and hopefully this will be the first step on their pathway to achieving their LTA Level 1 coaching course when they turn 16.

Well done to the following girls for completing this course – Zaynab Baig, Esther Okafor, Wanda Siewic, Nicole Kurankye and Sophia Shadbolt. This means the school currently has ten young tennis leaders as five of our Year 11s completed this course last year: a fantastic achievement!

## Greenhouse Sports Youth Advisory Board

Last month, the school had some exciting news. One of our Year 11 students, Lucie Guinevan, was accepted onto the Youth Advisory Board at Greenhouse Sports.

Being on the YAB means that Lucie will be involved in discussions about everything that Greenhouse does and make decisions and provide feedback. She will be a voice for all young people who participate in the Greenhouse programme, so it is a real honour to be selected onto the board – and a real achievement, too. Lucie should be really pleased with herself. She had to go through a rigorous interview process that included pitching a new idea for Greenhouse Sports and suggesting new ways in which Greenhouse might use social media channels to improve the charity.

We are all very proud of Lucie for this incredible achievement – congratulations!



## Year 7 Rugby Girls are Unbeaten!

The Year 7 Rugby Team played in the Hertfordshire Schools Rugby Festival in November. The girls worked hard, playing five matches. Faced with school teams from Hertfordshire and Aim Academy Enfield, they won three and drew two. Lots of these rival teams were from Years 8 and 9, so we are super proud of you all!

Our rugby coach Tom was very impressed by the teamwork and commitment shown by the girls – and hopes to see some of you joining the girls at training at Enfield Ignatians Rugby Club.

For further information, please contact Tom Mann on 07736 705545.

## Cross Country Team

Nine St. Anne's students from Years 7, 8 and 9 competed at the annual Borough Cross Country Championships at Trent Park in November.

The girls all worked hard on a tough, muddy course. The star of the team is Lottie Rogers, who achieved a remarkably high placing of 7th out of 45 athletes. Well done to Lottie and all our fabulous runners!



	<b>Year 7 Team</b>	<b>Place / 36</b>
7-4	<b>Carmelita Fadoju</b>	21
7-6	<b>Wylette Sansano</b>	29
7-6	<b>Madeleine Hudson</b>	13
7-4	<b>Michelle Njoku</b>	31

	<b>Year 8/9 Team</b>	<b>Place / 45</b>
8-2	<b>Raniesha Roach</b>	43
8-4	<b>Lottie Rogers 2.17</b>	7
8-4	<b>Aarna Lutcmiah</b>	39
8-	<b>Olachim Nnamdi-Rochester</b>	38
8-5	<b>Clara Lyons</b>	42

# Key Stage 3

## Celebrating our KS3 Junior Leadership Team

As we reflect on the past few months, we are delighted to share the exciting announcement made in September regarding our KS3 Junior Leadership Team. This team plays a pivotal role in amplifying student voice and shaping the core values of our school. We have proudly introduced a dynamic group of leaders, each contributing to the well-being and success of our school community. The KS3 Junior Leadership Team comprises dedicated individuals in various roles, including:

- **Form Leaders**
- **Deputy Form Leaders**
- **Wellbeing Leader**
- **Anti-Bullying Leaders**
- **Attendance Leaders**
- **Prayer Leaders**
- **School Council Representatives**
- **Diversity Leaders**

These leaders are instrumental in fostering a positive and inclusive environment, ensuring that every student's voice is heard and valued. Their commitment to excellence aligns seamlessly with our school's mission, and we are grateful for the positive impact they have already made.



## Year 9 Nature Change Team Reward Trip



Following the success of the St. Anne's Nature Change Team last year in the Premier League Inspires Challenge with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, our Year 9 team were invited to attend a Reward Trip at the Houses of Parliament, followed by lunch and a visit to the Premier League Head Office in Paddington. The team worked extremely hard to complete their Social Action Project last year and were voted the best London and East of England team at the July Celebration Event. We are all immensely proud of what they created and have achieved. The team thoroughly enjoyed this reward.

## Christmas Jumper Day

As part of our ongoing commitment to charitable endeavours, we participated in the annual Christmas Jumper Day, a heart-warming initiative launched by Save the Children in 2012.

This was a meaningful opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of children both in the UK and around the world. On this special day, students embraced the festive spirit by wearing their Christmas jumpers and accessories.



## Groove2music

Students have signed up to group and one-to-one music sessions. They can learn a variety of instruments including the drums, violin, guitar and piano.

This has allowed students to build confidence, learn new skills and work with others. SEND students have also been enjoying the music sessions with each other to enjoy and express their musical side.

## Anti-Bullying Week

As we value diversity and kindness, Anti-Bullying Week is a symbol of hope and togetherness, promoting inclusivity and empathy within our community. On 13th November, students were encouraged to embrace their uniqueness by sporting odd socks while raising awareness about anti-bullying. They were also treated to a special guest speaker, who delivered a presentation on bullying and how we can combat it.

Our Anti-Bullying Leaders in the Junior Leadership Team were actively involved in the week's activities, sharing anti-bullying stickers and encouraging students to write message of kindness to each other. Each day, we focused on specific themes:

- **Monday:** Spreading kindness;
- **Tuesday:** Reflecting on how to be a good friend;
- **Wednesday:** Making others feel accepted;
- **Thursday:** Ways to support your classmates;
- **Friday:** Being a positive role model moving forward.



## Children in Need

On Friday, November 17th, we joined hands with BBC *Children in Need* to make a meaningful impact on young lives. This year's theme encouraged everyone to be SPOTacular, offering various enjoyable ways to contribute to the cause. At St. Anne's, we designated the day as a Dress Down Day (non-uniform). We are thrilled to say that we raised a considerable amount of money for this worthy cause. We appreciate the generosity of our students, staff and wider community. Your support has made a difference to the lives of those in need.



## Butterfly Project

The Butterfly Project, a personal development programme run by The Gifted Organisation Limited aims to raise the aspirations and build the confidence of girls and young women in secondary schools across Enfield, Hertfordshire and Essex. It is a six-week programme delivered in schools by fully trained session workers. The sessions are delivered to small groups designed to stretch and challenge pupils. The session workers offer a wealth of experience in working with young people and are invested in their wellbeing and development.

## Year 7 Trip to Herts Young Mariners Base

As part of our transition programme, Year 7 visited the Herts Young Mariners Base in Cheshunt. They took part in outdoor activities including kayaking, raft building and archery. This trip provided students with the chance to build friendships, learn new skills, and gain confidence. The transition to secondary school can be daunting at the best of times, but this trip gave students the opportunity to focus on something fun and adventurous while still developing key skills.

## Boxing Sessions

Students have been working with Edmonton Eagles to work with their boxing coach to build strength, skills and techniques. Students are able to share and express their emotions and for students this has become an outlet and the discovery of a new hobby and sport. These sessions have also built self-esteem, confidence and social skills building new relationships.



## Key Stage 4

# Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!



Sixty students took part in a Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Workshop, spending time learning how to develop a speech on a topic of their choice. At the end of the workshop, everyone presented their speech and some topics included Family, Mental Health, Life Experiences and British Sign Language. Next Term students will be shortlisted and then two will be chosen to represent the school at the Enfield Final.

### Cinema Reward Trip



Thirty Year 10s attended a Cinema Reward Trip on Friday 10 November to watch *The Marvels* in a private screening.

Students that attended received a Golden Ticket invitation as a reward for their Positive Behaviour.

### Year 10 Trip to Microsoft



Sixteen Year 10 students visited Microsoft in Enfield Town for a Careers Insight Workshop. Students had the opportunity to tour the building and hear from Microsoft colleagues from various departments, not just Information Technology.

Emma was lucky to have an add-on to her tour and had the following to say about the trip:

*"I had the amazing opportunity to visit and see the Microsoft office in Enfield. There were many inspirational speakers and experienced professionals. I have always been interested in seeing the behind the scenes of big companies and to see the server and operator room was very impressive."*

# Sixth Form: Enrichment



On 5th December 2023 the Sixth Form Enrichment trip took place in central London. First we walked around Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus and Chinatown before heading to St. Martin-in-the-Fields for a special attendance for St Anne's students at the rehearsal for The Sixteen of Handel's Messiah. We sat right at the front of the church and were 'blasted' with the stunning sound of the soloists, choir and orchestra. After an hour, the musicians showed the St Anne's students their musical instruments and explained more about the work of The Sixteen. Some of the comments of our students were: "I felt so emotional that I kept wanting to cry"; "I had no idea you could make such sounds with your voice"; "When the soloists first started singing, I was shocked"; "I feel like a changed person".

After that we went to the National Gallery to look at three pictures in particular, as well as take a general walk around. We focused on Leonardo da Vinci's Virgin of the Rocks and the Burlington House Cartoon, and Gallen-Kallela's Lake Keitele. One student stated, "I enjoyed looking at all the detail in the paintings as it was a reminder of how authentic and valuable the artworks were. I felt calm whilst I was looking at all the artwork."

Finally, we walked across Trafalgar Square again towards Covent Garden where we enjoyed the festive atmosphere: the tree, walking into the Royal Opera House and looking at the spectacular view from the top of it, which made the students feel excited about Christmas.

## Miriam's Voice Captured!

The Girls' Schools Association publishes a regular magazine to capture Girls' voices. Miriam Ezeagu of Year 13 was tasked with answering the following question in no more than 100 words: "***Do you think boys are treated differently to girls? How?***" Her response is reproduced here.

In the Girl's School Association, the challenge is to break free of those pre-existing belief systems and interrogate why we have certain expectations of boys and girls - because this affects boys and girls on a structural level. I am proud to say that their December issue features Miriam and promotes our School. [Check out this link!](#)



**MIRIAM,  
ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,  
Enfield, London**

***Do you think boys are treated differently to girls? How?***

I've observed that boys and girls are subject to distinct treatment, but this doesn't necessarily equate to significantly different educational experiences. In my experience, girls are domesticated: I am taught to respect authority and be submissive, boys have been taught to command and provide.

Both of us are influenced by societal expectations. However, because of these varying societal demands, my learning experiences have taken a unique path.

We must therefore interrogate why there are certain expectations of boys and girls. By reshaping these beliefs and expectations, I know it is possible to foster more equitable opportunities and experiences for all. In the Girl's School Association, the challenge is to break free of those pre-existing belief systems and interrogate why we have certain expectations of boys and girls - because this affects boys and girls on a structural level.

**[st-annes.enfield.sch.uk](http://st-annes.enfield.sch.uk)**

# Brussels Christmas Markets



36 Sixth Formers went to Brussels on a cultural trip for the weekend. Students visited various Christmas Markets in the centre of Brussels and watched a Christmas light show in the Grand-Place. Sixth Formers also visited the Magritte Museum, which presented the work of the famous Belgian surrealist artist René Magritte. The students also had the opportunity to meet and talk with Nele Sauer, a diplomat working with the European Union about her job and work experience.

# Fright Night at Thorpe Park

Following their Pre-Public Exams, Year 13s attended a trip to Thorpe Park's Fright Night, exploring the scare mazes and tackling the thrilling roller coasters and rides into the evening.

This proved to be a great way to de-stress and have fun with friends – a trip loved by everyone who attended.





# Community Advice Hub

**The Community Advice Hub provides support to North Mid patients, visitors and staff who might need some help with:**

- Money, debt and benefits
- Managing energy bills
- Housing advice
- English lessons and adult learning
- Support for carers
- Community groups
- Council tax
- Childcare, and more!

The Community Advice Hub combines services from Haringey and Enfield. If you contact the Hub you will be signposted to the best service to support you.

For info in other languages:

## Get in touch:

07971 353607 (leave a message)

[ConnectedCommunities@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:ConnectedCommunities@haringey.gov.uk)



Or come and see us in person **Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm** in the Community Advice Hub room next to the restaurant.



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Riverside





# Term Dates for Spring Term 2024

**Monday 8th January 2024** : INSET DAY 3 / Staff Training

**Tuesday 9th January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s

**Wednesday 10th January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s / Start of Spring Term Mass, Upper Site

**Thursday 11th January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s / Year 11 Parents Feedback & Next Steps Evening

**Friday 12th January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s / Start of Spring Term Mass, Lower Site, OLSG

**Monday 15th January 2024** : Year 11 Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Fortnight begins / Year 11 Dress-Down Day

**Tuesday 16th January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s

**Wednesday 17th January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s

**Thursday 18th January 2024** : Year 11 Art Students Trip to Tate Modern / KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s

**Friday 19th January 2024** : Year 11 Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly / KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s /

Year 8 HPV Immunisations / Year 11 Movie Night

**Monday 22nd January 2024** : KS4 Taster Lessons for Year 9s

**Tuesday 23rd January 2024** : School Nurse Drop-In Clinic for Students, Upper Site

**Thursday 25th January 2024** : Year 9 Parents Evening

**Monday 29th January 2024** : National Story Telling Week Begins

**Tuesday 30th January 2024** : Music Festival, 6pm Upper Site

**Thursday 1st February 2024** : Year 8 & Head Girl Team Photographs / Year 9 Pathways Evening /

**Friday 2nd February 2024** : Years 8 & 9 Disco

**Thursday 8th February 2024** : Sixth Form Open Evening (2), 5.30pm to 7.30pm /

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Final

## **HALF TERM – 12-16 FEBRUARY 2024**

**GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO ITALY**

**Tuesday 20th February 2024** : GCSE Music Concert, 5-7pm Upper Site

**Thursday 22nd February 2024** : Year 13 Art Students Trip to Saatchi Gallery / Year 12 Parents Evening

**Friday 23rd February 2024** : Lenten Campaign Begins in support of the Catholic Children's Society

**Friday 1st March 2024** : Year 10 Disco

**Monday 4th March 2024** : Sixth Form – Thea Bowman Feast Fortnight Begins

**Tuesday 5th March 2024** : Scholastics Book Fair – Lower Site

**Wednesday 6th March 2024** : Scholastics Book Fair – Upper Site

**Thursday 7th March 2024** : Sixth Form – Thea Bowman Assembly

**Tuesday 12th March 2024** : Year 10 Photographs

**Thursday 14th March 2024** : Year 8 Parents Evening

**Friday 22nd March 2024** : Year 9 Photographs / Gospel Choir Concert

**Monday 25th March 2024** : Year 11 & Year 13 Photographs

**Tuesday 26th March 2024** : End of Spring Term Mass, P1 Upper Site

**Wednesday 27th March 2024** : End of Spring Term Mass, P1 Lower Site, OLSG

**Thursday 28th March 2024** : School closes at 12.20pm for the Easter Break

## **EASTER HOLIDAYS – 29TH MARCH-12TH APRIL 2024**

**Monday 15th April 2024** : INSET DAY 4 / Staff Training

**Thursday 18th April 2024** : Year 9 Senior Booster Immunisations – First Session / Year 10 Parents Evening



*"O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are thy no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."* Matthew 2:6 (esp)

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