

ST. ANSELM'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Half Term 1: 2024



As a result of our work to raise awareness and the importance of Mental Health we have been awarded a 'Buddy Bench'.

A note from the headteacher...

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our students and staff for their incredible hard work, determination, and commitment to learning over these past eight weeks.

A special thanks to parents and carers for their unwavering support, which plays such a vital role in our success.

Together, we've achieved so much travelling across the country for sporting fixtures, visiting places of worship, embarking on History and Geography trips, flying to Spain and Germany, celebrating Mass, attending careers events, fundraising, and most importantly learning a wealth of new knowledge in the classroom.

It's been an eventful term to say the least, and I've done my best to capture as much as I can this newsletter!

I hope you have a wonderful half term,
Mrs Cubbin

Top News

On Wednesday 22nd October Mr Allkins and Mr Cucchi collected the 'Wirral Schools Boys' Team of the Year' award at the annual Wirral Sports Award Ceremony. Huge congratulations to the team!



Prestigious Sports Award for our U-15 cross country team.



Week: 1

We welcomed our new Yr12 students and parents to the College officially with a 'Welcome Evening' event. Yr7 students had a fun packed visit to BHS for an audience with author and TV presenter Alexander Armstrong and we ended the week with our fabulous, bumper packed Open Evening....



Week: 2

Fr. Michael celebrated Form Class Mass in the historic Chapel in Outwood House. Every student will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass throughout the year. Our Rugby teams had a clean sweep against Birkenhead School!



Conwy Castle Visit



Yr8 visited Conwy Castle and explored it's medieval architecture, panoramic views, and role in Welsh history.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS...

The cross-country season kicked off on Wednesday, 18th September, with the first Merseyside Mid-Week event at Calderstones Park. It was a successful start for the College, with the Yr7 and Yr 10/11/12 teams securing wins and over 80 boys competing.



Week: 3

In week 3, Yr7 went on retreat to the Al-Rahma Mosque and Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool. Yr.9 participated in a range of workshops in association with Merseyside Police. Workshops included knife crime, peer pressure, cyber safety, drugs and alcohol and child exploitation.



Over 40 students travelled to Berlin..
'The trip was amazing - we experienced German culture and learnt about German history. We saw many landmarks on our tour such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin TV Tower, KaDeWe and the Olympic Stadium. Overall, it was a great and unforgettable trip' Tom and John Yr10



Yr9 Crime Prevention Workshop



Week: 4

Over 40 students travelled to Madrid then onto Jaen where they immersed themselves in Spanish culture. They visited Madrid and saw many places of interest such as the Plaza Mayor, Puerta de Sol, the Royal Palace and the Cathedral.

Isitamos el instituto Maristas en Jaén y vimos nuestros amigos españoles. ¡Lo pasamos muy bien en el instituto! Por la noche comimos en un bar de tapas en el centro de Jaén , ¡què guay! Mañana vamos a visitar el Castillo de Santa Catalina. ¡Hasta mañana!



We welcomed Yr7 and their parents/carers to a welcome Mass in College.

Thank you to our fantastic readers and singers for making the evening such a memorable one!



Week: 5

Yr11 completed coastal and urban fieldwork as part of their AQA GCSE Paper 3. This allowed all students to experience geography in the field.

We welcomed back former student and Alumni Dylan Adlard, who has successfully completed his training to become a commercial airline pilot at the age of 20! He travels to London in a few days to begin his career as a First Officer for British Airways.

If you are an Alumni and would like to share your experiences with our students please contact me at: headteacher@st-anselms.com



Week: 6



Teams from Yr8,10 & 12 competing in the North West STEM engineering competition, were tested on their thinking and metacognitive problem solving skills!

FOSA met in College to discuss plans for an exciting new corporate and family supporters initiative more to follow....and our Yr13 literature class went on a theatre trip to Liverpool Playhouse.



**Congratulations Alex Kerr
Yr13 – selected for
Ireland's U-18 Rugby
Team**



Week: 6 continued...

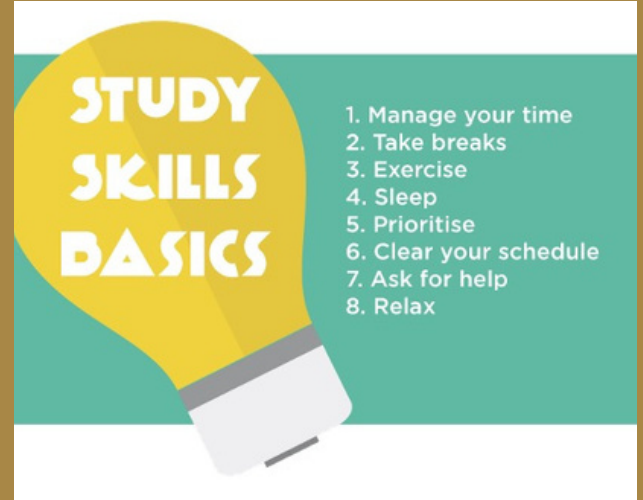
The Yr10 GCSE Art group went to Liverpool to explore the City Centre and the range of architecture. They visited the Pier Head, Albert Dock, Town Hall and Walker Art Gallery. Students recorded the day through photographs and drawings of the varying architectural features.

The outcomes of the trip will form the basis for the two Liverpool project outcomes.



Week: 7 was a very busy week!

- Conwy Castle Trip 2
- Yr11 Study Skills Evening
- English Schools Cup x2
- GCSE PE Nutrition Talks
- Careers Conference x2
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Prevention Team Assemblies
- KS3 Music Debut evening
- Anselmian Association Dinner
- SVP Football Tournament – Harvest food collection
- Yr7 Class Mass
- Intermediate Cross Country team won the first round of the National Cup
- U16 beat Sandbach in the Cheshire Cup
- U15 beat Calday Grange Grammar in National Cup
- U15 Hockey beat Birkenhead
- Saturday Rugby- Clean sweep vs Altrincham Grammar



Yr 7 SVP Charity Football Competition



The fabulous team from the Paul Lavelle Foundation have been in College delivering a three-week workshop with a number of students on the topic of positive relationships and how to manage negative emotions.

We thanked them with a donation of £500 from our charity funds to support the amazing work they do in our community and College. We cannot wait to welcome them back to College, where they will be delivering assemblies to our Sixth Form students.



Our Trained Peer Mentors in Yr13 have built strong relationships with our Yr7 students. Peer mentors support younger students with the social and emotional demands of secondary school as well as equipping them with tools to help develop new friendships.



Congratulations also to our Yr9 Hockey Team who are improving week on week!

KEY NOTICES & INFORMATION

Important Dates next half term:

- 28th Oct - Yr9 Rugby Tour return
- 4th Nov - College re-opens
- 7th Nov- Yr13 Parents Evening
- 9th Nov - Japan Trip return
- 12th Nov - Yr10 Careers Fair
- 19th Nov - 6th Form Open Evening
- 25th Nov - Yr13 Mock Exams
- 27th Nov - Yr11&12 Apprenticeships Fair
- 28th Nov - Yr10 Parents Evening (School Cloud)
- 28th Nov - FOSA Advent Wreath Event
- 4th Dec - Yr8&9 Careers Event
- 12th Dec - Yr11 Sixth Form Experience Day
- 18th Dec - Prize Giving
- 20th Dec - End of Term



Remembrance Sunday

On Saturday 2nd November the annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 11.00am in the Chapel of Outwood House at College. Holy Mass will be offered in memory of Anselmians and Friends of the College who have died during the last twelve months.

On Monday 11th November we will hold our annual Remembrance Ceremony in College, commemorating the 12 Anselmians who died in the service of our country during the conflicts of the past century and all victims of war. The ceremony will conclude with the hanging of the wreath on the memorial plaque in the Hall.

Headteacher's Award Winners...

Our awards this half term focused specifically on students who have lived out the values and 8 essentials of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Eight Essentials of Edmund Rice Education

Congratulations to:

- **Tomiwa Fadij 7B**
- **Nathan Pitts 8K**
- **Daniel Jones 9R**
- **Ashwin Ullegadi 10R**
- **Joel Manuval 11A**

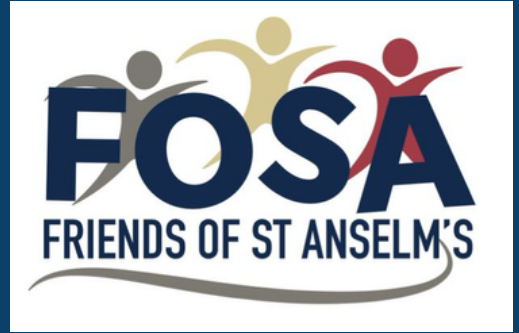


Congratulations to all students who have been awarded their bronze pin for achievement points this half term – you are true ambassadors for the College.

Our attendance % is currently well above average which is excellent.

A polite reminder that **holidays in term time will not be authorised** – 5 days of absence equals 30 hours of missed learning in a classroom. Success starts with good attendance.

FOSA: NEW PROJECT



We would like to take the opportunity this week to share the exciting launch of a new project here at St Anselm's, one that promises to make a real difference in the daily lives and learning experiences of all our students. As you know, schools and Colleges like ours face the ongoing challenge of stretching limited budgets to meet growing needs. Often, we find ourselves making tough decisions on how to allocate funds, and unfortunately, some crucial resources and plans get put on the back burner! But here's where you come in—together, we can change this.

Corporate and Family Supporters Project:

In conjunction with FOSA, we are launching a 'Corporate and Family Supporters' of St. Anselm's College, and our first mission is one that will have a direct and lasting impact on our students: raising the funds to purchase two new minibuses. These vehicles will expand opportunities for our students, enabling them to attend more field trips, music and sports events, we will be able to travel to an even wider range of University Open days and careers events, enriching extracurricular activities. It's about giving our students the best possible experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

What's the benefit for you?

We need your help to make this dream a reality. By becoming a supporter, you will not only contribute to the growth and enrichment of our students, but you'll also be recognised as a key partner in this initiative. Whether through your business or as a family supporter, your contribution will be acknowledged on our website, promotional banners/displays at key events, and through our social media channels, aligning with your personal or corporate values and CSR goals.

Need more information?

This is more than just a fundraising effort; it's a chance to create a legacy of support that will benefit your children for years to come. Every donation, every share on social media, and every bit of involvement counts. You can find all the details on our new website link:

<https://support.st-anselms.com/minibus-fundraiser/>

And be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and X for regular updates on this exciting journey! Let's make this project a shining success—for our College, for our community, and most importantly, for our students!

Congratulations to the Success of our Rugby Squad this half term.
'The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team'



St Anselm's College 1st XV 2024/25 Season



St Anselm's College U15 2024/25 Season



St Anselm's College U14 2024/25 Season



St Anselm's College U13 2024/25 Season



St. Anselm's College U12 2024/25 Season



Congratulations!



**St. Anselm's College U-15 Cross Country Team
Wirral Boys' Team of the Year**