



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

A Mercy Academy committed to excellence

School Prospectus 2026/7

Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer and Students

Welcome to St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. We are a vibrant, loving and nurturing community situated in the heart of Sunderland city centre.

Founded in 1904 by the Sisters of Mercy religious order, we are celebrating 120 years as St. Anthony's school this year. We are an inclusive, Catholic school welcoming all students from faith backgrounds and none. As a Mercy academy we are committed to pursuing excellence for all students, ensuring they flourish in our caring environment in order to fully realise their potential and be the best version of themselves.

Our curriculum extends beyond the classroom and we offer students a rich and diverse range of enrichment and leadership opportunities that fully support them in developing their gifts and talents. This prospectus is designed to give an overview of what we offer, for more information please:

- Visit our website: **www.st-anthonys-academy.com**
- Follow us on our Facebook page
- Or get in touch with the school office to arrange a visit:

Email: enquiries@staga.co.uk or Phone: 0191 5658904

We very much look forward to your child joining our school community.

Kind Regards

Mrs M Lanaghan
Headteacher



About Us

St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy welcomes students aged 11-18 years, of all faiths and beliefs. We are an Ofsted rated Good school with over 1,300 students on roll.

School was originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1904, based on a core ethos:

- Christ centred education
- Faith enlightened education
- Concern for the poor and the education of women and girls
- Building communities
- Pursuing excellence

We are situated in the centre of Sunderland within walking distance of train, metro and bus stations. Our site consists of two historic listed buildings and a state of the art modern building which provides light and airy classroom facilities, ICT suites and sporting facilities.

The school and Sixth Form moved to its current site during the Second World War (1939). In 2017 our school joined St. Aidan's Catholic Boys' Academy in establishing a shared Sixth Form and we now offer shared provision to over 350 female and male students in Years 12 and 13.

We're very proud of our World Class Schools Quality Mark. This is awarded by education charity World Class Schools Quality Mark, whose unique assessment framework assesses the students, not the school, for their demonstration of World Class skills and competencies. The premise is that if the school is truly World Class, then its students should be able to demonstrate this in whatever context they find themselves. To date there are just 140 accredited World Class schools in the UK, all non-selective state schools.

"Pupils know that they are safe and looked after by caring adults who have their best interests at heart." **Ofsted 2023**



Our Trust

We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

We are a catholic multi-academy Trust and currently have thirty schools, five secondary schools (four with sixth forms), and twenty six primary schools (16 have nursery provision). The Trust covers the east part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we have schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Our family of schools work closely together so that can pupils can flourish. As part of the Trust effective transition is supported by our close relationships, and pupils benefit from a shared, progressive curriculum and common expectations. Find out more:

www.bccet.org.uk



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We have
31 schools
in our
Trust

11, 553
pupils in
our family
of schools

1,415
staff across
our Trust



How to apply

Admissions

Applications to school are made via the City of Sunderland application process. Applications to Year 7 are made by 31 October annually for a place starting the following September.

In-year admissions (Years 8 -11) are also made via the City of Sunderland. We ensure that there is a smooth transition from primary school to ensure that students feel confident to commence at St. Anthony's.

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Join us!



Our Curriculum

Students follow a broad, balanced, sequenced core curriculum to ensure every student can succeed.

KS3

- Art
- English
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Modern Foreign Language
- Music
- Physical Education
- Personal Health, Social & Emotional
- Religious Education
- Science
- Technology



KS4

Core subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Religious Education
- Science
- General Physical Education
- Personal Health, Social & Emotional

Optional Subjects:

- Art & Design
- Photography
- Spanish
- French
- Geography
- History
- Sociology
- Music
- 3D Design
- Textile Design

Vocational

- Hospitality & Catering
- Performing Arts (Dance)
- Sport
- Digital Information Technology
- Marketing & Enterprise
- Professional Services Academy (inc. Marketing & Enterprise)

Post-16 - courses

- Applied Law
- Applied Science
- Art and Design (A Level)
- Biology (A Level)
- Business Studies
- Chemistry (A Level)
- Computing (A Level)
- Economics (A Level)
- English Language (A Level)
- English Literature (A Level)
- French (A Level)
- Further Mathematics (A Level)
- Geography (A Level)
- Health & Social Care
- History (A Level)
- ICT
- Mathematics (A Level)
- Media Studies (A Level)
- Music (A Level)
- Philosophy & Ethics (A Level)
- Photography (A Level)
- Physical Education & Sports Studies (A Level)
- Physics (A Level)
- Politics (A Level)
- Product Design 3D Design (A Level)
- Product Design Textiles (A Level)
- Psychology (A Level)
- Sociology (A Level)
- Spanish (A Level)



Let us be shining lamps, giving
light to all around us

Pastoral support & Enrichment

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We provide Individual Education Programmes, co-ordinated by our SEND Co-ordinator for students with SEND. We work with students, parents and carers alongside external agencies to provide appropriate, tailored support so that students make exceptional progress.

Personal Development

In addition to our taught curriculum, we offer a wide range of enrichment, character development and student leadership activities for students to get involved with at St. Anthony's.

The music department offers many activities such as choirs and orchestras and an annual musical theatre production. We also offer Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award to all students. We regularly attend national and local competitions and offer a music tour to a European city. We offer instrumental and vocal lessons which can lead to qualifications.

Our dedicated PE team run a variety of lunchtime and after school clubs including athletics, dance, football, rounders, tennis and trampolining. This gives students the opportunity to reach very high standards and compete for their city, county, on a regional and national level. They also organise a range of cultural, educational and sporting visits both in the UK and overseas, for example visits to Derwent Hill, Wimbledon and water sports centres in France.

Students have the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Pope John Paul II Award, and St Anthony's has Green Flag status as an Eco-School and International School Status.

We run an extensive careers programme with work experience opportunities and external speakers to raise aspirations.



Chadwick's Kitchen

Our award winning in-house catering team Chadwick's Kitchen, provide catering services across the Trust. We use fresh ingredients to prepare healthy and nutritionally balanced meals each day. The majority of our menus are homemade by our chefs in our kitchens.

Staff are trained to accommodate medical diets and work in partnership with parents to ensure these needs are met. As part of the Trust's commitment to sustainability, we regularly review food miles and continue to work to reduce food waste.

Parents/Carers can pay for school meals using ParentPay, and can view meal choices and account balance online. This operates via a biometric (finger scanning) process, improving efficiency and removing the need for cash. Students entitled to free meals are allowed to purchase food to the value of a free school meal allowance daily.

Students also have the option to bring a packed lunch (nuts or nut-based products aren't permitted). Find out more: www.bccet.org.uk/chadwicks-kitchen/



Our Sixth Form

One of only five North East schools in the Sunday Times Top 200 for post-16 provision.
The Sunday Times

St. Aidan's & St. Anthony's Catholic Academies have provided first-rate education for generations of Sunderland's young people. We are a vibrant, diverse and exciting community with a wealth of experience in helping to guide students through to their next stage.

St. Anthony's has had a Sixth Form since 1921. St. Aidan's has been educating young men since 1928. After many years of working together, the relationship was recently strengthened with joint facilities and lessons, allowing for the provision of a wide range of A level and BTEC subjects, giving students an unparalleled range of subjects and combinations to choose from.

What makes St. Aidan's & St. Anthony's Sixth Form so special is our many years of experience. The quality of teaching, the level of pastoral encouragement, support and guidance and the strength of our Catholic ethos. Also our students have their own designated facilities which allow them to thrive. Year 12 students are situated at Gabriel House and Year 13 students at the Briery.

Our Sixth Form has an excellent reputation for high quality post-16 provision. For the last decade 85-90% of students have progressed to University with a third of students accessing the most prestigious universities.

All of this helps our students to develop into well rounded individuals who are prepared to face the adult world with confidence. Visit our website for more information: www.aaasixthform.com





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