

ST.AIDAN'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY



February 6th 2025

The Gospel reading last weekend was Luke 2:22-40 The presentation of the Lord. As part of this Gospel we read about Simeon, who prophesied that Jesus would be “a light for revelation.” As a staff we reflected on this concept of light and reminded ourselves of our Latin motto - Deus Lux Nostra, God is our light.

As we enter the year of Jubilee and consider how hope can permeate our lives, we will be seeking to help all our pupils to enjoy the light that God brings into our lives.

Mrs Whitten, Headteacher



»» CELEBRATIONS

A huge congratulations to Samuel Mc of Y10 as he has been selected to represent Europe in an international basketball tournament hosted in the Philippines. A total of 32 teams will compete for the Championship title in their respective age division. The Fil-Euro program is the first step in The Philippines National team program and is for 11 to 19-year-old basketball players originally selected through the Talent Identification Camps we held earlier in January.



»» ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 22350 (AV. 26.26)

»» PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 6: Harry Baharie (8M)

Congratulations Harry for completing his Bronze Award in Inspiring Digital Enterprise. Harry achieved various badges in Digital security, Problem solving, Animation and advertising towards completing this badge. Well done Harry

Week 7: Ajayi B (7M), Ryan A(8A), Hassan M (8R), Chinonso O (7F), Alex P (8M), Ryan Rahmani T (8M), Alex R (8R), Leon R (8M), Christian S (8M), Arvin S (8A), Zoe Immanuelle Walo (7F) Sebastian W(7R)

For taking part in the Vex robotics regional competition at Nissan. They were a credit to the school and overcame some initial nerves to win the competition coming first out of 19 schools. They needed perseverance, courage and teamwork to achieve a place in the Nationals. We are very proud of you all!

»» WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 2 Week 6: I/so/la/tion

Definition: The state of being alone or separated from others.

In Of Mice and Men, Crooks explains the negative consequences of isolation when he says: “A guy needs somebody—to be near him... a guy goes nuts if he ain't got nobody.”

Cycle 2 Week 7: Me/lan/cho/ly

Definition: A deep, persistent sadness or sorrow, often without a clear cause.

In The Woman in Black, melancholy is seen in the Woman in Black's tragic story, as she haunts Eel Marsh House.



»» MAKING A POINT!



DEBATE AT ST
AIDAN'S

This week we launched our weekly debate initiative. Our family dining experience encourages staff and pupils to sit together and converse on a variety of topics. We believe that it is essential that all of our pupils be politically minded and take an interest in a wide variety of challenging topics. We intend to enter a debate team into the 2026 Oxford Schools debating competition, and hope that this will begin to develop the skills in the boys that we will need for that challenging arena.



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»» ENRICHMENT



Monday

Piano Lessons MU1- Mr Shepherd (£72 per term)	Dodgeball Sports Hall Mr Hutton -
Bronze IDEA Award Digital Enterprise (ICT) 312 - Miss Cain	Badminton Sports Hall Mr Hutton
Chess Club Reading Room - Mr Herbertson	First Aid Club 113 – Miss Reid and Miss Livingston
Camp Craft 111- Mrs Kilminster	Year 10 Football Ashbrooke - Mr Flounders
Football (Year 7 Football) The Limes - Mr Watts & Mr Dunn	GCSE Spanish Club Year 10 & 11 104 – Mrs McKenna
Further Maths (Y11) 210 - Mrs Hudson	Sparx Maths Club 312 – Mrs Smith
History Club 109 - Mr Nunn	Creative Writing 306 Miss Sansom
Homework Club 311, 314	Book to film club 301 Mrs Gardner
Art Club 162 - Mrs Nipper	Handwriting Club 123 - Miss Hodgson
Board Games 207 – Mrs Cooper	Orienteering Ashbrooke Mr Flounders

Tuesday Wednesday

6th Form Badminton Sports Hall P.E Staff
Violin Lessons Music room Mr Nyberg (£72 per term)
Homework Club Room 311, 314
Football with Mo Year 7&8 (£4 per session) Sports Hall
Archive Club Mr Evans in 313
6th Form Fitness Sessions School Gym P.E Staff

Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Robotics Club 164 - Mr Wallace
Drum Lessons Music room Mr Wake (£72 per term)
Dungeons and Dragons Reading Room Mr Richardson
Equality and diversity group 160
Volleyball Club Sports Hall- Mr Flounders
Football (Year 9) Ashbrooke 3G Mr Gray
Homework Club 311, 314
Crisp Packet Appeal 205 - Mrs Priest
Bass Guitar Lessons MU1 Mr Harland (£72 per term)
Gardening Club Briery Mrs Armstrong
MOOC Mr Morris in 225
Spanish Club 106 - Mrs Alonso
Warhammer Mr Evans

Thursday

Basketball Sports Hall Mr Adey & Coach (£1)	Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Maths Enrichment 212 - Mr Mann	Homework Club 311, 314
St Aidan Singers 104 – Mr Payne	Running Club P.E Mobiles - Mr Coon
Careers Champion 103 - Mrs Osmialowski	NEA Master Class Room 401- Mr Morris Year 13
Gym Club School Gym Mr Watts	Science Club 121 – Science Staff
Football (Year 8) The Limes with Mr Hutton	Table Tennis Mobiles Mr Hamilton
1st Lego League – Super Power 166 - Mrs Swales	Rock Band @ The Bunker 4-6pm Mr Payne

Friday

BTEC Music Mr Payne
Cello Lessons Music room Mrs Pearson (£72 per term)
Woodwind Lessons Music Room Mr Toomey (£72 per term)
Football (Y7&8) Sports Hall Mo *£5 a session
Homework Club 311, 314
Rugby Ashbrooke 3G Mr Adey

Daily before school:

Breakfast Canteen
Reading Club Reading Room Mrs Naile

Here at **St. Aidan's Catholic Academy** we believe in a curriculum that the mind, enriches the community and advances the future of our students. Our enrichment programme is integral to this broad and rich curriculum. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:
0191 520 0333

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS OUR CITY...

Youth Almighty Project

Silksworth Youth and
Community Centre
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sun

joanne@youthalmighty.co.uk

Sunderland Community Action Group

Dame Dorothy Youth
Hub
Mon, Wed

[sunderlandcommunity
actiongroup@hotmail.com](mailto:sunderlandcommunityactiongroup@hotmail.com)

Sendai Kushiro Karate

Raich Carter Sports
Centre
Tues, Thurs

sendaikushiro@gmail.com

SK Dance School of Performing Arts:

Tap, Jazz, Ballet
Pennywell Community
College
Mon- Sat

shameen_azel1@hotmail.com

Archery Marine Walk

mike@sunmac.org.uk

Beginners Boxing

25 Falkland Road,
Sunderland
Mon, Wed

marie.mould@lpsych.com

COSTS

Please contact the
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Basketball

25 Falkland Road,
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Wed

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Hockey Club

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cox.rosalind@gmail.com

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