



# St Anne's Academy

## Gifted, Talented & More Able

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### HONESTLY, IT'S TRUE!

J K ROWLING WAS REJECTED BY 12 PUBLISHERS BEFORE HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE WAS ACCEPTED.

VINCENT VAN GOGH ONLY SOLD ONE PAINTING IN HIS LIFETIME—TO A FRIEND. DESPITE THAT HE KEPT PAINTING AND FINISHED OVER 800 PIECES. HIS MOST EXPENSIVE PAINTING TODAY IS VALUED AT \$142.7 MILLION.

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The start of 2016 has been busy for our Gifted, Talented and More Able students. Exam preparation is well under way for Year 11 and they are being challenged in lessons so that they are able to achieve their true potential. Information will soon be sent to Year 11 parents regarding study skills and supporting their children during the exam period.

Our students have participated in activities, competitions and workshops all designed to support and extend the learning and development that takes place within the Academy. As always they have done us proud and we are delighted with their success and progress.

As ever, if you should have any questions or require any further information about how we can work together to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Miss V Hallam

**"WHAT MAKES A CHILD GIFTED AND TALENTED MAY NOT ALWAYS BE GOOD GRADES IN SCHOOL, BUT A DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD AND LEARNING."**

CHUCK GRASSLEY



Staff have been keeping a close eye on Year 7 since they started at the Academy in September, looking out for future sporting stars, inventors, performers, artists and literary geniuses! These students have been placed on the Academy Gifted, Talented and More Able register and they were presented with their badges in Faith assembly by Mrs Preece.

39 students were recognised, representing over a quarter of the year group! We are expecting great things from them!



# What's happening at St Anne's?

Kyle Van der Walt (yr 9) and Connor Walsh (yr 8) represented the Academy and Rochdale borough in the Greater Manchester Schools Cross Country Competition on Saturday February 6th. Over a tough course and against top opposition, both boys finished in the top 100 of a field of over 500 boys. A great effort from the lads and an example for those to follow next year!!



5 students from Year 10 Performing Arts, Lucy Flynn, Daniel Whatmough, Lewis Barlow, Jordan Lee Lawrence and Brooklyn Walker, have formed a band working with an external member of staff on a Friday after school. They have been learning new skills and songs to perform as part of a band which they bring into their lessons. They have made so much progress throughout the weeks and they truly are amazing to listen to!



The boys and girls Under 13's teams were successful in the Rochdale Schools championships and will go on to represent the Academy and Rochdale borough in the Greater Manchester Winter Youth Games.

The girls team of Sharon Usuanlele, Kacey Taylor, Katie Hamlin, Marta Korpalska and Bukky Daniels defeated a strong Siddal Moor team in the Under 13's competition by two sets to nil in the final.

The girls showed excellent teamwork, intensity and skill level to win the final and have been practicing hard for the Greater Manchester Finals.

The boys team of Ben Chalton, Connor Morris, Rafael Pizarro and Harrison Lancaster remained undefeated throughout a tense tournament before beating Siddal Moor 25-23 in a thrilling final. The boys came from behind to win the game and have represented the school with pride and passion in a large number of sports this year. They must remain focussed now on the Winter games as they aim to progress past the stage they reached last year.



## ESPAÑOL

By Lorna McGhee (Year 10)

On Tuesday 9th February a group of 17 year 10 and year 9 attended the recently opened Home cinema in Manchester city centre to watch a Columbian Film called 'Gente de Bien' - with English subtitles! The session included taking part in a study session which offered insight into film making techniques, the film industry and the Columbian culture and way of life. We also learned some new vocabulary and phrases to do with the topic of cinema which will help us when we study the topic of film in our GCSE Spanish lessons. We thought that the film was very different to the usual Hollywood blockbusters and the ending left us wondering what would happen next but we all agreed that it was a good experience and nice to spend time with pupils from other schools who also enjoy learning Spanish.





# Artsmark - Inspiring young people through the arts and culture



We believe every child should have the opportunity to create, compose, and perform, as well as to visit, experience, participate in and review extraordinary work. Artsmark can help unlock the potential of children and young people, help to develop character and talent, and increase their knowledge and understanding. That's why Artsmark was created: to bring this ambition to life in every classroom. Awarded by Arts Council England, designed by schools, the new Artsmark award helps schools to deliver a high quality arts and cultural education and provides an excellent way to demonstrate this.

"Raising the aspirations of students that are classed as 'gifted & talented', giving them practical experience and knowledge of career pathways into the creative industries".

The project will enable us to address all of the 7 Arts Council Quality Principles, particularly 'exciting, inspiring and engaging' young people, 'providing personal progression' and 'developing a sense of ownership and belonging' for young people at the Royal Exchange.

On February 11th, 15 Talented artists from years 8 and 9 visited the Royal Exchange Theatre to learn about the behind the scenes production process. They watched a play at the theatre, had a backstage tour and took part in a workshop about how to lead on a creative project. They met members of staff from a range of different production departments including Sound,



Lighting and Wardrobe. The project will extend into the Summer term with sessions led by specialist practitioners. These sessions will help students to achieve their Arts Award Explore certificates and lead a creative project of their own.

We look forward to seeing your creations!



## Exploring Engineering

On January 28th 13 Year 10 Science and Maths G&T students visited Manchester University to participate in an Exploring Engineering Day. They took part in a number of workshops including Chemical Engineering and Rocket Design. They worked in mixed groups with four other schools, looked at STEM careers and visited the University campus. The day showed our students the huge range of careers available to someone with STEM qualifications and the importance of these 'in demand' subjects.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Learning Plan for: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic/subject/area of study to be covered	Target/aim/objective/aim to be achieved by the end of the year/term/semester/term	Time of target/aim/objective/aim to be achieved
1		
2		
3		
4		

Signature of Student

Signature of GAT Representative

## Personal Learning Plans PLPs

Each term students who have been identified as Gifted, Talented or More Able, will meet with the Gifted and Talented Representative in their area of skill to discuss their progress and review their personal learning plan.

These plans contain targets that focus on career development and more general skills, such as presentation skills.

Students have the chance to set their own targets and then meet with their subject teacher to check they are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound). Often subject teachers will work with pupils in setting their targets in the first instance.

This is a great opportunity for students to have really clear guidelines in how to improve work in their specialist subjects, to reflect on and take responsibility for their progress and helps them to plan a clear route for progression in the subjects in which they are Gifted and Talented.



24th February

UK Maths Challenge

25th February

Year 10 G&T Mentoring  
from Manchester University

9th March

Year 11 North Manchester  
Medical Day

10th March

Year 8 Wearable  
Technology

10th March

Year 10 Stock Market  
Challenge

Manchester University

11th March

Getting to the STEM  
of Careers at the BBC

15th March

Year 10 Maths Feast

17th March

Year 7 British Science  
Week Event

March 23rd

Year 9 Manchester  
History