



Headteacher's Update

Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

16 September 2022

Key Messages

At the end of this week and prior to the State Funeral on Monday 19 September 2022, our thoughts clearly remain with the Royal Family following the sad passing of our longest reigning monarch, the late Queen Elizabeth II. The loss will affect many people in different ways, with the vast majority of people never having known anything other than Queen Elizabeth II as monarch and Head of State. I am particularly aware that children and young people who may have experienced bereavement in their families could also be impacted and so am providing a link to the [Child Bereavement UK](https://www.bereavementuk.org/) website as a source of information.

I emailed earlier this week to inform you that Monday 19 September 2022 will be a Bank Holiday and schools will be closed as a mark of respect.



We will be marking the life of Queen Elizabeth II as a school and details will follow on this.

Despite it being a sombre period of national mourning, we have found joy in our first full week of school. New Year 7 students and staff are settling into the rhythms of our school and a feature of the school year has been the focus of the students, and this has been most keenly seen in our exam years.

It was also wonderful to give the opportunity to prospective students and parents to experience our distinctive faith ethos during our Open Evening on Thursday 15 September 2022. It was a great evening, where the student helpers, speakers and performers stole the show, performing various duties such as supporting departments and ushering families around our site. Chrystalla and Thea from our Year 13 leadership team spoke eloquently about their 7 years at St Andrew the Apostle and Chrysanthos and Amalia from Year 8 gave an account of their first year in the school. Our two Year 7 speakers, Tia and Andrew, were quite remarkable,

talking about transition and first impressions only having been with us for 7 days; their confidence was amazing! There will be opportunities for those who are hoping to join us in September 2023 to visit the school during our Open Mornings, which start on 20 September 2022. I would like to thank our staff teams for putting on this event, with some departments transferring buildings, and the site and admin teams pulling together all that needed to be done.

Extra-curricular and enrichment starts in earnest next week with football fixtures, a media trip and Year 11 intervention.

Please do look at our new school welcome video, which captures our school ethos:

<https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/>

And remember to follow us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StAndrewTA>

Best wishes,

Anthony Easton (Executive Headteacher)

Faith- πίστις

CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX FAMILIES AND THE ICON CORNER

One of the distinguishing characteristics of an Orthodox home is its icon corner. The icon corner becomes the spiritual heart of the home—a constant reminder to pray, an intersection between the family and the greater family of saints who have gone before, a sanctuary or rest and renewal in the midst of the world.

Traditionally, an icon corner should be on an eastern facing wall. In an Orthodox Church, Christians pray facing the East for several reasons:

It reminds us of our ancient home in the paradise of Eden. We remember the perfect communion that our first parents Adam and Eve experienced with God while in the Garden, which is described in the Bible as being in the East. We recognize Christ as the Sun of Righteousness, as the light who illumines all men. We face the direction of the rising sun in homage to the eternal Light.

Early Christians interpreted Matthew 24:27 (that the coming of the Son would be like lightning that comes from the East) to mean that the triumphant return of Christ would come from the East. We anticipate this return by facing the East when we pray. However, some houses simply do not have an eastern facing wall available. In that case, it is perfectly fine to locate the icon corner elsewhere.



Here at St Andrew the Apostle, we have established icon stands in all of our classrooms.

Mr M Vassiliou
(STA Spiritual Director)

Dropping off and picking up students from St Andrew the Apostle School

From Tuesday 20 September 2022 as preparation works for our new school building becomes more advanced, the Brunswick Park Road entrance to the school will not be accessible for vehicles or pedestrians; the only access to school will be through the Oakleigh Road entrance. This is to allow the developers of North London Business Park to complete the necessary highways, access and utilities works ready for our own contractor to start work on the school building itself.

This is a significant change and may add to journey times.

Students who walk to school will have to walk around to the Oakleigh Road entrance. Similarly, those who normally get local buses to Brunswick Park Road should get off the bus at the closest stop to Brunswick Crescent or Brunswick Avenue, where they will walk around to the Oakleigh Road entrance.

If you wish to drop your child off at school, please access the North London Business Park via Oakleigh Road, where you will be directed around the multi-storey car park; drop off will take place in the bays in front of the multi-storey car park. Please see overleaf for a map of our site, which indicates the drop off route for cars in green. Space is limited and there will be congestion, please do not arrive ahead of 3.00pm as any waiting before this time may be deemed as parking and has the potential to be enforced by the owners of the Business Park.

Again, I recognise that this may add additional time to your/your child's journey time. Please adjust your travel time accordingly such that your child can arrive at school in time.

To reduce your travel time and to lessen traffic to make the roads near our school safer (and with a view on working towards goals in the travel plan for our new school building), please look at alternatives to dropping off your children on the school site, which is served well by a number of different bus routes. You may also wish to use 'ride and stride', dropping off your child a couple of roads away from site such that they can walk the remainder of the way to school.

If you have any questions, regarding the changes mentioned above, please contact the school through the usual channels.

Anthony Easton (Executive Headteacher)

Year 7 Settling in and Meet the Tutor Evening

Thursday 22 September: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

I am delighted to share with you that the students in Year 7 have made a fantastic start at St Andrew the Apostle School and are settling well. I am very pleased with how they are adjusting to secondary school routines and systems, and the positive attitude to learning that is being displayed in all classrooms and in the extra-curricular activities we are offering after school.

On Thursday 22 September we are holding a Meet the Tutor Evening from 5.00pm until 6.00pm. The purpose of the evening is to give you an opportunity to meet your child's tutor face to face and for us to share with you the expectations for the year ahead, highlight key dates and support you with any initial concerns you may have.

The event will be in the **Building 4** where you will partake in a short presentation by myself, as Head of Year 7 and senior teachers. This will be followed by a 'Tutor Meet and Greet' which will be led by your child's tutor.

Entrance to the North London Business Park will be via Oakleigh Road and parking will be in the multi-storey car park. Please use the middle level and park in the white bays only. Parking restrictions have been removed for parents visiting the school for this event and you can park there from 4.30pm.

The evening will culminate in the sharing of refreshments in the main hall where you will have the opportunity to meet key staff and other parents who will share this journey with you over the next 7 years. There will also be an opportunity to resolve any login issues you have with any of our systems.

This is a key date in our school year and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with our students the excellent start that they have made within the St Andrew the Apostle community.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Nelson (Head of Year 7)

Upcoming Key Dates and Information



- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletter.
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar for upcoming Term.

Upcoming Events

- **School Photographer Visit - Monday 3 October**
- **School Closer – Monday 19 September**
- **Year 7 Meet the Tutor – Thursday 22 September**

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

PE extra-curricular clubs commence on Monday 12th September 2022.

Monday

Activity: All Years Girls and Boys Football

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Bethune Park

***Year 7 to change in building 4 changing rooms. Year 8, 9 & 10 in building 5 changing rooms.**

Tuesday

No clubs due to football and netball matches

Wednesday

Activity: All Years Girls Netball

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Building 5 Playground

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Thursday

Activity: All Years Basketball

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Building 4 and 5 Playground

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Please note students do not wear PE kit to school on the day of clubs. If you do not have PE on the day of the club, but wish to attend, please bring PE kit to change into after-school. Full PE kit must be worn to after-school clubs. If you

have PE lessons on the day of a chosen club, you will already be changed into full PE kit.

PE Kit Message

Students will continue to wear full PE kit to school, on the days of Physical Education lessons. The procedure has been in place for the last two years and has worked incredibly well saving crucial lesson time. Please can you ensure your son/daughter are wearing their blazer and full school PE kit on the days of Physical Education lessons, this does not include any additional garments such as jumpers, hoodies, tracksuits, or inappropriate clothing. All PE kit worn should be in-line with the advertised PE kit list.

Thank you,

Mr Rob Browell (Head of Physical Education)

Homework Club

Homework club is open for all students in years 7 – 11

On: **Monday - Thursday**

From: **3.10 - 3.55pm**

In the **ICT room, in building 5**

Miss K Beddoes (SENCO)

School Photographer Visit

On Monday 3 October Vancols Photographers will be visiting our school to Photograph Year **7, 10, 11 & 12**. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure they come to school in their School Uniform, not their PE kit.

PE kits can be brought to school and students will be able to change into them after the photographs have taken place.

Barnet Libraries



As the new school year starts, we just wanted to remind you of the role libraries have to play, in supporting learning. As well as access to physical books and study space, libraries have a wealth of online resources available to families. The paragraph below can be copied and pasted to include in your newsletter.

Barnet Libraries offer a wide range of resources to support children's learning. It's free to join and free to borrow physical and digital books. Members also have free access to a wide range of digital resources

Libraries also run free after-school and school holiday activities. For more information [sign up to receive Barnet Libraries Discover your Library Newsletter for Children and Families.](#)

For more information [click here.](#)

Barnet Options and Careers Evening

Barnet Options and Careers Evening

at **Middlesex University**, a one stop shop to learn all about education, training and employment opportunities open to you.

Wednesday 19 October from 4:30pm-7:00pm

GCSE Options Presentation, 5:30pm
Post 16 Options Panel, 5pm and 6pm

This exciting and informative event will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about:

- A Levels
- Vocational courses
- T Levels – an exciting new qualification available in Barnet from 2023
- Apprenticeships
- Higher and Degree Apprenticeships
- University
- Career choices
- GCSE option choices



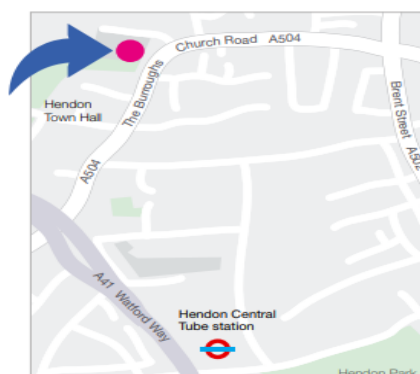
Register here:



Come along to our event and we will help you make the right decisions about your future.

Parents/carers are encouraged to attend with you.

Getting to Hendon Campus, Middlesex University



Accessibility

Hendon Central Underground Station and Middlesex University Hendon Campus are both fully accessible. We advise that you arrive via the main entrance. Steps, pathways and building entrances are displayed on the campus map. Alternative routes and entrances are clearly signposted on site.

By rail

From Hendon rail station – catch the 183 bus from Station Road directly to the main entrance.

By bus

Buses 143, 183 and 326 provide a direct service from the main entrance to Archway, Golders Green and Barnet. These services also provide links to Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Hendon Central Underground and Hendon rail stations.

By underground

Hendon Central station (Northern Line, Edgware branch) is only 30 minutes away from Central London. The walk from the station to Hendon Campus takes approximately 10 minutes. Turn right out of the station, walk up the road to the main junction and then turn right into The Burroughs. As you approach the campus, the Hendon Town Hall and Library are located on the left. Cross the road here and continue past the fire station and you will shortly arrive at the main entrance.

By car

From the North: Leave the M1 at Junction 2 for the A1 south. Turn right at the 2nd set of traffic lights onto the A504 (Finchley Lane). Continue through the next set of traffic lights.

From the A406 (North Circular): Westbound: Take the A1 at Henlys Corner. Turn left at the 1st set of traffic lights onto the A504 (Finchley Lane). Continue through the next set of traffic lights. Eastbound: Take the A41 (Hendon Way) north at the Brent Cross Interchange. Turn right at the 2nd set of traffic lights. Parking is provided for staff and pre-arranged visitors only.



**Come along to: The College Building, Middlesex University,
The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4BT**

Flu vaccination campaign for years 7, 8 and 9



The NHS has written to schools to update them on changes to the national flu vaccination programme. Please see the contents of their letter below:

We have recently been informed that the flu programme will now include the school years 7, 8 and 9 from September this year.

Early information from the flu season in Australia, shows flu has been circulating earlier than expected and has been affecting younger age groups, therefore DHSC has taken steps to include these age groups in the 2022/23 vaccination campaign. Sessions for flu vaccination have already been planned and confirmed for primary schools so providers will be working with you to arrange additional dates to ensure vaccination can be offered to your students. It is likely that this will be from November onward once additional vaccine supply is available.

We would be very grateful if you could remind parents that their children are entitled to free flu vaccination on the NHS. This vaccine will be provided by a school aged vaccination team that visits the school and is given as a nasal spray. This form of the vaccine is very easy to administer and is especially well suited to preventing onward spread of infection. The vaccine protects the child against the four main strains of influenza predicted to be in circulation this winter. Young children catch influenza very easily. Children can spread the infection for up to 7 days, which is longer than in adults, therefore vaccinating children reduces the risk of influenza for family members, teaching staff and other children. In school, children will be mixing with large numbers of other children in a confined environment, which increases the risk of germs (virus and bacteria alike) spreading. Vaccination builds children's immunity to protect against illnesses. Vaccines stop influenza germs being spread, thus protecting the very vulnerable children and those in the wider community who may not have, or may not be able to develop, immunity.

Public Health and Primary Care Commissioning NHS England (London Region)

I will provide all the other text and photos in due course.

Thank you,

Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)

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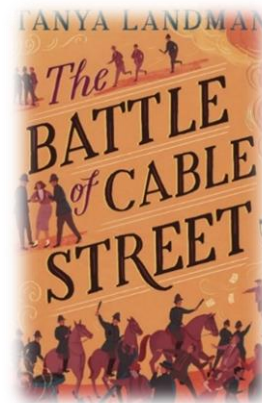
An ONLINE evening with author Tanya Landman

Barnet Libraries welcomes: An ONLINE evening with Carnegie Medal winning author Tanya Landman in conversation with writer Miriam Halahmy, talking about her stunning new book 'The Battle of Cable Street.' Carnegie Medal winning Tanya Landman is the author of more than forty books for children and young adults. The Battle of Cable Street is her latest book.

The event will be held on **Wednesday 28 September 2022 from 7-8pm**, including a Q&A session with a prize for the best question.

Tickets will go live on **Friday 26 August at 9am**

[Click here](#) for more information and to book your tickets when they go live.



Ms Androulla Athanasiou (English Department)

The Gresham Competition



The Gresham Competition: an oracy competition for Year 12 - entries by 15 November

Gresham College is launching a competition for Year 12 students in September 2022, to promote the art of communicating complex information in a clear, concise and compelling way. This year's theme is the environment and sustainability.

Sign up here to hear about the competition (and for other Gresham updates for schools): gres.hm/schools.
Read more here: gres.hm/competition.

The Competition will:

- support the development of oracy skills.
- help students with UCAS applications and job interviews.
- promote a deeper understanding of the environment.
- introduce students to the inspiring research of world-class academics.
- be an opportunity to present in front of academics and professionals.

How to Enter**Choose one of the following topics and please make a reasoned argument:**

1. Who should be responsible for creating a better future environment for the next generation? How and why?
2. What should the UK government do about the environment that will benefit your generation?
3. Who should be most responsible for getting to Net Zero and why?
4. What's the greatest positive environmental change you expect to see in your lifetime?
5. What responsibilities should young people take on to address environmental/climate issues today and why?

Students will submit a five-minute, recorded presentation – the main focus should be the student speaking but can use images, graphs, or other visual props that help explain your points. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to present again in person in London, and there will be three awards (including prizes for student and the school).

You can enter the competition here gres.hm/entryform and upload the video here gres.hm/dropbox.

Guidance and resources will also be provided to help students explain complex issues in a clear, concise, logical and engaging way.

Why Enter?**Benefits for Students:**

1. Participating in the Gresham Competition will help students develop oracy and presentation skills useful for interviews and public speaking

opportunities; it will also enhance CVs and UCAS applications.

2. The entry process is quick and easy, with entries filmed and submitted within 5 minutes. We are not judging the video quality – any camera phone will do.
3. Finalists will meet a panel of prestigious judges including Professor Myles Allen, the physicist behind Net Zero, and climate change expert Dr Jessica Omukuti.
4. Winners will receive cash prizes and medals: £250 gold, £200 silver and £150 bronze.
5. Since 2022 is a pilot year we expect fewer entries.

Benefits for Schools:

The schools of winners will also benefit with priority access to lectures, visits from Professors or senior leaders, and a certificate.

Key Dates

15th September 2022: Competition opens

15th November 2022: Competition closes

30th November 2022: Entrants notified

24th January 2023: In-person presentation at Gresham College (we will cover travel expenses).

Each finalist will have five minutes to present and five minutes for Q&A with the panel.

Three Gresham medals will be awarded (Bronze, Silver and Gold), along with finalist certificates.

Get in Touch

Please do get in touch with our team with any questions via schools@gresham.ac.uk.

With very best wishes,

Dr Wendy Piatt

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Mental Health Crisis Helpline – Reminder

If you're in crisis and need to talk right now, there are many helplines staffed by trained people ready to listen. They won't judge you and could help you make sense of what you're feeling.

- **[Samaritans](#)**. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call [116 123](#) (free from any phone)



- **[SANEline](#)**. If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call
- **[National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK](#)**. Offers a supportive listening service to anyone with thoughts of suicide. You can call the on 0800 689 5652 (open 24/7).
- **[CALM](#)**. You can call them on 0800 58 58 58 (5pm–midnight every day) if you are struggling and need to talk. Or if you prefer not to speak on the phone, you could try the [CALM webchat service](#).
- **[Papyrus HOPELINEUK](#)**. If you're struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling, you can call on 0800 068

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from the **NHS for teenagers and young adults** who need support with their mental health and are coping with bereavement.

[Shout 85258](#)- a free, confidential, 24/7 text-messaging support service for young people.

Support for Parents and Carers- advice and support for you if you're worried about a child or young person.

[Young Mind's Parent Helpline and Webchat](#)

Reminder: During school, students needing emotional support can talk to their Form Tutors and their Head of Year. The following members of staff are also available:

- **Mr C Martin, Deputy Headteacher (DSL*)**
- **Mrs L Cooke, Deputy Headteacher (DDSL*)**
- **Ms D Moustaka (Safeguarding & Inclusion Manager)**
- **Mr N Anemouri (Pastoral Support Officer)**
- **Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Safeguarding Officer)**

*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead.

*DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

These open days provide a fantastic opportunity for prospective applicants to visit departments, colleges, meet current students, as well as tutors.

For more information about [admissions](#) and [open days](#).

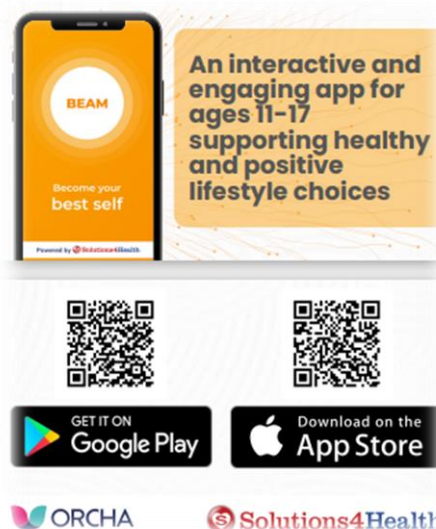
For any students for whom the cost of travelling to Oxford for the Open Days would be a barrier, please contact aaccess@chch.ox.ac.uk to get support.

[Childline](#) – a free, private, and confidential service available for all young people. This can be found on ParentPay as we are a cashless school.

Please note that students should wear their normal school uniform, but are permitted to wear an additional colourful accessory; for example, colourful socks, hair accessories etc.

If you have any questions or would like to offer additional support, please contact Mrs Hammond, Assistant Head or myself, Ms Moustaka, Safeguarding and Inclusion Case Manager.

Solutions 4 Health New Free Apps



BREAKING NEWS: 2 x NEW FREE APPS Available from Solutions 4 Health

- Camp Island (5 – 10 years)
- Become Your Best Self (11 – 17 years)

Interactive and engaging apps supporting healthy and positive lifestyle choices.

The apps are free to access in Barnet as long as the user allows the location permission that pops up.

Please share far and wide..... And enjoy playing