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GCSE Star Pupil 2024



Savan, a Barnet 100 and 200m athletics champion, celebrating a host of A* grades at St Andrew the Apostle.



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Message from the Headteacher

It has been an absolute joy to welcome everyone back to school after the long summer break, particularly our new Year 7s and Yr 12s. I say, ‘Welcome back’, as many of our new Year 7s had familiarised themselves with Building 5 and the PE, Art, DT and Science classrooms on our Summer School. Please see photos of our Summer School for Year 6 and Year 5 on pages 3 and 4 below! In assemblies this week we have been looking at the school values of ‘Caring’ and ‘Trustworthiness’ and the importance of our instilling these qualities as a community, right from the start. In August we celebrated another strong set of public exam grades, with our Year 11s adding almost half a grade of progress per GCSE subject once more and our departing Year 13s achieving the grades to take them to prestigious Russell Group destinations such as St Andrews (appropriately!) and Nottingham University and to places on popular courses for Law, Engineering, Chemistry and Psychology, to name just a few. We are delighted, too, by the rapid progress of our new buildings: with the outside of the Sports Hall already finished we can now see the full steel framework of the main school building towering out of the ground. We can’t wait to show new prospective families round and the Open Evening, on Tuesday 24 September, will be an important part of that process. Thank you in advance to all those students who will be taking part in this important event. Next Thursday evening, I will be catching up with Theo Theodorou, one of our Founding Governors, on his ‘Education Hour’ slot on London Greek Radio – please feel free to tune in!



Philip Hills
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Faith - The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary – 8 September

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe. The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy.

Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Saviour of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren. Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God’s mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen.

The Lord fulfilled their petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life

for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary.

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

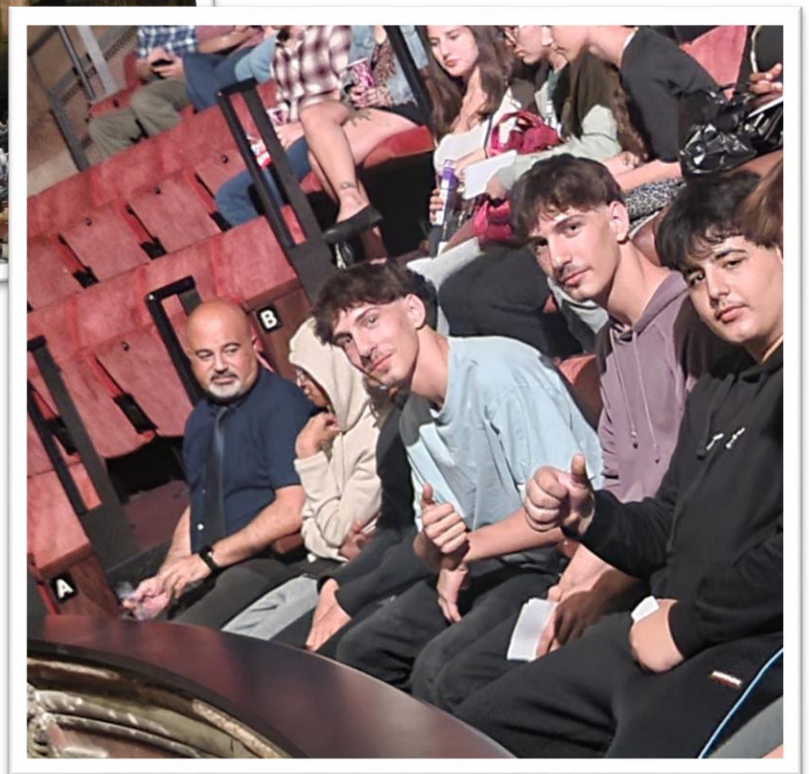
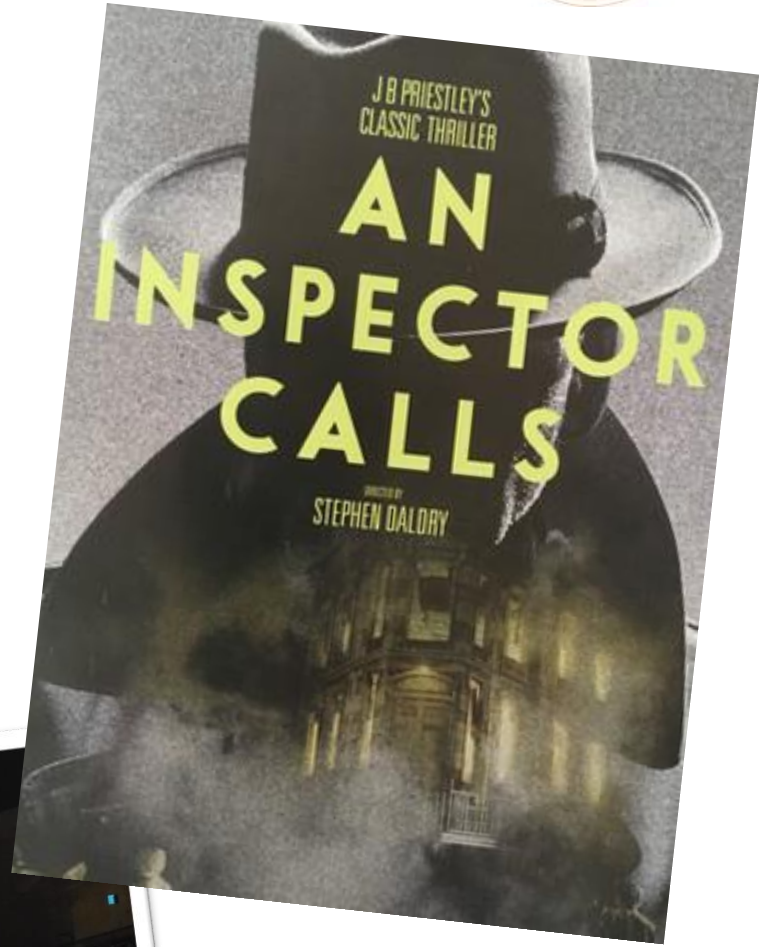


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An Inspector Calls

In English Year 11 started their academic year with the theatre production of ‘An Inspector Calls’ at Alexandra Palace. The intriguing staging and full of mystery and suspense dialogue proved a delightful revision of their GCSE core texts. The performance was also watched by the selection of Year 10 students who earned their place on the trip through their hard work in English last year. All students showed excellent engagement with perceptive comments and analysis of the play on leaving the theatre, despite the evening hours of the performance.

Ms Bassington | Head of English





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Year 7

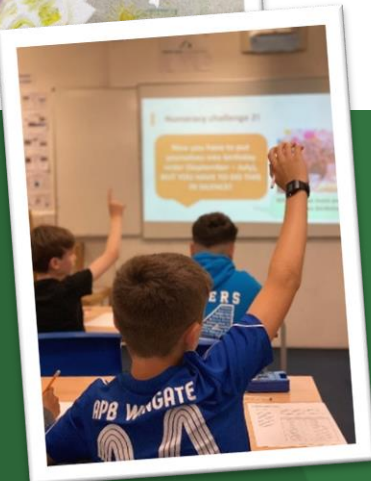
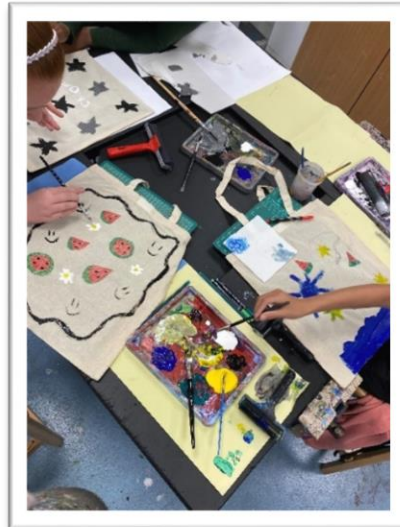


It was our great pleasure to welcome into the St Andrew community our new Year 7 on Wednesday. Parents did their children proud by ensuring they were all here on time and with impeccable uniform and the students made an excellent start to their time with us. There were some nerves which were quickly dissipated as new friendships were made and I have to commend the year group on the kindness they have shown to each other in the first few days, it was wonderful to see.

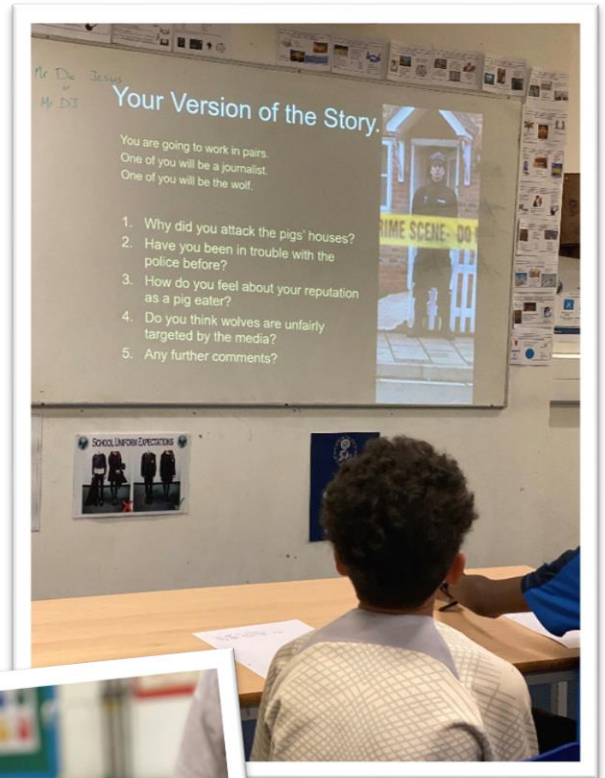
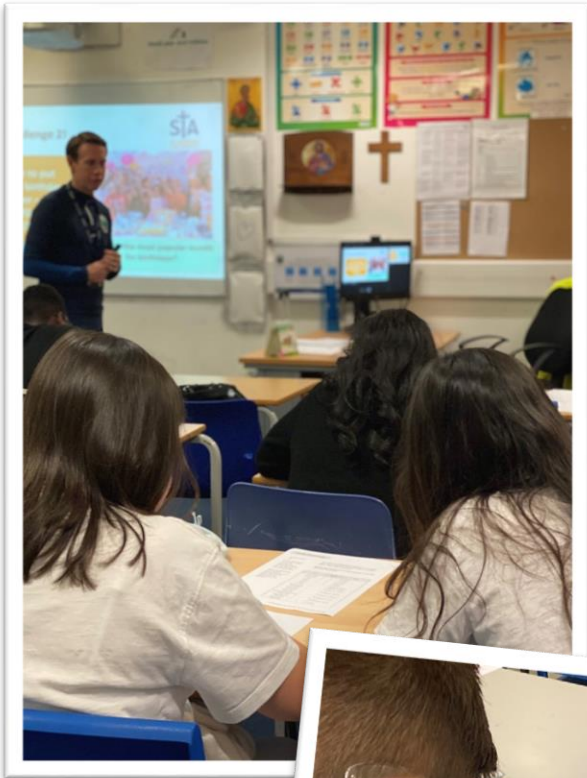
I look forward to seeing all parents and carers at the Meet the Tutor evening which is taking place next Thursday 12 September in Building 4. I look forward to seeing all parents and carers at the Meet the Tutor evening which is taking place next Thursday 12 September 2024 between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Please do check your email for a copy of the letter with full details.

Summer School (24 – 26 July 2024)

We welcomed a wonderful group of Year 6 and Year 5 students to our Summer School in July. In addition to classes designed to enhance numeracy and literacy, the emphasis was very much on FUN with practical skills and problem-solving, from measuring and comparing the pH values of different liquids to creating unique designs for tote bags. Making the most of the summer sunshine, we had a host of sporting activities including some keenly contested rounders matches! We had very positive feedback from the parents of the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who attended, all of whom were awarded certificates and medals to celebrate their efforts.



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PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE TO BRUNSWICK ROAD – NOW CLOSED

Due to the ongoing construction of our new school buildings, it has become necessary to extend the barriers of the construction site. As a result, the school entrance via Brunswick Road will no longer be available. This measure is essential to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff, and visitors, to facilitate the completion of the construction project, and to maximise the possible space for our all-purpose weather pitch. From Wednesday 4 September 2024, the only entrance to the school building will be via the main entrance of the North London Business Park. You can use either Brunswick Crescent or Brunswick Avenue to reach this entrance. We sincerely apologise for any disruption to your daily routine. More information can be found on our website under 'letters'.

Designated Safeguarding Leads
Click below for more information



Mr Martin



Miss Walt



Mrs Viala

Term 1 Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

PE extra-curricular clubs will start on Monday 09 September 2024. Clubs are free of charge to attend.

New feature this academic year – students are required to sign-up to extra-curricular clubs using student portal app. Students click on extra-curricular clubs and select enrol for the relevant club.

Monday

Activity: All Years Boys and Girls Football

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Bethune Park

*Change in building 4 & 5 changing rooms

Tuesday

No clubs

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 Boys and Girls Basketball

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Building 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.

Root word of the week

sub: Latin = below/under)

Submersible (craft for use under water)



Submit (place under control of another)

Subliminal (below the level of conscious perception)



10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators
USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS