

13 September 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

It's been a busy week, at the start of another exciting term. Our football and netball clubs have had training sessions with a view to matches beginning next week. Our new Year 12s are settling well and full of anticipation for their London activities day this Friday. It was wonderful to have our old friends Deacon Gregory and Father Peter back for an *agiasmos* service on Tuesday. I enjoyed walking through the school buildings with them after the service as holy water was sprinkled throughout the school as part of the blessing. Some pupils seemed surprised by their partial soaking, but all took it in good spirit and with a smile! It was wonderful to meet so many of you at our Year 7 new parents' evening on Thursday and there was a real buzz at the prospect of the imminent Gilwell Park trip and a lot of keenness to participate in the Newquay trip next Summer. I am very grateful for your continued good will and all the compliments you have paid to our hard-working staff over the past 12 months. In our most recent Parent Survey 9/10 of you said that you would feel happy to recommend the school: with our Open Evening coming up on 24 September it would be ideal timing to tell your friends about all the good things on offer at STA.



*Philip Hills*  
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

### Open Evening 24 September 2024

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening at St Andrew the Apostle School, on Tuesday 24 September 2024 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. This event is for families looking at their options for secondary school and is intended to be helpful, whether you are at the beginning of the process or further along in your decision making.

#### Event Highlights:

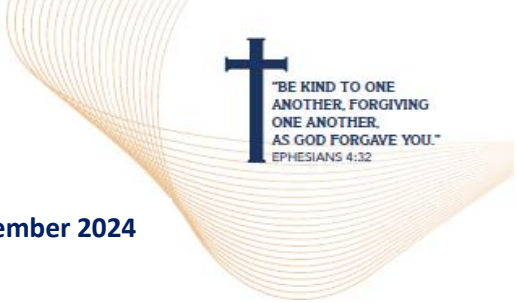
- Hear directly from our Headteacher, students and staff about what makes life at St Andrew the Apostle so exciting and ambitious for every pupil.
- Tour our facilities and meet our teachers and students
- View our ongoing construction and preview the plans for our new £40 million school building, opening for students in September 2025.

Reserve Your Place:

Discover what makes our school the right choice for your child's educational journey. Click the link to secure your spot:

[St Andrew the Apostle](#)

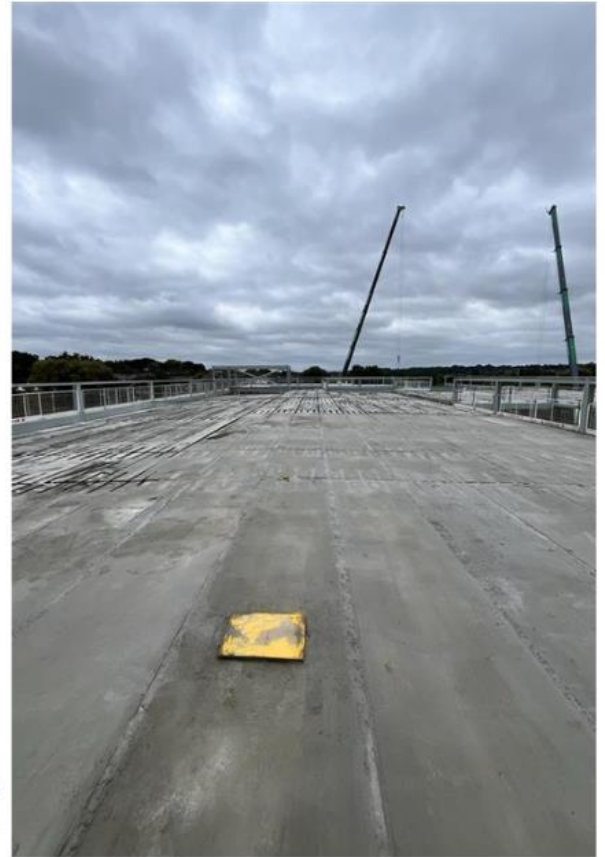




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## Construction Milestone! 🌞

We've completed the steel frame of our new main building!





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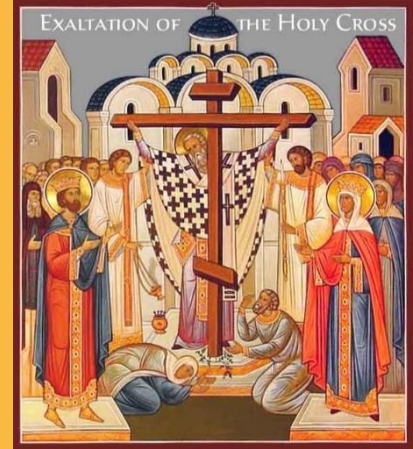
## Faith - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She burnt down the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: "All the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication.



## Photos of Deacon Gregory and Father Peter back for an *agiasmos* service on Tuesday



## DT After School Cub

DT Club is underway! Students are in process of designing and creating cushions. Each term, we launch a fresh new project. This term, our focus is on enhancing student's skillset in textiles, primarily concentrating on sewing, embroidery, appliqué and fabric painting. All year groups welcome and there is plenty of time to join. DT club runs every Wednesday from 3.00 – 4.00pm.

Miss Agathangelou | DT Technician



	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Strategy Club – MA3	All Years Football (3 – 4.30pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3.30-4pm)
Tuesday	Strategy Club – MA3	Homework Club – ICT1 (3.30-4pm)
Wednesday		Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) KS4 Art Club – Art2 Building 5 (3 – 4pm) KS3 DT Club – DT1 (3 – 4pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) All Years Netball – B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.15pm)
Thursday		All Years Basketball – B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm) KS3 Art Club – Art2 Building 5 (3 – 4pm) Y7 STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.40pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
Friday		Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)

**Designated Safeguarding Leads**  
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Mr Martin



Miss Walt




Mrs Viala


**Root Word of the week**

**ad-** [Latin] = **to/towards**


**Adopt** (take up/make a choice *towards*)



**Adjustable** (able to angle *towards* the desired position)



**Adorn** (to add something decorative *to* a person or thing)



### Extra-Curricular Clubs and Timetable


It has been wonderful to welcome so many students to clubs and extra-curricular activities this week.

A reminder that:

- Clubs are free for students to attend
- Students should sign up on the student portal
- Clubs will change each half term

We have attached the schedule for the first half term should students wish to attend.

A huge thank you to our sports leaders in Y10, Y11 and Y12 for their support also.

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



**Live Parent Webinar: How to Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated**  
Tuesday 17 September 6:00-7:00pm



**Family Health and Wellbeing Event**  
14 September 2024  
11am-3pm

**FREE EVENT**

An event to promote health and wellbeing for all families within the Barnet Community

Free food and drink

Access to and information from health and wellbeing services available all day


Free fun activities for children of all ages

- Therapeutic Horse Demonstration
- Arts & Crafts
- Bouncy Castle
- Gaming bus
- Face painting
- Dance
- Glitter Tattoos and more



**Strength and Learning Through Horses**  
Greengates Stables, Mays Lane, Barnet, EN5 2AQ  
(This is an outdoor event and parking is available)

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**YOUTH CLUB**  
**ΣΥΝΑΕΗ ΝΕΟΝ**

**TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER @ 18:30**

BBQ - PICNIC, OUTDOOR & INDOOR ACTIVITIES  
DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

*In the hall of St Mary's Greek Orthodox Cathedral N22 8LB*

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