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U14 Girls Football Fixture vs Bishop Douglas

Our U14 girls played in their first league match of the season last week, against local school Bishop Douglas.

The team was led out by a new captain, Eve B in Y9 for the first time, and as she held the back line in defence well, supporting and directing her team and leading them to a 7 - 0 victory.



The performance was excellent from the start, with Melina making the score 1 - 0 within the first 5 minutes, followed by goals from Tiana K and Emily P before the half time whistle.

The second half started and Melina wasted no time slotting in another, followed by a further two goals, taking her tally to 4. As the team held the ball strong in the opposition half, it wasn't long after Melina exiting the pitch that substitute Sade made the score 7.

The team was a mix of experience and fresh faces as four new faces made their first starts for STA. A huge well done to Lucia, Sade, Layla and Neiva.



We are very proud of the girls, and are excited to see their progress in the league and Borough cup.

Miss Walt | ELT & Teacher of PE

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Message from the Headteacher

It was standing room only on Wednesday night as our Year 11 students plus a significant number of external students gathered to hear from Ms Bicarregui, Ms Koveri and our head boy Giorgio, about all the opportunities and activities on offer for them next year, in our superb new Sixth Form Centre.

As our wonderful new buildings near completion, it is exciting to see that we have achieved another milestone: the TfL Travel Plan Gold Star, which shows that the school has put in a lot of work thinking about how we can make travel to school as environmentally friendly as possible. Many thanks to all the families who have completed surveys and to our School Business Manager, Mr Antoniou, for achieving this award. Please see article on this on page 5 of this newsletter.

Our Year 8 and 9 football team continue to have a strong season and were rather unfortunate only to draw at home to The London Academy last night: better luck next time boys! It was excellent to see our U14 Girls go won better with a resounding win against Bishop Douglas. Team of the week, though, has to be our Year 8 Netball team after their superb 18-2 performance against Compton.

Philip Hills
Dr Phillip Hills, Headteacher



Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Thursday 24 October - Last Day of Term
- Friday 25 October – Inset Day
- Monday 4 November – Students first day back
- Click [here](#) to access Term Dates

Faith – Saint Luke 18 October

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome, where he was a faithful companion.

Luke’s unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke’s writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.



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Sixth Form Open Evening

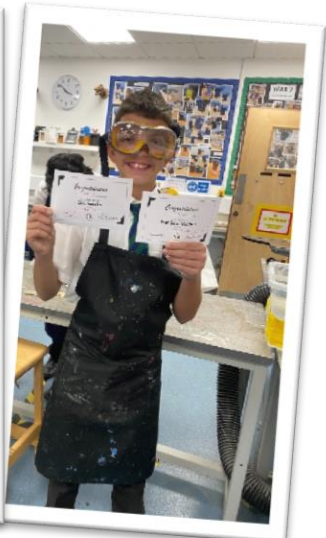
It was a pleasure to meet so many parents and carers at our 6th Form Open Evening on Wednesday night. After my brief presentation about the achievements and culture of our sixth form, our brilliant Head Boy Giorgio and Year 12 students Liana and Kristofar spoke about the advantages of our small class sizes, excellent teaching and support they receive.

Ms Koveri finished by talking about all the trips, extra-curricular and super-curricular opportunities we offer. It was standing room only in the hall and highlighted the special community of students, parents and teachers we have at STA.

To view our course guide and make an application to our sixth form visit: www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk
The deadline for applications is 31 January 2025.



Year 7 students are continuing to earn their machinery certificates in DT!



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Staff updates

I am thrilled to begin my teaching career in Physical Education at St Andrew the Apostle — the very place where my teaching journey first began. Starting as a teaching assistant at St Andrew, I had the invaluable opportunity to observe experienced educators, learn the art of effective classroom management, and witness firsthand the positive impact of physical education. I then went onto the role as cover supervisor, where I led lessons across various subjects, a role that was instrumental in developing my confidence and teaching skills. During this time, I had the rewarding experience of helping manage the Year 8 and 9 boys' football teams to victory in the Barnet Association Cup. This achievement marked the first time in five years that the school had secured a football trophy, and it was incredibly fulfilling to witness the dedication and teamwork of the students who are now the current Year 10 and 11s. This experience ultimately inspired me to pursue my teaching degree in Physical Education, where I graduated from Kingston University. I was fortunate enough to complete half of my placement back at St Andrew the Apostle, working under the guidance of our brilliant PE department. This gave me an even deeper understanding of the importance of physical activity in students' overall development and provided a strong foundation for my teaching practice. I am passionate about promoting health, fitness, and teamwork, and I aim to create a dynamic and inclusive environment for all students. I am particularly excited to continue my involvement in running the football and basketball clubs, as well as participating in fixtures and competitions. I look forward to continuing my collaborating with the dedicated PE and whole staff at St Andrew the Apostle to support students in both their academic and athletic journeys, fostering a love for physical activity and helping each student thrive!



Mr Fowlie | Teacher of PE

Year 7 and 8 Netball v Compton School

Our Year 7 and 8 netball teams have begun their league, and it was lovely to see both teams play at The Compton School this week.

Year 7 played a brilliant game, with an unfortunate score line of 5 - 7. The girls played very well and demonstrated the school value of respect throughout. The goals were scored by Mica and Layla, and Layla was nominated as the Girl of the Game.

Our Year 8 team started the season as they ended the last, **outstanding**. The team put in a stellar performance which ended with an 18 - 2 win.

Aiyla May joined the side in wing attack and had an excellent debut! The goals were split between Tiana and Emi, who are a new attacking pair. Girl of the Game was given to Iffah who played brilliantly in goal defence, making several interceptions and blocks throughout.

Miss Walt | ELT & PE Teacher



Parents: feeling too busy rushing around to find out what your son/daughter is learning at school?

Check out the curriculum

online on our website to find out more:

<https://standretheweapostle.org.uk/curriculum>



Designated Safeguarding Leads
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Mr Martin



Miss Walt



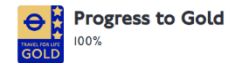
Mrs Viala



The TfL Travel Gold Star is part of the STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) accreditation scheme run by Transport for London (TfL). This program encourages schools, nurseries, and colleges to promote sustainable, active, and responsible travel among students. Achieving the Gold award means that our school is recognised as being in the top 10% of participants, demonstrating a high commitment to transforming travel habits and engaging the wider community.

When a school achieves this Gold award, it signifies that it has successfully implemented a range of activities and initiatives to reduce car use, promote walking, cycling, and the use of public transport, and engage with the community to encourage sustainable travel choices. This recognition highlights our school's dedication to environmental responsibility and helps improve students' health and well-being by promoting active travel habits.

Mr Antoniou | School Business Manager



Join Friends of St Andrew (FOSA)

Friends of St Andrew is a group of parents that provide invaluable support for our school. They need your help to raise funds for specific projects and would welcome more members to give time and help lead the group. FOSA supports many of our events including our Open Evening by offering refreshments and talking to prospective parents. If you would like to be involved in supporting or leading this group, please contact them through the school using the usual channels.

Friends of St Andrew



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Timetable

It has been wonderful to welcome so many students to clubs and extra-curricular activities from the start of year.

A reminder that:

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

[Click here](#) to view 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.



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