



6 December 2024

U14 Girls Football vs The Compton School

The success of our U14 girls in their football league continues as they played The Compton School this week.

The team were led by their captain, Eve, who played out of position and in goal to support the side after an injury. Eve's leadership and encouragement from the back was outstanding from the first whistle.

We were the dominant side throughout, with an early opening goal from Melina, who went on to score another 3!

Tiana who had an excellent match in midfield where she was able to control the play, added her name to the scoresheet 4 times throughout the evening.

A goal from Emily too, meant the match ended 9-0 to STA.

Not only did the girls demonstrate incredible skill, their support for one another and their opposition on the pitch is a testament to their sportsmanship and kindness.

A special thanks to our supporting coaches, Hana and Sofia for their input and motivation half time talks.

POTM: Tiana 🌟 ⚽



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APOSTLE NEWS

As we enter the final fortnight of term, I am delighted to have seen the dedication and enthusiasm within our school. One of the highlights of the year is the preparation for the upcoming Christmas Show. Our students have poured their hearts into rehearsals, demonstrating skill, creativity, and teamwork. I would like to extend my thanks to our staff who have supported this event with such commitment — Ms Walt, Ms Nelson, and Mr Lasithiotakis have worked tirelessly to ensure that the show will be a memorable celebration of the festive season.

I’d also particularly thank Sophia, in Year 8, who came in to rehearse on Thursday during the INSET day on her birthday. Over 50 students came in to make sure the show went well and they all celebrated with a birthday cake and sang ‘Happy Birthday’ together. I am looking forward too sharing the pictures of the show in next week’s newsletter.

Our year 10 students enjoyed a trip to the theatre on Wednesday evening. I’d like to thank Ms Nelson and Ms Walt who, in the middle of rehearsals, gave their time for students to enjoy this experience. Students were howling with laughter to ‘The Play that Goes Wrong’ at The Duchess Theatre in central London and this was a fantastic experience for them.

It has also been a busy week for our students sitting their Modern Foreign Language speaking mock exams. These exams are challenging, yet our students have shown focus and perseverance. I am proud of their hard work and resilience. Their determination to succeed is commendable.

Meanwhile, during our recent INSET day on Thursday, staff have worked hard marking and moderating the Year 11 and 13 Mock 1 exams. This is a vital process that provides detailed feedback to support students in their GCSE Year; these results will be shared in assemblies in school and also on the My Child At School App before we break for Christmas so that students revise over the festive period. The dedication that both staff and students have shown is inspiring, and we are looking forward to share the results. It is clear that their hard work is paying off; however, as we approach Christmas and New Year it's important that students use the skills they have learnt in school on cognitive science and impactful revision strategies to improve further. We know their hard work will pay off ultimately.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the final two weeks’ of term, which promise to be busy but joyful. We will gather for achievement assemblies to recognise the efforts and accomplishments of students. We will also take time to reflect on the meaning of the season with visits to St Katherine’s Church for our Christmas services. And, of course, we look forward to the fun and festivity of Christmas Jumper Day, where we will embrace the spirit of the season and our school.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a joyful and peaceful week.

Christopher Martin | Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Tuesday 10 December – Flu Vaccine
- Thursday 12 December – Trafalgar Square Choir Trip
- Tuesday 17 December – Christmas Fair – now on ParentPay
- Wednesday 18 December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 19 December – Certificate Evening
- Friday 20 December – Last Day of Term (Student dismissal 12.35pm)
- Click [here](#) to access Term Dates



Faith



This week, our school is focusing on the value of forgiveness, an essential part of the Christian faith. Forgiveness allows us to let go of resentment and embrace healing, both for ourselves and for others. One figure who embodies the spirit of forgiveness and protection is St Michael the Archangel. Often depicted as a warrior standing against evil, St Michael is a guardian of justice and mercy. His role reminds us that true strength lies not in seeking vengeance but in choosing righteousness and compassion.

In the story of St Michael’s victory over the rebellious forces, we see an example of the balance between justice and mercy. While he is tasked with protecting the faithful, his mission is not one of destruction but of restoring order and peace. This parallels the Christian understanding of forgiveness—not as a sign of weakness but as a path to reconciliation and renewal. St Michael reminds us that forgiving others is an act of courage, a way to break free from the chains of anger and embrace the healing power of God’s love.

During Advent, forgiveness becomes more central to our lives: advent is a time when we reflect on the coming of Christ, who embodies ultimate forgiveness and mercy. It is an opportunity to prepare, not only for the celebration of Christmas but also for living more fully in the light of God’s love. During this time, we encourage our students to reflect on how they can practice forgiveness in their daily lives—whether it is forgiving a friend, seeking forgiveness in themselves, or simply showing kindness to those around them.

In the coming weeks, the school will be engaging in a variety of Advent activities designed to help students reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Our Advent assemblies, prayer reflections services at St Katherine’s Church, and charitable projects will provide opportunities for students to put their faith into action, guided by the value of forgiveness.

As we journey through this season together, let us remember the example of St Michael, who teaches us to be both protectors of peace and agents of mercy. Let us also keep Father Gregory in our prayers as he embarks on his path of service and may we all be inspired to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ with hope, humility, and forgiveness.

Year 10 and Year 11 Drama Trip to watch ‘The Play That Went Wrong’



Christmas Prayer Competition Runners up

Lord bless us this Christmas with food, family and peace that passes love to each other and not to be rude. I'm thankful for joy and good health this Christmas.

Miguel 7M

Let the blessing of happiness run through our homes, and may the light shine in through the windows with warmth and happiness live through this exciting special day

May the lord bless us with a roof, warmth and good excitement that elevates our spirit, for the special day is nearly here.

Antonia 7M

Dear God,

Bless us with knowledge of appreciation and forgiveness to unbind us from being materialistic and only appreciate life for how it is naturally. Give us strength to persevere to follow the right path and deliver us from evil to good where we rest for eternity.

Amen

Shekvan 7M

Christmas Prayer Winner 2024

To bless our most high God,
Thank you for the food not only to eat but to share, The presents not only to receive but to give,
Family not only to see but to have fun with,
And a smile not only to feel but to spread.
We hope that every parent, child and person gets to experience the joy we have this Christmas.
Thank you for today, yesterday, tomorrow and forever and ever.

Amen

Moneli, Year 7

Gather together with family and friends. May God give peace and joy for everyone.
Let everyone celebrate the holiday and the New Year.
May everyone be friends and have a happy and jolly Christmas and New year.
God Bless you and your family and friends.
Share your love with Jesus and the world.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bobby 7M

O Lord I thank you for a roof over my head.
O lord I thank you for a brain in my head.
O lord I thank you for a lovely family around me.
O lord I pray for a lovely Christmas with my family and friends.
And a great big thank you for me and my family's health.
And thank you for me and my family's life.
To celebrate the season, remember the reason.

Mikey 7M

Creative Writing Competition

Hello from the other side.

I feel like I may have been here before.

I would say I'm sorry, if I thought that it would change your mind.

On a warm summer's evening on a train bound for nowhere...

I want to set the world to rights, but you know, I don't know where to start.

You've stolen lives and broken dreams; no man can be a deity.

Look, if you had one shot or one opportunity, to seize everything you ever wanted in one moment, would you capture it or just let it slip?

Like a bat out of hell, I'll be gone when the morning comes.

Acknowledgements: Lyrics sourced from Adele, The Cure, Hurtsfall, Eminem, Incubus, Kenny Rodgers, Killswitch Engage and Meatloaf.

Songlines

Celebrate writing along with the other five schools in the Russell Education Trust. This challenge gives you some 'stolen' lyrics from songs. Choose one to inspire your own piece of writing and include the lyrics somewhere in your piece.



Two school winners will be selected from each category: Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form. All winning entries will be published in a book and the overall winner will gain a writer's visit for their school.

Your piece of writing cannot be longer than 1000 words it must be submitted electronically as a typed document submission.

Please make sure that you proofread your work carefully.

The deadline for entries is
Friday 31 of January 2025.

If you have any questions as please speak to Ms Bassington, Head of English



Design & Technology

Year 10 students are about to wrap up their tool storage box project, and we couldn't be more excited! Over the past few weeks, they've put their creativity and skills to the test, designing and constructing their own unique tool storage boxes. Each student has added their personal style into creating something that's not only functional but also strong and durable.

From initial sketches to mid-construction check-ins, it's amazing to see their visions come to life.

Stay tuned for the final reveal in a few weeks when we showcase the finished projects. You don't want to miss it.

Miss Agathangelou | Art & DT Technician



Rehearsals underway for our big Christmas Show tonight!



Maths and Reading Leaderboard



Dr Frost – Top 10 users in School

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin Y11	19563
2	Sofia Y11	18028
3	Zara Y11	16567
4	Katina Y11	14807
5	Savan Y12	14118
6	Luca Y10	13811
7	Nicholas Y11	13189
8	Unyas Y11	12691
9	Gabriel Y11	12475
10	Yianni Y11	12135

Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform designed to support students in mastering maths skills. It offers a range of interactive resources, including video tutorials, practice questions, and step-by-step solutions across all key stages. The platform is used for weekly homework, allowing students to practise and reinforce topics covered in lessons. It also provides personalised feedback to help track progress.

Top 3 Students for each year group

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
Year 7		
1	Teshan	8466
2	Ayaz	3677
3	Dominic	2656
Year 8		
1	Tia	7985
2	Aurelia	7296
3	Alex	6740
Year 9		
1	Andreas	11147
2	Alaya	9852
3	Bowen	9611
Year 10		
1	Luca	13811
2	Hana	11562
3	Anna Maria	10267
Year 11		
1	Kavin	19563
2	Sofia	18028
3	Zara	16567
Year 12		
1	Savan	14135
2	Christos	11430
3	Theo	10666
Year 13		
1	Gabriella	11861
2	Natalia	10832
3	Giorgio	8093

For revision, Dr Frost Maths is an excellent tool, with resources covering a wide variety of topics, past exam papers, and challenges to help students prepare effectively for assessments.

Parents can also monitor their child's progress, ensuring they are keeping up with the work and improving their understanding of maths.

This platform ensures students get the support they need to succeed in maths.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader – Top 10 Readers in School:

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Ella	27297
2	Dominic	23624
3	Teshan	22928
4	Anu	9470
5	Mark	9203
6	Alaya	8347
7	Chimaranma	7185
8	Wonder	6821
9	Zoe	6511
10	Lusandro	5814

Sparx Reader is an online reading platform allowing students to regularly read books for pleasure. Everyday reading is not only a relaxing activity, but also allows students to expand their ideas, vocabulary and improve understanding of any text they will face in exams or as adults.

Sparx Reader offers students a choice of books at their reading level, as well as ensuring they read books with understanding by completing check-in questions along the way. The platform is used for KS3 English weekly homework; students need to achieve minimum 300 points each week (this equates to approximately 30 minute of careful reading).

We are very pleased that many of our students exceed this target every week, with some top scorers achieving well above a thousand points a week. Since the launch of Sparx Reader a month ago, our KS3 students have completed amazing 2,060 hours of careful reading and read altogether 753 books so far. Truly well done!

Top 3 Students for each year group:

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Year 7		
1	Dominic	23624
2	Teshan	22928
3	Chimaranma	7185
Year 8		
1	Ella	27297
2	Anu	9470
3	Mark	9203
Year 9		
1	Alaya	8347
2	Zoe	6511
3	Michelle	4989

Please ask your child what they are currently reading, and perhaps you can enjoy listening to them reading out loud a section of their current Sparx book.

Ms Bassington | Head of English

Let's escape into the world of books!

Sparx Readers' Trip

When? Friday 10th January

What? Pottery painting followed by choosing your reward book from the book shop (funded by the school)

How to get an invite? Be one of the top 14 School Sparx reader on Leaderboard on Tuesday 17th December at 3 p.m. Additional 6 places are reserved for teachers' nominations from KS3 classes.



Prefix of the week

co (com/con/col/cor): Latin = with / together

Cohort - a group of people **with** similar characteristics



Collage - a place where individuals come **together** to learn.



Consensus – coming **together** to an agreement



Christmas Gift Appeal

I am glad to launch the school's Christmas gift appeal. This appeal brightens up Christmas for those who are less fortunate than us and is an opportunity of expressing our gratitude in being fortunate, by donating a gift or £1 to our form tutors.

We need to come together as a community along with Young Barnet Gift Appeal and support these people, bringing a smile to their faces on Christmas day!

Olivia | Student 10J

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

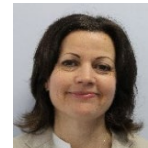
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