

Discover what our wonderful students have been doing in the latest edition of Apostle News. From recent achievements to exciting events, this issue highlights the dynamic individuals making waves both academically and socially. Through engaging interviews and feature pieces, gain insight from the perspective of our students.

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APOSTLE NEWS

OPEN EVENING
TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025
5.30PM TO 7.30PM

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SAVE THE DATE!

We are delighted to invite prospective parents and pupils to our upcoming Open Evening on Tuesday 7 October 2025, a vital opportunity to experience what our school offers. Last year, we welcomed a record number of visitors, and this year promises to be even more special as it will be our first Open Day in the newly constructed, purpose-built facilities.

Visit our website to register your interest and receive updates for this event:

[St Andrew the Apostle](http://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

Don't forget to share with your friends and families.

16 May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

As we approach the final week of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and productive penultimate week here at our school. With just one more week to go before we break up on **Friday 23 May**, at the usual school time.

This week, we were pleased to welcome parents for our **Newquay residential trip preparation evening**. It was heartening to see such strong support from families as we prepare for what promises to be a memorable experience for our students. The excitement among the pupils is clear and we are confident that this trip will offer them not only adventure but opportunities for them to become independent young people.

Another highlight of the week was the **visit by our Year 7 and Year 8 students to the new school site**.

Their excitement was clear as they explored the grounds and caught a glimpse of the future of our school. We are thrilled to share that the **4G pitch has now been fully laid down**, marking a milestone in the development of our new facilities. The students enjoyed being the first students to walk on the new pitch....as was I! This state-of-the-art pitch will provide our students with an outstanding space for physical education and extracurricular sports for years to come.

Meanwhile, our **Year 11 students have made an excellent start to their GCSE examinations**. Their focus, maturity, and determination have been commendable, and we are proud of the way they have approached this period in their academic journey. We know how much effort they have put into their studies, and we are confident that their hard work will be rewarded.







As always, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our students, not just academically but also in their personal and spiritual development. Our school's ethos, rooted in the values of the Church, continues to guide us in nurturing a community where every child is valued, supported, and encouraged to flourish.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful weekend.

Christopher Martin | Headteacher



Upcoming Key Dates and Information

-  **Tuesday 20 May** – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
-  **Thursday 22 May** – Year 10 Reports Issued
-  **Friday 23 May** – Students dismissed for half term break, 3.30pm finish
-  **Monday 02 June** – Students back to school, 8.30am start
-  Click [here](#) to access **Term Dates**
-  Click [here](#) for **last day of term arrangements in July**

COUNTDOWN

DAYS

COMING **108** SOON

OUR NEW HOME



Faith and Values in Our School Community

As we reflect on the value of **responsibility** this week, we turn to the inspiring life of **St Mary Magdalene**, one of the most faithful and courageous women in the New Testament. Often called the “Apostle to the Apostles”, Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the Resurrection of Christ and was entrusted with the responsibility of sharing this miraculous news with the disciples.

Mary Magdalene's story reminds us that responsibility in our faith is not just about duty—it is about **trust**. Christ trusted her with a message that would change the world. She responded not with fear or hesitation, but with faith, courage, and action. In doing so, she became a model of spiritual responsibility for all of us.

In our school community, we are called to live out this same value. Whether it's taking care of our learning, supporting our friends, or contributing to the life of the school, each of us has a role to play. Responsibility means doing what is right, even when it is difficult, and being someone others can rely on.

As we approach the Name Day of Saint Mary Magdalene later this term, let us honour her legacy by embracing our responsibilities with joy and commitment. Let us be inspired by her example to live with integrity, to speak truth with love, and to serve others with humility.

May her life remind us that when we are faithful in small things, God entrusts us with greater things.

Wishing you all a blessed and reflective week.

16 May 2025



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge Success

The results of the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge have just been released, and yesterday our Year 7 pupils celebrated their achievements.

A huge well done to all of Year 7 for their hard work and for pushing themselves by taking part in the challenge.

Special congratulations go to Eli, who was awarded the **Best in Year** certificate — an outstanding accomplishment!



Our Year 8 pupils also celebrated their great Math challenge achievements.

A huge well done to all of Year 8 for their hard work and for challenging themselves by taking part in the competition.

Special congratulations go to Alexandra, who was awarded the Best in School certificate and has earned a place in the Junior Kangaroo 2025 follow-on round — an outstanding accomplishment!

Maths Department

16 May 2025

Science at STA



Year 7 Scientists comparing plants that are pollinated by insects as opposed to the wind. We looked at their characteristics for example how big brightly coloured petals attract insects while being lighter helps others catch the wind. Students successfully found examples of each outside while observing some pollinators in action!



Year 12 Biologists sampling the numbers of plant species in three areas using quadrats. We compared an area that was heavily trampled, trampled by animals only and not trampled by anyone. We found that the third area had the most number of species present meaning it had the highest biodiversity due to the soil being less compact.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science

16 May 2025



Spotlight on the Jack Petchey Achievement Leader Award

At St Andrew the Apostle School, we are proud to take part in the Jack Petchey Foundation's Achievement Award Scheme, which recognises both students and adults who make a positive impact in their school community.

The Jack Petchey Achievement Leader Award celebrates staff members who go the extra mile to support, motivate, and inspire our young people. Students selected by staff and parent votes, this award highlights the importance of strong role models in education and youth development.

The scheme reinforces the Foundation's mission: to encourage young people to believe in themselves and take pride in their achievements. The award also strengthens the sense of community within our school.

We are honoured to be part of a programme that values leadership, dedication, and the power of positive influence.

Time to vote! [Here](#) is the link to the nomination form.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Deadline: Friday 23rd May.

Mrs Bamber | Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO

16 May 2025



Achievement points celebrations at Tea with the Headteacher

In school, students are recognised for their positive actions when staff award achievement points. You can see your child's achievements on My Child At School (MCAS). The top five students were recognised in an afternoon event of Tea with the Headteacher where they too, shared treats and hot drinks whilst speaking about their aspirations and sharing their reflections on their first term. We are so proud of these students and look forward to seeing which students qualify next half term!

Summer Youth Orchestra Course – Organised by BEAT

We're pleased to share details of a brilliant summer opportunity for young musicians, organised by BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust).

Taking place at the ArtsDepot in Finchley during the last week of August, the Youth Orchestra Course is open to secondary school students who are Grade 5 or above on an orchestral instrument. There is a £20 registration fee, but the course itself is free of charge.

Participants will have the chance to work with guest conductor Ammal Bhatia, currently Conductor in Residence of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra, Artistic Director of the Carme Ensemble, and Co-Director of the Enys Chamber Music Festival.

The course repertoire includes:

- *Pulcinella Suite* – Stravinsky
- *Othello Suite* – Coleridge-Taylor
- *Valse Triste* – Sibelius
- *Peer Gynt Suite No.1* – Grieg

This is a fantastic opportunity for young players to develop their ensemble skills, explore exciting repertoire, and perform in a professional venue.

Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead Teacher of Music

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA 3-DAY COURSE 2025

Free Course!
£20 Registration fee

- Ensemble-skill focused
- Diverse Repertoire
- Expert coaching
- Tutti & Sectionals
- Professional Performance

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Year 7 +
Grade 5 +

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th August 2025

artsdepot, Nether Street, London N12 0GA

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16 May 2025

Maths and Reading Leaderboard



School Rank
109th

Points This Year
2,469,677

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin Y11	22858
2	Sofia Y11	18517
3	Anna-Maria Y11	18476
4	Zara Y11	17696
5	Luca Y10	17579
6	Teshan	17488
7	Angelo Y10	16451
8	Katina Y11	16384
9	Yianni Y11	15812
10	Savan Y12	15662

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.

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
Year 7		
1	Teshan	17488
2	Ayaz	8109
3	Dominic	7097
Year 8		
1	Aurelia	10707
2	Tia	10101
3	Zoe	10002
Year 9		
1	Andreas	12857
2	Sufyaan	12160
3	Bowen	11886
Year 10		
1	Anna Maria	18476
2	Luca	17579
3	Angelo	16451
Year 11		
1	Kavin	22858
2	Sofia	18517
3	Zara	17696
Year 12		
1	Savan	15662
2	Christos	12982
3	Theo	12218
Year 13		
1	Gabriella	12782
2	Natalia	11877
3	Giorgio	8732

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.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Dominic	126204
2	Teshan	109285
3	Anu	87000
4	Ella	56832
5	Wealth	48874
6	Moyosoreoluwa	47659
7	Mark	34509
8	Olivia	32483
9	Wonder	30310
10	Anaya	29192

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 min 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 4272 hours of careful reading and read altogether 1 books so far. Truly well done!

Rank	Student	Total SRP
Year 7		
1	Dominic	126204
2	Teshan	109285
3	Wealth	48874
Year 8		
1	Anu	87000
2	Ella	56832
3	Mark	34509
Year 9		
1	Alaya	26631
2	Michelle	25249
3	Paria	19974

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.

Mrs Bassington | Head of English

16 May 2025

Understanding and Managing Anxiety

CAMHS together with Barnet Educational Psychology Team are offering support to families of children who are having difficulty attending school due to emotional reasons.

This groups aims to support young people to manage emotions, particularly worries and anxiety.

Programme details

Structure:

This is a small group programme for year 7 students. A parent group will run at the same time.

Duration:

The programme is for 9 x sessions in total and runs weekly from May 21st–July 17th (excluding school holidays).

Timings:

It will run from 1pm– 3pm on Wednesdays.

Venue:

The Pavilion Study Centre (110 Meadway, High Barnet, EN4 5JX)

The goals of the programme are to:

- Increase confidence
- Reduce anxiety
- Reduce school avoidance
- Reduce family distress
- Improve peer relationships

The Programme has the following components:

- Understanding the nature of anxiety and what might contribute to it
- Learning strategies to manage anxiety
- Helping parents to support their child with their anxieties
- To create a plan to gradually overcome young-person's anxiety
- Learning social skills, engaging with people and learning to interact confidently with peers.
- Learning strategies to build resilience

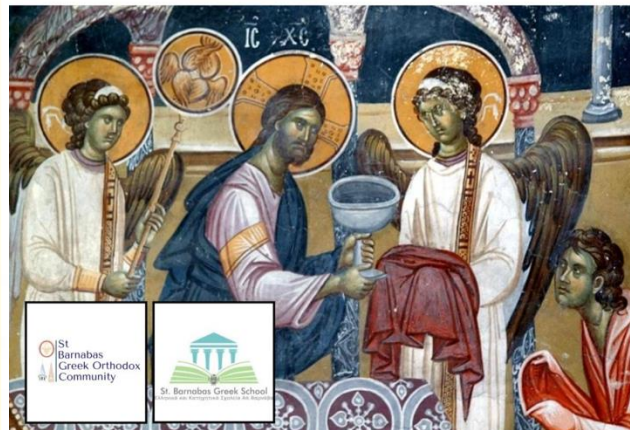
Start date is Wednesday 21st May 2025

Refreshments will be provided.

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Θεία Λειτουργία

για την έναρξη των εξετάσεων



Divine Liturgy

for our students commencing exams

We invite all students to prayerfully participate in the Divine Liturgy ahead of the forthcoming school and university exams.

Saturday 24th May 9:30-10:30am

Cathedral of the Dormition, Wood Green N22 8LB

'In the Divine Liturgy we live Christ. Every Divine Liturgy is a Theophany. The Divine Liturgy is the Greatest Mission of the Church.'
(St Sophrony)

Prefix of the week

(-di: Greek + -bi: Latin = two/double)



Dilemma (difficult choice between two things)

Diptych (painting on two hinged panels)



Bilateral (involving two sides)

Apprenticeship Opportunities

FM Conway is a leading construction and infrastructure services company, specialising in providing a wide range of services including highways maintenance, civil engineering, and surfacing, as well as providing solutions for environmental and waste management.

We're continually exploring apprentice opportunities within the business, with a regular intake joining us in September. Apprentices are placed across various roles within the company, working towards qualifications ranging from Level 2 to Level 6. Alongside their studies, our internal apprentice development programme has been designed to support the transition from education to the workplace, while offering continuous development opportunities for the apprentice as they advance in their careers.

As a business, we actively push the fantastic career opportunities that the construction industry offers and are always looking at ways to encourage young people to consider and experience the world of construction, including within our head office functions. The Conway Week is a predetermined **work experience week** available twice a year (once in Sevenoaks and once at a London location) to students aged 14 – 18. Each week provides up to 15 places for young people to follow a business orientation programme that includes site visits, careers information workshops, and work ready skills training.

For further details on any of our early career opportunities, please contact Talent@fmconway.co.uk.

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher

16 May 2025

Barnet Youth

Spring 2025



Free Spring Camps and Activities

Free trips to
Laser Quest, Flip Out and Theatre

Fun Days
Science Shows, Magic Shows and Nerf battles

Volunteering
Could you be a Holiday Activity Volunteer?

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PLAYERS WANTED

Omonia Youth FC are looking for **players** to join their various teams for the **2025/2026 season**

(Note: Age groups stated below are for this season)

Development Team: U6 & U7 **Pan-Disability: U12**

Boys Teams: U8, U9, U11, U14(+GK) **Girls Teams: U10, U14, U18**

Contact: queries@omoniayouthfc.com

omoniayouthfc.com @omoniayouthfc @omoniayouthfc1994



Year 8 HPV Vaccination

The Barnet Nursing Team are due into STA on **Tuesday 20 May** to vaccinate Year 8 students for HPV. If you wish your child to have this vaccination you **MUST** give consent via the vaccination UK's form. Please complete the form even if you **DO NOT** want your child vaccinated. Information about this vaccination and access to the consent form can be found here

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

You do not need to complete the form if you have already don't so.

Miss Christou | Welfare

Free SEND Independent Travel Training session

Tuesday 19 August 2025
10.15am – 11.50am OR
12.15pm – 1.50pm

Parents and carers, we would love to welcome you and your child(ren) to our fun and friendly summer travel training session taking place in Edgware on a private travelling bus!

Suitable for anyone with SEND, or those who may be particularly vulnerable or anxious whilst travelling on public transport, are independent or working towards independent travel and are aged 10 – 100.

Top travel tips will be shared in this interactive workshop, to help make travelling easier and safer.

Please contact road.safety@barnet.gov.uk for more information and a booking form.



Barnet SENDIASS will be holding an in-person information session for parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities who attend a Barnet setting on: -

Date: Tuesday 17 June 2025 **Time:** 10:00am to 12:30pm

Location: London Borough of Barnet Colindale Office **Presenters:** Autism Advisor Team

Theme: The Role of Autism Advisory Team in supporting autistic children and young people

Registration details will be available soon. If you are interested in attending, please save the date in your diary.

If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk

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: [Curriculum](#)



[Click here](#) to view all Extracurricular club's schedule



Supporting Children and Young People's Wellbeing and Mental Health Service

BICS FAMILY MINDS WORKSHOPS

Workshop	Date/Time	Sign-Up Link
BICS Family Minds: Understanding and Managing Anxiety Workshop	Part 1: Wed 4 June 2025 Time: 12:00pm - 13:30pm Part 2: Wed 11 June 2025 Time: 12:00pm - 13:30pm	BICS Family Minds Please ensure that you sign up for both dates

Download the **Studybugs** app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



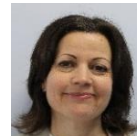


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Miss Walt



Mrs Viala



Mrs Poole