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Art & DT

We've seen some outstanding results from the Year 10 mock exams and want to take a moment to celebrate our students' achievements, starting with Serena. She achieved one of the highest scores we've seen in a Design and Technology mock exam. Serena is committed to mastering the course material and consistently demonstrates precision in everything she creates. Her dedicated attitude toward learning and her strong work ethic are evident in every project she completes. Here are just a few of the impressive pieces she has produced over the past few terms.





Year 9 students have recently completed their Mechanical Toy scheme of work and we've seen some wonderful results. Each student designed and built a functioning cam powered toy.

The toys showcased impressive levels of creativity, innovation, and craftsmanship. From imaginative designs to high quality finishes, the students hard work and enthusiasm were clear to see. Every toy not only worked as intended but also reflected the individuality and personality of its maker.

Well done to all of Year 9 for producing such inspiring and playful projects!

Miss Agathangelou | Art & DT Technician









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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin this final term of the academic year, it is with great excitement. This term is our final term in the current school building, and I am pleased to share that everything remains on schedule for our move to the new school site in September. The new facilities will offer greater opportunities for our students and staff, and we are all looking forward to this next phase in the life of our school.

Closer to the end of term, I will be writing to all parents with full details about the arrangements for September, including everything you will need to know about the start of the new academic year. For now, please make a note that the final day for students on site will be Wednesday 16 July. On Thursday 17 July, students will be set work to complete at home while staff carry out the final stages of packing and preparing for the move. We appreciate your support in making this a smooth and successful transition.

Before the break, we ended the spring term on a high note with our students taking part in the NFL Flag competition. I'm delighted to share that we finished 7th in London, a remarkable achievement and testament to the hard work and teamwork shown by our staff and pupils. Well done to all involved!

This term promises to be a busy and rewarding one. We have a full calendar of trips, enrichment activities, and celebration assemblies. Please do take a moment to look at the next page of this newsletter where you'll find details about all the events planned for the coming weeks.

Already this week, our Year 10 students visited University of Oxford for an enrichment trip, where they had the opportunity to explore the university, the city and take part in academic workshops. It was a valuable experience that gave them a taste of higher education and inspired them to aim high for their futures.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 students visited Mountfitchet Castle as part of their history curriculum. It's always wonderful to see learning brought to life outside the classroom, and we're proud of how our students represented the school. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. This term holds many moments to celebrate, and I look forward to sharing them with you as we prepare for an exciting new beginning in our new school home.

Christopher Martin | Headteacher



Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Tuesday 10 June Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Thursday 12 June Year 10 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 18 June Appreciate a Teacher day / GCSE exams end
- Thursday 19 June Barnet Music Festival
- Thursday 19 June Year 11 Prom from 7pm to 11pm
- Tuesday 24 June A Level Exams End
- Wednesday 25 June Trip to The Supreme Court
- Thursday 26 June Year 9 Trip to RAF Museum letter
- Friday 27 June Talent Show
- Monday 30 June Year 8 Trip to Science Museum
- Tuesday 1 July Sports Day @ Lee Valey Stadium
- Click here for last day of term arrangements in July
- Click <u>here</u> to access **Term Dates**

COUNTDOWN DAYS COMING 86 SOON OUR NEW HOME

Faith in Action

As we begin a new term at our Greek Orthodox school, we do so with gratitude and a sense of purpose rooted in our shared faith. One of the most meaningful moments last term was our Easter service at St Katherine's Church, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Damien for leading us in such a beautiful and spiritually enriching experience. His wisdom, warmth, and commitment to our school community continue to inspire both staff and students.

In our faith and values education this term, we are reflecting on the virtue of **trustworthiness**, a quality deeply connected to our Orthodox teachings and school ethos. A powerful example of trust and transformation can be found in the story of **Cynthia** (or **Artemis Cynthia**), a figure from ancient mythology closely associated with the moon and purity. Though rooted in Greek mythology rather than Christian scripture, her story encourages reflection on inner strength, clarity of purpose, and the importance of staying true to one's values. These timeless lessons still resonate today, reminding us that trustworthiness is not only about being reliable but also about being honest and faithful in both word and action.

As we look ahead to the term's events, we are already beginning preparations for our **end-of-term visit to St Katherine's Church in July**. These visits are an important part of our school's spiritual life and offer students a moment of quiet reflection and connection with our faith. We are grateful, once again, to Father Damien for his support in making these services meaningful and accessible for all our pupils.

May this term be one of growth, learning, and trust in one another as we walk together in faith.















Achievement Points

Before half term, Year 8 students were celebrated as they collected their bronze, silver and gold stars in assembly.

Anu was awarded the 1st Ruby star of St Andrews with an amazing achievement of 300 points!

Ms Ayres | Head of Art & DT



'Ever to excel!'

We are pleased to announce that Savan, Kristofar and Emmily have successfully completed the *Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme* course. Savan also completed the *Horizons* programme of Christ Church College, University of Oxford, and Kristofar also completed the AMSP of the University College of London. This remarkable achievement highlights the intellectual abilities and unwavering dedication of our students to these initiatives.

These outreach programmes provide academic support while encouraging participants to delve deeper into their subjects beyond the school curriculum.

They aim to inspire students to set ambitious goals and to apply to competitive universities. Savan's Emmily's and Kristofar's success in these programmes is a testament to their commitment to academic excellence and future aspirations. **Congratulations!**

Ms Koveri | Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Commemoration of D-Day (6 June 1944) in the Sixth Form

Today, during the Sixth Form Assembly, we commemorated D-Day with a presentation that was enriched by original sources and archival materials. We engaged in discussions about the importance of learning about and remembering such historical events. The students acknowledged the significance of intergenerational respect and shared their perspectives on the impact of war.

D-Day, which occurred on June 6, 1944, is widely recognised as a turning point in World War II, marking the beginning of the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. The assembly concluded with the students' reflective comments, which were written on sticky notes and shared with the group.

Below are a few:

"We commemorate D-day to remember those who sacrificed their lives so that we can be free today."

"Unity and teamwork allow us to overcome more hardships."

"To appreciate our freedom more."

"Grateful to people who gave up their lives so that future generations could be free."

Ms Koveri | Deputy Head of Sixth Form











Year 9 Boys Plate Cup Final Against Ark Academy

Our Year 9 boys' journey to the Plate Cup final was a remarkable feat, with impressive victories over Saracens and Ashmole School along the way. However, the final presented a formidable challenge against Ark Academy. The collective effort of our Year 9 & 8 team was instrumental in their successful run in this tournament. The game commenced disappointingly for us, with Ark Academy securing a 4-0 lead within the first 10 minutes. This early setback made the path forward daunting for St Andrew. Despite this, our team showcased resilience, with Alex managing to score just before halftime with superb finish, reigniting hope for our side. The remainder of the first half was marked by a more determined and united effort.

With an inspiring team talk from Mr Bendall during the break, our Year 9 boys demonstrated commendable character in the second half, turning it into a competitive contest. Key moments included outstanding saves by Chris, our goalkeeper, who denied a penalty, and Alex, who added a second goal from a penalty kick to conclude the match at 5-2.

Notable performances throughout the season came from Jayden, Loughran, Armelo, and especially Alex, who capped the cup run with seven goals across three games. Along with this, Monroe showed amazing character being the only year 8 student playing a year up and demonstrating in his performance. Although the team fell just short of securing the Plate Trophy, it was a remarkable season, characterised by exceptional unity and teamwork from our Year 9 team.



Sporting Alumni Brentford footballer and ex STA student Koni Ivanov took time from his busy schedule to support the Year 9 boys football final vs. Ark Academy on Wednesday. The Year 9 students appreciated Koni taking the time to support the team and listened intently to his words of advice and wisdom throughout the game. After the match Koni stayed behind to the answer questions and even challenged students to a one touch competition.

Mr Browell | Head of PE









Year 7 Athletics at Stone X Stadium



Boys Relay Champions



Max - 👸 200m



Denitsa

100m & 200m



Wealth - 👸 100m

Year 7 students battled against the wet and windy weather on Thursday evening at the Stone X stadium with some remarkable performances. The 7 boys team won gold in the relay competition demonstrating excellent change overs after the knowledge gained in PE lessons last week. Standout individual performance from Denitsa taking gold and silver medals in the 100m and 200m sprint events. Max and Wealth took second place in the 100m and 200m. All students will be confident on delivering strong performances on Sports Day. A reminder Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 1 July at Lee Valley Athletics Centre.

Mr Browell | PE Teacher



Proud Alumni Spotlight: Christopher Savva Represents Team GB at the 2025 WMO Pro-Am Thai Martial Arts Games in Bangkok

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of alumnus Christopher Savva, who recently represented Team GB in an international tournament held in Thailand.

Competing in the Super Heavyweight category for Thai Martial Arts, Christopher secured an outstanding 3rd place finish—an exceptional result, especially considering this was his first tournament outside of the UK. His strength, discipline, and dedication shone through on the international stage, earning him a well-deserved place on the podium.

As a former student, Christopher continues to exemplify the values and ambition we strive to instil in all our learners. His journey from our school to the global arena is truly inspiring, and a testament to what hard work and perseverance can achieve.

We couldn't be prouder of our alumnus, and we're excited to see where his path leads next—the sky is the limit!

Congratulations, Chris!

PE Department















STA Talent Show 2025 – Celebrating 10 Years of Talent! 🕏

We are excited to announce that St Andrew the Apostle Talent Show is back for its 10th amazing year! Organised by the Music, Drama and Dance Departments, this event has become a much-loved highlight of the school calendar.

We are now looking for students to audition and show us what they can do, whether it's singing, dancing, acting, playing an instrument, or something completely unique!

Audition dates:

- Tuesday 3 June & Tuesday 10 June
- Wednesday 4 June & Wednesday 11 June
 - Thursday 5 June & Thursday 12 June

Music acts: Auditions will take place during break or lunch in the music room.

Dance acts: Please speak to Miss Walt to arrange your audition time.

This is a fantastic opportunity to boost confidence, creativity and resilience and to be part of a fun and supportive event where you can shine. Don't miss your chance to get involved!

Show Date: Friday 27 June 2025
Cocation: Building 4

Doors open at 5.30pm | Show starts at 6.00pm

Tickets will be available to families via ParentPay starting the week after half term. Let's make the 10th anniversary of the STA Talent Show one to remember.













KS3 Exams

Why we do Exams:

The exams are designed to help students consolidate their learning from the academic year, develop effective revision habits, and gain experience in a less pressured environment compared to external exam settings. Additionally, exam results provide teachers with insights into a student's engagement with their studies throughout the year. It's important to note that these exams will not be the sole measure of student progress.



Supporting Your Child:

You can emotionally support your child by discussing their exams with them. Since some students may feel anxious, it's helpful to reassure them that they will receive support and that these exams are not the only measure of their progress. It's okay if they don't perform as expected; experiencing setbacks is an integral part of learning, but what matters more is their response to it. Encourage them to do their best, and if you have concerns, reach out to their form tutor.

You can academically support them by ensuring they know their exam schedule and are revising. Even a little study can make a difference. Teachers will be discussing the exams in class and may offer revision sessions to assist with preparation. For questions on specific subjects, feel free to contact the relevant department directly.



Access Arrangements:

During these exams, students can use their usual working aids (e.g. laptops). GCSE access arrangements are not yet applicable, as testing cannot be conducted until Year 9. However, these exams will provide evidence if access arrangements are necessary for future formal exams. Teachers will support students in these assessments where required. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Bamber using the staff contact form.





End-of-Year Reports:

At the end of the year, you will receive a comprehensive report for your child. This will include:

- Their achievement level for the year and whether it reflects expected progress.
- Their exam score or grade.
- Indicators of their Attitude to Learning and Homework.

For subject-specific exam queries, please contact the respective department directly.









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Maths and Reading Leaderboard





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
	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	2			
1	Savan	15662		
2	Christos	12982		
3	Theo	12218		
Year 13	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 chid what they are currently reading, and perhaps you can enjoy listening to them reading tout loud a section of their current Sparx book.

Mrs Bassington | Head of English















Give Music a Go! Instrumental Lessons – Autumn Term 2025

As we settle into our brand new building and begin an exciting new chapter, now is the perfect time for your child to try something fresh and inspiring. Learning a musical instrument is not only a fun and creative outlet, it can also support their learning, boost confidence, and provide valuable skills for GCSE Music and even UCAS applications later on!

We're delighted to announce that bookings for instrumental lessons for Autumn Term 2025 are now open! Your child can take part in 10 sessions with no long-term commitment, if they enjoy it, they can continue; if not, they've gained a brilliant experience either way.

№ No set deadline, but places are limited, so sign up early to avoid disappointment.
 New to Music Lessons? Getting started is easy, just follow the link below to register and apply:

School Based Tuition - Barnet Education Arts Trust

All BEAT teachers are DBS checked and regularly monitored.

Terms and Conditions - Barnet Education Arts Trust

Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead Music Teacher







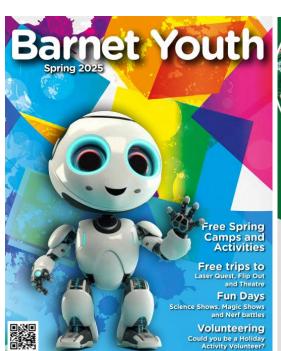






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Omonia Youth FC are looking for players to join their various teams for the 2025/2026 season

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

Development Team: U6 & U7

Boys Teams:

U8, U9, U11, U14(+GK)

Girls Teams: U10, U14, U18

Pan-Disability: U12

Contact: queries@omoniayouthfc.com









Vespers: 18:30 at the Church of St Barnabas Gathering: 19:30 in the Hall of the Cathedral

ΥΝΑΞΗ ΝΕΩΝ OUTH GATHERING @ the Cathedral of the Dormition, Wood Gree ACTIVITIES - FELLOWSHIP - FOOD - DISCUSSION TUESDAY 10TH JUNE Following Vespers for the Patronal Feast of St Barnabas





























Webinars and Online Work experience Sessions

All students have a login for their Unifrog account. This account allows them to build their career and skills profiles and provides them with guidance and action plans in order for them to reach their goals. Unifrog also offers webinars and online work experience opportunities for students to complete, free of charge. Some key webinars this half term are listed on the

Please do encourage your child to login and view the opportunities available to them.

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher

Root word of the week

(press: Latin = squeeze/force/push)

Decom*press*ion (the act of removing an applied force)

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Im*press*ive (forcing a positive reaction)

Sup*press* (squeeze down)









Free SEND Independent Travel Training session

Tuesday 19 August 2025 at 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

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

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 travell transport, are independent or working towards independent travel and are aged 10 - 100.

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



Designated Safeguarding Leads Click for more information



Miss Walt





Mrs Viala

Mrs Poole





