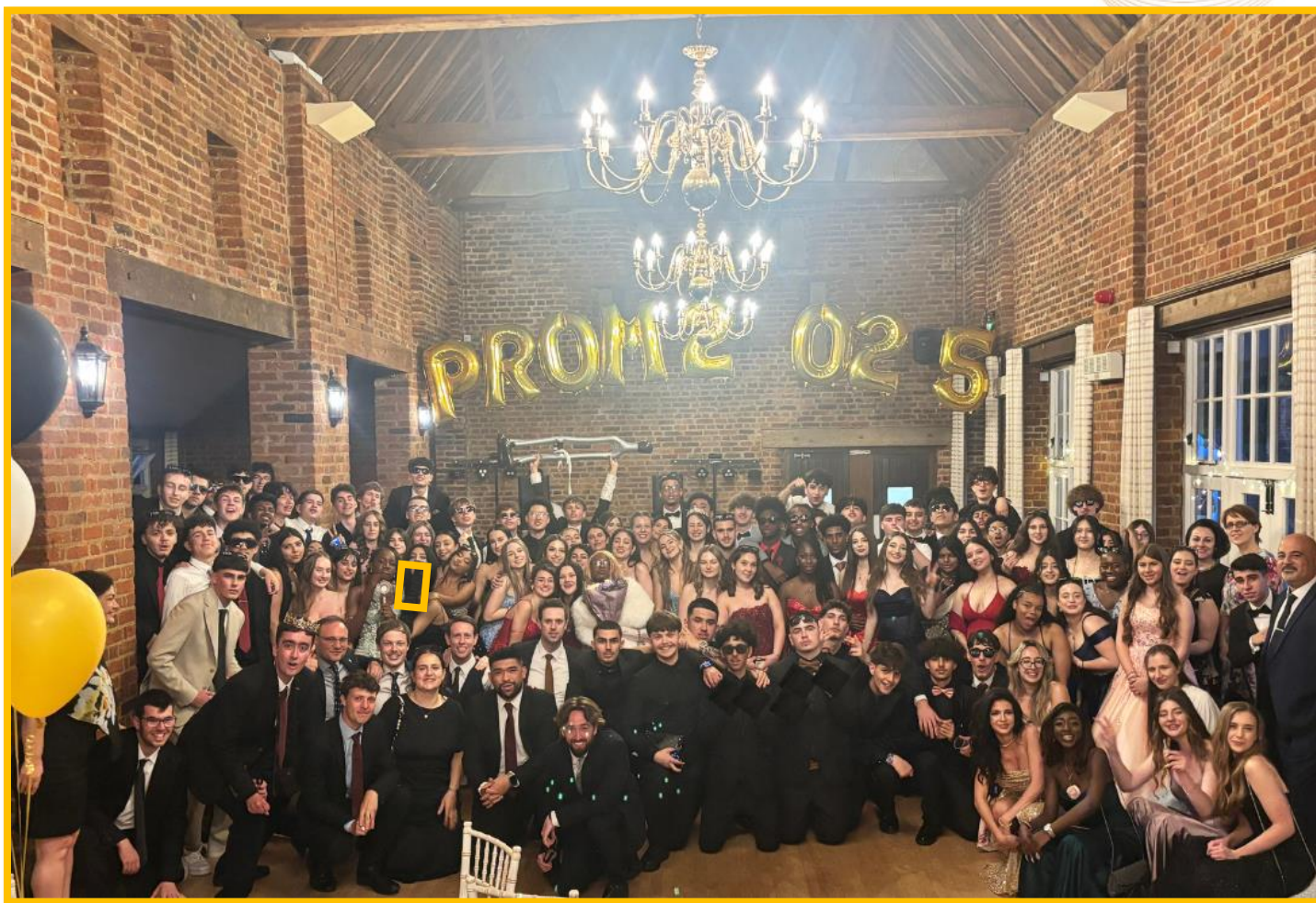


20 June 2025



## Year 11 Prom

We said goodbye this week to our wonderful Year 11 cohort, the year group has fully embodied the school values each day since joining the school in September 2020. The Prom took place at Forty Hall in Enfield and the Prom committee organised a fantastic event thinking of all the minor details including lighting, signage, song play list and awards. Students voted for best dressed on the night with Angel and Aliyat winning the awards. The Prom King and Queen awards went to Shayan and Maria S. Students danced the night away to a mixture of modern, cultural, and classic hits. Students ended the night with 'My Way' by Frank Sinatra, a fitting way to end a wonderful five years at STA. Photos continued page 3.

Mr Browell | Head of PE

## Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- **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 / 6form Work Experience begins
- **Tuesday 1 July** – Sports Day @ Lee Valey Stadium
- **Thursday 3 July** – Inset Day / Stevensons Uniform Pop up Shop
- **Friday 4 July** – Year 8 Trip to Science Museum
- **Monday 7 July** – Year 12 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
- **Wednesday 16 July** - Click [here](#) for last day of term arrangements in July
- Click [here](#) to access **Term Dates**

## COUNTDOWN

DAYS

COMING

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SOON

OUR NEW HOME

20 June 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We were pleased to host prom for our Year 11 students on Thursday. Held in a beautifully decorated venue at Forty Hall, the evening was filled with laughter, love, and a sense of well-deserved celebration. Staff and students agreed that it was one of the best proms we've ever had—thank you to everyone who helped make it so special, particularly Mr Browell, who has led the year group with such care.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students for the commitment and determination they've shown during their GCSE exams. Their preparation, focus, and resilience have been exemplary, and we look forward to seeing the results of their efforts in August. The effort they have put in is something to be proud of, and we know many of our students have already set their sights on exciting next steps.

On Wednesday, we marked Teacher Appreciation Day with messages and nominations from students and parents alike. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to recognise the efforts of our staff—it was a reminder of the relationships that make our school such a caring environment.

We're also delighted to share that Ms Msrar, our brilliant Head of Science, was awarded a Jack Petchey Leader Award, which comes with a £1,000 grant to be used for the benefit of students.

In the words of one of our pupils, MS Msrar is *"a legend and one of the most dedicated teachers – and colleagues."* I couldn't agree more. Congratulations, Ms Msrar—this award is richly deserved.

Our students also had the opportunity to participate in the Barnet Music Festival this week — An experience that allowed them to showcase their musical talents and collaborate With students from other schools across the borough.

I want to thank BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust) for organising such a fantastic festival. You can learn more about their work and future events by visiting [BEAT's website](#). As we move into the final few weeks of term, we want to thank our students, staff, and parents for their continued support, energy, and enthusiasm. It's been a term full of achievements, and we look forward to finishing the year on just as High note as we start packing into our new school building.

**Christopher Martin | Headteacher**



## Faith and Fairness: Reflections from Our Orthodox School Community

At St Andrew the Apostle School, our Orthodox Christian faith is at the heart of all we do. It shapes our values, our community, and the way we strive to live together. One of the key values we have been focusing on this term is fairness—a principle deeply rooted in both Scripture and the teachings of the Church.

Fairness, in its truest sense, is about more than just treating people equally. It's about understanding each person's unique needs and showing compassion, balance, and justice in our decisions and actions. In the Orthodox tradition, fairness reflects God's righteousness—His ability to judge with mercy and love. As Proverbs 21:15 reminds us, *"When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous."*

In our school community, fairness is not just taught—it's practiced. Whether it's sharing in the classroom, giving everyone a chance to speak, or ensuring all students feel seen and heard, we aim to live this value daily. It also means standing up for others when something is not right. In doing so, we grow in courage, understanding, and unity—just as Christ calls us to do.

Interestingly, fairness is a value respected across many faiths. As part of our religious studies and interfaith work, we sometimes explore how shared values appear in different traditions. A recent class discussion led us to explore the name Ismail, or Ishmael—known in both Christian and Islamic traditions. According to Scripture, Ismail was the son of Abraham and Hagar. Though his path was different from that of Isaac, he was still loved by God and blessed with a great nation. His story is a reminder that God's care is not limited by human divisions. You can read more about him [here](#).

This example helps our students appreciate how fairness also means recognising the dignity of others, even if their journey or beliefs are different. As a Greek Orthodox school, our foundation remains firm in the teachings of the Church, but we also seek to grow in understanding and respect for others.

As we continue through the term, let us all reflect on how we can live more fairly—with our friends, our families, and in our wider community. In the words of the Prophet Micah: *"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* (Micah 6:8)

May this be our guide, both in faith and in life.

20 June 2025



## Year 11 2025 Prom



## The BBC Young Reporter

The BBC Young Reporter is now defunct and been replaced by the BBC Academy who will continue to deliver skills-related activities for young people under the new banner BBC Verify on Tour! Supported BBC Academy Live.

On Wednesday 18 June, Apostle News journalists had the opportunity to participate in the first event coming from Sheffield Hallam University and enjoy four 30-minute masterclasses on topics from storytelling through podcasting to talking to some of the team behind the drama Adolescence. All the sessions were broadcast on Microsoft Teams.



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**Calling all Schools, Colleges & Sixth Forms!**  
**Free Virtual Sessions via Teams**

**Unlock Your Future in Media: Skills, Stories & Insights**

**Date:** Wednesday 18th June 2025  
**Live sessions throughout the day**  
**Platform:** via Microsoft Teams

This free virtual event offers inspiring, real-world insights into journalism, creative careers, and navigating today's media landscape. Hosted by **BBC Radio Sheffield's, Sile Sibanda**, with sessions featuring BBC journalists, filmmakers, and the team behind Net-

09:45–10:20	<b>"FAKE HEIRESS" - Storytelling &amp; Truth in the Age of Podcasts</b>
10:30–11:00	<b>CAREER INSIGHTS - How to Break into the Media</b>
13:15–13:45	<b>SHEFFIELD DOCFEST PRESENTS - "Power Station"</b>
14:00–14:40	<b>NETFLIX BEHIND-THE-SCENES - "Adolescence" with Warp Films</b>

Streaming Live from Sheffield Hallam University

### 09:45–10:20 "Fake Heiress" – Storytelling & Truth in the Age of Podcasts

Join journalist and producer Vicky Baker (BBC's Fake Heiress / Panorama) in conversation with Sile Sibanda to uncover the rise and fall of Anna Delvey — the real story behind the Netflix hit Inventing Anna.

Vicky Baker is a serious BBC news journalist now podcaster. She makes documentaries. The Fake Heiress is a mixture of drama and documentary called docu-drama. Vicky's advice for any would be journalist come podcaster is:

"Write creative scripts.... With hard news you chase the facts.... listen to narrative stories on other podcasts ...it's a new exciting field." Go the BBC sounds and hear the incredible story of the Fake Heiress: Fake Heiress - Ep 1. Fake Heiress - BBC Sounds

### 10:30–11:00 – Session 2: Career Insights – How to Break Into the Media

Hear from BBC Verify, news professionals, and creatives as they share personal career journeys, insider advice, and practical tips for starting out in journalism, production, and digital storytelling.

The main take away from this for anyone wanting to work in news or media is that "ideas are your currency. Have enthusiasm .... give every job a go.... don't be afraid to try 'stuff'"

To get into the media journalism you need to network, write to writers, email media institutions like the BBC or national newspapers or radio stations. If you get to be an intern, then make yourself useful, make cups of tea, carry plasters. Be ready to help and you won't be forgotten.

A woman camera journalist on the panel told us that the abilities one needed to do her job were: be open-minded, not be judgmental, tell stories. You need energy, drive resilience – because not all the stories are happy ones and you work on little sleep."

### 13:15–13:45 – Session 3: Power Station – Creativity Meets Climate Action

Explore activism through art with Hilary Powell and Leonie Rousham, directors of the Power Station documentary. A bold, inspiring film about community energy, radical hope, and sustainable futures.

### 14:00–14:40 – Session 4: Behind-the-Scenes – Adolescence with Warp Films

Peek behind the curtain with the team behind the drama Adolescence. Discover how Sheffield-based Warp Films pulled off an ambitious single-camera drama — from location scouting to set building.

The BBC offer lots and lots of opportunities for apprenticeships and internships. Postings go out in April/May time – you can find these on BBC Bitesize and BBC Screen Skills.

Mrs Casey | Teacher of English

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## A Unique Musical Opportunity at St Andrew!

We are thrilled to share that students at St Andrew have been taking part in an exciting new initiative: free in-school orchestral tuition through the BEAT Orchestra programme. Now in its fourth week, this incredible opportunity gives students the chance to learn orchestral instruments in the classroom, supported by expert tutors, all at no cost.

Each week, students have been developing their skills on a range of instruments, learning how to play together as an ensemble, and growing in confidence with every session. This is a fantastic chance for students to experience the joy of making music, regardless of their previous experience.

**As part of our celebration of music and creativity, the orchestra will be showcasing their progress during our upcoming Talent Show on Friday 27 June, 6pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to see what they've achieved in such a short time, alongside a host of other exciting performances.**

**Tickets** for the Talent Show are £5 each and can be purchased via **ParentPay**.

Music is thriving at St Andrew and we look forward to welcoming families to share in the talent and hard work of our students.

**Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead Teacher of Music**



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**Grim Tales | Creative Writing Competition**

**Closing Date for St Andrew the Apostle collection of entries:  
Thursday 10 July 2025**

**Maximum of 100 words only!**

**All entries to the competition get published!**

Let's get involved and represent St Andrew the Apostle School with musical pride!

**Every student will have the opportunity to see their story published in a book.**

There are also incredible prizes: the top story will win an iPad mini and a trophy, and 4 runners-up will each get £50 and a trophy. Plus, the best school will win £1000!

Will your stories all end happily ever after? There's only one way to find out.

**Entry forms from Miss Casey or your English teacher.**

Ms Casey | Teacher of English

**Join the BEAT Youth Orchestra This Summer!**

We're excited to share an incredible opportunity for our young musicians here at St Andrew the Apostle School. BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust) is offering a **FREE 3-day Youth Orchestra course** from **Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 August 2025**, held at the artsdepot in North Finchley.

This immersive musical experience is **open to students in Year 7 and above** who are working at **Grade 5 or higher** on their instrument.

The course is packed with exciting features including:

- A strong focus on **ensemble skills**
- Exposure to a **diverse repertoire**
- **Expert coaching** from experienced musicians
- Full orchestra (**tutti**) and sectional rehearsals
- A **professional-level performance** to showcase your work

While the course itself is free, there is a **£20 registration fee** to secure your place.

📍 **Location:** Arts depot, Nether Street, London N12 0GA

🕒 **Dates:** Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th August 2025

If you're interested, simply scan the QR code on the flyer or visit [www.beatrust.org.uk](http://www.beatrust.org.uk) for more information and to sign up.

Let's get involved and represent St Andrew the Apostle School with musical pride!

**Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead teacher of Music**



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## Barnet Youth

Spring 2025



**Free Spring Camps and Activities**

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Laser Quest, Flip Out and Theatre

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Science Shows, Magic Shows and Nerf battles

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

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

Contact: [queries@omonaiyouthfc.com](mailto:queries@omonaiyouthfc.com)

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**Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher**



### Root word of the week

(*fug*: Latin = run/flee)

Centrifugal ('fleeing' the centre)

Refugee (one fleeing awful circumstances)

Fugitive (one running from captivity)

## BARNET EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE

**Key Note Speaker**  
Carrie Grant

Featuring a host of workshops delivered by our brilliant EPs, a Q&A panel with Carrie Grant and Education and Mental Health colleagues within Barnet



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- GCSE Physics  
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Level 2  
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Level 1  
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**Entry Requirements**  
Students must have prior knowledge or qualifications in science, demonstrating their readiness for the course. Students are also required to undertake an in-house assessment to evaluate their attitude in science, English, and maths.

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