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Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Monday 7 July – Year 12 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
- Monday 7 July – Year 7 & Year 8 Newquay Water Sports Trip
- Tuesday 8 July – Year 12 UCAS Drop Down Day
- Thursday 10 July – Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day
- Friday 11 July – Year 10 Thorpe Park Trip
- Monday 14 July – Year 9 Whipsnade Zoo Trip / Church Visit
- Tuesday 15 July – Year 9 & Year 10 Culture Day / Church visit
- Wednesday 16 July – Last day for students in School, dismissal at 12.30pm. Click [here](#) for further information.
- Click [here](#) to access **Term Dates**

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OUR NEW HOME

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at school!

As we approach the end of the term, the energy of our community has been truly uplifting. I want to take a moment to reflect on some of the highlights that have made this week so special.

Firstly, our annual Talent Show last Friday was a celebration of the many gifts within our school. It was a joy to see so many students stepping forward with confidence. The talent of the children in our school humbles me. A huge well done to Andrew, who won the Star Prize for his beautifully written poem. His words reminded us all of the power of self-expression and the importance of treating everyone with care.

I'd like to thank the Friends of St Andrew (FOSA) parent body for raising money for the school at this event by selling hot drinks and cakes. If you would like to be part of FOSA, we would love to have your help. We are looking for support with administration and organising and contributing to events. Please do email the office on admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and we can arrange to meet those who are already involved and those who wish to join!

In true summer tradition, Sports Day was on Tuesday. The sun shone, spirits were high, and students gave their all in a range of activities. Every student in the school participated in an event, and all demonstrated the school's values. It was a pleasure to see students and staff cheering from the sidelines.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September.

Their induction visit was filled with excitement, and it was truly lovely to see our current students offer such a warm welcome. The sense of community and kindness that defines our school was clear to see. The presentation from the day can be found here: [Year 6 Transition Day Parent Meeting Presentation](#)

Another exciting development is that we have begun packing for our move to the new school site.

This is a significant milestone, and the anticipation is building across the school. The new facilities promise to open up fantastic opportunities for learning and even more experiences that all students deserve to take part in, and we are grateful to everyone who is working so hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition.

Looking ahead, we want to extend our very best wishes to all the students and staff heading off on the Newquay trip next week. These experiences are an essential part of school life, providing students with the opportunity to build friendships, explore new places, and learn beyond the classroom.

We are confident that it will be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for all involved.

As a Greek Orthodox school, we continue to celebrate the values of caring, respect, and responsibility in all that we do. This week has been a shining example of those values in action — from the courage shown on stage at the Talent Show, to the camaraderie on the sports field, and the kindness extended to new members of our school family.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. I am proud of all that our students have achieved this week, and I look forward to what the remainder of the term will bring.

Christopher Martin | Headteacher



Forgiveness: A Cornerstone of Our Faith

At the heart of our Greek Orthodox school lies the profound value of forgiveness. Rooted in Christ's love, forgiveness is not just an ideal but a daily practice that guides how our students, staff, and families build community.

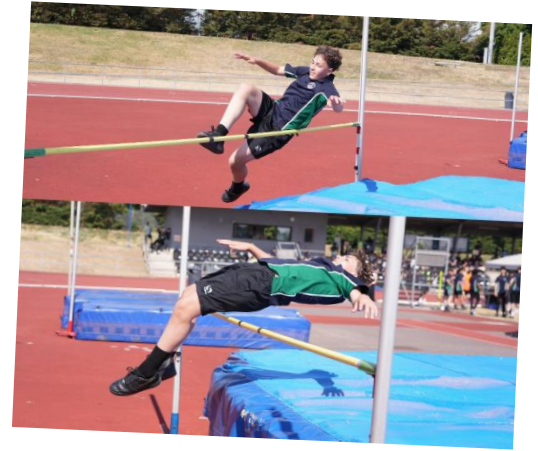
We are especially inspired by the lives of *Saints Cosmas and Damian*, the holy “Unmercenaries” (Ἀνάρχωντες)—twin brothers and physicians who healed without payment, freely offering their gifts in the name of Christ (full-of-grace-and-truth.blogspot.com, en.wikipedia.org). On their feast days (1 July and 1 November), we remember not only their generosity but also their commitment to mercy and self-sacrifice. These saints embodied forgiveness through compassionate service—they healed wounds of body and soul, extending God's grace to all who came to them.

Forgiveness also preserves harmony. A touching tale tells of Damian hesitating to accept a gift from Palladia—his brother Cosmas disapproved, but a divine miracle reunited them in eternal harmony (oca.org). This story reminds us that forgiveness fosters unity, even when misunderstandings arise among brothers, classmates, or friends.

In our classrooms, we encourage students to follow this example—offering forgiveness after disagreements, loving one another in humility, and understanding that true forgiveness requires both grace and courage. Parents, we invite you to nurture this virtue at home by demonstrating forgiveness in everyday moments.

As we continue the academic year, let us hold forgiveness close in prayer and action. When we forgive, we become living icons of Christ's mercy. Inspired by Saints Cosmas and Damian, may our school be a place where forgiveness heals, restores, and builds a stronger, more loving community.

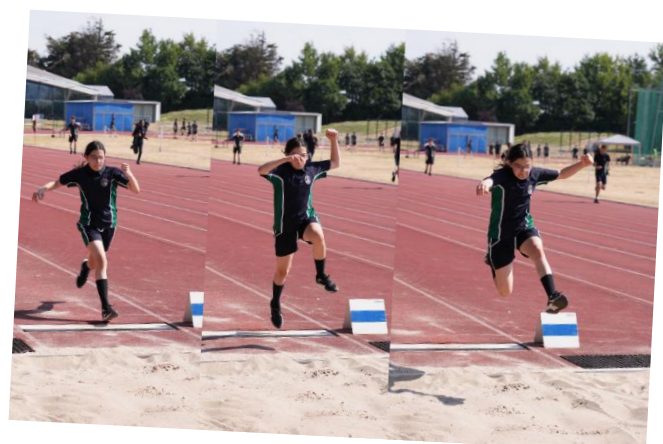
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Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day took place on Tuesday 1 July at Lee Valley Athletics Stadium. Students in all year groups have been working hard in lessons over the last six weeks learning and refining the different athletic techniques for a range of running, throwing and jumping events. Students are selected for the events by the PE Department based on performances in lessons and all students take part in at least two events across the day. Students were looking to earn points for their form group and individual medals. The winning form groups across each year were – 7M, 8M, 9P, 10S. Standout performances across day went to Wealth O, Kamil Y, Miguel A, Bilal N, Gabi P, Emily P, Loughran C, Imani and Lia B. All named students collected a host of medals across multiple events. A special mention to all students who conducted themselves in exemplary fashion dealing with the warm weather conditions on the day and exercising the school values of responsibility and caring for one another.

Mr Browell | Head of PE



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STA Talent Show 2025 – A Night to Remember

Friday 27 June marked a major milestone as we celebrated our 10th STA Talent Show, and the final one to take place in our current building. It was a truly special evening, full of excitement, emotion and exceptional talent, as we honoured both the performers and a decade of musical memories at St Andrew the Apostle School.

With over 20 incredible acts including singers, dancers, musicians and poets, the show was a vibrant celebration of our students' creativity and individuality. For many, it was their first time performing in front of a large audience, and the bravery, effort and passion they demonstrated was nothing short of inspiring.

What made this year especially meaningful was the overwhelming sense of support and community. Every act was met with cheers and encouragement, and it was clear that the spirit of the event went far beyond the competition itself. It was about expression, confidence and celebrating one another. A huge thank you goes to our judging panel, made up of four outstanding Year 13 musicians – Gabriella, Lydia, Myriam and Dorsa – who brought musical insight, fairness and professionalism to an incredibly difficult task. With such a strong line-up of performers, selecting just three winners was no easy feat. We are also deeply grateful to Mrs Nelson and Miss Walt for their invaluable support in bringing together yet another fantastic Talent Show. Their creativity, dedication and talent helped make the evening truly memorable. Congratulations to those who placed, but more importantly, congratulations to everyone who performed. Your courage and commitment brought the show to life.

To all the staff, student helpers and families who supported the event, thank you for making the night such a success.

We are already looking forward to next year's Talent Show, which will take place in our new building. It will be a fresh start, a brand-new stage, and we cannot wait to host you all there.

Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead of Teacher of Music



Student Voice: Maya's Experience

"The STA Talent Show was one of the most memorable events I've ever taken part in. It was both exciting and nerve-wracking but absolutely worth it. Auditioning a few weeks before was terrifying, but the encouragement from my friends and teachers really boosted my confidence. Soon, I was singing comfortably in front of others. Suddenly, the big day arrived – much faster than expected.

Friday was chaotic, fun, and honestly, quite scary. During the practice runs, I was shaking – I had never sung in front of anyone but my sister and close friends. But despite the nerves, I had so much fun preparing, and I'm incredibly glad I pushed myself. Stepping out of my comfort zone helped me discover a new side of myself, and I can't wait to perform again at future events.

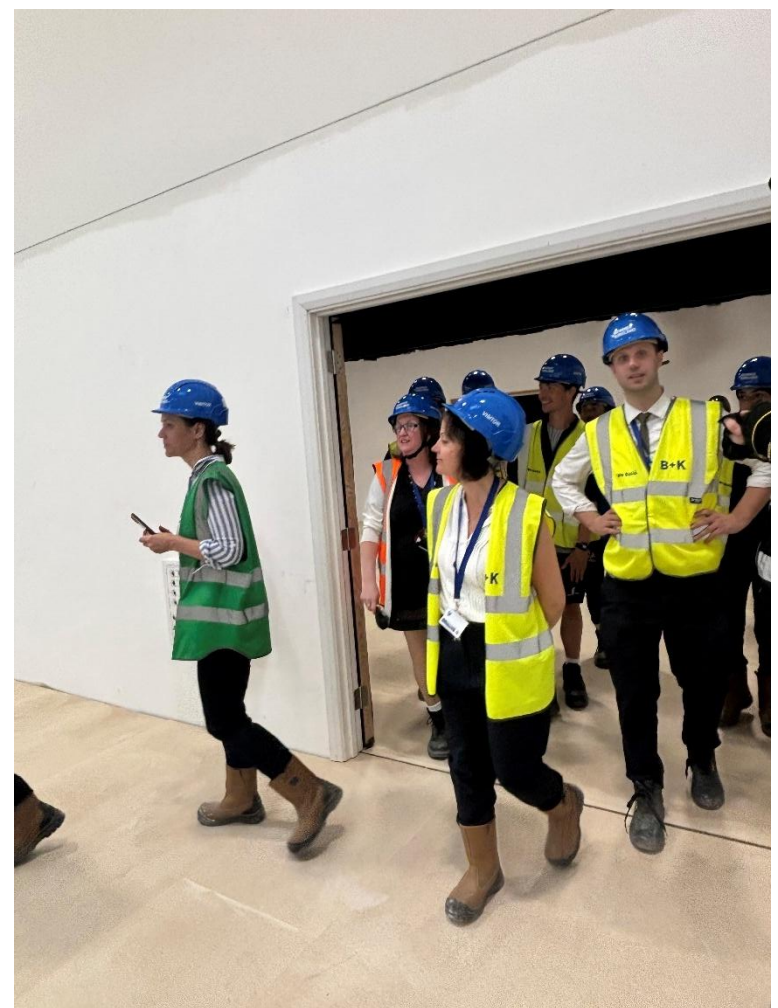
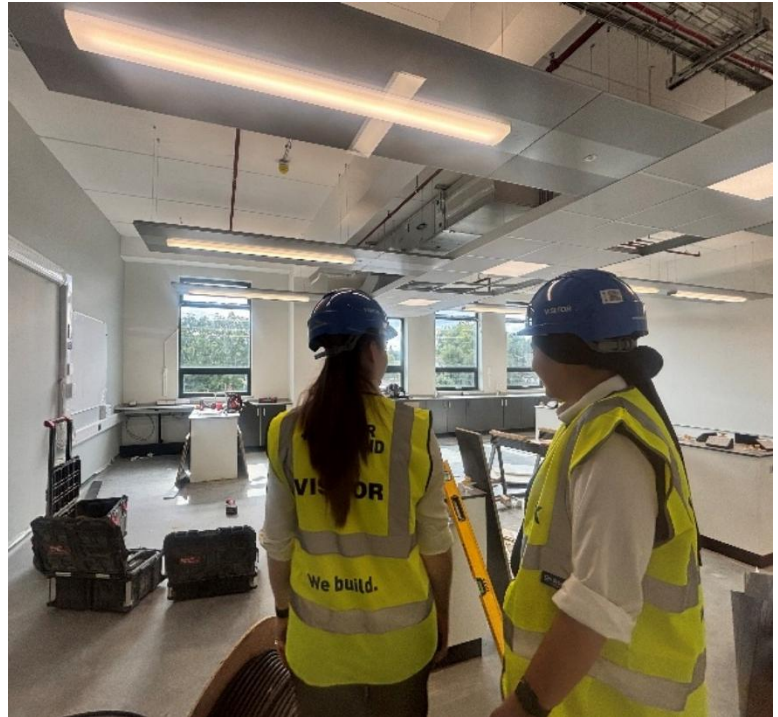
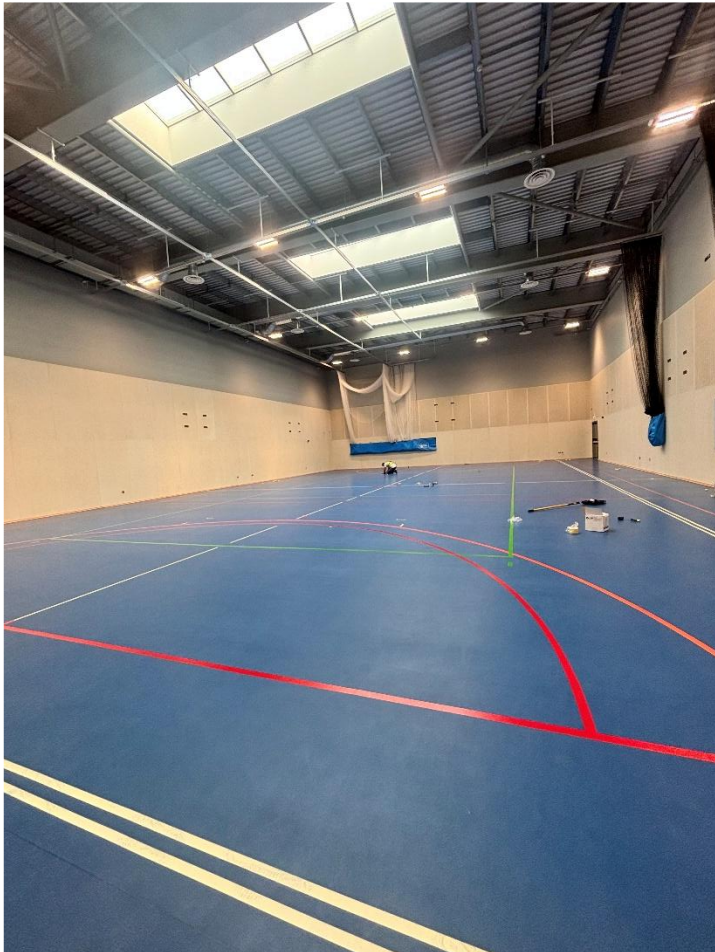
The real show felt more intense than the rehearsals but seeing all the amazing talent on stage was inspiring. Waiting for my turn was the hardest part – my legs felt like jelly and my voice was trembling – but I still got up there and did what I love. That moment is something I'll always treasure.

When it was time to announce the winners, the tension in the room was real. Out of 21 acts, only 3 were selected. I didn't win, and while I felt a bit disappointed at first, that feeling quickly disappeared. I was just proud to have been part of it all. Winning wasn't the most important thing – having fun and showing people what I love doing meant more to me.

The 2025 Talent Show was a huge success, and I'm so grateful I was part of it. I'll definitely be doing it again!"

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STA Staff visit the New buildings!



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Teshan Wins Jack Petchey Award for Exemplifying School Values!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Teshan has been awarded a Jack Petchey Achievement Award, following a thoughtful nomination from his maths teacher, Mrs Nicolas.

Teshan is a remarkable young man whose quiet determination and genuine kindness make him stand out in every sense. He approaches his studies with real commitment, consistently producing high-quality work and achieving excellent results. His recent selection for the UKMT project is a testament to his mathematical ability and work ethic.

But what truly sets Teshan apart is his character. He treats everyone with respect, listens carefully to others, and always looks for ways to include and support his friends and others. He's the kind of student who lifts the atmosphere in the room—calm, thoughtful, and ready to help.

Teshan chose to use his award grant to purchase new strategy games for the school's Strategy Club, which he attends regularly. It's a brilliant example of his selflessness and desire to give back to the school community.

The Strategy Club meets every Monday and is open to all students who enjoy a challenge—whether you're into chess, logic puzzles, or just want to try something new. Everyone's welcome.

Well done, Teshan. We're proud of you.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths



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Celebrating Excellence in Classics: Jack Petchey Award Winner!

We are thrilled to announce that **Andreas**, a dedicated and passionate student of Classics, has been awarded the prestigious Jack Petchey Achievement Award in Classics. Andreas has shown exceptional enthusiasm and commitment to the study of Classics, and he has been eager to share his wider knowledge of ancient history and the classical myths with the rest of his peers, throughout the year. Ms Fitzgerald, the teacher that nominated Andreas, wrote, *“He is a very kind and caring student and a great asset in any lesson as he is always prepared to share his ideas openly”*.

As part of celebrating excellence in Classics, we invited **Dr Daniel Sutton**, Research Fellow in Classics and History of the University of Cambridge, to deliver an insightful presentation on the Greek temples to a group of Year 9 students that enjoy the subject.

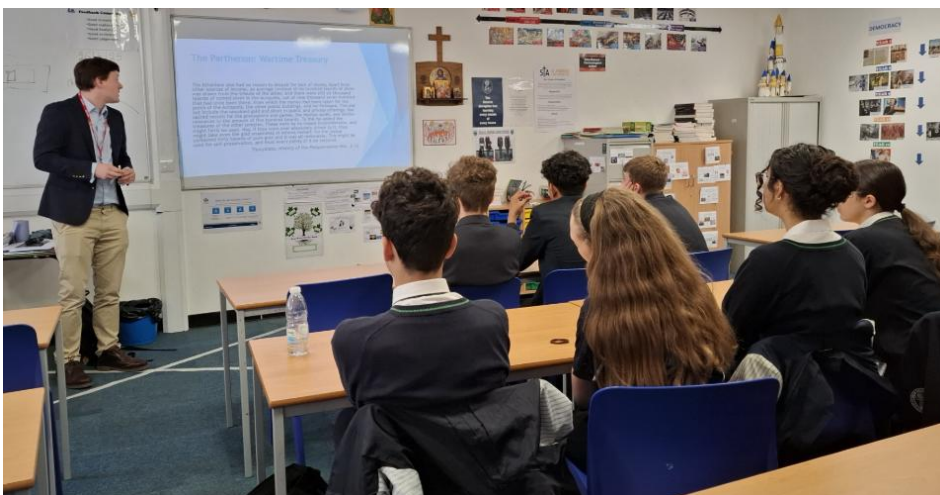
Dr Sutton sparked an enlightening discussion on the role of Greek temples within the context of the ancient world and drew particular emphasis on the Parthenon. The presentation encompassed its historical significance, religious function, and architectural features.

Following the presentation, the students were provided with curated resources and engaged in collaborative group work aimed at uncovering the secrets hidden in original classical sources.

At the end of the session, Dr Sutton presented Andreas with a signed, hardcover copy of *The Odyssey*. Additional copies of the renowned poem will be on display in the library of our new building in September, providing students with a unique opportunity to engage with the beauty of ancient Greek literature.

Congratulations Andreas!

Ms Koveri | Deputy Head of Sixth Form and 2ic in Humanities



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Enfield SEND Service Drop In session Wednesday 7 July 2024

Parents and carers, please join us for an open and constructive discussion about your SEND experiences and to discuss any of your concerns.

We're excited to confirm the following people will be in attendance:

- Head of SEN and Inclusion (Barbara Thurogood)
- SEN Manager (Zulkifl Ahmed)
- Head of Service for Disabled Children (Mirjan Dharmo)

	Date: 7 July 2024
	Time: 18.30 - 20.30
	Venue: Cheviots Children's Disability Service, EN1 3UZ

If you would like to book a set appointment for the event, please email; helen.baekstroem@enfield.gov.uk.

Please note: there are limited places so please book a.s.a.p. to avoid disappointment.

Term 6 2025 – Root Words Recap
Match the root word to its meaning.

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| 1. DIS | a) love |
| 2. PRESS | b) run / flee |
| 3. PHIL | c) empty |
| 4. FUG | d) not / absence of / set apart |
| 5. VAC | e) squeeze/force/push |

Task 2: Which ROOT WORDS from Term 6 so far are represented by these pictures?



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.beattrust.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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Spring 2025



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(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

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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!



Work Experience with the NHS

Following a high demand for the previous NHS work experience, there is now an online platform where students can gain further insight into the careers in healthcare.

If you're a student and you want to know how the NHS works why not join our free online programme to learn about clinical and nonclinical roles as well as clinical topics. [Click here for more info](#)

Get exclusive access to e-learning modules about how the NHS works and the different roles. You can complete it in your own time and receive a certificate! [Sign up here](#)

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher

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.

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

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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

BELS Barnet Education & Learning Service

Harrow College GCSE Science Package (ESOL)

Our intensive, full-time, one-year course is for 16-19+ students whose first language is not English and who are interested in studying or retaking their GCSE science subjects. This course is also available without ESOL support for students that need to resit their science GCSEs.

The comprehensive curriculum includes GCSE Maths and the three distinct sciences:

- GCSE Biology
- GCSE Chemistry
- GCSE Physics

It also includes ESOL at Level 1 English or Level 2 English depending on the student's readiness.



This course is ideal for students who want to enhance their scientific knowledge within a supportive ESOL environment.

Course Progression



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 to science, English, and maths.

To register please scan:



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Miss Walt



Mrs Viala



Mrs Poole