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Newquay Trip

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- 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 12.35pm. Click [here](#) for further information.
- Click [here](#) to access **Term Dates**

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OUR NEW
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final days of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a memorable term, filled with moments that capture the spirit of our school community.

I thought my highlight of the week was going to be watching our Year 7 students excitedly leave for their residential trip to Newquay early on Sunday morning. But in the end, it was their return on Thursday that moved me — the smiles, stories, and confidence that had taken root in just a few days away. A thank you goes to the dedicated staff who gave up their time to accompany the students, ensure their safety, and make the trip such a success. Another wonderful occasion this week was the Jack Petchey Award Evening on Tuesday. It was fantastic to celebrate the achievements of our students, and I want to extend special thanks to Ms Bamber for organising such a well-run programme. Recognising the hard work and values our students is at the heart of what we do.

Our Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day was yet another highlight, giving students a taste of what lies ahead and inspiring them to aim high. Similarly, the Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park was a great success — a perfect balance of fun and reward for their efforts throughout the year. In other exciting news, our move into the new school building continues to progress smoothly, and we remain on track to open the new site in September.

I will be writing to all parents next week with full arrangements for the start of the new term in September. Please do keep an eye out for that letter. A reminder that the final day for students to be on site is Wednesday 16 July, and they will finish school at 12:35pm.

Students who receive Free School Meals will be able to collect food before they leave. As a reminder, there will be work set of students to complete on Thursday, and over the summer holidays on our usual platforms and you can see this on My Child At School.

Before we say goodbye for the summer, we will be celebrating the year with achievement assemblies and visits to St Katherine’s Church, which are always a treasured way to close the term.

I’d like to thank the Friends of St Andrew (FOSA) parent body for raising money for the school across the school year. 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 at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and we can arrange of those who are already involved and those who wish to join!

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout this year. It is a privilege to lead this school community.

Christopher Martin | Headteacher



Faith

In our journey of faith and learning, we are guided by the virtues of **respect** and **fairness**, foundational values at the heart of our school community. As we reflect on these values, we turn to the life of Saint Pancratius—a shining example of faith, courage, and love for God.

Saint Pancratius (Πανκράτιος) was a young martyr who, according to tradition, was orphaned early in life, brought to Rome by his uncle, and converted to Christ with deep conviction. Refusing to deny his faith even at the age of fourteen, he was willing to lay down his life rather than sacrifice to pagan gods. His unwavering devotion to the truth inspires us to stand firm in our principles, even when challenged.

At our school, we seek to emulate Saint Pancratius by treating each other with dignity, fairness, and compassion. We honour the innate worth of every member—students, parents, and staff—regardless of differences. This echoes the respect he showed for the Gospel he carried and the people he served.

As our school offers a safe, caring environment rooted in fairness, we enable young minds to flourish spiritually and academically. Our assemblies, classroom discussions, and pastoral care aim to cultivate respectful listening, honest dialogue, and caring attitudes—mirroring Saint Pancratius’ example.

We encourage families to explore more about this remarkable saint by visiting the Saint Pancratius page on Wikipedia. His story reminds us that true respect and fairness are lived—not merely taught—through unwavering faith, humble service, and courageous integrity. Let him inspire us to foster a community where every voice is honoured, every action is just, and every heart is grounded in Christ’s love.

Read more about Saint Pancratius here: [Saint Pancratius on Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Pancratius)

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Celebrating 80 Years of the United Nations!

As part of Year 10 independent work in History, students have been exploring the incredible legacy of the United Nations – this year celebrating its 80th anniversary. To mark this milestone, students created informative and creative posters, showcasing key facts and achievements of the UN.

These posters are proudly displayed in their exercise books, reflecting both their research and artistic flair.

The UN was established to promote peace, security, and cooperation among countries after the devastation of World War II. Its main goal is to prevent future conflicts and foster international collaboration. The Charter of the United Nations was signed on 26 June 1945 in San Francisco, USA. It came into force on 24 October 1945, and this date is now celebrated annually as United Nations Day.

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



Year 12 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 12 A Level Biology students recently visited Whipsnade Zoo to enhance their understanding of animal behaviour and welfare. During their visit, students used ethograms to observe and record the behaviours of chimpanzees, applying key principles of behaviour studies in a real-world setting. We also studied the role of operant conditioning and intelligence in zoo management, learning how positive reinforcement helps animals cooperate with veterinary procedures. We then explored how enclosure design supports enrichment, encouraging natural behaviours that promote both physical and psychological well-being.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science

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Our Year 7 and Year 8 students had an unforgettable experience in Newquay this week. From beach adventures to team-building activities, the trip was filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories. The joy radiating from their smiles in every photo is a true reflection of the fun they had and the friendships they strengthened. It was a week of sunshine, excitement, and shared moments that they'll cherish for years to come. Well done to our students for reflecting the school values whilst still enjoying themselves on this wonderful trip.



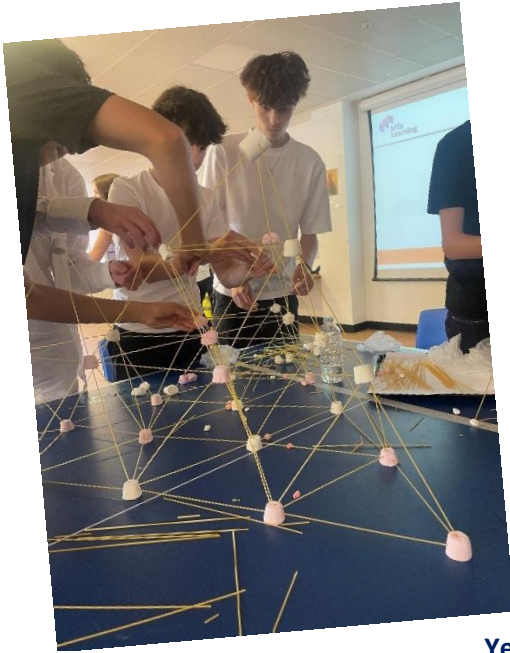
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Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Well done to all our Year 10 students who took part in the Sixth Form Taster Day on Thursday. They had the chance to experience a range of A Level lessons, where many showed great focus, curiosity, and the ability to apply their existing knowledge in new ways. The day also included a creative and fun team challenge using marshmallows and spaghetti, where students worked together to build the tallest and strongest structure they could. It was a great opportunity to see problem-solving, communication, and teamwork in action.

Ms Bicarregui | Head of Sixth Form

Year 5 Taster Sessions

STA had the honour of hosting year 5 students from Garfield Primary School for science taster sessions.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their morning with us!

We hope to see you all at our open evening in our brand-new home on Tuesday 7 October 2025!



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Free Creative Media Sessions at Sky Up Academy Studios Elstree for Young People – Book Now for School Holidays

We're excited to share a brilliant opportunity for the young people you support to take part in Sky Up Academy Studios Elstree – a free, immersive media experience available during the school holidays. This hands-on session is designed to raise aspirations, build key skills, and introduce young people aged 10–19 to exciting careers in the creative industries. Through teamwork and storytelling, participants take on real-world media roles in a state-of-the-art XR studio to create their very own film pitch.

During their visit, young people will:

- Take on the roles of director, producer, and editor to create a short film pitch
 - Use industry-standard technology in a cutting-edge XR studio
- Tour the iconic Sky Studios Elstree and see behind the scenes of film and TV production
- Build confidence, communication, and digital skills in a creative, supportive environment

We're especially passionate about diversifying the media industry and believe all young people should have the opportunity to see themselves reflected within it. This experience aims to inspire those who might not usually consider careers in media – and show them what's possible.

We know every group is different, so we're happy to adapt session timings and content to meet the needs of your young people. Whether that means adjusting the start time, tailoring the focus of the session, or accommodating specific access needs – just let us know, and we'll make it work.

Sessions are available Monday–Friday, with standard time slots at 09:30–12:30 and 13:30–16:30, for groups of up to 36 young people.

🔗 Learn more: www.skyup.sky/academy-studios/elstree

✉ To enquire or book, contact: skyupacademystudioselstree@sky.uk

We'd love to welcome your group and help inspire the next generation of creative talent.

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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Free Course! £20 Registration fee

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- Expert coaching
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- Professional Performance

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Year 7+ Grade 5+

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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 **Pan-Disability: U12**

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

Contact: queries@omoniyouthfc.com

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OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025

5.30PM TO 7.30PM

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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!

Able to Travel!

NHS WORK EXPERIENCE ONLINE

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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Carrie Grant

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Designated Safeguarding Leads

Click for more information





Miss Walt **Mrs Viala** **Mrs Poole**

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