



Headteacher's Update

Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

17 June 2022

- THERE IS A TIME -
FOR EVERYTHING,
AND A SEASON
FOR EVERY
ACTIVITY UNDER
THE HEAVENS.
ECCLESIASTES 3:1

Key Messages

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the course of my four years at the school I have always said that students at St Andrew the Apostle School recognise what good learning looks like and relish the challenges it brings. Y11 and Y13 stride on through the challenge of their exams with steely determination and are proving to be role models for the Year 12 students, who have done an exceptionally good job of focusing on their week of exams too. As a school, we continue to combat the consequences of COVID lockdowns and Centre Assessed and Teacher assessed grades; the Y12 exams are part of the preparation for A Level exams for this year group, who have yet to experience public examinations.

Thank you to all parents and teachers for your time dedicated to the online Year 10 parents evening yesterday. Both parents and staff have indicated the positives in terms of efficiency of online meetings. Even though parents were not on site, as I walked around the school during the event, it was great to hear the targeted feedback given to parents about their child's progress in Y10 thus far, and the dialogue the feedback prompted.

Schools are places of giving; staff members generously of their time to their students, investing in their future. This week the school was in receipt of the gift of a donation of £500 from a large international company that ran a scheme to support numeracy. One of its employees nominated us. We are very grateful for this. If you would also like to donate to the school, details for this can be found on our website here: <https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/stafund>

The summer weather has arrived in North London, in time for track and field season and we are looking forward to sports day this year on Wednesday 22 June 2022 at Lee Valley Athletics Track. With England hosting the Commonwealth Games this summer in Birmingham (and fitting that it should be in this country in the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) this will give our students a chance to perform, support and inspire each other in an event that will whet their appetite for the larger global event. Thank you in advance to the PE team (and wider school staff), which has done a great job planning for this. I reflect on these events and think back London Olympics which was an amazing event for our city and is now 10 years ago!

I saw a number of school clubs taking place in the sun this past week, a boxing exercise session with Y7 student and a small group of Y12 BTEC students leading a key stage group through soccer drills. Can I please remind parents/carers to make sure students have a water bottle and appropriate sun protection in the hot weather since activities are outdoors.

We recognised Pride Month over the last week in school. This event resonates with us as a school and Trust as we have recognised the contribution to society of Alan Turing in the name of one of our five Trust schools: <https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/ourname.php>

We are pleased we have appointed Mrs Stylianou to the role of Office Manager. She was already a member of staff team and takes up the post immediately. Please see a biopic on her in this newsletter.

Attendance is so key to the progress of any child in school and we are grateful to parents who support this by taking holidays and leave of absence outside of term time.

Punctuality to school is also key as the messages, sense of community and the collective worship that celebrates our faith and school values takes part at the start of the day in tutor time.

As the week ends, we are looking forward to the next when our next year's Y7 will join us for taster sessions!

I wish you all a pleasant weekend,

Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)

Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since we last wrote to you there have been ongoing meetings with the DfE and the Landlord about the commencement of the main school build and we are looking forward to being able to see activity on site in the coming months. The main works to be done by the landlord before our builders start includes:

- the demolition of the security building at the entrance to the site
- the demolition of building 6 (the unused building just behind our main building)
- the levelling of the ground
- The provision of utilities to the boundary (gas, water, electricity)
- the relocation of the water supply attenuation pond (the lake)

The movement of the lake has to be timed to the fish breeding cycle as they have to be safely removed to an appropriate site and this will happen in October. Prior to that however, many of the items above will start in the summer holidays and we understand that the preparatory fencing for this will start soon. This won't affect us directly, although a few of you may currently use the road around the lake that goes past building 6 and at some point soon it will be closed off.

After that, the contract with our Building Contractor will start and they will begin preparing the sites for construction – the programme of being finished in good time for September 2024 remains on track.

Best wishes

Mary Karaolis (Chair of Governors)

Colin Mackinlay (CEO Russell Education Trust)

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Sunday of All Saints



The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. Typically, All Saints' Day is honoured by churches and religious groups on November 1, the day after Halloween.

However, much like Easter, the day is celebrated on a different day in Greece and other Eastern Orthodox Church countries. So, why is this?

What is All Saints' Day?

All Saint's Day is a date dedicated to remembering the saints from Christian history.

The idea is that there is a spiritual connection between those in heaven and those on earth, and that it is important to honour those who have died.

The exact origin of the day cannot be traced back with certainty, but it seems to have stemmed from when the Roman Empire persecuted Christians. So many martyrs died for their faith that Pope Boniface IV set aside a special day to honour them.

Although the date was originally put aside for saints, many nowadays also commemorate late family and friends. The day is also recognised by many other names including All

Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows and the Solemnity of All Saints.

How is All Saints' Day celebrated?

Christians commemorate the day by lighting candles and going to church to remember the saints. In some places, people will bring flowers to cemeteries and clean the graves of their loved ones.

Families will also gather and eat traditional meals together. In some countries, the celebrations are a national holiday.

Icon of the Sunday of All Saints

The icon of the Sunday of All Saints depicts our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ seated above the throne of heaven surrounded by the Saints. The rows of Saints included the Archangel Michael and other Angels, the Theotokos (Mother of Our Lord Jesus) and John the Baptist, the Apostles, Bishops, Great Martyrs, Ascetics and Monastics. To the side of the throne are Adam and Eve, bowing in reverence to Christ. They are joined by the Saints, who are lifting their hands in worship to the King of Glory. At the lower left of the icon is the Patriarch Abraham who has a righteous soul in his bosom, as told in the story of Lazarus and the rich man in the Gospel. At the lower centre is the Good Thief who was crucified with Christ. On the lower right is the Patriarch Jacob.

Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Director)

Upcoming Key Dates and Information



- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletter.
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar for upcoming Term.

Summer Term Sports Clubs

Monday

Activity: Years 7-10 Athletics
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Location: Bethune Park
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms

Tuesday

Activity: Years 7-10 Softball & Rounders
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Location: Bethune Park
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms

Wednesday

Activity: Years 7-10 Futsal (Brazilian 5-side Football)
Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm
Location: Upper Playground
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms

Thursday

Activity: Years 7-10 Dance
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Location: Building 5
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms
Barnet Borough Athletics League Meetings
Venue: Stone X Stadium

PLEASE NOTE ATTENDANCE TO ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS IS BY INVITATION ONLY.

Mr R Browell (Head of Physical Education)

Sports Day Notice

A reminder the school's annual Sports Day will take place next **Wednesday 22 June 2022**. This is our first Sports Day since 2019 and staff and students are very much looking forward to the day. Please can all parents ensure the Microsoft Form detailing drop-off and collection information for your son/daughter has been completed. Students have been competing in the different track and field events during PE lessons this summer term. PE staff have given every student a designated field or track event for Sports Day, students have been informed of the events during PE lessons this week. All students will receive an assembly during form time this week detailing all the key information for Sports Day.

Mr R Browell (Head of Physical Education)

Students of the Week

Year Group Recognitions



All students will receive 10 recognition points for their hard work and contributions.

Year 7: Hayden C – For his consistently positive attitude to learning since joining STA.

Parmis S – For illustration our school values every day through her kind actions and positive attitude.

Year 8: Yianni and Mariaelena A – For consistent and excellent punctuality this year in 8J

Year 9: Eliana E – For consistently demonstrating a good attitude around school and her punctuality.

Jenia I – For consistently excellent attendance and punctuality.

Year 10: Andi P - For organising the Step Challenge Week for Year 7

Holly Y – For demonstrating character education.

Sixth form

Year 12: Michaela G – For her thorough rigorous research and participation in the big debate in English at the end of last term.

James A – For his excellent listening and engagement when finding arguments for the rebuttals.

Year 13: Miran G and Luigi S – For great effort in their revision.

Coaching Sessions

Over the last two weeks Year 12 BTEC Sport students have been delivering a variety of coaching sessions to students in Year 7, 8 and 9. The coaching sessions form part of the Year 12 students' BTEC course, which focuses on the fundamental coaching techniques. The sessions delivered have included

basketball, football, futsal and fitness. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions provided by our Year 12 students.



Office Notice - New Office Manager: Maria Stylianou



Many of you may know me as Maria from the office, I would now like to introduce myself as the Office Manager at St Andrew the Apostle School. I have worked at St Andrew for the last 6 years, starting on reception and most recently working as the Attendance Administrator.

Both my children attended St Andrew, and having both passed their GCSE's here, are now heading for university. One of the main reasons I love working at St Andrew is the close-knit community and my wonderful colleagues and office staff: Roz Christoforou, Lefki Christou, Maria Michael & Aliyah Mills. I very much look forward to support you in my new role and what the future holds for our wonderful school.

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Year 10 online parents evening. Staff said it was extremely useful and a good point to give feedback on Y10 exams. We can only apologise for the disruption in service experienced by you and the school on the system we use. This was a national issue and affected two other Trust schools as well. We have had an apology from the provider and they have given us assurances about future evening.

Mike Michael
Head of School

Mental Health Crisis Helpline - Reminder



If you're in crisis and need to talk right now, there are many helplines staffed by trained people ready to listen. They won't judge you and could help you make sense of what you're feeling.

- **[Samaritans](#)**. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call [116 123](#) (free from any phone)
- **[SANEline](#)**. If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call
- **[National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK](#)**. Offers a supportive listening service to anyone with thoughts of suicide. You can call the on 0800 689 5652 (open 24/7).
- **[CALM](#)**. You can call them on 0800 58 58 58 (5pm–midnight every day) if you are struggling and need to talk. Or if you prefer not to speak on the phone, you could try the [CALM webchat service](#).
- **[Papyrus HOPELINEUK](#)**. If you're struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling, you can call on 0800 068

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from the **NHS for teenagers and young adults** who need support with their mental health and are coping with bereavement.

[Shout 85258](#)- a free, confidential, 24/7 text-messaging support service for young people.

Support for Parents and Carers- advice and support for you if you're worried about a child or young person.

[Young Mind's Parent Helpline and Webchat](#)

Reminder: During school, students needing emotional support can talk to their Form Tutors and their Head of Year. The following members of staff are also available:

- **Mr C Martin, Deputy Headteacher (DSL*)**

- **Mrs C Hammond, Assistant Headteacher (DDSL*)**
- **Ms D Moustaka (Safeguarding & Inclusion Manager)**
- **Mr N Anemouri (Pastoral Support Officer)**
- **Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Safeguarding Officer)**

*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead.

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These open days provide a fantastic opportunity for prospective applicants to visit departments, colleges, meet current students, as well as tutors.

For more information about [admissions](#) and [open days](#).

For any students for whom the cost of travelling to Oxford for the Open Days would be a barrier, please contact aaccess@chch.ox.ac.uk to get support.

[Childline](#) – a free, private, and confidential service available for all young people. This can be found on ParentPay as we are a cashless school.

Please note that students should wear their normal school uniform, but are permitted to wear an additional colourful accessory; for example, colourful socks, hair accessories etc.

If you have any questions or would like to offer additional support, please contact Mrs Hammond, Assistant Head or myself, Ms Moustaka, Safeguarding and Inclusion Case Manager.

End of Year Assessments

The school will be carrying out assessments for each subject on the following weeks:

Year 8: 20-24 June 2022

Year 7: 27 June-1 July 2022

Year 9: 4 July-8 July 2022

Subject teachers will be providing details of revision topics via the student portal on Bromcom.

For students in Year 12, all assessments will be completed in exam conditions. Subject teachers will be providing the dates and details of the topics to their classes as some will involve more than one paper. These will be completed during their timetabled lessons.

The results for the assessments will be published on to the My Child at School application towards the end of term.

Details of how Key Stage 3 is being assessed can be found [here](#).

We are planning to carry out Academic Review meetings with your child's form tutor. More details will follow later this term.

UCL Informed Futures

UCL Informed Futures is a series of online events aimed at equipping secondary school students with the knowledge and confidence to succeed in their next steps in education.

The online sessions will give students the opportunity to have questions about their next steps in education answered. Questions like, how to prepare for GCSEs or options after finishing Year 11? Is university an affordable option?

This series of interactive online events, with separate sessions for young people in different year groups, will help to answer these questions and many more.

Please see below for details of the sessions offered for students.

- Get Ready for your A Levels, Years 10 - 11, Wednesday 22 June 5pm-6pm
- Get Ready for your GCSEs, Years 7 - 9, Thursday 14 July 5pm - 6pm
- Stepping up your Study Skills, Years 9 - 11, Thursday 21 July 5pm - 6pm

[Click here](#) for more information.

Barnet Music Festival 2022



An arts venue will be filled with the sound of music this month as more than 2,000 children come together to take part in Barnet Schools' Music Festival.

Organised by the Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT), the festival, now in its 22nd year, will run for seven days at the **Artsdepot** in North Finchley and feature children from 73 schools from across the borough.

At the heart of the festival, children will combine to perform as a massed choir, this year singing a wide range of songs.

Our amazing **St Andrew's** band and singers, consisting of 9 GCSE Yr10 students, will be representing our school on the **23rd June 2022**, by performing a medley of songs. It will be a night to remember!

Morning Drop Off

If you drive your child to school, please could you ensure that students are not dropped off before 8.10am as school is not open before that time for students (other than those in exam years.)

When dropped off, students should either go straight into Building 5 or wait to be collected from the upper playground for those year groups with lessons in Building 4.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. Through celebration, education and raising awareness, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month helps to tackle prejudice, challenge myths and to amplify the voices of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in wider society. For more information [click here](#) and if you would like to donate to donate to support future work support future work [click here](#).

FRIENDS, FAMILIES & TRAVELLERS

WHAT MAKES A HOME?

WIN BOOK VOUCHERS IN OUR COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS & STUDENTS

JUNE 20 to JUNE 22 GYPSY, ROMA and TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH

gypsy-traveller.org/grthm

Take part in our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month competition

This year, we are asking people across the UK to consider 'What Makes a Home' for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people and their ancestors.

For schools and teachers, this might mean considering whether Gypsy, Roma and Traveller students will feel at home in your classroom - have you taught your class about the diverse histories, cultures and present realities for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people?

We're asking schools and individual students to submit a piece of art, a poem, a short story (less than 500 words) or a video (less than 3 mins) on the theme of 'What Makes A Home'?

If your school enters a group submission, you can win book vouchers to the value of £100 for first prize and £50 for second prize. If an individual shares their own submission, they could win a £50 voucher for first prize and £25 for second prize.

Here are some questions to inspire your submissions

- ▶ Why is it good to celebrate each other's differences?
- ▶ How can you make a place feel like home?
- ▶ What makes your classroom feel like a safe, welcoming and happy environment for everyone?
- ▶ What do you think of when you think of home? Is it pets, family, toys?
- ▶ How do you make people feel welcome in your classroom?
- ▶ Build an imaginary home, what would it look like, who would you invite in?

Please share your submissions with Lucy Hetherington at Friends, Families and Travellers using events@gypsy-traveller.org before 8th July.

We will announce the winners in August. Good luck!

FOSA

Please do get in touch if you would like to join our small group of dedicated parents and carers by emailing us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk with FOSA in the title. Please mark your email for the attention of Mr Michael.

Mr Michael (Senior Deputy Headteacher)



Friends of St Andrew