



Headteacher's Update

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

21 July 2022

“Restore to me the **joy** of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.”

Psalm 51:12



Key Messages

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a short newsletter this week because of a short week, with some shorter days because of the concern of the extreme weather. I would like to thank all students and staff, who coped with the high temperatures wonderfully well.

All of you will have received my end of term letter, which captures the school year and sets up our next academic year. Please see an excerpt from the letter below.

I would like to add to the messages below by saying thank you to the students, parents, staff and governors at St Andrew the Apostle school. It has been a great pleasure working with you since I took over the role of Executive Headteacher in May. It has been a wonderful school year in many ways, and we are thankful for it.

I wish you all a great summer.

Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)

From Mr Easton's end of term letter to parents:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been blessed this year as there have been no disruptions for COVID-19, which meant our exam years have had good preparation for the GCSE and A Level examination series. Students and teachers have worked extremely hard to catch-up for any lost learning over the previous two years and senior leaders, middle leaders and teaching staff are pleased with how well year group cohorts and individuals within them have completed final end of year assessments

and their progress throughout the year. There have been many highlights to our school year, but the over-riding theme is one of getting back to those school routines that help sustain our community and the ethos of our faith school.

As we finish the school year, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their support. I would also like to publicly thank our wonderful school staff. As I mentioned in a recent newsletter, education is a profession of giving and the staff give of themselves to serve our school community.

We look forward to welcoming new members of this community in September. It was great to meet our new Year 6 students and their parents at the recent induction day where students were wearing all the various colours of their primary school uniforms. As I said to them on that day, it will be wonderful to see them in September all wearing our school uniform.

As we turn our attention to the start of the next academic year, I wanted to write to you with some important messages. School will recommence for ALL students on Wednesday 7 September 2022. We will have a staggered start for all students as below:

Wednesday 7 September 2022	Arrival Times	Building	Key instructions
Year 7	8.25am	4	Students should line up in single file by the glass doors leading into building 4, along the demarcated area.
Year 8	9.45am	5	Students should wait in the canteen in Building 5.
Year 9	9.45am	5	Students should wait in the main playground in Building 5.
Year 10	10.35am	4	Students should line up in the upper school playground.
Year 11	10.35am	5	Students should wait by the ball court in Building 5.
Year 12	9.30am	4	Students should enter the building and wait for their form tutors on the grass area in the inner courtyard of B4.
Year 13	10.35am	4	Students should enter the building and make their way to the sixth form area where they will be directed to their form rooms

I would be very grateful if you would support us by going through the end of year report with your child and ensure that your child carries out the summer transition work or homework set by departments in response to learning gaps identified in the recent assessments. The work is not designed to be onerous and can be spread out over the summer break rather than completed in one single block.

The information below gives existing parents and carers and those new to the school an outline of what we expect. We are delighted that visitors to the school and those in the local community commend our students on their behaviour and attitude. Please do read it carefully. A new academic year is a chance to enhance our standards, and uniform is a demonstrable part of this. Please ensure that any school shoes purchased over the summer fit within our expectations. Girls who choose to wear skirts must ensure they have a skirt that can be worn at a length that is in-line with our expectations. As it mentions in the information below, where there are ongoing uniform concerns, parents/carers will be contacted to resolve any issue. Sixth formers must follow the expectations on the school website relating to dress code.

As with any school year, some colleagues will be leaving us to pursue opportunities elsewhere. We are saying farewell to the following permanent teaching staff members. Ms Pavlou, Mrs Halil, Ms Naidu, Mr Smolenski and Ms Constantinides. Also leaving from the Senior Leadership Team are Mrs Hammond and Mr Michael who will both be moving to other senior leadership roles. We are grateful for their service and dedication to the school and we wish them well in the future. The school held a new staff induction day for all its new staff recently. Colleagues with new roles and new to the school have been or will be introduced to you in our weekly newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of our students in September, and meeting parents at various school events. I wish you all a restful, restorative and enjoyable summer break.

Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)

Faith- πίστις

Maria and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Honoured on August 15



Icon depicting the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 16th Century.

This week as we look ahead to the summer break, we also remember one of the other holy feast days of the Orthodox Church, celebrated at the height of summer. August 15 is an annual bank holiday not only in Greece /Cyprus, but in most Catholic and Orthodox Christian countries around the world.

Orthodox Christians around the world prepare to celebrate "Summer Easter" on Sunday, as the Dormition of the Virgin Mary is fondly called in Greek popular tradition; the country also prepares to honour those bearing Greece's most popular female name, Maria.

Catholics celebrate the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven on this day, while the Orthodox celebrate what is called Her "Dormition," since the Orthodox Church does not teach that Her body ascended into the heavens. In both cases, however, the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the figure that is at the centre of these festive celebrations across the Christian world.

The name "Mary" itself is not the original name by which the Mother of Jesus was known. Actually, this is a later, Latinized, version of the older name "Maria." This name was first found recorded in the New Testament of the Bible. According to theologians, its origins are believed to come from the Syro-Aramaic name "Maryam," which was a derivation of the Hebrew name "Miriam."

There is no clear evidence of what the name Miriam actually meant in Hebrew, but the most popular belief is that it was a term meaning "sea of bitterness" or "sea of sorrow." This could actually be very appropriate, if we consider what Christians believe about the Virgin Mary and her deep sorrow after She endured watching the crucifixion of her son, Jesus.

The name Maria began growing in popularity in the Greek world very quickly after the first Greeks embraced Christianity, almost 2,000 years ago, and it is not difficult to understand the reasons why. Mary was the second most prominent figure in the new religion, after Jesus Christ himself.

The loving, maternal figure of the Parthenos Maria (The Virgin Mary), along with the deep admiration the first Christian Greeks showed for Her, prompted many people to begin baptizing their daughters with this name.

Maria is the most popular female name in Greece

After centuries of uninterrupted presence in Greek society, the name Maria remains by far the most popular name in Greece today. According to a recent announcement by Greece's Statistics Service, 8.3 percent of the total female

population in Greece bears the name of Christ's beloved mother.

If we take into consideration that other names related to the Virgin Mary are also celebrated on that day, including Marios, Panagiotis, Panagiota, Despina, Parthena and many more, we can understand why the Dormition of the Virgin Mary is not only a huge religious celebration, but a joyous festivity for almost every Greek family. So, whether you celebrate your name day on August 15th or not, we wish you a very happy August 15! Above all, we wish you a very pleasant and safe summer break.

Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Director)

Service of Thanksgiving

Service of Thanksgiving at St Katherine's Church to end another Successful Academic Year.



It was wonderful to end this term with another visit to St Katherine's Church in Friern Barnet. Father Damian, our School Chaplain composed an excellent Service of Thanksgiving in the Orthodox tradition. Each Year group had the opportunity to visit church between Tuesday 12 July and Tuesday 19 July. Students listened attentively and it was a joy also to see students participating in the reading of prayers during the course of the service.

Being thankful is right at the heart of what we strive to do as a Christian faith school. The essence of a Thanksgiving/Eucharist service is for a community to come together in unity. That word Eucharist 'Thanksgiving'. It comes from the Greek word for that. Still today in Greek society if somebody provides you with some service or gives you a gift it is appropriate to say back to them 'Eucharisto', which in modern Greek is the word derived from the word Eucharist. In other words, to give thanks to them for what they've done. As we give thanks for all that we have, it doesn't stop us acknowledging the things that have been difficult, it doesn't

stop us being unaware that there are challenges in life. However, it does remind us that fundamentally the Christian community is one which needs to remember that we have lots for which to be grateful and to give thanks for one another, for the life that we have, for those who care for us and have been so self-sacrificial during the pandemic in caring for others. Most profoundly of all, we give thanks for the gift and offering of Jesus Christ who offered everything for us that we might be at one with God.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents/carers for their ongoing support throughout this academic year and to wish you all a safe and pleasant summer break.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **A level Results day - Thursday 18th August**
- **GCSE Results Day – Thursday 25th August**
- **First Day of Term : Wednesday 7th September**

Staff Notice: New Cover Supervisor

I'm Robert Fowlie and I've been working as a Teaching Assistant within the SEN department at St Andrews the Apostle School for the last year. Throughout the year I've had great experiences working a long side many students, building positive relations in order to help develop and improve both behavioural and educational needs. Within

this role I have been able to gain an abundance of experience learning from a high quality of teachers within the school and being able to implement this into my own teaching techniques. This has put me in good stead to be able to take on a new role at St Andrew as the Cover Supervisor. This is a role I certainly hope to expand my teaching capability by providing a high-quality lesson in the absence of another teacher. I have a long-term ambition of becoming a PE teacher however gaining this experience, being both in and out of the classroom in a variety of lessons is something I feel very privileged to do at St Andrew the Apostle School.

Mr R Fowlie (Cover Supervisor)

Staff Notice: Farewell And Good Luck

We would like to say a sincere thank you to our wonderful year leaders who are moving on to new schools in September. Mrs Halil (Head of year 11) Ms Naidu (Head of year 8) and Miss Pavlou (Head of year 7). The students and staff will miss you all dearly and we wish you all the best for your next teaching adventure.



Mrs Halil (HOY11) Ms Naidu (HOY8) Miss Pavlou (HOY7)

Students of the Week

Year Group Recognitions



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

Year 7: Oliwia C – For her constant contributions to the school's wider life and illustrating leadership and drive.

Christiana C – For her fantastic contributions to the school.
Year 9: Anton B – For always demonstrating the school values, showing resilience throughout the year and putting in lots of effort into revising for end of year exams.

Thomaida T – For excellent coaching and support in PE, motivating peers and giving positive and constructive feedback.

Aline L – For embracing STA core values, for spreading kindness and promoting equality and respect within the school. For being responsible with revision and making brilliant progress in Maths.

Jamie Broughton – For a much-improved attitude to learning and a greater care taken in schoolwork and homework.

Georgio P – For a huge improvement in attitude to learning an increase in focus and motivation towards end of year assessments.

Alexi Yibowei – For embracing STA core values, showing resilience and determination.

Sixth Form

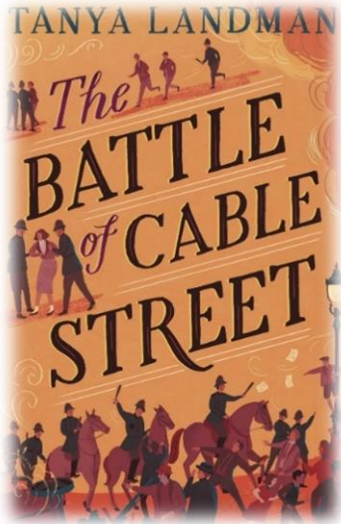
Year 12: All Year 12 – For developing the skills and attitude to learning needed to succeed in their Y13 educational journey.

Preloved Uniform Sale



As part of our commitment to the making uniform affordable, St Andrew the Apostle School held a pre-loved uniform sale. This was a massive success, and the school was able to raise over £500 as well as provide affordable uniform to parents. We want to grow this initiative, so please consider donating any unwanted uniform to the school so that we can pass savings on to other families. All donations should be washed prior to handing them in at the main front office. Pictured below are Paola Haik, our School Business Manager and Lefki Christou, Administrator, who, along with other members of our office team, put the sale together.

An ONLINE evening with author Tanya Landman



Barnet Libraries welcomes: An ONLINE evening with Carnegie Medal winning author Tanya Landman in conversation with writer Miriam Halahmy, talking about her stunning new book 'The Battle of Cable Street.'

Carnegie Medal winning Tanya Landman is the author of more than forty books for children and young adults. The Battle of Cable Street is her latest

book.

The event will be held on **Wednesday 28 September 2022 from 7-8pm**, including a Q&A session with a prize for the best question.

Tickets will go live on **Friday 26 August at 9am**

[Click here](#) for more information and to book your tickets when they go live.

Ms Androulla Athanasiou (English Department)

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](tel:116123) (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.

Escape Studios Clearing 2022



Everything you'll need to know about the Clearing process, entry requirements and what it's like to study with us. Our undergraduate degrees in Animation, Video Game Art and Visual Effects are all available in Clearing for 2022. They've been designed with industry, to help you to stand out when you graduate

For more information [click here](#)

For clearing registration form [click here](#).

Solutions 4 Health New Free Apps

BREAKING NEWS: 2 x NEW FREE APPS Available from Solutions 4 Health

- Camp Island (5 – 10 years)
- Become Your Best Self (11 – 17 years)

Interactive and engaging apps supporting healthy and positive lifestyle choices.

The apps are free to access in Barnet as long as the user allows the location permission that pops up.

Please share far and wide..... And enjoy playing

Places Where Kids Eat Free

For more information on Asda's offer this summer [click here](#)

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend

MARKS & SPENCER CAFE

Likely But Not Yet Announced

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto

FARMHOUSE INNS

Likely But Not Yet Announced

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