



"BE KIND TO ONE  
ANOTHER."  
EPHESIANS 4:32



"PUPILS' ARE HAPPY  
MEMBERS OF THIS SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY AND SAID  
THAT IT FEELS 'LIKE A  
FAMILY'."  
Ofsted 2024.

**STA**

**ST ANDREW  
THE APOSTLE**

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† "VERY HIGH STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM."  
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# WELCOME

Welcome to St Andrew the Apostle School, a caring, Christian school in Barnet with the highest aspirations for all our students.

These are exciting times for STA. Our students have just achieved a record set of GCSE results, with excellent value-added scores, and our wonderful new school is rapidly taking shape. When it opens in summer 2025 it will provide some of the best facilities in the area.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions families make. We know that all parents want their children to join a school community which understands them as individuals and carefully nurtures them to achieve their full potential. Our happy, intellectually challenging environment instils positive values and habits for life, whilst helping all students to achieve their best possible grades.

We are a Christian school with a fully inclusive community which welcomes those of all faiths – or none. We are proud that parents and visitors highlight our friendliness and sense of community, as well as our Christian ethos.

Our core values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, forgiveness and fairness underpin school life, allowing all of us to flourish. In a recent cross school review, many students were interviewed and all said they would recommend STA to others. This is, perhaps, the ultimate accolade.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what an education at STA offers your child but please come to see the school for yourselves. I am confident that you will discover a school where aspiration, dynamism and the highest standards of learning are intertwined with manners, respect and, above all, kindness.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Philip Hills*  
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

† "PUPILS ACHIEVE VERY WELL IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS."  
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# THE CURRICULUM

“THE SCHOOL HAS PUT IN PLACE A BROAD AND ASPIRING CURRICULUM. THE CURRICULUM IS IMPLEMENTED CONSISTENTLY WELL.”  
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# TEACHING

We think our students are entitled to consistently high-quality teaching.

Effective and engaging teaching, for the benefit every student, is at the heart of everything we do. No-one joins our staff team without first demonstrating high quality skills and a commitment to our core values. The quality of provision in the classroom is then closely monitored by school leaders and advisers from our academy sponsor, Russell Education Trust (RET).

RET provides staff with regular, high quality in-service training to ensure that they continue to develop their practice in line with school and national expectations.

“TEACHERS PLAN ACTIVITIES THAT MATCH THEIR PUPILS’ ABILITIES. PUPILS RESPOND WITH ENTHUSIASM AND MAKE GOOD PROGRESS IN LESSONS.”  
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We focus on the core subjects of English, mathematics and science to prepare every student for life beyond school, whether at university, in training or in employment.

In Year 7 all students study English, mathematics, sciences, French, classics and Latin, religious studies, technology, history, geography, physical education, art, drama and music.

In Key Stage 4, our students perform exceptionally well with GCSE results placing the school within the top 20% nationally for progress and the top 10% for English and Humanities.

“TEACHERS ARE CONFIDENT SUBJECT EXPERTS”  
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We believe that exemplary conduct is at the heart of a cohesive and caring school community.

We focus on developing each student's moral values and sense of social responsibility and this is achieved at STA by developing each student's character and understanding of their own attitudes and actions. We are a Christian community built on the value of love and we make sure that all the members of our community look out for one another in a true spirit of fellowship.

This approach underpins our pastoral system and is in turn closely linked to the academic monitoring which plays a central role in our students' overall personal and academic success.

# CHARACTER EDUCATION

We help our students strive to be the best version of themselves: intellectually, spiritually and in the small but important details of daily school life, such as the language they use and the way that they wear their uniform.

✝ "PUPILS' CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IS A CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH OF THE SCHOOL"  
Ofsted 2024.



## PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE

✝ "PUPILS FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BECAUSE OF THE DEEP CULTURE OF MUTUAL RESPECT WITH TEACHERS AND THE MORALS AND VALUES THEY ARE TAUGHT."  
Ofsted 2024

STA benefits from a range of highly effective partnerships, from local community and faith organisations, to the Greek Orthodox Church and our academy sponsor, Russell Education Trust (RET) is a multi-academy trust with five secondary schools, all of which perform consistently well in examinations and Ofsted inspections.

But we recognise that our key partnership is with the parents and carers who work with us to ensure the happiness and success of our students.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There is never a dull moment at STA!

Students benefit from a full programme of sporting activities and our teams compete regularly and successfully against other schools.

There is also a wide range of popular clubs and activities before and after school, and at lunch time. This includes a variety of performing arts clubs and events such as dance, orchestra, choir and drama club.

We welcome suggestions from students to develop our provision further. Our Student Council is an elected body from all year groups that meets regularly and provides invaluable feedback to school leaders. It exemplifies democratic values, thinking and debate, and supports decision making in the school.

✝ "PUPILS TAKE PART IN A WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES" Ofsted 2024.

# SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form opened in September 2018, enabling our students to build on their excellent GCSE results.

The Sixth Form offers a wide range of courses and outstanding pastoral care. Sixth formers play a key role in the life of the school, modelling academic study and high levels of personal conduct for younger students.

Our students then progress to a range of career choices, including some to Russell Group universities including Oxford and Cambridge, and into competitive subjects such as Medicine, Science, Mathematics and Law

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Ofsted 2024.

# OUR FUTURE

From summer 2025, STA will have a building to reflect our ambitions, including:

- eight science laboratories
- six technology rooms
- specialist computer science facilities
- art studio
- drama studio
- music workshop
- a roof-top Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
- 300-seat auditorium
- teaching rooms fully equipped with the latest technologies available to support learning

In addition, we will have a large Sports Hall and studio space for the wide range of sports we offer in our curriculum and during extra-curricular periods.

We will also have a state of the art, all-weather, 5G sports pitch, for use both in lessons and after school sports fixtures.

Outside school hours, our vision is to make much of the school available for community use.

We are understandably excited by all the opportunities these amazing facilities will give us.

**We hope that you will want to share in our success!**



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a family of faith and community schools with distinctive individual identities.

