

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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Sporting Alumni - Konstantin



Koni left St Andrew the Apostle School after taking his GCSEs in the summer and immediately joined Brentford Football Club on a two-year scholarship. Koni has stayed in regular contact with the PE Department keeping school updating on his progress. Koni has been following a rigorous daily training schedule with Brentford FC and playing regularly for the U18 side. Koni continues his studies and attends educational lessons each afternoon after training.

We continue to wish Koni all the best for the remainder of the season.

Mr Browell (Head of PE & HOY10)

Message from the Headteacher



I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. We have been busy from the off, not least with Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday. Although there is still plenty of work to do, Year 11 have posted a set of highly promising 'Mock 1' results and I know that they will be working closely with their teachers and revising hard to do even better in their second set of mock exams. The theme of my assemblies this week has been 'giving' and how, both spiritually and physically (in terms of the endorphins released by the brain), it really is 'better to give than to receive'. One person who has given very generously of his time recently is Mr Angelo Power. Angelo painted a very detailed and entertaining picture of life as a barrister for our students right at the end of last term. We are delighted that he is keen to work closely with us over the next two years to develop an 'Into the Law' programme which will revolve around both work experience with law firms and training students for 'mooting' (legal debating) competitions against other leading London schools.

From exam revision through to sporting success practice really does make perfect, so it is excellent to see that Koni is developing well at the Brentford FC Academy. Lots of our students enjoy staying in touch and sharing with us their successes and even offering to come back and give talks - we will be putting 'Alumni' on a more formal footing, shortly. I am looking forward to chatting with Theo Theodorou on London Greek Radio next week, at 7.30 pm on Thursday evening, so do feel free to tune in if you have a moment! The interviews that Hellenic TV did with me and several students about how excited we are with all the recent developments at the school can be found below (click to play):

Philip Hills

Upcoming Dates and Information 2024

- Please click [here](#) to access term dates.
- Please click [here](#) to access school calendar.

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Faith



Saint Hilary of Poitiers' (c. 315 – c. 368) Feast Day 13 January

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labelled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France.

He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have already heard of how, uncharacteristically, St Nicholas had struck a blow against Arian the heretic himself!

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said, “The world groaned and marvelled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor had called to counteract the Council of Niceaea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people with open arms.

In England St Hilary’s Day is traditionally regarded as the coldest of the year and the first day after Christmas on which marriages may take place. He also has a term named after him at Oxford University.



Collect
from school

- Collect from school is a free delivery option for online orders
- Orders will be available to pick up from school on Wednesday afternoon
- Orders placed before 2pm on Monday will be available to collect from school the following Wednesday

Future.



Safeguarding

At St Andrew we have a team of colleagues ready to remove or reduce any barriers to students learning or wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your, or any other child in school please contact us. This should include:

- Their physical safety, such as their travel to and from school or the environment they are in outside of school.
- Their mental wellbeing, such as any concerns about anxiety, loneliness, bereavement or other mental health concerns.
- Their social development, such as concerning friendship groups or worries over gang involvement.
- Any other concerns such as obsession over gaming or being on the internet too much.

Please contact us through the staff contact form on our website, even if we cannot help directly, we can signpost families to local organisations and charities.

In particular, please contact the safeguarding leads below, or any other adults.

Your Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Martin, Ms Wait and Ms Viola



Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable - Term 3

| | Lunchtime | After school |
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| Monday | | All Years Boys and Girls Table Tennis (3 – 4pm) B4 Hall KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm) |
| | | Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) |
| Tuesday | Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm) Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm) | Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) |
| Wednesday | Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm) Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm) | Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm) Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) |
| Thursday | | All Years Boys and Girls Basketball – (3 – 4pm) B5 Changing Rooms GCSE PE Trampoline (INVITE ONLY) (3 – 5pm) East Barnet School All Years Girls Dance - (3 – 4pm) B5 Changing Hall Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) |
| Friday | Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm) MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm) A Level Film Club – EN6 (12.35 – 1.15pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 – 1.15pm) | Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm) |

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Empowering Parents with Qustodio: Ensuring a Safer Online Environment for Your Child

In today's digital age, where children are increasingly exposed to online platforms and digital devices, ensuring their safety in the virtual world has become a paramount concern for parents. To address this concern and provide you with valuable insights into online safety, we are excited to announce an upcoming online presentation on Qustodio, a leading parental control software.

Understanding Qustodio:

Qustodio is a comprehensive and user-friendly parental control solution designed to help you manage and monitor your child's online activities. This powerful tool allows you to set limits, track their usage, and protect them from potential online threats. From managing screen time to filtering inappropriate content, Qustodio puts you in control, promoting a safer and more secure digital environment for your child.

Key Features of Qustodio:

1. **Content Filtering:** Restrict access to inappropriate content, ensuring your child's online experience is age appropriate.
2. **Screen Time Management:** Set healthy limits on screen time, promoting a balanced lifestyle for your child.
3. **Social Media Monitoring:** Keep an eye on your child's social media interactions, helping you stay informed about their online social circles.
4. **Real-time Activity Tracking:** Receive instant alerts and reports on your child's online activities, allowing you to address concerns promptly.
5. **Safe Search:** Enable safe search options to ensure that your child's online searches yield only age-appropriate results.

Online Presentation Details:

To help you harness the full potential of Qustodio and gain a deeper understanding of its features, we invite you to join our online presentation on **January 30 at 7.30PM**.

This informative session will cover:

- A walkthrough of Qustodio's key features.
- Practical tips on setting up and customizing the software to suit your family's needs.
- Strategies for open communication with your child about online safety.

How to Join:

Mark your calendars and set a reminder for this essential presentation. The virtual meeting link will be shared with you closer to the event date.

The safety of our children in the digital world is a shared responsibility, and Qustodio is an invaluable tool that empowers you in this endeavor. We encourage all parents to attend this online presentation to enhance their understanding of Qustodio and strengthen their ability to guide their children through a secure online experience.

There is more information on this on our e-safety page: [St Andrew the Apostle](#).

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher and DSL)

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| <p>Keep your child safe online Ensure your child's digital activity is balanced and risk free</p> | <p>Supervise the way you want Filter websites, set time limits, block apps, get reports, and more</p> | <p>Build positive digital habits Help your child develop a healthy relationship with technology</p> |
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Available for:

