

# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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## Basketball Triumph

A dominant display by the Year 10 Basketball team, who emerged victorious against local rivals, East Barnet School, with an impressive scoreline of **57-8**. The court was ablaze with skilful plays, showcasing the dedication and teamwork of our outstanding player. Leading the charge and voted as MVP was none other than Tobias, whose stellar performance left



the opposition in awe. Scoring an impressive 16 points, Tobias displayed exceptional agility and strategic prowess throughout the match. His commitment to the game on the court undoubtedly played a pivotal role in securing our team's triumph. Not to be overshadowed, Hendrick deserves an honourable mention for his noteworthy contribution to the victory. Matching Tobias with an impressive 16 points, Hendrick's precision and tenacity added to the team's overall success. The chemistry between these two standout players was evident, creating a dynamic force that East Barnet School found challenging contend with.



Mr Liu (Science Teacher & BB Coach)

## Message from the Headteacher

It's been a mixed week of sport at STA. Our Year 10 Footballers were understandably disappointed to go out of their cup competition on penalties after missing some good chances in a 0-0 draw. Our Year 10 basketballers, by contrast, couldn't stop scoring this week, in an impressive team performance.

It is great to be able to celebrate Jana's rhythmic gymnastics success below and, on a non-sporting note, Isha G represented the school very creditably at the regional final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out competition.

As a parent as well as a head teacher I know how important it is to talk with our children about staying safe online. We all need to monitor their internet use both in terms of time spent online and the websites visited. Do have a look at the piece below on Qustodio, an app that helps parents do exactly that: if you would like to hear more, an invitation has been sent out to all parents for a live online session at 7.30pm on 30 January on getting the most out of this.

It was a great pleasure on Sunday afternoon to celebrate New Year with a song with friends old and new at The Greek Cypriot Brotherhood and to enjoy a slice of vasilopita with Archbishop Nikitas. It was a particular pleasure, too, to find myself seated next to Metropolitan Athanasios, a founding governor of our school, and to share with him the excitement we are all feeling about our new buildings.

In a week full of cake eating, it was a delight on Tuesday to share a chocolate mini roll, a soft drink and a chat with pupils on Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have racked up a ton of achievement points. The cheerful good humour and intelligence of our students is a great tonic to all of us in the middle of a cold and gloomy January!

Philip Hills



St Andrew The Apostle  
**SIXTH FORM**

September 2024 Sixth Form  
applications deadline on 31 January  
See page 2 for more information.

## Upcoming Dates and Information 2024

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

## Social Media



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## Faith

### Righteous Theodore of Novgorod, the Fool-For-Christ

Blessed Theodore of Novgorod was the son of pious parents, wealthy citizens of Novgorod in Russia. Having been raised in strict Christian piety, and having reached the age of maturity, he took on himself the ascetic deed of foolishness for Christ's sake. He gave all his possessions to the poor, and he lived in great poverty until the end of his life, not even having a roof over his head, nor warm clothes on cold days.

When he discovered a mutual enmity between the Novgorod citizens of the Torgov quarter and the inhabitants of the Sophia quarter, Blessed Theodore pretended to be feuding with Blessed Nicholas Kochanov (July 27), who lived in asceticism on the opposite Sophia side. When Blessed Theodore happened to cross over the Volkhov Bridge to the Sophia side, then Blessed Nicholas pushed him over to the Torgov side. Theodore did the same thing when Nicholas chanced upon on the Torgov side. The blessed ones, spiritually in agreement with each other, by this highly visible example of performative foolishness reminded the people of Novgorod of the folly of their own internecine strife, which often ended in bloody fighting.

The blessed one possessed the gift of clairvoyance. By warning people to see to their bread, he was actually predicting an impending famine. Blessed Theodore foresaw his own end and said to the Novgorod people, "Farewell, I'm going far away." During his life, the citizens of Novgorod saw him as a saint pleasing to God and had a high regard for him. After his death in the year 1392, the holy fool was buried, at his request, in the Torgov quarter, at Lubyanitza in the church of the holy Great Martyr George, at the porch where the saint usually loved to spend his time in unceasing prayer. A chapel was built over his holy relics.



## St Andrew The Apostle SIXTH FORM



It has been a delight to speak with all our Year 11 students in the last few weeks about their sixth form choices. I was particularly impressed with their clear sense of purpose, determination to succeed and how much they value the ethos of our community. I am looking forward to meeting with them further to discuss their course options and their specific needs during their Post 16 studies.

Many budding barristers have already started on our 'Working in Law' programme that started with a fascinating lecture by criminal barrister Mr Powers last term. If any students or parents would like to find out more about this programme, please contact Ms Bicarregui.

**Applications for a September 2024 start at our Sixth Form closes on 31 January** (we do accept later applications, but use applications received by this date to plan course capacity and design our timetable)

Please see our website: [St Andrew the Apostle](https://www.standrewtheapostle.org) for information and to submit an application.

For any parent that has any queries about their son or daughter's choice of post-16 education please do contact Ms Bicarregui via our staff contact form [here](#).

**Ms Bicarregui (Head of Sixth Form)**

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## Real-life tales from the Criminal Bar



At the end of last term, Mr Archangelo Power, a prominent criminal barrister, visited our school and offered an insightful and inspiring presentation on what a career as a barrister entails, in front of an attentive audience of Y10 to Y13 students.

This is what some of our students wrote about the event:

*On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December, the school organised a 'Law Talk' workshop for the students in Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form who are/may be interested in pursuing law as a future career choice. After attending this workshop, I gained a lot of new knowledge on what exactly is expected of a barrister in the UK and what kind of personal qualities are most important, for example the importance of integrity for a barrister. I believe that this workshop has truly opened my eyes to a whole new perspective on law and has fed more into my passion of pursuing it. The workshop was very informative, and the personal takes of different cases from the barrister were really intriguing. Overall, I am very grateful that I was given this opportunity to partake in such an event. I really enjoyed myself and I hope there will be similar events in the future that can similarly influence the other pupils of our school.*

Maria K, Y11

Ms Koveri (History, Classics, Politics and Deputy Head of Sixth Form)

*I was lucky enough to be invited to the law talk with the Barrister Mr Power and it was an amazing experience. Mr Power taught me many new things about the world of being a Criminal Barrister which I wouldn't have known without him. I learned both what qualifications are needed and what personal attributes are needed to be an effective Criminal Barrister. I really appreciated the experience and I would love to do it again one day.*

Marc C, Y11



## Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 Attendance Rewards



Michael Y9



Leonidas Y9



Luca Y9

To recognise our students for their wonderful achievement of over 96% attendance, students in Y9, Y10 and Y11 were rewarded with a non-school uniform and were all entered into a raffle. Here some of our wonderful winners!

Miss Danielle Walt (Head of Y11 and PE Teacher)

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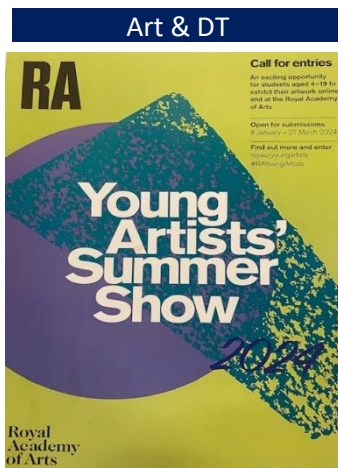
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## Football

On Monday 15 January the Year 10 football team played London Academy in the quarter-final of the borough cup. The side were at full strength and dominated the match from the early stages. Excellent combination plays by Luca, Jayden K and Kyros in midfield created chances for Peter and Andreas in the first half. Goalkeeper Theo C, who has been in fantastic form this season came off injured after a collision with the opposition striker. Outfield defending Marko deputised in goal for the remainder of the match. The side continued to press for a winner in the second half, brilliant work from Peter created a chance for Kaine who rounded the goalkeeper, but an excellent goal line clearance stopped STA for scoring. Due to the lack of light the match went straight to penalties. Unfortunately, STA missed the first and third penalty and faced an uphill battle to win the penalty shoot despite an excellent save from stand in goalkeeper Marko. London Academy won the shoot-out 4-3 and progress into the semi-final. Marko was voted player of the match after some impressive saves during the game and having the courage to deputise in goal despite not being a goalkeeper. Year 10 next play Christ College under floodlights on Wednesday 31 January.

**Mr Browell (Head of PE & Y10)**



In Design Technology students were excited to see the new pieces of equipment we had installed over the Christmas break and have jumped straight into using them. Students can expect this half term to be full of hands-on practical design projects, boosting their creativity, technical and problem-solving skills.

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As of this week we are accepting entries for the current Art Competition run by the Royal Academy of Arts. If students would like to enter, they can forward on their entry to the Art and DT members of staff who have created a portal to submit STA student entries online on their behalf. Closing date for the competition is the 27 March.

This year there is no criteria, and the subject and theme are of the students choosing, this allows for a broad spectrum of interpretative art, the competition is also accepting collaborative pieces, students are welcome to work as a team and utilise the art clubs after school to do so. We are very excited about this annual competition, prizes are also awarded each year for inspiring artworks, we wish our students the best of luck!

**Miss Agathangelou (Art & DT)**

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## Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final



Well done to Isha G who proudly represented our school in Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final, which took place last Tuesday evening in Friern Barnet School. Speaking about a challenging topic of arrange marriages, Isha captivated the audience with her passion, personality and resilience. She competed against 18 other representatives of Barnet borough schools, who were judged by the panel of oracy experts, and although she did not win, she has shown courage and confidence in the challenging art of public speaking. We are immensely proud of what she has achieved, but more importantly, we are very impressed with the hard work and dedication she has shown in preparation for the final. Thank you also to Isha's support group, Chloe, Aliyat, Shanel, Megi, Mark, Tyler, Sofia, Marko and Maria, who attended the final to listen to some excellent speeches, but more significantly, who offered Isha their relentless support and advice in rehearsals as well as on the day - what a great group of friends! Following her achievement, Isha will become a mentor for other year 10 students in our school who will be completing their Spoken Language Assessment in May as part of the GCSE course.

Please follow the link below for full photo coverage of Barnet Regional Final of Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge: Barnet Regional Final 2023-24 - Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge ([jpspeakoutchallenge.com](http://jpspeakoutchallenge.com))

**Ms Bassington (Head of English)**



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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.

Available for:



### 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)**

## Out of School Sporting Success

A huge well done to our Y10 student, Jana B for her recent success in her gymnastics competition. Jana competed in the International Winter Stars Competition on 17 December. Jana placed 3rd and 4th in Rhythmic.



**Miss Walt (Head of Y11 and PE Teacher)**

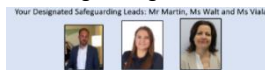
## Safeguarding

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.



## APOSTLE NEWS

Don't forget to have a read of our latest student edition of Apostle News [APOSTLE NEWS Issue 3!](#)

## Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable - Term 3

	Lunchtime	After school
<b>Monday</b>		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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	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)
<b>Thursday</b>		All Years Boys and Girls Basketball – (3 – 4pm) B5 Changing Rooms GCSE PE Trampoline (INVITE ONLY) (3 – 3pm) East Barnet School All Years Girls Dance - (3 – 4pm) B5 Changing Hall Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
<b>Friday</b>	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)