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Houses of Parliament – Apostle News Trip

Apostle news visited the Palace of Westminster otherwise known as the Houses of Parliament earlier this week. A big thank you to Bella 8S for arranging this with Teresa Villiers our local MP for Barnet. We got to stand at Rishi Sunak's dispatch box where he faces Kier Starmer every Wednesday for PMQs, Prime Minister's Questions.

Read more about this in the next edition of Apostle News.

Sophia 8P



Message from the Headteacher

In #NationalFootballWeek we have had a wonderful week of sport at St Andrew. First, we had the joys of social football at Bethune Park, with Mr Francis' 'All Stars' team ultimately taking the spoils. Our U13 Girls team did not quite make it through to the next round of the English Schools FA Cup, but they played with real conviction. Then it was the turn of our Year 7 Boys to record a great cup win. Capping off the week was a hard-fought victory by our Year 11 players against Archer Academy, taking the boys through to the final of the Borough Cup for the second consecutive year. I was particularly impressed by the composure of the team in the penalty shoot-out, an instinctive reaction save by Theo, the goalkeeper, and by the calm words of Mr Browell. You can see clips of the concluding action on our twitter ('X') account. Our Year 8/9 girls are also through to the Borough Cup Final after an excellent 4-0 victory over East Barnet School on Thursday. As the diggers level out the area behind our new buildings that will house our wonderful all-weather pitch, I am confident that it will be very well used and truly treasured by our pupils and the local community.

Many thanks to local MP Teresa Villiers for hosting the visit to parliament – we look forward to our first STA MP in due course!

Please see our new detention procedure below: it underlines the importance of attendance in the first instance.

As a second set of mock exams upon us, I am sure I don't have to remind Year 11 and Year 13 students of the importance of daily revision in half-term. We are offering a number of GCSE intervention classes on Wednesday and Thursday of half-term, so I hope that many students will make the most of these opportunities.

Zacchaeus (below) is one of the most entertaining characters in the New Testament and Jesus' interest in him wonderfully highlights his love even for a social outcast such as a tax-collector. Zacchaeus' sincere and humble repentance is a reminder to all of us of the changes that God can help us to make in our lives if we come to him in sincere love and repentance. I will leave you with a biblical teaser for half-term: what was the type of tree that little Zacchaeus climbed up to get a better view?

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

Sunday of Zacchaeus (18 February)



The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins and atone for them.

The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our wrongful actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9).

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues and prepare for spiritual effort and growth.



Y11 Inter form Match - #NationalFootballWeek

The first event of national football week saw the Y11 inter-form match between Mr Browell 'All Stars' vs Mr Francis 'All Stars' finished with a scoreline of 5-3 with the Mr Francis 'All Stars' taking a historic victory in a close game. Player of the match was Tiago with his brilliant attacking plays and a crucial hat-trick to help win the game.

The Mr Francis 'All Stars' had another big performance from their defence of Theo J, Marc C and Zakaria R. On the Mr Browell 'All Stars' the standout performers were Peter S, Sevan M and Martin D with his inspirational running down the wings and Christos M was influencing the game to keep the Mr Browell 'All Stars' with a chance of winning.

Mr Godden (Teacher of PE)



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Year 11 Football - #NationalFootballWeek

The success of national football week continued Wednesday 7 February as the Year 11 football team progressed into the borough cup final. The team beat Archer Academy 3-1 on penalties after a 0-0 draw in normal time. STA were successful with all three penalties with Nicholas K, Jerome S and Jayden K all scoring from the spot.

Theo C made two important saves during the shootout. After the game, the team voted Freddie P player of the match after a commanding performance at centre back.

The team will play either Wren Academy, Finchley Catholic High, or St James in The final after half term.

Mr Browell
(Head of Y10 & PE)



Year 7 Boys Football Team Clinches 3-0 Victory - #NationalFootballWeek

In a thrilling display of skill and teamwork, the Year 7 boys football team secured a triumphant 3-0 win in their latest match. The game showcased the team's prowess on the field as they outplayed their opponents with finesse.

The match kicked off with a bang as Matheos seized an early opportunity, netting the first goal to give our team the lead just before half time. Matheos' goal set the tone for the rest of the match, igniting the team's determination to dominate the field.

As the game progressed, it was Ali who furthered our lead with two remarkable goals, showcasing his talent and precision in front of the net. Ali's impressive performance bolstered the team's confidence and kept the momentum firmly in our favour.

Meanwhile, Malije's exceptional display of defending did not go unnoticed, earning him the title of Man of the Match. Malije's stellar performance on both ends of the field played a pivotal role in securing our team's victory.

The entire Year 7 boys football team demonstrated outstanding teamwork throughout the match, working together seamlessly to outmanoeuvre their opponents and secure the impressive 3-0 win.

Congratulations to the entire team on their well-deserved victory, and a special commendation to Matheos for his lead-taking goal, Ali for his stellar performance, and Malije for his outstanding contributions as Man of the Match. With such talent and dedication, the future looks bright for our Year 7 boys!

Mr De Jesus (Cover Supervisor & Football Coach)



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Y8 and Y9 Football Team - #NationalFootballWeek

An incredible evening on Thursday as our Y8 and Y9 Girls football team secure their spot in the borough cup final with a 4-0 win over East Barnet.

Goals scored by Melina, Imani x 2 and Natalie.

Players player: Sofia D

POTM: Natalie S

Miss Walt (Head of Y11 & Teacher of PE)



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Changes to detentions procedures

I'd like to inform the school community of a change to our school's detention procedure, which we believe is necessary to maintain discipline and ensure the well-being of all students.

This change will only affect a minority of students, 84% of our students did not receive a single detention in the first three terms of 2023/24.

From the week beginning the 4 March, we will be implementing changes to our detention procedure.



Should a student miss this 60-minute detention, they will be assigned a two-hour senior leader detention on a Friday, and should this detention be missed, this will result in students spending a day in the Referral Room the next day and sit a detention after school on that day. Parents will be informed on Friday morning via text message. You can also access detention information via the MCAS app.

This change aims to emphasise the importance of attending detentions promptly and to deter repeated infractions. Previously, missing a 60-minute detention would result in students spending two periods in the Referral Room and sitting the missed 60-minute detention the next day. Our aim with this change in procedure is to ensure that students spend more time learning in the classroom.

It is important to note that our intention behind this adjustment is not to penalise students unfairly but rather to instil a sense of responsibility and accountability for their actions. By reinforcing the consequences of missing detentions, we can continue to promote a culture promoting of respect, readiness, and responsibility, the school's code of conduct, within our school community.

We understand that these changes may raise questions or concerns, and we are more than happy to address any inquiries you may have. Please feel free to contact myself using the staff contact form on our website for further clarification or assistance if required. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring the smooth operation of our school's disciplinary procedures. Together, we can create a positive learning environment where every student can thrive and succeed.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher and DSL)

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.



Health – Measles

Please ensure your child is up to date with their vaccine. See link below for letter from Interim Director of Public Health and Prevention, Barnet Council:

[Letter to Parents/ Carers](#)

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
Monday		All Years Boys and Girls Table Tennis (3 – 4pm) B4 Hall KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – 3C4 (3.05 – 3.45pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3.30pm)
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 (3.30pm)
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 (3.30pm)
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 (3.30pm)
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 (3.30pm)