

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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08 March 2024

Sixth Form News

Our Year 12 EPQ students enjoyed a day of research on Tuesday to help prepare for their 5000-word dissertation. Foyles bookshop provided some inspiration before heading to the National History Museum and National Science Museum. Next stop the Imperial War Museum.

The Sixth Form also enjoyed a visit from Dan Tomlinson, Labour Party candidate for Chipping Barnet, who held a workshop about the importance of young people registering to vote. Students enjoyed the session, and it was fantastic to see how politically engaged they were. They also had a number of very challenging questions to put to Dan Tomlinson.

I'm looking forward to meeting with all the Year 11 students who have applied to our Sixth Form from next week. If parents have any questions about the process, please do contact the sixth form office at sixthform@standrewtheapostle.org.uk



Ms Bicarregui | Head of Sixth Form

Message from the Headteacher

There are few things better than a great bookshop and I am sure that our Year 12 EPQ students will have been suitably inspired by their visit to Foyles between museum hopping in London. The bibliophilia has continued this week with some excellent displays and readings for World Book Day. Many thanks to Mrs Bassington, the English Department and to everyone who joined in the fun. It would be excellent if you could help your child to select a book with the discount vouchers that everyone received on Thursday.

Our root word this week is *mater*, and, to stay with the maternal theme, on Wednesday I very much enjoyed giving a tour of the school to a group which included the mother of the World Muay Thai Champion, one of our recent leavers (see below for Chris Savva's recent success). Our visitors were especially bowled over by the progress being made on the site of our wonderful new buildings – with the new Sports Hall now almost complete, the diggers, piling machines and concrete mixers have moved in to start work on the main school building.

When I last visited The Globe, I don't recall stunt bikes flying over my head, but such was the experience of our Year 11 pupils who were standing as 'groundlings' to enjoy a unique interpretation of *Romeo and Juliet*. It was an unforgettable performance and would make a superb family afternoon out, by all accounts.

Our clubs and societies continue to go from strength to strength (see below for days and timings) and I look forward to sharing some excellent performances from our pupils at The Barnet Dance Festival with you next week.

Philip Hills



Upcoming Dates and Information 2024

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Faith Last Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But in case some sinners, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, and squander the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast as a reminder of Christ's Second Coming. Through this we recall that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness to the work of virtue, and to stir us to love and compassion for our fellow man. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheesefare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight - which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now - it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

Kontakion of Judgment (Meatfare) Sun.

First Tone

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.



Root Word of the Week

matr/mater (from Latin) = mother

Matrix
(*mother/womb/*
source point)



Maternity
(*motherhood*)



Matron (*mother-substitute/*
woman in charge of
wellbeing in hospital or
boarding school)

This week's **root-word** is: '*matr/mater*' [from Latin] meaning '*mother*'

- **Matrix** (noun: *mother/womb/* source point)
- In Maths, a **matrix** is a set of numbers and symbols used for problem solving.
- **Maternal** (adjective: *motherly/of, or from, the mother*)
- He often spent the holidays with his **maternal** grandparents.
- **Matriarchal** (adjective: ruled by *mother-figures/women*)
- **Matricide** (noun: the act of killing one's *mother*)
- **Maternity** (noun: *motherhood*)

Additional **matr/mater** words:

- Matriarch** (noun: ruling female/*mother-figure* in charge)
- Matrimony** (noun: the state of being married ['allowed to become a *mother*])
- Matron**: (noun: *mother-substitute /woman* in charge of wellbeing in hospital or boarding school)
- Materfamilias** (noun: female head of a household/*mother* of a tribe)
- Alma **mater** (noun: former school/*foster-mother*)
- Matronymic** (noun: a name derived from the name of your *mother*, or a maternal ancestor)

Congratulations to ex STA student Chris Savva, who won the World Open Muay Championship at Great Yarmouth.

Mr Francis | Head of Y8 and Teacher of PE



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World Book Day

On Thursday 7 March we celebrated World Book Day across the school. Students had an opportunity to hear and see that there is a book for everyone with staff decorating their office/classroom door with the motifs from their favourite book and teachers talking to students about it at the start of their lessons. Students enjoyed presenting and reading from their own favourite book in English lessons, numerous quizzes and a murder mystery experience in Ms Casey's class. It was great to see so many students engaged in the Treasure Hunt which required careful studying of staff's favourite book covers displayed on their office/classroom doors in order to answer a number of questions; this has finished at lunchtime today and the prize draw winners will be announced next week. As the wonderful door decorations stay on our doors, so is the focus on reading: please encourage your child to read every day and use our English classroom mini libraries which have a variety of new fiction and non-fiction titles.

Ms Bassington | Head of English

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Romeo and Juliet at the Globe

Last Tuesday fifty Year 11 students went to see the performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' at The Globe theatre in central London. All students agreed it was an unforgettable experience to see their GCSE text performed live in the replica of Shakespeare theatre, and to experience the atmosphere, the laughter, the gasps of horror and despair, just as the Elizabethan audience would more than 400 years ago. It not only served as invaluable revision ahead of their May English Literature exams, but most importantly showed students how universal, contemporary and true to life Shakespeare plays are. Despite it being an evening performance and us having only standing tickets, all participating students showed high energy, enthusiasm and impeccable manners throughout. We only regret the fact that we were not able to take the whole cohort of Year 11 students with us; unfortunately, we were only offered 50 free tickets, despite putting the request for 150! However, the tickets to this production of Romeo and Juliet are still available to buy for the general public. The show runs until 13 April and the standing tickets are available from £5/£10. We encourage all our students (not only year 10 and 11) to go and see the performance, if possible, especially over the Easter break – it's truly worth it. Here is the link: [Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank: Romeo and Juliet](#)



Ms Bassington | Head of English

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.



Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable - Term 3

	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		All Years Boys and Girls Table Tennis (3 – 4pm) 84 Hall KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – 3G4 (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) Y9 Drama Club – DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
Wednesday	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 – 1.35pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 – 1.35pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 – 3.50pm)

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