

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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22 March 2024

UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge



The Maths department is proud to announce some wonderful successes achieved by students in Year 9 and 10, who participated to the UKMT Intermediate maths Challenge. We, as maths teachers, aim to continue promoting and inspiring our students through these initiatives which give pupils new points of view and strongly motivate them to pursue their studies in maths-related subjects. The UKMT Maths challenges promote a love for problem solving, encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think and even though most are accessible, they still challenge those with more experience. Well done to our students in their achievements and we look forward to seeing even more successes in the future.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths

Message from the Headteacher

This term has absolutely flown by and there is much to look forward to next term, not least the Borough Cup final for our Y11 Footballers, which will be played at Compton School on Tuesday 16 April. Having won the same competition as Y10s last year the team will be looking to achieve a historic double!

In the second round of mocks our Y11s have made steady progress and I know that both they and our Y13 students will want to consolidate their knowledge in the Spring holidays with individual revision and by making the most of our in-school revision clinics over the break to which they have received an invitation.

Next Thursday will be our final day of the Spring Term and a half day: please see below for the timings of departure.

It is a pleasure to see the continued success of our Maths Department with the Y9 and 10 Maths Challenge Competition. Many of our Mathematicians also take a further L3 qualification in Algebra in Y11, which puts them in a great position to study Maths and even Further Maths at A Level and beyond. Some of our most able Mathematicians have gone on to study the subject at leading universities such as St Andrew's and Oxford in recent years and this tradition looks well set for the future.

As we enter the season of Great Lent we have given the quiz below to our students: why not try it at home with your son or daughter and see how many you can score? [Quiz for Lent](#)

Philip Hills

Last day of Term dismissal times:

12.35pm – Student dismissal

12.50pm – 30 min detention

dismissal

1pm – 60 min detentions dismissal

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Faith

Sunday of Orthodoxy



The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

Historical Background

The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops. Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society, approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the other extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.



The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands". An Endemousa (Regional) Synod was called in Constantinople in 843. Under Empress Theodora. The veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral. The Empress, her son Michael III, Patriarch Methodios, and monks and clergy came in procession and restored the icons in their rightful place. The day was called "Triumph of Orthodoxy." Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Lent, the "Sunday of Orthodoxy".

Watch here to understand the Orthodox tradition of venerating icons:

[Sunday of Orthodoxy](#)

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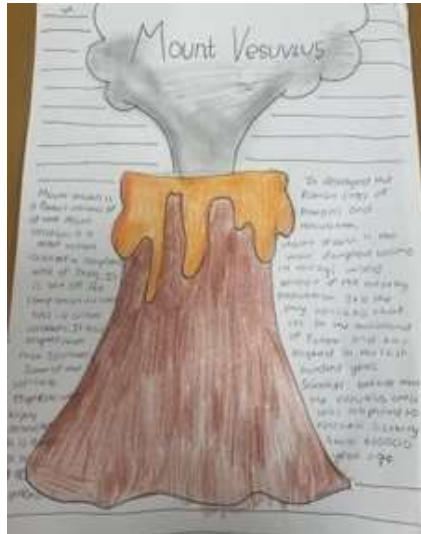


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The school will be hosting a **Newquay Parents Information Evening on Monday 15 April 2024**. The event will take place in Building 4 school hall from 6.00pm-6.45pm. The evening will involve the trip leader explaining the key details of the trip and give parents the opportunity to ask questions.



Recent work in Geography



Root word of the week

(duc/duce/duct: Latin = lead)

Productive (*leading to abundance*)

Viaduct (elevated pathway *leading* through the landscape)

Educate (*to lead out hidden potential*)

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How can you stay safe In and Out of school!

If you are worried about anything, you can speak to ANY Teacher, Support Staff Your Form Teachers and Year Leaders!

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Ms Walt DOSL

Mr Martin DOSL

Ms Vials DOSL

PLUS OFFICE SUPPORT

Ms Azad

Ms Henshaw-Devall

Senior Leadership Team:

Dr Hills

Ms Malakouna

Ms Helan

Ms Bicarregui

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Morning and Afternoon Tours from 4 March 2024

FREE Summer School Wednesday 24 July to Friday 26 July 2024 9.30am to 1.30pm for Year 5 students

Outside of school

If something happens outside school and you need help, contact:

ChildLine 0800 111
Barnet Children's services 020 8359 4066
Enfield Children's services 020 8379 5555

After school, at weekends and during school holidays ensure you are safe around water, railways, roads and parks. Be careful at home in the kitchen, or when DIY is underway.

Be safe online
Only share positive messages
Keep private information private
Do not meet someone who you met online
Keep your passwords safe
Report online abuse using: www.ceop.police.uk

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