

Message from the Headteacher

You will hopefully have noticed that our newsletter has a new look. This is in keeping with our new website, which you can access here: [St Andrew the Apostle](https://www.standrewtheapostle.org).

In consultation with the Greek Orthodox Church, The Russell Education Trust and our Local Governing Board we have also developed a new logo. We have done so partly with a view to the clarity of visuals on our new school buildings, but also with the clear understanding that the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is at the heart of everything we do, not only at Pascha, but all year round. When we have given our pupils a sneak preview of the new logo, their response has been overwhelmingly positive. Some have asked, however, whether they will need to update their uniforms. I am very pleased to report that the answer is, ‘No’: we will be phasing in the new logo gradually so there is no immediate need to update any part of your school wardrobe. Our social media branding has also been updated. If you would like to follow us on X (formerly twitter) or Instagram, you will see regular updates on what is happening at our school.

Unfortunately, the stop for bus numbers 34 and 251 on the Oakleigh Road, immediately to the right of the Business Park as pupils exit, has been closed this week due to repaving works. We have been assured by the Council that these will shortly be completed, so that when everyone returns after the half-term break it will be up and running again. I wish everyone a peaceful break and I know that our Year 12s, who have internal exams, as well as our Year 11s and 13s, will be working hard on revision. Yours in Christ.



Philip Hills
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher



Sports Hall almost complete! We can't wait to move into our new building September 2025!!



Year 10 Design and Technology

The students in our Year 10 GCSE Design Technology group have completed an array of unique lamp projects. Over the past term they've been putting their creativity and innovation to use, designing and crafting lamps from their own concepts. Witnessing their imagination and skill set in action has been truly inspiring.

We're excited to soon provide a showcase of photographs illustrating the current project being undertaken by our Year 8s and 9s. They are currently focused on crafting custom door signs and picture frames. Meanwhile, our Year 7 students have been diligently working on constructing wooden toy cars. This marks their initial project involving operational moving parts, and they are developing their skills in a unique way - learning how to assemble wood to create joints without the use of glue or nails. These projects not only build their technical skills but also foster creativity, problem-solving abilities, and a sense of achievement in the students, truly emphasising the importance of hands-on learning.

Miss Agathangelou | DT -Technician

Faith - Sunday of the Paralytic

The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralysed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof (see icon above). Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic was lying, tormented by his infirmity. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed, rejoicing, to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelled there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.





Year 7 Scientists making the most of the good weather to practice using quadrats outside. Students worked together to generate random coordinates and record results of plant species to measure their distribution and abundance.

Miss Msrar
Head of Science



His Eminence, Archbishop Nikitas, enthrones new Metropolitan of Ireland

One of the key recent resolutions made by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is the establishment of the Metropolis of Ireland, separate from the Archdiocese of Thyateira, due to the growing congregation in Ireland. Bishop Iakovos of Zinoupolis has been appointed as the Metropolitan for this newly established Metropolis. This initiative was initiated at the request of Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain, who is pictured here (centre), together with our School Governor, Archdeacon George (left) at the enthronement of Bishop Iakovos (right). As His Eminence pointed out to our students, when they interviewed him recently, the Saints of Great Britain and Ireland are Orthodox saints and they are part of the unique and shared heritage of the Christian churches of these lands.



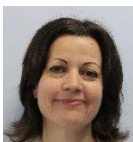
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