

20 September 2024

Open Evening 24 September 2024

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening at St Andrew the Apostle School, on Tuesday 24 September 2024 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. This event is for families looking at their options for secondary school and is intended to be helpful, whether you are at the beginning of the process or further along in your decision making. If your child, who is currently at STA, has a younger sibling in years 4, 5 and 6, we would be especially pleased to show them around.

Event Highlights:

- Hear directly from our Headteacher, students and staff about what makes life at St Andrew the Apostle so exciting and ambitious for every pupil.
- Tour our facilities and meet our teachers and students
- View our ongoing construction and preview the plans for our new school building, opening for students in September 2025.

Discover what makes our school the right choice for your child's educational journey. Click the link to secure pre-registration:

[St Andrew the Apostle](#)



There is free parking for the Open Evening on the first floor. Please use the white parking bays. On your arrival, there will be signage and members of staff to direct you.



Year 12 Trip

The South Bank Challenge Day! What a fabulous afternoon with are brilliant and fiercely competitive Year 12s. A beautiful day on London's South Bank for Year 12 today who navigated their way through a series of clues to make it to the finish point at the Tate Modern.

Ms Bicarregui | Head of Sixth Form



Message from the Headteacher

We've had another exciting week at STA. On Tuesday our football teams were in action, with our Year 11 footballers securing a memorable win away to Wren Academy. Hat tip to Andreas for his four goals! Our girls had a battling game on the same afternoon but went down to some strong opposition. Year 12 had a fantastic trip to London's South Bank last Friday as they competed to find clues and solve problems on an intriguing treasure hunt, expertly curated by Ms Bicarregui and Mrs Koveri. You can see the pictures below.

It was excellent to see so many parents and families at our Year 10 and Year 12 settling in evening on Thursday and to hear of the firm foundations already being made for GCSE and A level courses.

Our new school buildings are of course way beyond the foundation phase, as they approach completion next summer: it was a truly memorable moment to see the walls put up on the new main school building this week, following hot on the heels of the near completion of the sports hall, with the addition of the final flooring.

We are hugely looking forward to our Open Evening on Tuesday at which we will showcase not just our new buildings but all the recent successes of the school. You will have seen the early closure letter already, but many thanks to those whose children are taking part as tour guides and helpers.



Welcome to our New Assistant Head Teacher and SENDCO

I am delighted to be joining St Andrew the Apostle as the new Assistant Headteacher SENDCO. I am from France and grew up near Marseille where the sun shines 300 days per year! I moved to England in 2006 and completed my PGCE in 2012. I started my teaching career in a secondary school in Reading and was promoted Head of MFL in a school in South Ruislip, Hillingdon in 2015. I became part of the Senior Leadership Team there in 2020. I am passionate about helping students achieving the best they can and supporting them through their journey to become young adults. This is why becoming the SENDCO of St Andrew the Apostle is such an amazing opportunity to put into practice what I love to do: being there for students, parents and staff. I am looking forward to working with the whole school community and be part of the students' learning and well-being journey.

Mrs Bamber (Assistant Head Teacher SENDCO)



Faith - Saint Peter the Tax-Collector 22 September

Saint Peter, Former Tax-Collector, was the chief collector of taxes in Africa in the service of the emperor Justinian (AD 527-565). He was a cruel and merciless man. One day he threw a scrap of bread to a beggar who annoyed him by incessantly begging. In a vision Peter saw himself as dead and how the holy Angels weighed his deeds on the scale of the righteous judgment of God. On the side of good deeds nothing was placed except one morsel of bread, but this prevented the opposite side from being pulled down by his vicious deeds. Peter pondered the meaning of the dream and thought that if one scrap of bread was of such help, then he might receive much more help for good deeds performed with compassion, from the heart. He repented and completely changed his life. He liberally distributed alms to the needy and fed and clothed many. One day, in a dream, Peter saw Jesus Christ. The Lord was dressed in clothes which the saint once gave to a beggar. Peter then distributed his goods to the poor and ordered his slave to sell him into slavery and to give the money to the poor. For many years Saint Peter worked diligently and humbly for his master. One day he was recognized by tradesmen, who told the master who his servant was. Having overheard this conversation, the saint quickly fled from the city. In departing, he worked a miracle: the gatekeeper, a deaf-mute slave, was ordered by Saint Peter to open the gates in the name of Jesus Christ. He fulfilled the command, and at once received his hearing and speech. He rushed around everywhere to tell his master and added moreover, that when the saint commanded him to open the gates, fire came forth from his mouth touching his face, after which he began to hear and speak. Everyone went to look for Peter, but the search proved in vain. The saint hid and remained hidden until his death.



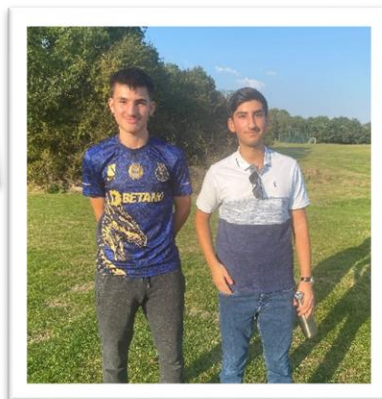
Year 7 Football vs. London Academy

A huge well done to our Y7 football team who faced London Academy this week in their first match at STA. The students played with a brilliant determination and exhibited outstanding teamwork skills. The game started off well, and the boys began to find their rhythm, heading into half time with a 1-1 draw. In the second half, we were able to equalise following another London Academy goal, making it 2-2. An unfortunate breakthrough for London Academy came shortly after, meaning the game ended 3-2.



Our goal scorers were Eli and Miguel.

Our man of the match award was shared between Fin and Kamil.



A special mention and thank you to our sixth form football coaches, Peter and Georgio.

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Y11 Football vs Wren Academy

Our football success began early in the week when our Y11 boys football team faced Wren Academy away from home. The game ended with a 5 - 2 victory to STA.

We lined up with a different formation, changing up the back line and having Jayden captain the side from the centre back position, Jayden played outstanding in this role and exhibited brilliant leadership skills throughout.



Another change of position was the centre forward spot, picked up by Andreas who scored 4 goals, with a man of the match performance. Our 5th goal was scored by Andy.

Gabriel was substituted in goal for the second half and made some incredible saves when faced with a flurry of shots from Wren.



Our next fixture is against Beaumont School in the ESFA cup on Wednesday 2 October.



U16 Girls Football vs TTA

Our girls football team lined up against TTA for their first fixture of the year, and what an exciting game it turned out to be! TTA were quick off the whistle and were able to score early on, despite some excellent saves from Sofia D in goal. When TTA took the lead, they built on their advantage and scored another two goals in quick succession. The success from TTA continued, and we headed into half time at a 5 - 0 score line.

With a few shifts to the formation, and Imani taking the role of centre forward, we were able to score within the first minute of the second half. Imani's success continued as she scored a second goal shortly after. We were able to keep possession following some brilliant defensive work from Eve, Emily, Hana and Ava on the back line who were able to prevent TTA making a break. A through ball played by Emily P, meant that Melina was able to shoot from distance and score an outstanding goal, taking the score to 5-3, shortly followed up by the final goal in Imani's hat-trick.

Following Imani's goal, TTA were able to score another, and the game resulted in a loss.

The determination, drive and resilience by the team was outstanding, and we are very proud of their efforts.

POTM: Sofia D

Our next fixture is against Wren Academy Enfield in the Middlesex Cup on Wednesday 25 September.

Parents: feeling too busy rushing around to find out what your son/daughter is learning at school?

Check out the curriculum online on our website to find out more: <https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/curriculum>



Designated Safeguarding Leads
Click below for more information



Mr Martin



Miss Walt



Mrs Viala

Join Friends of St Andrew (FOSA)

Friends of St Andrew is a group of parents that provide invaluable support for our school. They need your help to raise funds for specific projects and would welcome more members to give time and help lead the group. FOSA supports many of our events including our Open Evening by offering refreshments and talking to prospective parents. If you would like to be involved in supporting or leading this group, please contact them through the school using the usual channels.

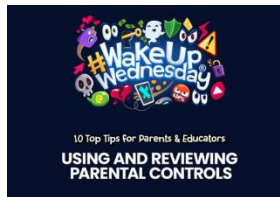
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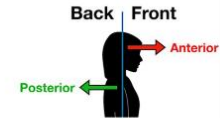
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Root Word of the week

ante- [Latin] = before

Ante Meridiem (A.M.) (before midday)



Anterior (Situated before or at the front)

Antependium (an ornamental hanging or screen before an altar in a church)



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Timetable

It has been wonderful to welcome so many students to clubs and extra-curricular activities from the start of year.

A reminder that:

- Clubs are free for students to attend
- Students should sign up on the student portal
- Clubs will change each half term

[Click here](#) to view the schedule for the first half term should students wish to attend.

A huge thank you to our sports leaders in Y10, Y11 and Y12 for their support also.



YOUTH CLUB
ΣΥΝΑΕΗ ΝΕΟΝ

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER @ 18:30

BBQ - PICNIC, OUTDOOR & INDOOR ACTIVITIES
DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

In the hall of St Mary's Greek Orthodox Cathedral 122 8-LB

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