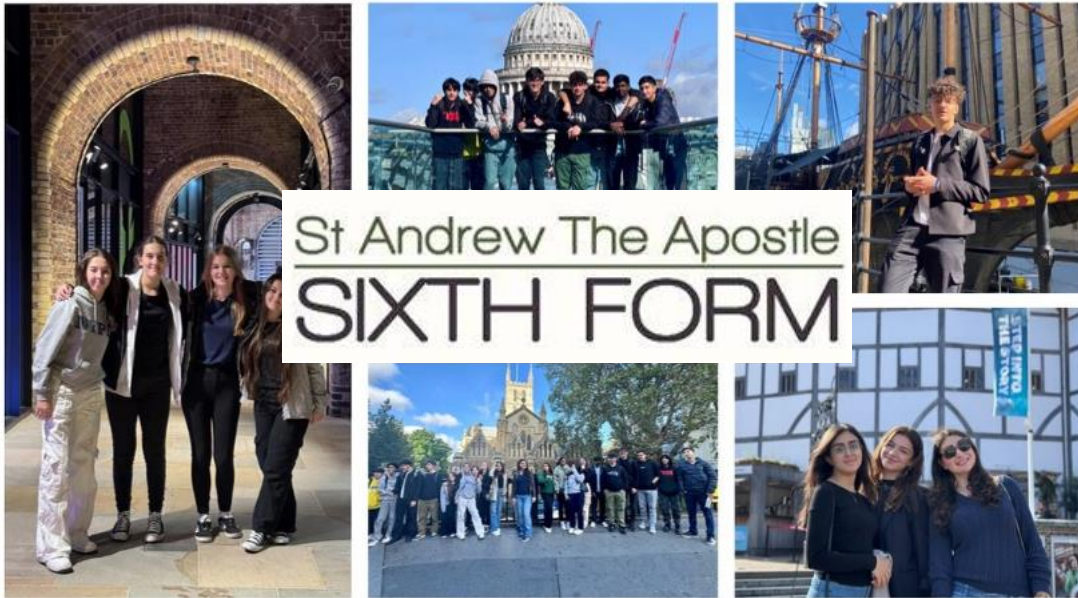


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St Andrew The Apostle SIXTH FORM

We look forward to welcoming families to our **SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING** Wednesday 16 OCTOBER 2024 6.00pm – 7.30pm



Year 11 Settling in Evening

On Thursday 3 October we welcomed Year 11 parents to school. Across the evening parents and students listened to presentations from the Head of Year, Head of Core Subjects and Head of Sixth Form. The presentations detailed key information and dates for the forthcoming year, key details for each core subject to support students and the pathway to post 16 education. PowerPoint presentations from the evening have been posted on the school website. A reminder the Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 16 October in Building 4. Any questions or queries, please contact r.browell@standrewtheapostle.org.uk. We look forward to all seeing parents and students on Wednesday 16 October.

Mr Browell | Head of Year & Head of PE

Message from the Headteacher

We've had a week of mixed fortunes in school football. Our Year 11 boys are out of the Middlesex Cup and our U15 girls again lost narrowly, this time in the ESFA competition. We have a crop of very promising players lower down the school however and our U14 girls will be hoping to go one better next week. Our U15 and U14 boys have already done exactly that, with some really impressive wins in the league. Hat tips to Kaine and Loughran for their long-range goals!

It was good to see so many pupils and parents at our Year 11 Information Evening on Thursday. There is every sign that Year 11 will be a record-breaking year at GCSE, such have been their results so far, and we are looking forward to a strong set of Year 11 mock results after half-term. We look forward to seeing Year 11 families again at our Sixth Form Transition Evening on 16 October.

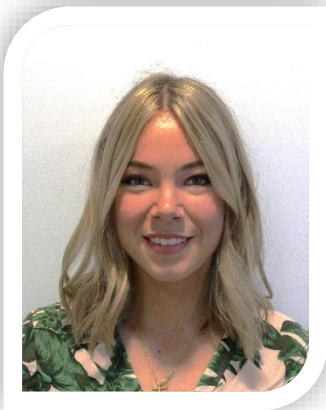
Year 11, along with our Maths Sixth formers have been taking part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge this week. It is a prestigious and unusually challenging competition. We look forward to seeing their progress in a few weeks' time!

The story of the Apostle Thomas (October 6) reminds of God's steadfast faithfulness and the importance of being present. Just as St Thomas was present when Jesus showed him His wounds, so we need to be present in our relationships with other people, so that they feel free and safe to show us their vulnerabilities and woundedness. We need, too, to be receptive to the miracles that He can work in all of our lives when we work together and open ourselves to His divine will.



Philip Hills
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Welcome to our New Teachers



I am so excited to be joining St Andrew the Apostle as an Art and English teacher. I recently completed my PGCE and have just moved to North London from Southend-on-Sea. I studied Fine Art for three years and have completed my Subject Knowledge Enhancement in English. I value creativity and I hope to bring this into both my Art and English classrooms. I have taken part in revamping the KS3 art curriculum over the summer to increase student engagement in the subject. I will also be running an Art club after school for KS3 students which will allow students to explore a variety of different mediums outside of lessons. I am delighted to be joining both the English and the Art department and helping to support students through their academic journey.

Miss Lisle | Teacher of Art & English

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Year 10 vs Bishop Douglas



Our Year 10 boys' football team delivered a stellar performance this week, securing a decisive victory against Bishop Douglas. The standout performer was undoubtedly Kaine K, who dazzled both fans and teammates with an impressive hat-trick. His ability to find the back of the net with such precision was key to our victory and demonstrated his exceptional offensive talent. Adding to the team's success, Sam S made a significant impact coming off the bench. His excellent defensive skills were instrumental in stopping Bishop Douglas's advances, ensuring our lead remained unchallenged. His presence on the field brought stability and confidence to the team, proving crucial in the later stages of the game. This victory is a testament to the hard work and determination of the entire team. It was a true team effort, and each player should be proud of their contribution. Congratulations to all the players for this fantastic win! We look forward to seeing more great performances as the season progresses.

Mr De Jesus | Head of Y10 & Teacher of PE

Year 9 Football



A very determined Year 9 team played their second league match against Hendon School on a very wet evening this week. The team, led by their captain Jayden J were determined to secure three points from the first whistle. We were the more physical of the two sides and this meant that our midfield players were able to dominate the centre of the field. We had an incredible number of shots on target, coming from players in every position. Of the shots, some excellent variations including headers, long range shots and a couple of well-timed tap-ins.

Our goal scorers: Jayden, Maxim, Loughran, Alex.

POTM: Loughran for his outstanding press and long-range effort from the half-way line!

Miss Walt | ELT & Teacher of PE

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U15 Girls vs. Ruislip High - ESFA Cup Round 2



A huge well done to our U15 girls' team for their efforts in the second round of the ESFA cup this week. The group were so resilient and determined in an intense and competitive game, which unfortunately fell just short, with a score line of 4-3 to our visitors.

We started the game well with Natalie scoring an excellent shot after getting past the last defender and coming 1-1 with the keeper in the third minute. This was followed up with another goal from Imani. Ruislip High responded to this with two goals in quick succession, and we headed into half time 2-2. In the second half, we had to play with ten players due to injury, and this led to our opponents getting through on goal twice and bringing the score to 4-2. Natalie responded very quickly to this, making it 4-3, and despite a flurry of shots at our opponent's goalie in the last ten minutes, we couldn't find an equaliser before the final whistle.



A special congratulations to Kimia and Sadé who made their full STA debuts, playing two years up. Kimia was very impressive from right back, making excellent tackles and delivering key passes, making her player and coaches player of the match.

Miss Walt | ELT & Teacher of PE



Year 10 and Year 11 Netball vs. Ark Pioneer Academy

This week, our Year 10 and 11 netball teams faced Ark Pioneer in their first games of the season.

The Year 11 team were dominant in their performance, winning their game 7 - 4. They took to the court with a different set of positions to their usual but adapted quickly and were incredible in their performance. Mimi was outstanding in centre, and won possession of the ball each time the opposition tried to switch the play, while Isha played a new role in goal defence and was tactful in keeping the opponents out of their attacking D.

The Year 10's were unlucky with their outcome, with a defeat of 16 - 10. The game was fast paced, with lots of goals, scored mainly by Natalie. The girls were so determined to close the score gap that opened in the second quarter, with outstanding play in the centre of the court by Emily. Both Molly and Jaladhi were outstanding in their debuts for the school team, and we are excited to see how the new team progress this season.

Miss Walt | ELT & Teacher of PE



Faith – Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas, 6 October

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Saviour.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

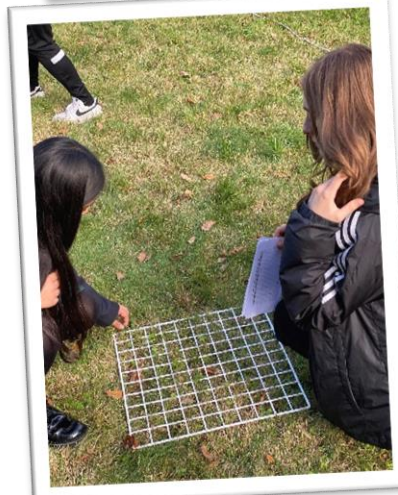
According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death: having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Melipur, the holy Apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).



Year 11 Scientists

Year 11 scientists taking advantage of the better weather by sampling the abundance and distribution of plants outside using quadrats. They successfully practiced random sampling and measuring along a transect.

Miss Msrar | Head of Science



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
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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.



Friends of St Andrew



Last week, all students were given information to our career's platform, Unifrog. Unifrog is a one-stop-shop where students can easily explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their next best step after school. Unifrog will help students to explore their key interests and what career paths they can take to reach their goals. The available resources are shown here:

Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 16/18 Intentions
Subject library	Competencies	US universities	Classes	Locker
Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	CV / Resumé	Applications list
MOOC		Oxbridge	Common App Essay	
Personality profile		Apprenticeships	US recommenders	
Interests profile		College / Sixth Form	Notes for Ref Writers	
		Canadian universities		
		Asian universities		
		Australasian unis		
		Special opportunities		
		Middle Eastern unis		

Students in KS4 and KS5 have the opportunity to attend online work experience, attend seminars and workshops ran by universities and employers.

Please do contact me using the staff contact form if you have any questions about careers, or Unifrog.

Miss Walt | Extended Leadership Team

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.



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