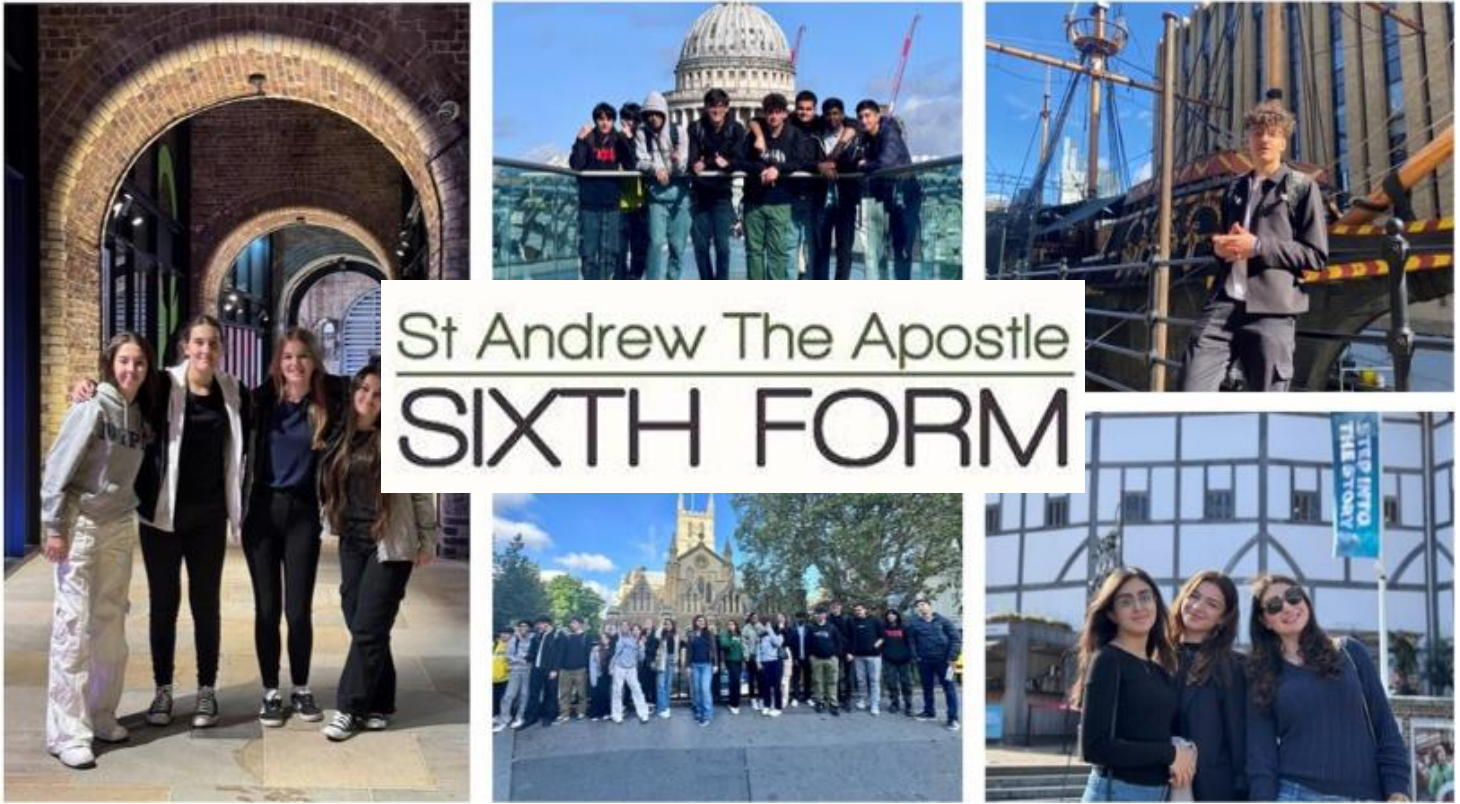


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St Andrew The Apostle SIXTH FORM

We look forward to welcoming families to our

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING **Wednesday 16 OCTOBER 2024 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

Year 13 Personal Statement Development

Last Friday, our Y13 students dedicated the day to crafting and improving their personal statements guided by the expertise of Mr Nanikhan, the Senior Regional Education Liaison Officer (London) of the University of Hertfordshire. Mr Nanikhan visited our Sixth Form last June and delivered a comprehensive and motivational presentation on effective personal statements. On Friday, he had the opportunity to further support our students during this pivotal part of their UCAS applications.

The students, who already had been working diligently on developing their personal statements, received individualised attention and were encouraged to ask questions about their drafts. Mr Nanikhan dedicated time to address their specific needs and questions and advised them brilliantly!

Ms Koveri | Deputy Head of Sixth Form



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Message from the Headteacher

Amidst all the grim weather this week there have been some notable sporting achievements. While football and netball continue to go well across all age groups, it is the individual successes that stand out, not least Elin with her strong showing in the Borough Swimming competition. In Year 11, brothers Ermis and Myronas left the competition standing and divided the spoils (gold and silver) as they contested the National Taekwondo U19 Championship in Sheffield at the weekend. Many of us will remember sibling rivalry and tussles in the back garden, but vanishingly few have the strength, the dedication or the technical excellence to take their rivalry successfully to the national stage: next stop the Olympics for our redoubtable duo! If you prefer combat on a table to a Taekwondo mat, do take a look at our Strategy Club (below); it is open to all ages and levels of experience and is a great way to get the cogs whirring at lunchtime!

It was great to see the personal statement workshop for our Year 13s and I know that the Parents Evening on Thursday Night was highly informative, too. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 pupils and their parents next Wednesday evening to our Sixth Form Transition Event to give them an insight into the road ahead at STA.



Philip Hills
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Thursday 24 October - Last Day of Term
- Friday 25 October – Inset Day
- Monday 4 November – Students first day back
- Click [here](#) to access Term Dates

NEW BUILD PROGRESS



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Taekwondo National Championship 2024



Congratulations to Ermis and Myronas on earning Gold and Silver in the taekwondo National Championship.

We are very proud of you both and wish you all the success in future championships!

Mr Browell | Head of Year 11 & PE

Congratulations!



Swimming Success

Congratulations to Elin for placing in the 200m individual medley race at the Middlesex County Amateur Swimming competition! A great effort and we are very proud of you! If you have any successes outside of school, do let us know so we can celebrate your achievements too!!

Ms Nelson | Head of Year 7 & 8

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DT News

We are thrilled to highlight the remarkable progress our students have made recently, especially those like Charlie, only being four weeks into the start of the academic year. Charlie has dived headfirst into design technology, showing focus and enthusiasm; he's not only absorbing our teaching and showcasing new skills, but is also stepping up to assist his peers, creating a collaborative and supportive learning environment. It's inspiring to see students like Charlie embody the spirit of teamwork and leadership; we are excited to watch them continue to grow and excel.

Miss Agathangelou | DT Technician

Strategy Club: Sharpen Your Mind While Having Fun!

Every Monday and Tuesday in room MA3 at lunchtime, Mr Dogan runs the Strategy Club—a great place to challenge your mind and enjoy some friendly competition. Whether it's Connect 4, Backgammon, or Chess, these games offer more than just fun—they help you develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

Strategy games are known to sharpen the mind by encouraging players to plan, anticipate their opponent's moves, and think critically under pressure. They improve cognitive abilities and boost concentration, making them both enjoyable and educational.

To join, simply register on Bromcom and come along to test your skills against others. No matter your experience level, there's always something new to learn. So, if you're looking for a fun way to challenge yourself and grow intellectually, the Strategy Club is the perfect place for you!

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths and Business



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Year 7 vs Compton



On Monday 7 October, our Year 7 football team faced off against Compton in a highly anticipated match. Despite a strong defensive start, our team found themselves trailing 1-0 after Compton scored a surprising goal just before halftime.

Refusing to be disheartened, our players returned with renewed determination in the second half. Fin T managed to score a crucial equalizer, bringing the score to 1-1.

Both teams fought fiercely for the winning goal, but the match ended in a well-deserved draw. Our players demonstrated remarkable teamwork and resilience throughout the game. Congratulations to Kamil Y who was voted as our Player of the Game! Well done to entire Year 7 team for their hard-fought performance! We look forward to seeing more of their exciting matches this season.

Mr De Jesus | Head of Year 10 & PE Teacher



Cyprus Wine Festival

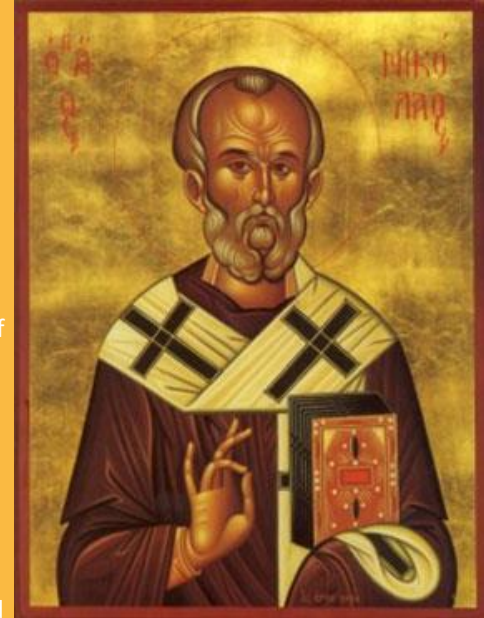
We are truly grateful to everyone who joined us at the Cyprus Wine Festival this Saturday! Your interest and enthusiasm for learning about St. Andrew the Apostle and our new building project mean the world to us. Connecting with so many of you and sharing our vision was beautiful.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing this exciting journey together!

Mr Antoniou | School Business Manager

Faith – St Wilfrid – Feast Day 12 October

Saint Wilfrid (AD 634 – 710) was one of the greatest English saints, a monk and bishop who was outstanding in bringing about close relations between the Anglo-Saxon Church and the papacy. He devoted his life to establishing the observances of the Roman Church over those of the Celtic Church and fought a stormy series of controversies on discipline and precedent. In 648 Wilfrid entered the celebrated monastery of Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumberland. Later he went to Canterbury and then set out in 652 for Rome. Having spent three years in Lyon, France, he returned to Northumbria in 657/658. Soon he received a monastery at Ripon, Yorkshire, from King Oswiu’s son, Alhfrith. He was ordained a priest in 663/664 by the Gaulish bishop Agilbert, for whom he acted as spokesman at the Synod of Whitby (664), successfully advocating the rejection of Celtic practices in favour of Roman. Alhfrith had him elected bishop of York, but Wilfrid refused to be consecrated by Celtic bishops and was therefore consecrated at Compiègne in France. Meanwhile, Oswiu appointed St. Chad as bishop of York instead, and Wilfrid on his return lived (666–669) at Ripon. He was restored in 669, when Archbishop St. Theodore of Canterbury deposed Chad, and he thereby became primate of Northumbria. He built a monastery at Hexham and introduced the Benedictine Rule to the kingdom. In 677 Theodore divided Wilfrid’s diocese, and Wilfrid appealed to Rome (the first English ecclesiastic to do so), where he arrived in 679 after having helped convert the Frisians (winter of 677–678). Pope St. Agatho and a Roman synod (October 679) ordered his restoration but accepted the division of his diocese on condition that he, with a local council, appoint the new bishops.



King Ecgrith, Oswiu’s successor, refused to obey the papal mandate, however, and apparently imprisoned Wilfrid, who finally took refuge in Sussex, Christianizing its people and founding a monastery at Selsey. In 685 he joined King Caedwalla of Wessex, who gave him a quarter of his conquests in the Isle of Wight. Aldfrith, Ecgrith’s successor, recalled him in 686/687. Although his deposition and its nullification following Agatho’s injunctions were reissued by popes SS. Benedict II and Sergius I, Wilfrid still remained improperly restored. Demanding the fulfilment of his rights granted by Agatho, he spent 11 years in exile, acting as bishop in Mercia. A council was held in 702, but Wilfrid, refusing to promise unconditional acceptance of the Archbishop’s rulings, went again to Rome, where his case was debated during 704. Though the Roman synod cleared Wilfrid of charges against him, it referred the question back to an English synod that met in Yorkshire in 705. Wilfrid, no longer insisting on York, was given his monasteries of Ripon and Hexham, becoming bishop of Hexham in 705 and retaining his monasteries in Mercia. He reposed at Oundle and was buried at Ripon. Wilfrid spread the knowledge of the Benedictine Rule, brought religious treasures from the Continent, and helped improve the chanting of the liturgy. He was a great builder at York, Ripon, and Hexham. He was one of the first to conceive the idea of Anglo-Saxons evangelizing the Germanic peoples. St. Willibrord, the apostle of Friesland and patron saint of Holland, was his devoted pupil, and he also consecrated St. Swithbert. A life of Wilfrid by his disciple Eddi was translated into English in 1927 by B Colgrave.

Root word of the week

bene[Latin] = well/good



Benediction
(blessing/the saying of good words)



Benevolent (kind/well-wishing)



Benefit (to receive good from something)

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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

All students have been given information to our careers 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:

- 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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