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Year 7 and Year 10 Netball Fixtures vs. East Barnet School

A huge well done to our netball teams this week, who both secured wins against East Barnet School.

The Year 7 girls played brilliantly and won their match 5-2 with goals from Layla and Mica. Lucia, who played centre was awarded Girl of the Game for her outstanding passing, movement and interceptions.

Year 10 played a competitive match, that was tied until the final quarter, with 2 outstanding shots from Natalie, we took the lead and the game ended 5-3. Isabella T was awarded Girl of the Game.

Miss Walt | Acting Assistant Head & PE teacher



Year 7 Football vs Ark Academy

Year 7 boys football team played Ark Academy on Wednesday 13 November. Miguel A opened the scoring with a brilliant run down the wing, before cutting inside to beat the keeper. Ark equalised just before half time from a brilliant free-kick. Coach and 6th Former Georgio C offered some excellent coaching advice at half-time. Avash R made some fantastic saves to keep the team in the game, however, was unable to stop Ark taking a 3-1 lead. Miguel scored a second goal to keep STA in the match. Ark scored a fourth goal at the end of the game, the match finished 4-2 to Ark. Standout performances from Tejan K, Arkan S and Avash R. The students voted Avash R player of the match after a string of excellent saves across the match.

Mr Browell | Head of PE & Year 11

This week, all the staff here have been filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude for our school community.

On Monday, the entire school came together for a two-minute silence to remember and honour those who have sacrificed their lives in conflicts past and present. We were moved by the respect and maturity shown by our students during this time of reflection. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of our school value of respect, which was on display as every student stood silently, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of so many. This can be seen on our Facebook page [here](#).

This value of respect also extended beyond the classroom this week. I had the pleasure of witnessing our students demonstrate their sportsmanship during Wednesday's Year 7 fixture against Wren Academy. The sportsmanship shown on the field both towards the opposing team and among our own players was commendable.

Another significant event this week has been the start of Mock 1 exams for our Year 11 students. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication they have shown. Sitting these exams can be a stressful experience, but I have been impressed by their positive attitude and commitment to doing their best. We are all rooting for them and confident that their efforts will pay off. I also want to acknowledge the support that our staff has provided students this academic year, in lessons, during intervention after school and over the half term break.

In addition to this, our Year 12 students had the opportunity to participate in an English writing workshop led by an academic guest, Dr Green. It was a fantastic experience for them to engage with advanced writing techniques and gain insights that will support their studies. Opportunities like these are invaluable as they help broaden our students' perspectives and encourage a deeper engagement with their learning.

We have another busy week next week as we prepare for Father Gregory to mark St Andrew's Day though a service at the end of November, and we begin to look forward to Christmas which will include a Church service at St Katherine's with Father Damien.

Christopher Martin, Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Tuesday 19 November – Y13 Mock Examinations begin
- Thursday 28 November – Year 12 Parents Evening
- Thursday 5 December – INSET Day
- Tuesday 10 December – Flu Vaccine
- Friday 20 December – Last Day of Term (Student dismissal 12.35pm)
- Click [here](#) to access Term Dates

Remembrance Day

St Andrew the Apostle School students gathered in the school playground to observe a minute of silence for Remembrance Day. Teachers stood alongside their students, emphasising the importance of honouring those who had served and sacrificed in times of conflict.



Throughout the school, there was sense of reflection, with all students uniting in a shared moment of memory and gratitude. The silence was a tribute to the courage and resilience of past generations. It served not only as a remembrance of those lost but also as a lesson in empathy and unity, reflecting the character of the St. Andrew community.

Faith in Action: Embracing Forgiveness with Inspiration from St. John Chrysostom



St John Chrysostom, a renowned early Church Father, was an extraordinary preacher known for his eloquence and wisdom. His nickname, "Chrysostom," literally means "golden-mouthed," reflecting his powerful sermons that moved many hearts. Yet, beyond his gift of speech, it was his commitment to living out the teachings of Christ that left a lasting impact. He often preached about forgiveness, urging his congregation to forgive as Jesus did. His life was not without hardship—John faced persecution and was even exiled for speaking truth to power. Despite the unjust treatment he endured, he remained steadfast in his faith, preaching love and forgiveness even towards those who wronged him.

St John Chrysostom’s legacy teaches us that forgiveness is not a sign of weakness but of profound strength and faith. In moments of conflict or when wronged by others, choosing forgiveness opens the door to healing and reconciliation. It’s a practice that requires humility, patience, and a deep trust in God’s grace.

Our students have shown a wonderful commitment to embodying this school value in their academic and personal lives. Preparing for the upcoming Mock exams has been a key focus recently, and this process involves more than just studying. It’s also about learning to forgive oneself for past mistakes and embracing the opportunity to improve. Students who may have struggled in previous assessments are demonstrating resilience by letting go of past disappointments, putting in the effort, and preparing diligently for these exams. It’s a powerful reminder that forgiveness starts with ourselves — acknowledging where we’ve fallen short, learning from it, and moving forward with a positive mindset.

For parents, we encourage you to continue fostering this value of forgiveness at home. Open discussions about the importance of forgiving others and ourselves can be a powerful way to help your children grow in their faith and character. Whether it’s in the context of schoolwork, friendships, or family interactions, forgiveness is a skill that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Let us all be inspired by St John Chrysostom’s example, who, despite facing challenges, chose to respond with grace and forgiveness. In doing so, we follow in the footsteps of Christ, embracing a path of love, reconciliation, and growth. As we continue this term, may we all find the strength to practice forgiveness, both in our hearts and in our actions, nurturing a community where compassion and understanding flourish.

Welcome to our new Senior Leader



I have recently joined the Russell Education Trust team and am delighted to have joined St Andrew the Apostle School as a Senior Leader for two days a week. It has been a real pleasure to meet so many students over the last two days. They have demonstrated courtesy, respect, kindness and humour in all interactions around the school, and are a real credit to their families and their school. The staff have been incredibly welcoming, and I can see that the school community is a harmonious environment where all students are safe, cared for and taught well. It is a real privilege to be working here.

I have enjoyed a rich and varied career in education, much of which has been spent as a Senior Leader in schools in Barnet, Ealing and Richmond. Having been a Headteacher for a number of years, I made the decision to take early retirement and consider myself very fortunate to be able to continue supporting schools on a part-time basis. I look forward very much to working with the students, staff and families who form the community of St Andrew the Apostle.

Mrs R Poole | Senior Leader

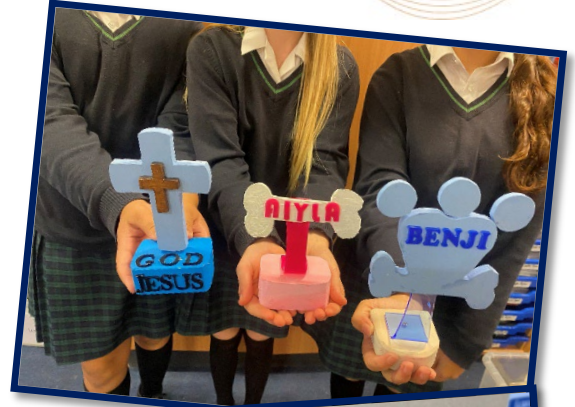
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Art and DT

Year 8 students recently showcased their creativity and practical skills through an exciting trophy design project. Each student had the freedom to choose their own trophy design, adhering to project guidelines by incorporating two distinct materials. This activity allowed them to expand their practical knowledge by using a line bender machine to mold and shape plastics, crafting unique and artistic trophy stands. For the top and base of the trophies, students skilfully combined this technique with plywood and pine, exploring the properties of these fast-growing and resourceful materials. The project not only highlighted the students' creativity but also enhanced their understanding of material properties and sustainable design practices and also reflected their own faith and personal interests.

Miss Agathangelou | Art & DT Technician



Dr Green A-Level Workshop

On Monday A Level students of English Literature took part in the prose seminar delivered by Dr Andrew Green from Brunel University. This valuable experience allowed them not only to revise their core novels for the upcoming mock, but also have a taste academia. Despite an intensive day, all students showed excellent engagement and some insightful ideas which no doubt they will be able to utilise next week in their mocks.

Ms Bassington | Head of English



Reflective comments on Making Competitive applications

Our Year 12 students were asked to reflect on last week’s workshop on making competitive applications that took place under the inspirational expertise of Ms Hamand, London Outreach Officer, Gonville and Caius, University of Cambridge.

Ms Koveri, Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Second in charge for Humanities

The workshop gave us a great insight into the process of applying to university and we realised the significance of the work-curriculars and the extra-curriculars for the next two academic years.

Ghazal | Student

Last week, Ms Gwenyth Hamand gave us a very informative talk on super-curriculars and how we can use them in our personal statements and university interviews. This workshop gave us direct insight into what top universities value beyond just our A Levels and this was useful because it will help us to strengthen our applications, and it will make us know how to stand out against other applicants. Ms Hamand offered us a realistic view of what it takes to apply successfully to top universities.

Katerina | Student



A highly informative experience that has made me feel far more prepared for the journey ahead. Ms Hamand has given me the detailed knowledge required to ensure that I can make a competitive application to Oxbridge and other top universities by explaining to us how to show our enthusiasm for the subjects that would like to study at an undergraduate level. Personal reading, online courses, listening to podcasts are some of the ways we can enhance our knowledge and ensure that we are well informed about our potential university degrees. Furthermore, Ms Hamand not only provided excellent resources to us, but she also offered guidance surrounding the whole application process for an Oxbridge university, such as admissions tests, and interviews and how best to prepare for them. She also demystified topics such as tutorials and accommodation fees and reassured us that anyone can study at Oxbridge given that they are enthusiastic about their subject, hard-working and disciplined, no matter their background.

Savan | Student

Maths and Reading Leaderboard



Dr Frost – Top 10 users in School

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin (11/ma1) Algebra	19455
2	Sofia (11/ma1) Algebra	16675
3	Zara (11/ma1) Algebra	15953
4	Katina (11/ma1)	14210
5	Savan (12B/FM, 12E/Ma)	13654
6	Luca (10/ma1)	13297
7	Nicholas (11/ma1) Algebra	12749
8	Unyas (11/ma1) Algebra	12442
9	Gabriel (11/ma1) Algebra	12276
10	Ariana (11/ma1) Algebra	11753

Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform designed to support students in mastering maths skills. It offers a range of interactive resources, including video tutorials, practice questions, and step-by-step solutions across all key stages. The platform is used for weekly homework, allowing students to practice and reinforce topics covered in lessons. It also provides personalised feedback to help track progress.

Top 3 Students for each year group

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
Year 7		
1	Teshan (7/Ma1)	6789
2	Ayaz (7/Ma3)	1569
3	Damian (7/Ma1)	1403
Year 8		
1	Tia (8/Ma1)	7644
2	Aurelia (8/ma1)	6806
3	Alex (8/ma1)	6374
Year 9		
1	Andreas (9/Ma1)	10840
2	Alaya (9/Ma1)	9603
3	Bowen (9/Ma1)	9296
Year 10		
1	Luca (10/ma1)	13297
2	Hana (10/ma1)	11280
3	Peter (10/ma3)	9256
Year 11		
1	Kavin (11/ma1) Algebra	19455
2	Sofia (11/ma1) Algebra	16675
3	Zara (11/ma1) Algebra	15953
Year 12		
1	Savan (12B/FM, 12E/Ma)	136654
2	Christos (12E/Ma)	11048
3	Peter (12E/Ma)	10715
Year 13		
1	Gabriella (13A/Ma)	11247
2	Natalia (13A/Ma)	10832
3	Giorgio (13A/Ma)	8068

For revision, Dr Frost Maths is an excellent tool, with resources covering a wide variety of topics, past exam papers, and challenges to help students prepare effectively for assessments.

Parents can also monitor their child's progress, ensuring they are keeping up with the work and improving their understanding of maths.

This platform ensures students get the support they need to succeed in maths.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader – Top 10 Readers in School this week:

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Ella	11649
2	Dominic	8790
3	Tashan	8631
4	Mark	5947
5	Anu	4198
6	Anaya	3902
7	Alaya Apan	3801
8	Idrees	3539
9	Zoe	3445
10	Bilal	2622

Sparx Reader is an online reading platform allowing students to regularly read books for pleasure. Everyday reading is not only a relaxing activity, but also allows students to expand their ideas, vocabulary and improve understanding of any text they will face in exams or as adults.

Sparx Reader offers students a choice of books at their reading level, as well as ensuring they read books with understanding by completing check-in questions along the way. The platform is used for KS3 English weekly homework; students need to achieve minimum 300 points each week (this equates to approximately 30 minute of careful reading).

We are very pleased that many of our students exceed this target every week, with some top scorers achieving well above a thousand points a week. Since the launch of Sparx Reader a month ago, our KS3 students have completed amazing 1,370 hours of careful reading and read altogether 470 books so far. Truly well done!

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3	Michelle	3051

Please ask your child what they are currently reading, and perhaps you can enjoy listening to them reading out loud a section of their current Sparx book.

Ms Bassington | Head of English



Exciting Extra Curricular Music Club Opportunities!

We're thrilled to announce the fantastic music clubs currently running, offering our students wonderful ways to connect through music and develop their vocal skills. Here's what's happening:

- **Tuesday Break Time Choir:** A fun and energizing start to the day, open to all who enjoy singing and want to be part of a lively group.
- **Tuesday Lunchtime Choir:** For students looking to take their vocal abilities further, our lunchtime choir is an ideal place to practice and make friends.
- **Thursday Year 10 Intervention:** Specifically supporting our Year 10 students, this session provides focused guidance and extra support for those pursuing music in their studies.

Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead Music Teacher

Christmas Gift Appeal

On behalf Of school council, I am glad to launch St Andrew the apostle's Christmas gift appeal. Throughout this week we have gone into each year's assembly explaining how important this appeal is and how it links with our school values, especially kindness. This appeal brightens Up Christmas for those who are less fortunate than us and is an opportunity of expressing our gratitude in being fortunate, by donating a gift Or giving £1 to our form tutors.

Christmas is often a time of excitement where gifts are something people usually anticipate; however this isn't the case for many children across the borough; it is why we need to come together as a community along with Young Barnet Gift Appeal and support these people, bringing a smile to their faces on Christmas day!

Oliwia | Student 10J



Root word of the week

(*port*: Latin = *carry/bring*)

De*port*ation
(‘*carry*ing away’
illegal immigrants)



*Port*able (able to
be *carried*)



Re*port*
(to *bring* back
news)

STA ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
The Art department invites you to take part in a Christmas Card Competition!

Your card must include:

- A religious themed design
- Colour
- A seasonal greeting on the front of the card
- Created by hand or using PC

Time to get festively creative!
Deadline: 22nd November

Please hand entries to Mrs Ayres, Miss Agathangelou, Mrs Gomez or Miss Lisle.
Prizes to be won!!

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Extra-Curricular Clubs and Timetable
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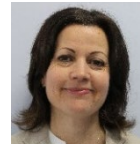
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