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Christ Church College Oxford Trip

Our Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Christ Church College, Oxford, for a special humanities-focused trip. The day offered a glimpse into one of the world's most prestigious universities, with a tour of the stunning college grounds, including the historic dining hall made famous by the Harry Potter films.

Students took part in engaging workshops led by Oxford academics, exploring subjects such as history, philosophy, and literature. The trip not only brought classroom topics to life but also inspired many to consider future study in the humanities. It was a memorable day filled with curiosity, learning, and a touch of Oxford magic.

Mr De Jesus | Head of Year 10



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into a busy and exciting term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to share some of the positive news from across the school.

Firstly, I must say an enormous well done to our Year 11 students who started their GCSE exams on Wednesday. This is a significant moment in their school journey, and we are proud of the hard work, determination, and maturity they have shown in the lead-up to these important assessments. We know how challenging this time can be, and I want to reassure both students and parents that our staff are here to support them every step of the way. We are confident that their efforts will be rewarded and that they will approach the exam season with resilience and focus.

Year 10 students had an exciting opportunity this week when they visited the University of Oxford on Wednesday for an aspirational trip. This visit is designed to broaden horizons, inspire ambition, and give students a taste of university life in one of the world's most historic academic settings. They come back with fresh motivation and a sense of what is possible when they apply themselves fully. Thank you to the staff who have organised this experience—please see article on page one.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome external GCSE and A Level candidates from Manor Hill Greek Language School to St Andrew, where they completed their Greek speaking exams. The day was a great success, and we are proud to share that the visiting students and their parents were full of praise for the conduct and courtesy shown by our own staff and pupils. They were particularly impressed by the calm, respectful atmosphere around the school and the kindness they experienced from staff and students alike. It's moments like this that remind us how important the culture of our school is—not just academic success but the strength of character we nurture in our students every day.

On a more tangible note, I am pleased to update you on the progress of our new school building, which remains firmly on track to open in September 2025. We are starting to see some exciting developments taking shape. Most recently, the builders have begun laying the turf on our brand-new 4G football pitch. This marks a key milestone in the construction and has certainly sparked enthusiasm among students and staff! The new facilities will provide a fantastic environment for learning, sport, and creativity, and we can't wait to see our students making the most of them.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and involvement in school life.

Christopher Martin | Headteacher



Faith and Values in Our School Community

At St Andrew, our faith and values guide not just what we teach, but how we live together as a school community. One of our core values—*caring*—reminds us of the importance of showing kindness, empathy, and thoughtfulness in our everyday interactions. It means noticing when others need encouragement, offering support without being asked, and celebrating the moments that matter to each other.





This week, many in the Greek Orthodox community celebrated the name day of **St Irene** on **May 5th**. In Greece and other Orthodox traditions, name days are often more widely celebrated than birthdays. They are linked to the feast days of saints and are a time when friends and family reach out with good wishes, gifts, and blessings. It is a beautiful tradition, rooted in both faith and fellowship, that reminds us to honour and care for those around us—not just in times of need, but also in times of joy.

St Irene, whose name means "peace," is remembered not only for her faith but for her compassion and courage. Her example reminds us that caring for others often requires strength—standing up for what is right and showing love even when it's difficult.

As a school community, we encourage students to look for ways to care actively—to greet someone by name, offer a word of encouragement, or simply take time to listen. These small acts are powerful. Like name days, they remind us that everyone matters, and everyone deserves to be seen and celebrated.

May we continue to grow in faith and in love, always remembering that caring for one another is one of the most important ways we live out our values.

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

-  **Monday 13 May** – A Level & GCSE Exams
-  **Wednesday 14 May** – Newquay Parents information evening
-  **Friday 23 May** – Last day of Term
-  Click [here](#) to access **Term Dates**

FEAST OF ST CHRISTOPHER



THE FEAST OF ST CHRISTOPHER IS CELEBRATED ON MAY 9TH. ST CHRISTOPHER IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SAINTS IN CHRISTIANITY, AND HE IS VENERATED AS A MARTYR WHO CAN INTERCEDE FOR TRAVELERS. HIS FEAST DAY IS AN OCCASION FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS AND SERVICES IN HIS HONOUR WITHIN THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN TRADITION.

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www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk

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Year 8 Barnet Athletics at Stone X

Our Year 8 athletes were outstanding as they represented the school on Thursday evening. Students took part in a range of track and field events, competing against all local Barnet Schools.



Some incredible performances from students included:

Avery 🏃 in 100m and 🏃 in Relay
 Gabriella 🏃 in Hurdles, 🏃 in 200m and Relay, 🏃 in 100m
 Myna 🏃 in Relay and 🏃 in 200m
 Ali 🏃 in 1500m
 Monroe 🏃 in 100m



A special mention to the following students who represented the school for the first time, and were brilliant in their events.

- Tianna who placed 🏃 in 100m
- Rebecca who placed 🏃 in 300m
- Sade who placed 4th in 300m

Miss Walt | Assistant Head & PE Teacher

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Borough Cup Final



In their final ever game together, the Year 11s delivered a spirited performance in the Borough Cup Final against Archer Academy marking the debut of Marko, who impressed with a brilliant display. St Andrew started with real intensity and were unlucky not to take the lead early on after a superb pass from Jon found Daniel, who finished well – only for the goal to be ruled out. Moments later, the breakthrough came as Kyros delivered a perfect cross that was headed home by Jon. Archer Academy responded quickly, equalising before the break to make it 1-1.

St Andrew dominated the second half, with Jayden winning a penalty through sheer determination, only to see his effort hit the post. Despite creating more chances, the winning goal didn't come, and the match went to penalties. Unfortunately, it wasn't their day, with the boys falling 4-1 in the shootout. While the result was heartbreaking, it doesn't overshadow the incredible journey this team has been on over the past four years – highlighted by their stunning 5-0 borough final win in their Year 9 journey. An unlucky disappointing farewell for a committed and passionate group of footballers which have been an outstanding representation of the school over the years.

Mr Fowlie | Teacher of PE

Individual Sporting Success

Last week we shared the amazing achievements of our gymnastics, Alice and Jana as they placed individually in the British Open.

This weekend, in an international competition, held in Wales, both Alice and Jana placed 1st in their team event for England.

Congratulations to the girls on their outstanding performance in the Home Nations Tournament.

Winning a gold medal for both team and individual events is a remarkable achievement and a testament to her skill and dedication. Team England must be proud to have her as a representative.

Miss Walt | Assistant Head & PE Teacher

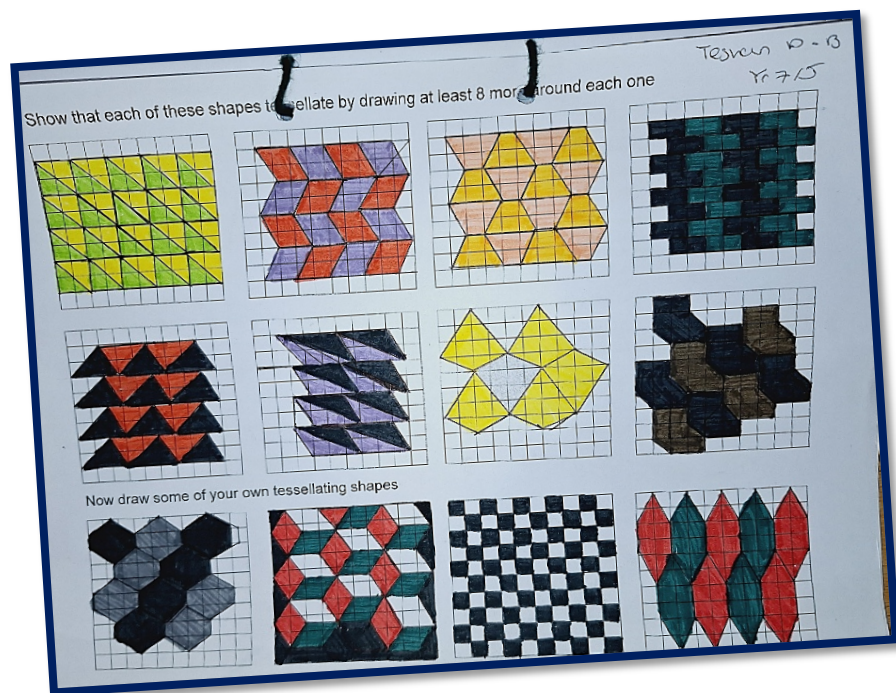


Congratulations to Year 9 student Angela winning gold in the International Sparring Event which took place in Osterley, West London last weekend. Keep up the good work Angela from all staff and students from STA.

Mr Browell | Head of Year 11 & PE



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Year 7 Maths Lessons

Year 7 students have been working on tessellation this week. Teshan, one of our Year 7 students, has done an excellent job creating some impressive tessellations.

Mrs Nicolas | Teacher of Maths

Calling All Young Musicians! Join the BEAT Youth Orchestra Summer Holiday Course

We're excited to share an incredible opportunity for our young musicians this summer! The **BEAT Youth Orchestra Summer Holiday Course** is set to take place from **26th–28th August** at **artsdepot**, and it promises to be a truly inspiring musical experience.

This three-day course offers students the chance to:

- Develop their orchestral playing skills in a fun and supportive environment
- Rehearse and perform alongside like-minded young musicians
- Take part in a final concert to showcase their hard work and musical growth

Who can join?

The course is open to students in **Year 7 and above** who play an **orchestral instrument at Grade 5 standard or higher**.

Cost?

Thanks to generous subsidies from BEAT, **places on the course are FREE!** There is just a **£20 non-refundable registration fee** to secure your spot.

Don't miss out on this fantastic musical opportunity!

Mr Lasithiotakis | Lead Teacher of Music

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Free Course!
£20 Registration fee

- Ensemble-skill focused
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- Professional Performance

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Year 7 + Grade 5 +

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th August 2025

artsdepot, Nether Street, London N12 0GA

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

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Maths and Reading Leaderboard



School Rank
109th

Points This Year
2,469,677

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin Y11	22858
2	Sofia Y11	18517
3	Anna-Maria Y11	18476
4	Zara Y11	17696
5	Luca Y10	17579
6	Teshan	17488
7	Angelo Y10	16451
8	Katina Y11	16384
9	Yianni Y11	15812
10	Savan Y12	15662

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 practise and reinforce topics covered in lessons. It also provides personalised feedback to help track progress.

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
Year 7		
1	Teshan	17488
2	Ayaz	8109
3	Dominic	7097
Year 8		
1	Aurelia	10707
2	Tia	10101
3	Zoe	10002
Year 9		
1	Andreas	12857
2	Sufyaan	12160
3	Bowen	11886
Year 10		
1	Anna Maria	18476
2	Luca	17579
3	Angelo	16451
Year 11		
1	Kavin	22858
2	Sofia	18517
3	Zara	17696
Year 12		
1	Savan	15662
2	Christos	12982
3	Theo	12218
Year 13		
1	Gabriella	12782
2	Natalia	11877
3	Giorgio	8732

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.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Dominic	126204
2	Teshan	109285
3	Anu	87000
4	Ella	56832
5	Wealth	48874
6	Moyosoreoluwa	47659
7	Mark	34509
8	Olivia	32483
9	Wonder	30310
10	Anaya	29192

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 min 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 4272 hours of careful reading and read altogether 1 books so far. Truly well done!

Rank	Student	Total SRP
Year 7		
1	Dominic	126204
2	Teshan	109285
3	Wealth	48874
Year 8		
1	Anu	87000
2	Ella	56832
3	Mark	34509
Year 9		
1	Alaya	26631
2	Michelle	25249
3	Paria	19974

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.

Mrs Bassington | Head of English

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Understanding and Managing Anxiety

CAMHS together with Barnet Educational Psychology Team are offering support to families of children who are having difficulty attending school due to emotional reasons.

This groups aims to support young people to manage emotions, particularly worries and anxiety.

Programme details

Structure:

This is a small group programme for year 7 students. A parent group will run at the same time.

Duration:

The programme is for 9 x sessions in total and runs weekly from May 21st– July 17th (excluding school holidays).

Timings:

It will run from 1pm– 3pm on Wednesdays.

Venue:

The Pavilion Study Centre (110 Meadow, High Barnet, EN4 5JX)

The goals of the programme are to:

- Increase confidence
- Reduce anxiety
- Reduce school avoidance
- Reduce family distress
- Improve peer relationships

The Programme has the following components:

- Understanding the nature of anxiety and what might contribute to it
- Learning strategies to manage anxiety
- Helping parents to support their child with their anxieties
- To create a plan to gradually overcome young-person's anxiety
- Learning social skills, engaging with people and learning to interact confidently with peers.
- Learning strategies to build resilience

Start date is Wednesday 21st May 2025

Refreshments will be provided.

Rapee, R., Lyneham, H., Schniering, C., Wuthrich, V., Abbott, M., Hudson, J. and Wignall, A (2006). Cool Kids' Program.

CATECHISM OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH



Ορθόδοξη Κατήχηση - Catechism

Learning and growing in our Orthodox Christian Faith
Every Thursday at 17:00 - Commencing 8th May
At the Cathedral of the Dormition, Wood Green and *online via zoom*

Sign up online by emailing us at : agiosvarnavas@gmail.com

"We will begin catechism for all ages, for those already orthodox and for those preparing to join the faith. In case you and your families cannot attend in person (every Thursday at 17:00 at St Mary's Cathedral) we will have a live zoom link for you to listen online"

Grigorios Florides is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Orthodox Catechism @ Wood Green
Time: May 8, 2025 05:00 PM London
Join Zoom Meeting [Zoom link](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities

FM Conway is a leading construction and infrastructure services company, specialising in providing a wide range of services including highways maintenance, civil engineering, and surfacing, as well as providing solutions for environmental and waste management.

We're continually exploring apprentice opportunities within the business, with a regular intake joining us in September. Apprentices are placed across various roles within the company, working towards qualifications ranging from Level 2 to Level 6. Alongside their studies, our internal apprentice development programme has been designed to support the transition from education to the workplace, while offering continuous development opportunities for the apprentice as they advance in their careers.

As a business, we actively push the fantastic career opportunities that the construction industry offers and are always looking at ways to encourage young people to consider and experience the world of construction, including within our head office functions. The Conway Week is a predetermined **work experience week** available twice a year (once in Sevenoaks and once at a London location) to students aged 14 – 18. Each week provides up to 15 places for young people to follow a business orientation programme that includes site visits, careers information workshops, and work ready skills training.

For further details on any of our early career opportunities, please contact Talent@fmconway.co.uk.

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher

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Barnet Youth

Spring 2025



Free Spring Camps and Activities

Free trips to
Laser Quest, Flip Out and Theatre

Fun Days
Science Shows, Magic Shows and Nerf battles

Volunteering
Could you be a Holiday Activity Volunteer?

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BACE Holidays. Fully funded by the Department for Education





PLAYERS WANTED

Omonia Youth FC are looking for **players** to join their various teams for the **2025/2026 season**

(Note: Age groups stated below are for this season)

Development Team: U6 & U7 **Pan-Disability: U12**

Boys Teams: U8, U9, U11, U14(+GK) **Girls Teams: U10, U14, U18**

Contact: queries@omoniayouthfc.com

omoniayouthfc.com @omoniayouthfc @omoniayouthfc1994



Year 8 HPV Vaccination

The Barnet Nursing Team are due into STA on Tuesday 20 May to vaccinate Year 8 students for HPV. If you wish your child to have this vaccination you **MUST** give consent via the vaccination UK's form. Please complete the form even if you **DO NOT** want your child vaccinated. Information about this vaccination and access to the consent form can be found here

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

You do not need to complete the form if you have already don't so.

Miss Christou | Welfare

Free SEND Independent Travel Training session

Tuesday 19 August 2025
10.15am – 11.50am OR
12.15pm – 1.50pm

Parents and carers, we would love to welcome you and your child(ren) to our fun and friendly summer travel training session taking place in Edgware on a private travelling bus!

Suitable for anyone with SEND, or those who may be particularly vulnerable or anxious whilst travelling on public transport, are independent or working towards independent travel and are aged 10 – 100.

Top travel tips will be shared in this interactive workshop, to help make travelling easier and safer.

Please contact road.safety@barnet.gov.uk for more information and a booking form.





BICS FAMILY MINDS WORKSHOPS

Workshop	Date/Time	Sign-Up Link
BICS Family Minds: Understanding and Managing Anxiety Workshop	Part 1: Wed 4 June 2025 Time: 12:00pm - 13:30pm Part 2: Wed 11 June 2025 Time: 12:00pm - 13:30pm	BICS Family Minds Please ensure that you sign up for both dates

Download the **Studybugs** app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.

Studybugs

Barnet SENDIASS will be holding an in-person information session for parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities who attend a Barnet setting on: -

Date: Tuesday 17 June 2025 **Time:** 10:00am to 12:30pm

Location: London Borough of Barnet Colindale Office **Presenters:** Autism Advisor Team

Theme: The Role of Autism Advisory Team in supporting autistic children and young people

Registration details will be available soon. If you are interested in attending, please save the date in your diary.

If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk

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: [Curriculum](#)



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Designated Safeguarding Leads Click for more information



Miss Walt



Mrs Viala



Mrs Poole