

# St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School



Ever to Excel



Dear Students/Parents/Carers,

In what has been a truly extraordinary year which none of us could have foreseen last September, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school and teaching the full curriculum in September and are working extremely hard to make sure the school is ready and as safe as it possibly can be.

Preparations are well under way to ensure the school is as safe for September. This work includes clear labelling

of each building, entrances, exits and corridors, figuring out how students move between lessons to stay separate from all other year groups and installing wall mounted sanitiser stations in corridors and outside areas so that students can sanitise their hands as they move around the school. **I will also be sending out a very detailed letter explaining the full arrangements for our return to school in September as well as other important information. I would be very grateful if you would kindly set aside some time to read through the letter carefully.**

We will of course be emphasising with students the importance of safety and hygiene measures including:

- Washing their hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds
- Sanitising their hands each time they arrive in a new classroom
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue and immediately disposing of the tissue in the bin
- Avoiding physical contact with other students and doing the best they can to remain at least one metre away from other students groups

It would be most helpful if parents could also stress the importance of adhering to these safety measures to their children to help us make our school as safe as possible for everyone.

Can I also direct your attention to a recent headteacher's meeting in Barnet where a statement was released outlining that all schools are different and the individual context of the school needs to be considered about the full reopening in September. Below, on the Barnet website, is a message from the Deputy Leader of the Council.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/end-term-message-parents-about-re-opening-schools-september>

As we approach the end of this academic year I would like to thank and on behalf of the school say farewell to the following permanent teaching staff members who are leaving. Mr Sanders, Mr Marrero, Mr Moncef and Mrs Smith. We are grateful for their service and dedication to the school and we wish them well in the future.

I am extremely pleased to be able to report that we have successfully managed to fill all our vacancies with subject specialists in all areas of the curriculum and we will introduce these staff to you in our newsletters in the coming year.

Please see list of new teaching staff joining the school below:

**Head of Maths – Mr U Dogan**

**Head of Religious Studies – Ms J Joseph-Brown**

**Maths – Mr T Donaldson**

**Business Studies – Ms M Hamilton**

**Art – Miss S Constantinides**

Whilst students may not want to think of next year just yet, they will be able to carry on with their learning with the summer work that has been set by our teachers. Furthermore, if students had missed assignments whilst in lockdown, these can also be completed.

### **And finally**

I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to students, parents and staff for keeping going with such determination and good spirits in these most difficult of circumstances and say how much I looking forward to seeing all students back for face to face teaching full time from the start of the Autumn Term.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer holiday.

With my very best wishes.

God Bless,

**Δείτε πιο αναλυτικά το δελτίο μας. Σας εύχομαι ο θεός πάντα μαζί σας, πάντα γερή και δυνατή να είσαστε. Σας εύχομαι ένα ευχάριστο καλοκαίρι πάντα να είσαστε καλά και να σας ξαναδούμε όλους με καλή υγεία τον Σεπτέμβριο.**

**Michael Vassiliou**

**Headteacher – Acting**

# St Andrew the Apostle – Thoughts for the Week



## Bible Readings and Prayers for this time:

### Psalm 139

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.  
I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.  
I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.  
Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.  
Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.  
The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.  
Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.  
My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

### A prayer

May the Lord show you the greatness of his goodness, that you overflow with thanks every day.

May the Lord bless you abundantly with rest for the heart, power for virtue, wisdom for life, and patience in suffering.

May the Lord bless you with joyful hope, and one day with the inexpressible joys of eternal life.

Amen

## Σκέψεις για την εβδομάδα - αναγνώσεις και προσευχές

## Theme for the week – Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July

Theme of the week	Key Dates/Events	Bible Quotation	Inspirational Quotation	Questions to consider
Celebrating success		“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” – Jeremiah 17: 7	“Action is the foundational key to all success.” – Pablo Picasso	Has this year been successful? How do you know? What are you judging it on? What are the most important things?

## Information for Our Year 11/12/13 students



### Post 16 Education Employment and Training Options

Για τους τελειόφοιτους μαθητές μας είτε αυτή είναι 16 χρονών είτε είναι 18 χρονών σας προτρέπουμε να δείτε τις συμβουλές που μπορείτε να πάρετε αλλά και τις ευκαιρίες που έχετε τώρα που έχετε συμπληρώσει τις εξετάσεις σας στα μαθήματα GCSE & A' Level

Come and Meet with our Advisers who have access to vacancies on courses at:

- Sixth Form Colleges
- Further Education Colleges (Guaranteed places at Barnet Southgate College)
- Opportunities with Training Providers
- Traineeships
- Apprenticeships

Thursday 20 August 2020 2-5pm

Barnet Southgate College, Wood Street, High Barnet EN5 4AZ

Friday 21 August 2020, 2-5pm

Barnet Southgate College, High Street, Southgate N14 6BS

Monday 24 August 2020, 2-5pm

Barnet Southgate College, 7 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4BR

To book an appointment please call **020 8359 2011** or email: [skillsescalator@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:skillsescalator@barnet.gov.uk)



## Post 18 Education Employment and Training Options

Come and Meet with our Advisers who have access to vacancies at:

- Further Education Colleges (Guaranteed places at Barnet Southgate College)
- Opportunities with Training Providers
- Traineeships
- Apprenticeships

**Friday 14 August 2020 2-5pm**

**Barnet Southgate College**, Wood Street, High Barnet EN5 4AZ

**Monday 17 August 2020, 2-5pm**

**Barnet Southgate College**, High Street, Southgate N14 6BS

**Tuesday 18 August 2020, 2-5pm**

**Barnet Southgate College**, 7 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4BR

To book an appointment please call **020 8359 2011** or email: [skillsescalator@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:skillsescalator@barnet.gov.uk)

See next page for course vacancy form and please return form to [jasmine.west@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:jasmine.west@barnet.gov.uk)

## Course Vacancy

School / Training Provider / College:
Title of programme:
Duration of programme:
Minimum entry requirements:
Number of places/vacancies available:
Key contact details:  Telephone:  Email:

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## Barnet Career Skills Virtual Fundamentals

We are offering further careers virtual training sessions to support young people aged 16-24yrs who are considering Post 16 apprenticeships or employment opportunities.

The session will be led by Tom Roberts, a recognised leader in the Learning & Development field with over 10 years consulting experience with Accenture. The sessions will include:

- A guide and preparation for the world of work
- Gain insight and knowledge by speaking with corporate professionals in Engineering, Technology, Banking, Business, Health & Social Care, Retail industries
- Advice and support on how to write a profession CV
- How to improve your interview techniques - face to face and online
- How to keep your job
- Two 1 ½ hours morning sessions

Training to take place virtually on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Sessions will start at 10:50am and finish at 12:30p, on both days. You would be required to attend both sessions.

To sign up please email [andrew.williams@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.williams@barnet.gov.uk)

## Free Audio Books

Αυτήν τη στιγμή, τα παιδιά παντού μπορούν να μεταδώσουν άμεσα μια απίστευτη συλλογή ιστοριών, συμπεριλαμβανομένων τίτλων σε οκτώ διαφορετικές γλώσσες, που θα τους βοηθήσουν να συνεχίσουν να ονειρεύονται, να μαθαίνουν και να είναι παιδιά



For as long as schools audible closed, are open. Right now, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across eight different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet 📱

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

## Music of the Week

### Μουσική της εβδομάδας

London native Sinead Harnett, inspired at a young age by the likes of Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and Lauryn Hill, as she got a foothold in the music industry through a series of collaborations during the early 2010s.

Billboard wrote in 2013 that Harnett has a rich, soulful voice and range, but her recordings are more experimental and contemporary, a brand of jazz-tinged, melodic electronic pop.

Listen to her album Lesson in Love with the deluxe album in an Acoustic version

<https://open.spotify.com/album/17MS1oiTaC8VbYmtpXplMV>



## Treasure Trails

Υπάρχουν πάνω από 49 δοκιμές θησαυρού στο Λονδίνο και είναι πραγματικά για κάθε ηλικία. Είναι οικογενειακά κίνητρα και κάνουν τα παιδιά να γνωρίσουν την ιστορία του Λονδίνου και να λύσουν γρίφους. Υπάρχουν μυστήρια δολοφονίας και δοκιμές θησαυρού σε αυτόν τον σύνδεσμο

Some students and families might be disappointed about not going on holiday and these trials might help.

There are over 49 treasure trials over London and they really are for every age. They are family motivated and get the kids to know the history of London and solving riddles. There are murder mysteries and treasure trials at this link

They are £9.99 each but you get entered for competitions and compared to London Zoo and other theme parks! It's much more budget friendly and really entertaining!

<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/things-to-do/london>



## Cook Something for your Parents

Μαγειρική - προσπαθήστε να φτιάξετε κάτι κι εσείς για τους γονείς σας.

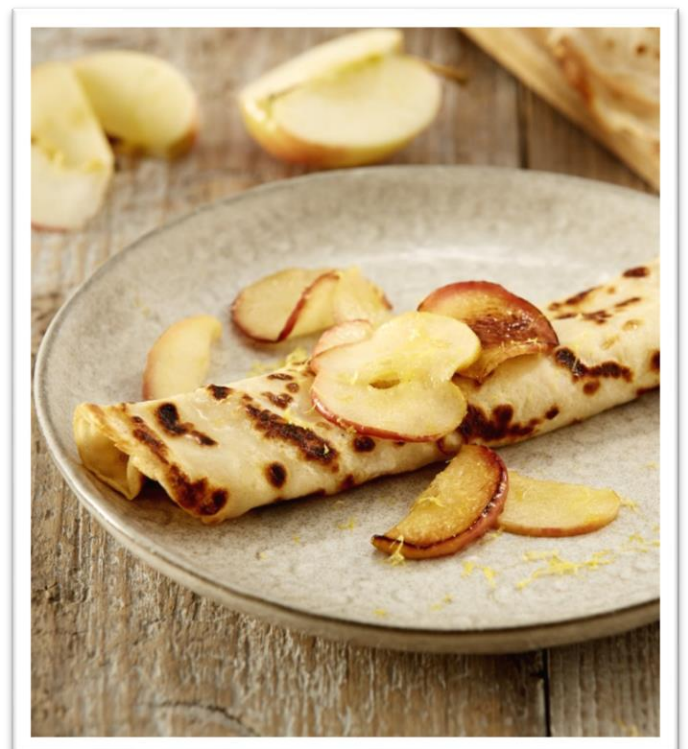
It's going to be a difficult and stressful time for families over the next few months - aim to do something nice around the house once a day. Maybe offer to cook a meal once a week to reduce the stress on your family. Record this in your daily planner.

St Andrews will provide an easy to follow recipe with each newsletter. Take a photo of what you've created and email it to [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) and we will share what you've made.

If you're looking for quick, easy and healthy family meal inspiration, check out this healthy kid's Change4Life Pancakes with Caramelised Apples!

You can always change it the way you like and make it your own!

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/pancakes-with-caramelised-apples>



## Safeguarding



Εάν ανησυχείτε για την ασφάλεια ή την ευημερία σας κατά το κλείσιμο του σχολείου, ζητήστε από τους γονείς σας να στείλουν email στο [inclusion@standrewtheparistole.org.uk](mailto:inclusion@standrewtheparistole.org.uk) για να δουν αν το σχολείο μπορεί να βοηθήσει. Πρέπει επίσης να επικοινωνήσουν με την τοπική αρχή (συμβούλιο) που συχνά θα είναι πιο σε θέση να βοηθήσει όταν κλείσει το σχολείο

If you are worried about your safety or wellbeing during the school closure, please ask your parents to email [inclusion@standrewtheparistole.org.uk](mailto:inclusion@standrewtheparistole.org.uk) to see if the school can help. They should also contact the local authority (council) who will often be more able to help when school is closed.



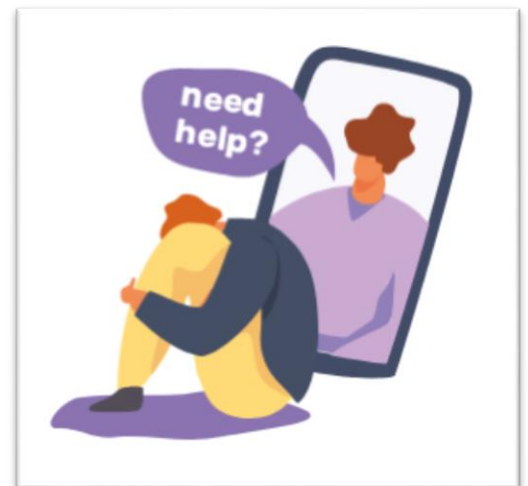
Would you recognise the different signs of child abuse?  
If you think it, report it. You can call your local council or the [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) or the police.

Visit [tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk/](https://tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk/) so we can  
**#tackleabusetogether**

## Your Mental Health is Important

Η ψυχική σας υγεία είναι σημαντική εάν χρειάζεστε κάποιον για να μιλήσετε για καλές συμβουλές, δοκιμάστε τους φίλους μας στο [www.kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

It can be really difficult being isolated from friends, if you need someone to speak to for good advice, try our friends at [www.kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) for someone to talk to in these anxious times.



## Barnet Get Busy

ΓΙΑΤΙ ΔΕΝ διατηρείτε τον εαυτό σας απασχολημένο αυτό το καλοκαίρι με ατελείωτες ιδέες για έργα, ιστολόγια για ανάγνωση, βίντεο και εκπομπές για παρακολούθηση - υπάρχουν πολλά να μάθετε και να κάνετε! #BarnetGetBusy



Let's keep Barnet's children and young people active and occupied this summer! Please share our directory of online and face to face activities however possible – in your newsletter, on your social media pages, on your website and through your parents associations before school closes for the holidays.

- Dance
- Sports
- Performing Arts
- Stories
- Music
- Early years
- Online projects
- Curriculum support
- Projects and activities held throughout Barnet
- Online counselling
- Wellbeing
- Mental health support
- Arts courses
- Careers
- Work experience
- Grief support
- Youth opinion
- Home learning
- Family activities
- Guides and support for parents

...and a whole lot more, the list is growing throughout this week as more activities are finalised and shared. Why don't you keep yourself busy this summer with endless project ideas, blogs to read, videos and shows to watch - there's loads to learn and do! [#BarnetGetBusy](https://www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk/barnetgetbusy)

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## Make your own Volcano

### Φτιάξτε το δικό σας ηφαίστειο



Volcanic eruptions are one of the most powerful natural forces on our planet. Making your own miniature erupting volcano is a great, safe way to start learning about these incredible geological features.

Watch the video above to find out how to make a volcano model from household items, then stand back and watch it erupt. Click on the link and read on for written instructions and to discover more about volcanos!

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-make-a-volcano.html>

## DK Find Out

We loved how easily and intuitively children could navigate this colourful learning hub. Covering 14 main subjects including maths and English, as well as space and sports, there's plenty to get stuck into

This is a great resource for parents of younger children to explore together – you could get wonderfully lost here for hours, drinking in the history and heritage of the Incas or brushing up on the times tables. The images used are plentiful, bright and clear!

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

