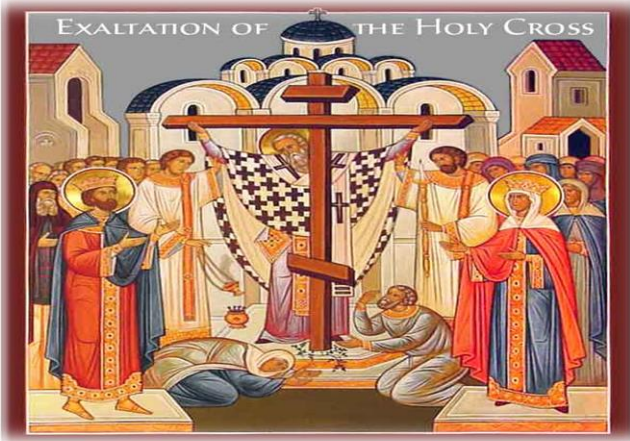




# Headteacher's Update

5 April 2021

## Key Messages



Dear Parent / Carer

For all our students and families who celebrated Easter this weekend, we hope you all had a peaceful, safe and happy Easter.

Thank you for all your support last term. I was delighted to see that all of our students quickly settled back into our usual routines and did so really well. I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with students from all year groups and hearing how much they are looking forward to the gradual easing of lockdown measures and hearing of their ambitions for a bright and positive future.

**St Andrew the Apostle School – New School Site**

## Permanent Accommodation Plans

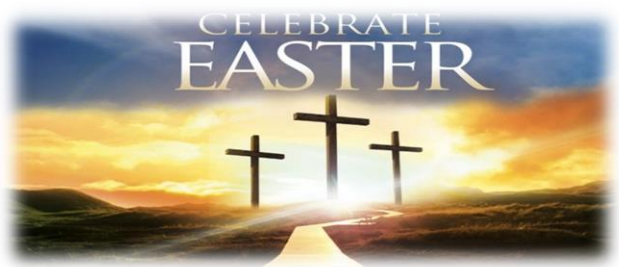


Thank you so much to everyone who attended the webinars on our new building plans on 30 March 2021. We were delighted to share the exciting plans with our community. If you were unable to attend please have a look at the website [here](#) where you can watch an animation of the new building and look at the presentation slides.



Please also share your views using the online feedback form [here](#). It only takes a minute or two and it's really helpful for the project team to hear from you ahead of submitting the plans to the Council.

If you have any questions about the plans you can email the project team [info@standrewtheapostleplans.co.uk](mailto:info@standrewtheapostleplans.co.uk)



Finally, for all of our students, families and staff, we are reminded that the overall message of Easter is one of perseverance and renewed hope. I am looking forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school on Monday 19 April at 8.30am. With very best wishes,

**Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)**



## Countdown to Easter

**Western Easter & Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross for Orthodox Christians**

Greek Orthodox Christians along with other Eastern Orthodox churches, have a little longer to wait as you might remember from our previous editions where we explained why it is that the Orthodox Church always celebrates Easter at a later date to the western churches. This is predominantly to do with preserving the sanctity of historical events surrounding the crucifixion of Christ. According to the Gospels, Christ's trial and execution took place at around the time that the Jewish people were preparing to mark the festival of Passover. Christ is supposed to have celebrated Passover before being crucified. For this reason, The Orthodox Church will never celebrate Easter until the festival of Passover has been marked by the Jewish faith.



So, whilst for the western churches, last Sunday is Easter Sunday, for Orthodox Christians, last Sunday is known as Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross which is always on the third Sunday of Great Lent. This is also a halfway point through Lent where perhaps some of our determination and eagerness for the Lenten journey is waning a bit. That is exactly why the Church Fathers chose this time for us to commemorate the Holy Cross. It is strategically placed at this point of Great Lent for several reasons and offers us the opportunity to refocus on where we are heading during the Lenten season.

In gratitude for His taking up the Cross, the Church has given us the third Sunday of Great Lent. His example of suffering willingly and completely reminds us that our

struggles are small in comparison. But it also reminds us that He understands struggle and pain.

In the following epistle reading, we are reminded:

**“For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:15-16)**

Christ's conquering death by taking up the Cross offers us the hope of resurrection as well as the assurance that our struggle is not in vain: it leads us towards Him.

The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross is at this point in Lent to encourage us to persevere in our efforts to put to death our passions; to refresh us and rejuvenate us in the shadow of the cross; and to hold it up before us all as Christ's victory banner.

Let us all venerate the Cross of our Lord and God and Saviour and remember Him through this verse:

**Oh Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,  
Granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies,**

**And by the power of Thy cross**

**Preserving Thy Kingdom!**

**Amen**

Upon our return to school on Monday 19 April, the theme and school value for the week ahead will be:

**SCHOOL VALUE**

Responsibility

**THEME**

The value of self-discipline.

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” – Galatians 5:22**

**Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)**

## Student of the Week

# Well done!

All students mentioned in the weekly Newsletter will receive 10 recognition points awarded by their form tutor.

**Year 7: Bogdan R (7P)** for excellent work and effort in Maths. **Ana H (7P)** Ana has been working hard across all subjects and has accumulated 40 Recognition Points.

**Year 8: Samiksha S (8A)** for incredible effort in PE and Classics. **Antonio C (8P)** for outstanding work completed in Drama and Science.

**Year 9: Myriam M (9O) and Iulian S (9O)** for consistent brilliant effort in class.

**Year 10: Eric S (10I)** for excellent contribution in Maths. **Filippos F (10A)** for being very helpful in a Science lesson.

**Year 11: Georgios C (11O) and Thea P (11L)** for outstanding work and brilliant effort in lessons.

### Sixth Formers of the Week

**Year 12: Roxsalana W (12A) and Kapil S (12A)** for consistent outstanding work in all their subjects.

**Year 13: Anastasis A (13A) and Andria F (13O)** for consistent outstanding effort across all areas of school life.

Please let us know of any accolades your child has achieved by emailing their Head of Year so we may celebrate them in future newsletters.

We are **Ready, Respectful, Responsible** and **Resilient**



## Competitions

### Geography Competition

## Do-it-yourself WEATHER STATION

Create Your Own Weather Station At Home This Easter Holiday!

This term, some Geography students have been learning about weather and climate in lessons. They have looked at different ways to measure the weather. For example, calculating wind speed, wind direction, temperature, rainfall, cloud cover and cloud type.

Now, the Geography department is asking all of you to put your skills to the test by setting up your own weather stations in your garden (or even on a window sill) this Easter. Don't worry if you haven't learned about weather before. All the information you need is below.

[Click here](#) to have tips on how to make a simple backyard weather station:

Need further help? Watch the step-by-step instructions in the short video clips, to help you create and set up your weather equipment at home:

Measure daily rainfall in your local area – [Click here](#) to watch this video on how to learn how to set up a rain gauge and measure daily rainfall (in mm).

Measure wind direction in your local area – [Click here](#) to watch this video to learn how to create a wind vane in order to measure wind direction (N/E/S/W).

Don't have any instruments at all? No problem! You can still measure daily cloud cover (in oktas) using just your eyes! [Click here](#) to find out how to do this!

Using just your eyes you can also measure and record cloud type! [Click here](#) to find out more.

When you have collected your daily weather measurements, you can record the results here each day on the link below:

### [Weather Observations](#)

The students who record the most weather measurements will win a great prize. Good luck!

**Ms L McDonnell (Lead teacher of Geography)**



science, ideas and creative activities for everyone to explore

### Science Poetry competition

IF Oxford's poetry competition for young people returns for its 5th year. Can you write a terrific scientific poem? Enter the IF Oxford 2021 Poetry of Science Competition for a chance to win some fantastic prizes! [Click here](#) to find out more information.

### What sort of poem can I write?

- Your poem can be in any poetry style you like – (how about a limerick, haiku, acrostic poem, rap or sonnet?). Your poem doesn't have to rhyme.
- Your poem should have something to do with science. It could be about a scientific idea or discovery; a science lesson or experiment; a scientific issue that is important to you; a famous scientist, or just why you love science!
- Your poem should be a maximum of 150 words.

The competition is open to any child, aged 16 or under and to submit an individual entry, simply [click here](#) and submit by the deadline of Friday 11 June 2021.



# Middlesex University London

### Virtual Lectures for Year 12/13 Students

Middlesex University will be hosting a live [Lecture Hall Series](#), from Monday 26 April to Friday 30 April 2021.

This is a week-long series of free virtual lectures, designed to give Year 12 - 13 students a taste of life at university. Led by senior lecturers and researchers, these thought-provoking lectures will help Year 12-13 students learn more about specific subjects and questions can be asked in the live Q&A session after each lecture.

You can read more information about each lecture on [the website](#), which includes the registration form for students to book their seat. Have a look at this [online poster](#) with all the information and relevant links.

### Help for Parents and Carers



Please [click here](#) to access a helpful poster explaining the what is and is not allowed during current COVID-19 restrictions.

In order to support the NHS Test and Trace process, staff will be available on the first 6 days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities. As our last day of teaching was Thursday 1 April, we are only available for contact tracing purposes up to and including Wednesday 7 April. Students, parents and carers should only inform us via [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) of a positive

case if either symptoms or a positive test occurred within two days of being at school. Where this is the case, we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst at school.

Where symptoms or a positive test occurred more than two days since the person was last at school, staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please note, staff responsible for contact tracing are not asked to be on-call at all times and may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this may be done by text or email).



**A safe space to play**  
for you and your family!

Barnet Family Services, in partnership with other agencies, invites you to our Open Spaces Scheme to have a chance to play

Please [click here](#) to view how to book a safe space for you and your family to play outdoors for 90 mins if you don't have access to an outdoor space and you have a child with SEND.

**NHS**

The children's A&E at University College Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on **Thursday 8 April** and the children's A&E at the Royal Free Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on **Monday 12 April**

If your child is under 18 years old and needs urgent healthcare, call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk to find your nearest children's A&E. For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 immediately.

**OPEN**

### Children and Young People's A&Es to Reopen

Last year, temporary changes were made to children and young people's services in North Central London

to ensure patients and families could continue to receive safe and high quality care during a period of increased demand for services due to Covid-19.

These changes were always temporary and it has now been agreed that it is safe to reopen the children and young people's accident and emergency departments and general inpatient wards at University College Hospital from 9am on Thursday 8 April and at the Royal Free Hospital from 9am on Monday 12 April.

Until the University College Hospital and the Royal Free Hospital sites reopen, children and young people should continue to access emergency care through alternative hospitals. Options include the southern hub at the Whittington Hospital, North Middlesex University Hospital and Barnet Hospital.

If any parent is unsure where to take a child in need of emergency treatment they should visit [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk) or call the NHS 111 service. In a life-threatening emergency, please dial 999 immediately.

### Previous newsletters and competitions

Please click [here](#) to access last week's newsletters and to see the exciting competitions we have on offer. There is still plenty of time to enter so be creative and send us your entry! **Last week's competitions include: decorating an Easter candle, decorating an egg, designing an Easter postcard on a religious theme and an Easter baking competition. There is a competition for everyone! So be creative, join in and upload your entries to [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)**

Please remember to include your full name, year group, form, school and contact details for your Parents or Carers.

**Year 5 and Year 6 winners** will be entered into a prize-draw competition and winning students will receive a certificate and a great prize!

## Free Thank You Cards for School Staff

Please click [here](#) to send a free 'Thank you' to a member of staff postcard. Anyone can send a card all year round. The *Thank a Teacher* campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as office staff, technicians, lunchtime supervisors and caretakers.

## Headteacher Parent Surgery

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our new weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

This will take place every Friday from 5pm until 6pm. The time allocated for appointments will be 15 minutes in the first instance. Please send your request for an appointment in by 10am every Wednesday so that we may allocate an appointment and send you confirmation in good time. All appointments will take place via Microsoft Teams during current restrictions.

## Friends of STA (FOSA)

**COMING SOON:** Our first meeting of FOSA. If you would like to join our small group of parents and carers, please can you email [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) and mark your email for the attention of **Mr M Vassiliou**.

**Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)**



## Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access dates for the calendar. Please note that these dates are subject to change, so please do keep checking in on a regular basis. If you have any [standrewtheapostle.org.uk](http://standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

queries about a specific date, please email us at [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

## Timeline for our new building

### Timeline

- September 2013 St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School opens in temporary accommodation
- December 2020 Bowmer + Kirkland selected as main contractor by Department for Education
- Early 2021 Project team undertake detailed design review process
- Spring 2021 Submit planning application to Barnet Council
- Summer 2021 Construction work begins on site
- Spring 2023 St Andrew the Apostle moves to permanent accommodation

## Internal views



CGIs of proposed internal spaces