



Headteacher's Update

14th May 2021

Key Messages



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in what has been another wonderful and productive week.

I have really enjoyed meeting with students in each year group who have received 50 or more recognition points. The 'Tea with the Headteacher' events will conclude on Wednesday and we will ensure that we have another round of celebrations before the end of term. We have been blessed to have Father Damian supporting us during the afternoon events and he was very impressed by the enthusiasm and participation of our students when he addressed them. Father Damian spoke to us about the true message of Easter and the significance of the Resurrection for every one of us- no matter where we worship. Father Damian reminded us that we are all valuable and live together as brothers and sisters and children of God.

We are sending out a summer term request to all parents and carers to ask for your updated consent for us to take photographs of your child during school celebration events and for your permission to use the images to celebrate achievement and progress in the newsletter; on school advertising materials such as the school prospectus and on our website. You may of course opt out at any time by putting this in writing to admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

Thank you to the group of ten parents and carers who expressed an interesting in joining FOSA. Mr Vassiliou led the first meeting last Wednesday and we discussed ideas for fundraising for our school; for charity and for simply being together as a whole school community in a possible Walkathon. We will meet again on Wednesday 26 May at 5pm so do let us know if you would like to attend this meeting on Teams by emailing admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are working very hard and are on track to complete all of their assessments by 28 May. This will be the last day that both year groups follow their normal timetable. Later this week, parents and carers will receive a letter from me outlining the arrangements for the Leavers service at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church together with plans for the compulsory Bridging activities for both year groups after half-term.

Please [click here](#) to access the term dates for the remainder of this academic year and for the next academic year 2021-22. If you have any queries about a specific date, please email us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

Finally, a warm Eid Mubarak to all our staff, students and families who celebrated Eid last week.

Best wishes,

Mrs I Warwick
(Headteacher)



Ever to Excel-
We are Ready, Respectful, Responsible
& Resilient



Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

On this day, the second Sunday after Easter, we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4). We also commemorate Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), and Nicodemus.

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha which would have been the Jewish festival of Passover to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only seven of these women: Mary Magdalene; Mary the Mother of James and Joses; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Saviour, which he took and buried in his own tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulchre was Nicodemus, a citizen of Jerusalem who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees (Jewish scholars of theology). Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh to scent and embalm the body of Christ.

As the Myrrh-bearers went to Thy tomb, O Saviour, they were perplexed in mind and said to themselves: Who will roll the stone away from the sepulchre for us? And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled away. They were awestruck by the form of the Angel and his raiment. They were taken with trembling and thought to flee; and the youth cried to them: Be not afraid; He Whom ye seek is risen; come, behold the place where the body of Jesus lay, and go quickly,

proclaim unto the Disciples: The Saviour is risen from the grave.

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Students of the week

Well done!

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

Year 7: Maya G (7H) and Unays J (7E) for the outstanding effort they make in all classes and work produced of an exceptional standard

Year 8: Ria A (8L) and Aaliyah K (8L) for showing a mature and responsible attitude, modelling excellent behaviour to their peers during a fire drill.

Year 9: Catalina AG (9E) and Natalia E (9E) for magnificent contributions during Humanities and PE lessons.

Year 10: Emily G (10T) for great work in Religious Studies, exceeding targets and amazing work produced.
Gabriella K (10S) for demonstrating maturity and working remarkably with her peers.

Year 11: James T (11S) and Se OT (11S) for always trying their best in all that they do and for being a role model to others.

Sixth Formers of the Week

Year 12: Zantia T (12O) for outstanding work in classes and successfully achieving top marks in a recent essay. Keep up the good work!

Year 13: Andreas G (130) for always being punctual and courteous in form, thus supporting the ethos and the principles of our school.

Message to our students from Father Damian (centre), Mrs Warwick and Mr Vassiliou: Well done to all our students. We are very proud of you!



Students must meet in building 4 changing rooms at 3pm. All clubs run from **3.00-4.15pm**.

Mr R Browell (Head of PE)

Reminder: Student Support - Mental Health



Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from YoungMinds for young people and families who are coping with grief.

Extra-curricular clubs starting now



We are really pleased to announce extra-curricular clubs will be starting from **Monday 17 May 2021!**

Day	Boys	Girls
Monday		Year 7 Netball
Tuesday	Year 8 Futsal	Year 8 Netball
Wednesday	Year 7 Futsal	Year 9 Netball
Thursday	Year 10 Basketball	

Due to current restrictions, clubs are being run in year group bubbles. Unfortunately, this affects the number of clubs available at the moment. If your son/daughter is already in PE kit from the lesson that day, they will attend the club after-school as normal in PE kit.

If your son/daughter wishes to attend the club but does not have PE on this day, they will need to bring their PE kit to school. Your son/daughter will be able to get changed after-school in the changing rooms. We will ensure that this follows our local risk assessment.

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from the NHS for teenagers and young adults who need support with their mental health and are coping with bereavement.



If you ever feel vulnerable/anxious or stressed, take a look at these other websites and see what support is available for your needs. You are not alone.

- [Mind](#)
- [Kooth](#)

Reminder: During school, students needing emotional support can talk to their Form Tutors and their Head of Year. The following members of staff are also available: **Mr C Sweet (DSL*); Mr M Vassiliou (DDSL*); Mr C Martin (DDSL*); Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Millie); Mr N Anemori and Ms M Hirli (Melissa)**

*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead
*DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

Help and advice for Parents and Carers

Please [click here](#) to see the wealth of supportive services available from the Barnet Wellbeing Service.

The Barnet Wellbeing Service is free. You need to be 16 and over, a resident in Barnet and registered with a Barnet GP to access the service. There are two ways to make a referral to the Wellbeing Hub.

Self-referral, please fill in the form [here](#).
Agency or GP referral, please fill in the form [here](#).

Please return your completed form to info@barnetwellbeing.org.uk
Please contact the Barnet Wellbeing Service if you have any questions or need help filling in the form. You can also call the hub on 03333 449 088.

You will also find additional information and activities available in Barnet that you can self-refer to or have a look through their [services tab](#).



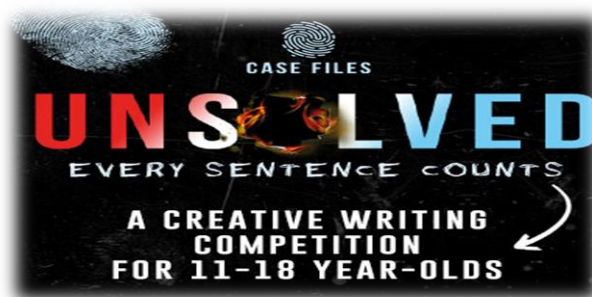
Competitions



Enthrall imaginations with creative writing as young writers create their own mini saga!

'Unsolved' invites your young writer to write a mini saga (a story told in just 100 words) inspired by the crime & mystery genre.

Will they fight for justice? Take on the role of detective in an enthralling whodunit? Or embark on an adventure as a fugitive?



There's a fun 1-minute video to introduce young writer to the activity too. [Click here](#) to find out more on how to enter.

Closing Date: Friday 28th May 2021

COVID-19 update

Please [click here](#) for a reminder on the rules regarding the further easing of COVID restrictions from Gov.uk commencing Monday 17 May. We will continue to observe our usual COVID-safe protocol and we will review the situation after half-term. The reason for this is that we are reviewing the impact of the outbreak of the new-variant of COVID-19 in north-west London on neighbouring parts of London.

Free Thank You Cards for School Staff

Please click [here](#) to send a free 'Thank you' to a member of staff postcard.

Headteacher Parent Surgery

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email 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.