



# Headteacher's Update

25 June 2021

## Key Messages



'Sunday of All Saints' Orthodoxpath.org

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support as we approach the final week of end-of-year exams, with Year 9 set to follow the excellent example set by Year 7, 8, 10 and 12. STA students have impressed their teachers by their sensible and dedicated approach to their exams with impeccable conduct throughout the exam series. Year 10 and Year 12 students will receive their results this week and teachers are entering data in preparation for reports to be sent home to you in the week beginning Monday 12 July.

All students will receive detailed feedback about their exam performance from their teachers. I have asked all teachers to set follow-up activities including homework exercises designed to close any gaps that have been identified.

Please do complete the [parent/ carer survey](#) on homework as your feedback will help to guide our future provision. I am happy to extend the deadline for your responses to 3pm on Wednesday 30 June.

I am sorry to announce that we have had to amend our detailed plans for events in this half term including our summer school catch-up programme planned for the summer holiday. Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding these necessary changes of plan which are all related to the national COVID picture. The safety of students and staff remains paramount in our decision-making process.

We have been able to replan the day in school on 1 July for our new Year 7 cohort so that students will arrive in a school bubble or they will receive an individual appointment. We are planning to go ahead with our Year 5 in school days as each school will arrive on an allocated day and they will remain in their Year 5 class bubbles for the duration of the day. We are also going ahead with our planned visits to St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church where we will have a Year group assembly. Of course, we will keep all remaining events under review.

I am pleased to share the details of our forthcoming Sports Interform Competitions in place of our previously planned Sports day. The PE team have risk assessed the activities below so that we are COVID-safe..

**Year 7** Interform Sports Competition – Wednesday 7th July Period 1-2; **Year 8** Interform Sports Competition – Thursday 15th July Period 1-3; **Year 9** Interform Sports Competition – Friday 9th July Period 4b-6.

Finally, Year 11 and Year 13 parents and carers will receive letters early next week regarding the Teacher Assessed Grading process and plans for appeals this year; please do look out for these in your inboxes.

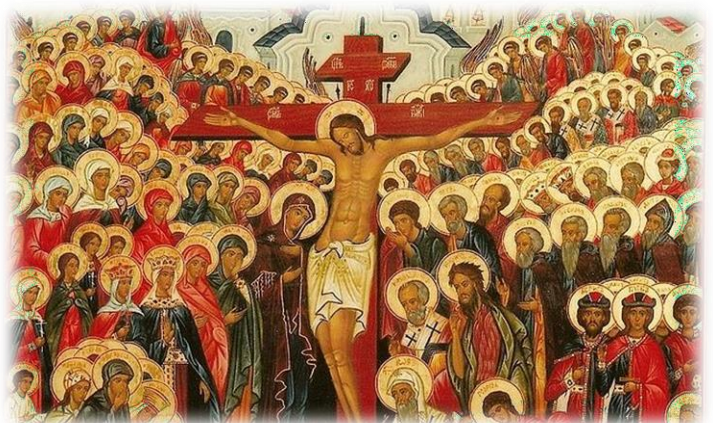
Best wishes,

**Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)**



## Faith- Sunday of All Saint

The Sunday following Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. The Orthodox Church chose to dedicate the first Sunday after Pentecost to all the saints as commemoration and recognition of the Holy Spirit.



On this feast day, the Church honours all saints, not only those who have been consecrated, or officially had their holiness proclaimed by the church, those whose names are present in the church calendar and their biographies (the life of Saints), but also the unknown ones, as there are many unknown saints to us, but are known before God.

It is said, "No one was born a saint, but everyone is called to holiness." This is the teaching of the Church and the Holy Bible. In the Old Testament, we read in the book of Leviticus: "For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44).

Holiness is synonymous with perfection, according to Jesus' words: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Making holiness a goal as a Christian may seem difficult, or perhaps almost impossible. Some believe it a vocation exclusive to those who are in the priesthood or monasteries, but through the experience and the teaching of the Church, the opposite is true, that this vocation is the supreme goal of every Christian person, and that the invitation to achieve perfection is from God to all; it belongs to everyone.

St. Paul the Apostle explains that God has chosen us "in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love," (Ephesians 1: 4). And in his letter to the Thessalonians he suggests "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thess. 2:13).

The Lord Jesus reveals to His disciples how a believer can seek holiness through several commandments that must be followed.

The first condition: It is the confession of Jesus "before men". This is a clear and explicit confession of faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. This confession is not only expressed verbally, but also in deeds. The Apostle Paul says: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," (Romans 9:10).

The second condition is love: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Here, the Lord Jesus sets the scale of love. He asks that He be

at the height of our priority. He does not exclude family and relatives from this love, as He does not say love me and hate your father or mother (or your son or daughter) but says: "Whoever loves a father or mother (son or daughter) more than me, he does not deserve me." The Lord Jesus seeks to possess the full love of the disciple.

And the third condition: "He takes his cross and follows me." Here, He exhorts followers to bear witness even unto martyrdom. That is, the confession of Him and love for Him will lead to a type of martyrdom.

So that no one would think that what was said applied only to the disciples, Christ broadened the promise to include everyone who does likewise. He says, "**And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**" The Lord Jesus promised His disciples and everyone who follow Him also that if they left everything for His name, they would receive in this life a hundredfold, and then he would inherit eternal life.

**"Come, ye believers, let us today stand in rank and celebrate with true worship; let us exalt with glorifications the memorial of all-honoured, all-revered saints, shouting, Rejoice, O glorious Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs and Bishops! Rejoice, O company of the righteous and just! Rejoice, O rank of honoured women! Supplicate ye Christ to grant the king victory over the Barbarians, and our souls the Great Mercy." Amen.**

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Message- The Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

My name is Rosana Hermosa and I am the new Education Welfare Officer for St Andrew the Apostle School. I work alongside school staff to support attendance and punctuality and identify pupils who fall below the 96% attendance expected by the school and Barnet's Education Welfare Team for students to achieve their educational potential.

When a student falls below 90% attendance they are considered a persistent absentee. I have a duty to secure children's education and ensure attendance is kept to expectations. I enjoy working with families and the school in supporting students with their good attendance.

If your child falls below these expectations, or has unauthorised absences on their record, I will invite you to a

meeting to discuss the reasons and agree actions for attendance to improve. When reasons are not valid there are a range of Sanctions used by the Education Welfare Team. These include Education Supervision Orders; Fixed Penalty Notices and Prosecution at Magistrates' Court.

Please remember that all absences during term time must be authorised by the school. Term time holidays are never permitted. Fixed-penalty Notices are also issued for unauthorised lateness to school. Parents and carers need to be aware that arrival to school after the official close of the register, without good reason, is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If you are concerned about your own child's attendance, please speak to the school or ask to arrange a meeting with me. I am very much looking forward to working with students, parents and the school community.

**Mrs Rosana Hermosa (Education Welfare Officer)**

### Pastoral news

Last week, our year 7 and 8 students worked incredibly hard on their end of year exams. We have been so pleased with how resilient our students have been throughout the exam period. We also want to thank parents and carers for



supporting us in maintaining high standards across all areas of our school. The new procedure we have in place to encourage students to always be punctual when arriving at school has been a great success with a further reduction in the minority of students arriving late to school.

The Church is at the heart of everything that we do and we were very pleased with our Year 11 and 13 leavers' service at the end of last term. Therefore, we have plans for all students to visit St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church for an end of year service and these will take place in the penultimate week of term. Father Damian is planning and preparing these services for our students and we know they will be valuable events for our children. We are also continuing to work with Father John who has planned assemblies for our students. Father John will deliver the assemblies in person to students in their form rooms.

**Mr C Martin (Assistant 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: TYRA O (7O)** for the excellent contribution in lessons and showing maturity and positivity during exams. **BOGDAN R (7P)** for having a consistent positive attitude and being respectful during exam conditions throughout the week.

**Year 8: BELLAYIA S (8A)** for producing outstanding work in Art, showing impressive improvement. Well done! **YENI O (8M)** for displaying brilliant effort in class and especially in Maths. Keep up the great work!

**Year 9: ALEX A (9H)** for confidently producing outstanding work produced in History and Classics. **LAURA C (9O)** for displaying amazing behavior and contributing in all lessons whilst being supportive of her peers.

**Year 10: ALEGRA L (10A)** is an outstanding student who tries hard and is always motivated to learn inside and outside the classroom. **ADEL A (10T)** for brilliant effort in lessons and showing immense improvement in his work.

### Student Leadership- Message from Ms K Beddoes

Our mission is to be exceptional. We would like every student to foster a spirit of kindness, tolerance and responsibility which will allow them to grow in character as an individual and as a community member.

This is key to our ethos and will enable our students to participate in the sort of leadership opportunities which prepare them for life in modern, democratic Britain and a global society. A society where we value equal opportunities and one in which a variety of beliefs and opinions are heard.

This term we have been recruiting Prefects in Year 12 and Year 10. Congratulations to the students listed below, who were successful in their application and will begin their roles in September 2021.



## Senior Prefect Team- Year 12

1. Yahya M
2. Harry L
3. Thomas F
4. Melody S
5. Alex M
6. Roksolana W
7. Victoria D
8. Saihan M
9. Mashal S
10. Kapil S



Once, we had successfully planted all of the seeds we took them outside-not in direct sunlight. After a few days we found that these little seeds had started to bloom! As you can see the compost is fully saturated which helped with the growth.

## Junior Prefect Team- Year 10

1. Sienna R
2. Lizeta N
3. Ellie-Marie D
4. Ash W
5. Eric S
6. Theodore B
7. Elvis P
8. Anastasia K
9. Chiamaka O
10. Nia G
11. Alicia K
12. Kiribul Y
13. Toni R
14. Deniz H
15. Mila D
16. Andrianna P
17. Shayna T
18. Yekta S
19. Zafirah S
20. Lucas E
21. Lusia I
22. Raffaella B
23. Kerlel G
24. Eleni E
25. Isabella O'A
26. Max S
27. Emily G
28. Scott L
29. Lucy F
30. Zain J
31. Armando L



Continuing the journey of growing these sunflowers, we have managed to sustain the successful process. In this picture we have managed to get a bulb (a flower bulb) which means hopefully we should be able to see these red sunflowers bloom!



At last, we have got our red sunflowers! If you zoom into the picture you will be able to see how thick the stem is! slowly, day by day, we have managed to grow these sunflowers; they look beautiful! On the next slide you will be able to see how big this sunflower really is!

## VIP Zone- Showcase

Well done and thank you to all students who are participating in the Headteacher's award.

**Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)**



*The petals are huge, the sunflower is huge! These petals on the sunflower are extremely rare as they are not just yellow nor red they are a mixture of both which makes them look a bit like tie dye with its beautiful colour combination! Sadly, this excitement didn't last too long, as inside a sunflower is sunflowers seeds and we managed to take these magnificent photos before the sunflower was pulled down : the stem broken petals all over the grass sunflower seed shells all spread out beneath it. It was the squirrels that found our sunflowers to irresistible!*

Well done to **Anna Maria D (Year 6)** who grew giant red sunflowers!

Virtual Work Experience in Business, Accounting & Finance- Message to Y10, 11, 12 and 13 students

We have some really exciting news to share, we are now live for our Business, Accounting & Finance Summer Virtual Work Experience.

This summer Young Professionals are back with their brand new Virtual Work Experience for students in schools/

colleges nationwide looking to get into Business, Accounting & Finance. The dates for your diary are **8 & 9 July 9am - 4pm.**

We have brought together some of the biggest companies in the world including: PwC, Grant Thornton, CIMA, EY, St James's Place Wealth Management along with a few others!

We have unlimited spaces so everyone that applies will get a place, we will also be giving out certificates of completion and an exclusive reference from us to use on your CV. We will also be setting a really cool business project for you to work on over the days you are with us as well as some great prizes such as iPads!

Click here to access [Application Link](#)

Events in Barnet



BACE Holidays stands for Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays. This is a project delivered in partnership by Barnet Council and Young Barnet Foundation and funded by the Department for Education to offer children and young people who currently receive free school meals access to enriching activities and a healthy lunch over the holiday periods.

School holidays can be pressure points for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. BACE Holidays is an inclusive programme for children and young people in Barnet to experience engaging and healthy activities with an emphasis on physical, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing during the school holidays.

Children and young people will be given the opportunity take part in an activity face to face at one of our Summer BACE Camps and receive a nutritionally balanced lunch. Activities may include: football, cricket, arts and crafts, performing arts

and lots more. The Summer Camps are free and for all children currently in receipt of free school meals.

Marcus Rashford MBE & Henry Dimbleby MBE have written a personal letter to all parents/carers. [Click here to view.](#)

### Community Focus Open Day- Message to parents/carers

This is a free one-day event for parents, carers and their children and young people who want to know more about what 'Short Breaks and Articulate' do. Come and join us for some drop-in drumming and Art workshops, ball games and refreshments on the lawn and come and talk to the project managers of 'Short Breaks and Articulate' to give us your ideas for future projects and any feedback so we can improve our services as well as meet other parents.

'Short Breaks' is a Barnet Council initiative; providing a range of creative Art and leisure services for children and young people from 10-18 with additional needs and disabilities, while 'Articulate' encourages creativity to enhance and celebrate the positive mental health and emotional well-being of 16 – 25 year old's. [Click here](#) to find out more!

### Artsdepot



#### 101 Intro to a Creative Career in Live Music Events

This Creative Careers session is for disabled and non-disabled young people aged 16 - 24, who are interested in a career in the music industry.

In this online session with Paul Hawkins and Phoebe Roberts from Attitude, you'll find out more about their work and get an overview of roles in live music events, from logistics to technical and creative roles, the skill sets needed and what training you might be expected to have.

'Attitude is Everything' is a charity that improves access to music and live events for Deaf and disabled people. Paul and Phoebe will also introduce the 'Beyond the Music' project, which works to increase opportunities for disabled people to work in the music industry.

By the end of this session you will:

- Understand training options for a career in live music events.

- Know more about on and off-stage roles available in live events – from what you'll be responsible for to who you can expect to work with.
- Have heard Paul and Phoebe's top tips for pursuing a career in this area.
- Have spent some time identifying pathways to your ideal career in live music events.
- Plus, you'll also have an opportunity to ask Paul and Phoebe your questions.

To find out more on how to book or take part on Wednesday 7 June 2021, free of charge, [click here!](#)

### Competition- Met Office

#### Make a DIY barometer



Do you have a thermometer in your house? What about a barometer?

In this activity you'll be finding out what a barometer is and why it is important in observing and forecasting the weather. You'll also be getting a chance to make your own barometer to use at home or at school.

[Click here](#) to find out how this can be done.

#### Weather Memories

Do you remember what the weather was like on your last birthday or your favourite holiday?

What made it special? Did it snow or was the weather glorious on that special day? This activity will give you the opportunity to discuss with your family and friends different weather events that have happened in the past that bring memories to mind.

[Click here](#) to find out how this can be done.



**Reminder- Oxford University College Essay Competition**

We are pleased to announce the launch of our essay competition, open to UK-based pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9

We would like to you to write about something you find interesting. Is there a problem you think needs fixing? Or perhaps there's an important aspect of your favourite subject you'd like to explore in more detail. This competition is your chance to do so! We will accept essays on any topic you find interesting – the choice is yours. You can talk about problems in your local community or in a country of your choice, problems affecting young people, or issues such as climate change, natural disasters, technology, sport... or any other topic you can imagine!

**Your task is:** Tell us about a problem facing the world today. Explain what the problem is and offer a solution. Tell us about a topic you find interesting, and let us know more about it!

**Prizes:** £25 Amazon Vouchers and £10 Amazon Vouchers/ Certificates of achievement

Deadline for entries is **Friday 9 July 2021 at 5pm.**

Please email your entries to [outreach@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@exeter.ox.ac.uk) or [click here](#) to access the website to find out more on how to enter.

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**Mental Health - Reminder of support available****Mental Health Crisis Line for Pupils in Barnet Secondary Schools**

Please [click here](#) for information from North London Partnership about a mental health crisis line for secondary aged pupils. This is a newly developed crisis service and will be able to offer guidance and support and provide a same day appointment if required.

Clinics can also be contacted directly on 0208 702 4500 or 0208 702 3300 and the duty clinician on the day will also be able to help.

We are also able to offer our students and staff a drop-in service to help those coping with grief.



Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from Young Minds.

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.

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

**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 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)- Reminder**

On behalf of the Friends of St Andrew, we would be grateful if you would kindly spare a few minutes to complete the survey attached.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rbBYeeR9kU>

Please do continue to donate new and nearly new school uniform. We will use your donations to give free uniform to families in need.

There is still time to join our small group if you would like to do so. Please email [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) and mark your email for the attention of **Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)**.

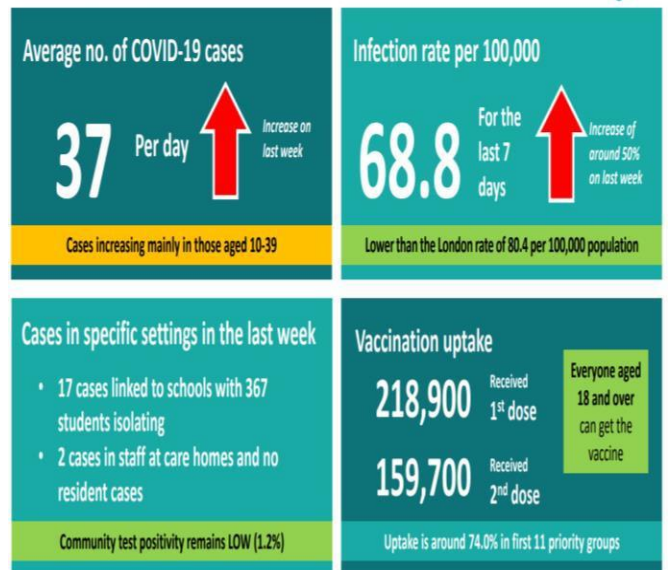
**COVID- update**

Please [click here](#) to view the data from Barnet on COVID cases for the previous week.



**BARNET COVID-19 WEEKLY ROUND-UP**

13 June - 19 June 2021



**Important dates for the calendar**

Please [click here](#) to access term dates for this and for next academic year. Please note that these dates are subject to change, so please do keep checking in on a regular basis. If you have any queries about a specific date, please email us at [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

