



Headteacher's Update

7 March 2022



The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus commemorated on [7 March](#).

Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support on what was another very successful week.

Year 11 have now all completed their second set of Mock exams and Year 13 have started on the same process as we prepare for the forthcoming exams this summer. The early indications are that the hard work that students have put in between Mock 1 and Mock 2 has paid off with many students showing pleasing signs of progress.

On Thursday, Year 7 and Year 8 students and staff celebrated the joy of reading books by dressing up as book characters and taking part in educational and fun activities. This was a part of our World Book Day festivities superbly organised by Ms Mahmud-Smith (Deputy Head of English) and Ms Athanasiou (Literacy co-ordinator).

We ended the week on a wonderful note by welcoming our new Year 7 cohort and their families who are looking forward to joining us in September 2022. We have dedicated time to meet our new cohort every day after school this week. Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Hammond, will write to families this week to offer them an opportunity to see us during the school day through a series of guided tours this week and next week. We are also looking forward to our new cohort joining us for after-school taster sessions in English, Maths, Science, Classics amongst other subjects. This will enable our students to start to make friends and to experience the warmth and welcome of our staff and student helpers ahead of the Barnet transition day on Thursday 7 July. We are also

looking into the provision of a 3 day summer school which will be packed with exciting activities and again will enable our students to feel at home before they join us on Wednesday 7 September.

The Department for Education have asked that this message is shared with parents and carers:

We believe schools and colleges are well equipped to handle any questions they may be receiving from pupils or students regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine, however, the Education Hub contains some [useful advice and resources for schools and colleges](#). This may also be useful for families and young people themselves.

Please do continue to let your child's form tutor or Head of Year know if your child needs additional support at this time.

We are looking forward to the following events:

STA students are starring in the Barnet Dance Festival 2022:

We are performing our dance called 'Bring me to Life' at the Art's Depot in North Finchley today, Monday 7 March at 6pm. For many of our students, this is the first time that they have performed in a professional theatre and we can't wait to let our STA light shine!

Church service at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church:

We are looking forward to each year group attending a service at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church during the school day in the week beginning 28 March. We are very grateful to Father Damien Constantino for his support of our school and for his inspirational and inclusive sermons which apply to all students regardless of their faith background.

Easter service:

Mr Lasithiotakis (Head of Performing Arts) has been working with Father Joseph Paliouras from the Twelve Apostles Greek Orthodox Church on an Easter psalm which our STA Byzantine choir will perform in the special Good Friday service at the Twelve Apostles Greek Orthodox Church on Friday 22 April. We will send further details nearer the time.

Easter egg appeal: Please go to page 3 of this week's newsletter to find details of our Easter egg appeal. We will distribute the Easter eggs to local children's charities and local children in need as a part of our charitable giving for Greek Orthodox Easter. Thank you for your support by donating any unwanted Easter eggs for this worthwhile cause.

Easter candle appeal: In previous years, we have conducted a very successful Easter candle decorating project with our students. Please may I ask you to enquire at your local Church or to ask any other possible donors for an Easter candle which your child will bring into school. We will collect and distribute the candles so that our students in the fundraising team will be able to customise the Easter candles which will then be sold as part of our fundraising effort to celebrate Greek Orthodox Easter.

The STA Talent Show is back by popular demand: Mr Lasithiotakis and the Performing Arts team have already started preparation for this event. Please keep 20 July as a special date in your diary as you don't want to miss this wonderful event staged in a local professional theatre. I will share further details with you soon including details of how to reserve and pay for tickets.

Finally, we wish all those named below a very happy name day. Please [click here](#) if you would like to send an iconogram to friends and family.

Saint name days for the week beginning 7 March

Saint being celebrated	Date
Evgenios, Eugene	Monday 7 March
Hermes, Theophylaktos	Tuesday 8 March
Eliana, Sevirianos, Smaragda, Xanthos	Wednesday 9 March
Savina, Sofronios, Thalís, Theodora	Friday 11 March
Theofanis, Theofania	Saturday 12 March
Marios	Sunday 13 March

Best wishes,

Mrs I Warwick
Headteacher



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Great Lent & Clean Monday 2022



Journey to Pascha 2022

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022
Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 13th	TRIIDION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 20th	The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Matthew 6: 10-14	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 27th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9; 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 6th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 13th	SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 20th	ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 27th	VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14,5:6 Gospel: Mark 8: 349:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 3rd	ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 10th	ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 22nd	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 24th NO FASTING!	BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Please [click here](#) to view the document in full size.

Lent- A time of preparation for receiving Our Great Lord and Saviour

At around this time, every year Christians around the world embark on a spiritual journey called "Lent" or as Greek Orthodox (and Orthodox people globally) call it, Great Lent. In Greek it's called 'Megali Sarakosti' literally Great Forty Days. This Year, Great Lent in the Eastern Orthodox Church begins on Monday 7 March and ends on Easter Sunday 22 April.

Sarakosti, which is the great period of Lent before Orthodox Easter, comes from the word forty, which is the forty day period until Palm Sunday and then one more week until Easter Sunday makes a total of 49 days of "fasting". During this period, we fast so that our bodies and spirits are "cleansed" to prepare for acceptance of the Resurrection.

What is Great Lent? Great Lent is the Greek Orthodox Lent, a time during which we abstain from all animal and dairy

products (such as meats, poultry, game, milk, cheese, eggs, etc.) as well as fish and seafood with backbones.

The main purpose of fasting during Great Lent is to cleanse the body as well as the spirit in preparation for the Resurrection of Christ at Easter, which is the most sacred of all observances in the Greek/Eastern Orthodox faith and the church calendar year. Essentially, the faithful are called upon to adopt a vegan diet for forty days. This may seem modern, but Orthodox Christians follow a long-held tradition among people around the world for thousands of years.

Clean Monday

Clean Monday (Greek: Καθαρά Δευτέρα), also known as Pure Monday, Ash Monday, Monday of Lent or Green Monday, is the first day of the Eastern Orthodox Great Lent. It is a movable feast that occurs at the beginning of the seventh week before Orthodox Easter Sunday. This year it falls on Monday 7 March. Clean Monday refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes and non-fasting foods. It is sometimes called Ash Monday, by analogy with Ash Wednesday (the day when the Western Churches begin Lent).

Liturgically, Clean Monday – and thus Lent itself – begins on the preceding Sunday night at a special service called Forgiveness Vespers, which culminates with the Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness, at which all present will bow down before one another and ask for forgiveness. In this way, the faithful begin Lent with a clean conscience, with forgiveness, and with renewed Christian love. The entire first week of Lent is often referred to as Clean Week, and it is customary to go to confession during this week and to clean the house thoroughly.

Today also brings preceding Apokries (Meat-free Carnival) celebrations to an end, inviting everyone to leave behind the 'sinful' attitudes associated with Carnival festivities and non-fasting foods, which were largely consumed during the last three weeks of the Carnival. It is a national holiday across Greece and Cyprus and special events such as kite flying, and other activities take place in all towns and villages. There is usually music, dancing and delicious vegetarian food, marking the start of this special Greek Orthodox period of fasting and contemplation.

As stated earlier, during Saracosti, or Great Lent, no meat or dairy food are eaten. Lenten food, usually consists of

plenty of olives, Taramasalata, Tahini, Humous, Halva, vegetables, legumes and seafood, such as calamari, octopus, shrimps, oysters, cuttlefish, mussels, lobsters etc. Fish is not allowed except on two occasions: on the 25 March (Annunciation of the Virgin Mary) and Palm Sunday.

Kathara Deftera (Καθαρά Δευτέρα) is a day where families and friends celebrate with delicious fasting foods, as well as the widespread custom of flying kites.

We wish all of our students and their families a happy Sarakosti!



Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Director)

Easter Egg Appeal- Reminder



As part of our plans to mark Great Lent, we would like our school community to think about donating an Easter Egg for children in need. We will be consulting students via student voice to determine which local children's charities we will support.

We would be grateful if you/ your child would kindly bring an Easter Egg into school between now and the **19 April**. Staff and a student delegation will deliver our donations to the various charities nominated by student voice in time for the Orthodox Easter on Sunday 24 April 2022. We will also ask FOSA to contact local supermarkets to invite them to join into our appeal.

Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Director)

STA Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs - Reminder



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Due to the Year 13 mock exams starting after half term, **table tennis club** will be postponed until the exams finish. To confirm table tennis **will not** take place on the following date:

- Wednesday 9 March

Mr R Browell (Head of PE)

Students of the Week



Little Princess Trust

I wanted to give some more details about the Little Princess Trust charity which I mentioned in last week's Newsletter. Celeste, our student in Year 7 made an amazing sacrifice and donated her hair to this charity.

The Little Princess Trust is a charity that makes wigs for children. In 2004 a girl called Hannah was diagnosed with a tumour. Her parents tried hard to get her a wig and when they found one, it had a positive effect on her wellbeing. Unfortunately, Hannah passed away in 2005. Her parents decided to start a charity in 2006 which makes real hair wigs for children and young people. You can donate your hair,

donate money or you can request a child's wig if you need one. If you want to donate your hair it must be a minimum of seven inches long and you need to follow the instructions on the website. For more information, please visit <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk>

Year 7: Amalia - for her contributions to form time discussions and for being well mannered. **Anna-Maria D** - for her care and passion for the environment.

Year 9: Peter S and **Aditi V**- for their constant hard work in class and consistently upholding the values of St Andrew the Apostle School.

Year 10: Phoebe W - for her contribution towards non uniform day and charity. **Cameron B** - for making an excellent start to this term.

Year 11: Stella A - for excellent revision during mocks. **Max S** - for the calm and mature way he always presents himself showing absolute respect for all around him.

Year 12: Eriola K and **Michaela G** - for being part of the editorial team that produced the amazing premiere issue of the school's Sixth Form Newsletter.

Year 13: Melody S and **Neerav R** - for working really hard and making excellent notes ahead of the Mock 2 series. **Year 13: Matthew A** and **Yahya M** - for continuous display of enthusiasm for the subject of Classical Civilisation and for a great work ethic.

Upcoming Key Dates and Information



- Please [click here](#) to read about our new method of assessment at KS3. Please click on the following links to read about our curriculum. [KS3](#) refers to Years 7, 8 and 9. [KS4](#) refers to Years 10 and 11. [KS5](#) refers to Year 12 and 13
- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletter
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates

- Please [click here](#) for a reminder of our school uniform requirements and [click here](#) for the sixth form dress code
- Please [click here](#) for a list of 'banned' items.

Year 13 Mock exam dates

Monday 7 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y13 Chemistry Exam • Y13 Philosophy and Ethics Exam • Y13 Maths Exam • Y13 GCSE Maths Retake
Tuesday 8 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y13 Psychology Exam • Y13 Further Maths Exam • Y13 Classics Exam • Y13 Physics Exam
Wednesday 9 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y13 English Literature Exam • Y13 Chemistry Exam • Y13 Further Maths Exam • Y13 GCSE Maths Retake
Thursday 10 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y13 History Exam • Year 13 Further Maths (Decision) • Y13 Maths (Stats and Mechanics)

Oxford outreach-reminder

We update **Oxford outreach initiatives** on a regular basis here: [Current Access & Outreach Opportunities | Christ Church, Oxford University](#) as well as the **chat platform** which STA students can use to ask our current students any questions: www.chch.ox.ac.uk/admissions/chat.

Dr Ana Hastoy



Christ Church

Registered Charity Number: 1143423

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Mental Health Crisis Helpline - Reminder



If you're in crisis and need to talk right now, there are many helplines staffed by trained people ready to listen. They won't judge you and could help you make sense of what you're feeling.

- **Samaritans.** To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call [116 123](tel:116123) (free from any phone)
- **SANEline.** If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call
- **National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK.** Offers a supportive listening service to anyone with thoughts of suicide. You can call the on 0800 689 5652 (open 24/7).
- **CALM.** You can call them on 0800 58 58 58 (5pm–midnight every day) if you are struggling and need to talk. Or if you prefer not to speak on the phone, you could try the [CALM webchat service](#).
- **Papyrus HOPELINEUK.** If you're struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling, you can call on 0800 068

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 Martin, Deputy Headteacher (DSL*)
- Mrs C Hammond, Assistant Headteacher (DDSL*)
- Mr S Hadjisavva, Assistant Headteacher (DDSL*)
- Mrs I Warwick, Headteacher (DDSL*)
- Ms D Moustaka (Safeguarding & Inclusion Manager)
- Mr N Anemouri (Pastoral Support Officer)
- Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Safeguarding Officer)

*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead.

*DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

FOSA

Please do get in touch if you would like to join our small group of dedicated parents and carers- by emailing us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk with FOSA in the title. Please mark your email for the attention of Mr Michael.



Friends of St Andrew

Mr Michael (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Headteacher Parent Surgery

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



admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

The Headteacher surgery will take place on Fridays 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 until further notice.

Communication with school

Please can I remind all parents/ carers ensure that all email contact goes via admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk or via the contact form on the school website. This will ensure that your email is processed by the relevant member of staff or their line manager in the event of their absence.

Mrs Warwick (Headteacher)

World Book Day- More photos coming soon!



Thank you to Mr Walch (Head of History, Politics and Classics) for demonstrating that the Romans loved reading too! Winners of the best dressed book character from Year 7 and Year 8 will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Apprenticeship Opportunities- Reminder

Tune in live: A free careers event exploring jobs of the future



Enhance your National Careers Week activities with our latest virtual careers event, Spotlight on Green Jobs, which will be broadcast live on 9-10 March. Register now!

What can I expect?

Delivered in partnership with NCFE, this free event is suitable for young people aged 12 and up and will explore pathways leading to green careers. It is the perfect platform for your students to hear from top employers and find information on exciting roles in areas such as construction, automotive, emerging technologies and IT. [Click here to see the full line-up and register!](#)

How can we watch it?

This event will be broadcast live online on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 March and can be viewed on an internet-enabled laptop, desktop, tablet or smartphone (you'll need to [register](#) first). It's broken down into 30-minute bitesize sessions, and once registered, you'll have access to free supporting resources, including lesson plans to help you embed the content into your curriculum.



Barnet Apprenticeships: Please follow [this link](#) to view the latest apprenticeships on offer in the Barnet area.

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 Medical, dental plans
 Travel season ticket loan
 Car Scheme
 Ride to work scheme



- Field and Fibre Engineer Apprentice's
- Associate Product Management Apprentice
- Business Administrator Apprentice
- Commercial Associate Apprentice
- Compliance Project Manager Apprentice
- Cyber Security Apprentice
- Digital Marketing Apprentice
- Project Manager Apprentice
- Planner Apprentice

Locations across the UK – Reading, Hammersmith, London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Gateshead, Sheffield, Edinburgh, Peterborough, Kent, Cambridge, Preston, Bradford and more to come.

Virgin Media are offering several apprenticeships with a starting salary of £19,000. Use [this link](#) to access the quiz that will identify which apprenticeships may be of interest to you after you have finished your exams.

Google Apprenticeships Parents' Insight Webinar

Don't miss out on our upcoming insight webinars for students and parents. Spaces are limited, so make sure to register to secure your place.

Google Parents' Insight Webinar



Is your child interested in technology and in Years 10-13? Want to find out how they could kickstart their career at one of the biggest technology companies in the world?

Join us **on Wednesday 9 March** at 6.30pm to find out about how Google apprenticeships could get your child's career off to a flying start! [Register now](#)



Insight Webinar



Join the University of South Wales for a two-part webinar that will give you the lowdown on all things healthcare careers, and give you tips on how to ace your application.

Attend both, or attend one - the choice is yours!

Part one: Studying for a career in healthcare

When? Wednesday 23 March at 6.30pm

So, you want a career in healthcare? There are so many options to consider - from Nursing and Midwifery to Operating Department Practice, and from Physiotherapy to Social Work and Occupational Therapy.

Hear from experts in each of these fields as they outline the most rewarding, as well as the more challenging parts of their professions. Highly experienced academic staff from the University of South Wales will provide detailed information, advice and guidance on their subject areas, and will be poised to answer your questions.

Join us on 23rd March and find out:

- The differences between each career pathway
- What it takes, and how to gain work experience
- Hints and tips for higher education research

[Register Now](#)

Part two: Making a successful application to study health courses

When? Wednesday 30 March at 6.30pm

So, now you've decided you want to study a health course,

how do you perfect your application and give yourself the best possible chance of success?

Join us on 30 March, where experts from the University of South Wales will provide you with essential hints and tips on writing an outstanding personal statement, how to avoid common application pitfalls, and how to perform well at interview.

Register now to find out how you can maximise your chances of success in applying for health courses at university!
[Register Now](#)

If you think this email might be helpful to someone else, please [forward it on](#). If you have any questions or need any help, please email us at team@successatschool.org.

School Leavers Fair



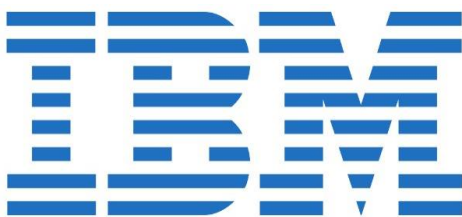
Irwin Mitchell, a leading UK law firm, is looking to promote three of their apprenticeships.

- Solicitor Apprenticeship - Level 7
- Paralegal Apprenticeship - Level 4
- Tax Apprenticeship - Level 4

These are all designed for those about to complete A-levels (or equivalent).

Irwin Mitchell is hosting an event for students interested in these positions on Tuesday 22nd March, which they can register for [here](#)

IBM Apprenticeships



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[View and Register: Ages 12-14](#)

Our summer programmes offer the ultimate, immersive experience of some of the world's most desirable careers. Highlights include:



- **Architecture:** complete design projects in a real studio
- **Art:** present your portfolio to a panel of top artists
- **Dentistry:** drill teeth on phantom heads
- **Engineering:** take apart a petrol engine with F1 engineers
- **Entrepreneurship:** pitch a business plan to top CEOs
- **Filmmaking:** direct a movie scene on a real film set
- **Forensic Science:** explore a simulated crime scene
- **Investment Banking:** trade the markets in a London skyscraper
- **Law:** argue a case before a judge in the Supreme Court
- **Medicine:** shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- **Politics:** design an election campaign and attend a reception with MPs
- **Psychology:** carry out patient consultations in a simulated clinic
- **Software Engineering:** create your own app from start to finish
- **Veterinary Medicine:** examine and diagnose real animals
- **Video Game Design:** design a game and pitch it to experts

Young Artists Summer Show 2022- reminder

RA

Royal Academy of Arts

Young Artists' Summer Show

Why not get creative? There's still time to register for this year's [Young Artists' Summer Show](#).

For your chance to feature in the on-site and online exhibition, submit an artwork of any kind by **30 March 2022**.

We can't wait to see what you've been creating!



Not sure where to start?

Take a look at the [get involved page](#) of our website. You can see answers to common questions on our [FAQs](#) page, plus we've written some guidance about the kinds of artworks the judges will be looking for when they review submissions. Click here for [guidelines](#).

Key Dates

Submissions close: 30 March

Judging: May

Online exhibition opens: 19 July

Display at the RA open: 19 July - 14 August

Year 7/8 Channel 4 Junior Bake Off -Final reminder



We are delighted to say that applications have recently opened for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Junior Bake Off are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13 March 2022**. Interested bakers can apply and find out more online [here](#)



COVID-19 updates

Please follow the link to read about 'tracing close contacts and isolation' and 'when someone develops Covid-19 symptoms or has a positive test.'

[UKHSA guidance for people with Covid-19 and their contacts.](#)

Longer-term plans

From Thursday 24 March, the government will remove the Covid-19 provisions within the Statutory Sick Pay and Employment and Support Allowance regulations.

From Friday 1 April, the government will no longer provide free to order universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England. The government will update guidance on the steps that people with Covid-19 should take to minimise contact with other people accordingly.

Please [click here](#) if you would like to view the Barnet COVID-19 weekly update.

Letter about 1:1 music lessons- reminder

**Application for music lessons Summer 2022**

We give students the opportunity to apply and receive music lessons on any instrument of their choice. We will be able to offer tuition in: Piano, Singing, Drums, Guitar (Electric or acoustic), Violin, Flute, Saxophone and Clarinet.

Please note that if your child does not already possess their own instrument, they will need to hire one from Barnet Education Arts Trust, 020 8959 4111 or another provider of your choice.

Lessons are once a week for 20 minutes and they take place during school hours, including some break and lunch times. Students will need to be prepared to miss part of their lesson or break to attend. If there is a valid educational need a student may have their time changed to accommodate but in some cases this may not be possible. All lessons will be taught to students individually. To avoid any confusion all the lessons will take place on the same day and time every week. It is the student's responsibility to remember where and when the lessons are taking place and be there on time.

The termly charge is £146 for individual lessons. There are 10 lessons each term. Booking and payments can only be made via the BEAT website, by clicking on [this link](#). Deadline for online bookings is Thursday 10th March 2022.

If your child receives financial assistance at the school, an application can be made via BEAT for assistance with payment for the Summer Term. Please contact BEAT's office for further details and further help: admin@beatrust.org.uk, 0208 959 4111.

Important points to note

- Once the lessons have been booked refunds cannot be made.
- In the event that BEAT are unable to deliver in person lessons due to COVID-19 restrictions that may be implemented locally or nationally, lessons will be delivered via Zoom and no refund will be made.

Students who learn instruments will have the opportunity to participate in musical activities such as the school orchestra and ensembles when they reach an appropriate standard. The school choir will be open to beginners.

If more students wish to learn an instrument than places available, priority will be given to those who have previously had lessons on the instrument and it may be possible to arrange more places next term. If there are insufficient number of students wishing to learn an instrument a full refund will be given.

Lessons will start during the second week of each term.

Mr Lasithiotakis (Head of Performing Arts)**Competition- Step into the NHS**

Students are asked to create a fun and lively job advertisement for a chosen NHS role. You need to submit your entry by 30 April, which is only eight weeks away!

Please [click here](#) to find out more about this great competition.

**Message from the Raspberry Pi Foundation**

Coollest Projects Global- Last year more than 1600 young people took part from 35 countries around the world. We would love St. Andrew the Apostle School to take part this year too!

Digital making can be truly empowering for young people.



Whether that's creating a project in Scratch, designing a game, or trying out physical computing.

As an education charity, we can support your students with free online resources to help them design and create projects with technology.

Our free Coollest Projects youth workbook guides young people through the whole process of creating and making a project.

The Raspberry Pi Foundation is hosting a creative technology showcase for young people, called Coollest Projects. It's online, free to take part in, and open to all young people up to age 18. Get started at home with their free digital making resources:

- Explore more than 200 free, step-by-step project guides for learning coding at home.
- Download the Coollest Projects workbook, which guides you through the creation process, from brainstorming ideas to picking a project.
- Visit the [Coollest Projects website](#) to get started right away!