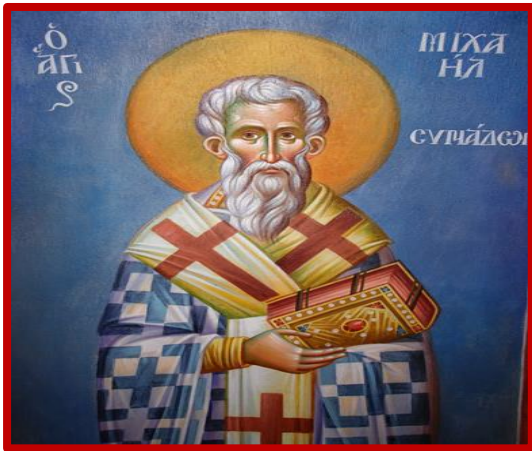




Headteacher's Update

Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

10 June 2022



[Saint Michael the Confessor](#)

Bishop of Synnada, is commemorated on 23 May. Saint Michael bravely defended Orthodoxy, saying "I venerate the holy icons of my Savior Jesus Christ and the All-Pure Virgin, His Mother, and all the saints, and it is to them I bow down. I shall not obey your decrees to remove icons from churches."

Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

Being part of a Trust means sharing and when I talk to fellow headteachers across the Trust, they share that every week seems to be a busy week in our schools! This week has been no different at St Andrew the Apostle School.

Students have returned from half term break with a renewed sense of vigour, not least our Y13 students who have exhibited great focus in their efforts for their A Levels. Some of these students finish next week whilst others have a little longer to focus. Their goals for the future are almost within grasp, and they are working very hard towards them. The Year 11s are pacing themselves well. As a year group, they do not finish until 23 June. Year 11s (and Year 13s too) have been buoyed by papers where the questions that have come up on examinations by prediction and happenstance have been considered in revision sessions or lessons. Overall, the feedback senior leaders have received from staff members and students indicates that exam papers have been fair, which is all you can ask for really.

The focus of this half term is preparing many of our year groups for assessment, including Year 12 starting next week. We look forward to seeing parents of our Y10 student on the virtual parents evening. There is also the buzz around PE in its preparation of students for our sports day.

Part of our focus this week has been the on-going work in schools across the country to tackle peer-to-peer behaviour matters. There have in-person assemblies for three-year groups this week, following up on the work with other year groups earlier on in the school year. Mrs Hammond, our Assistant Headteacher, has delivered these and she reports that students have been focused and mature as they engage with the content. Mrs Hammond will be writing to parents in those year groups shortly to inform them of how the school is supporting everyone to deal with this issue.

It was a great pleasure to meet governors this week, and the focus of our meeting was medium- and long-term plans for our school. As always part of the meeting was focused on how we can develop and support our staff.

As with every year, all schools, including ours will have some members of staff who take up opportunities in other schools, whether that be for promotion or change of locality or life choice. They will take with them the spirit of our school and the training and experiences they have had here at St Andrew the Apostle School. As colleagues leave, others arrive, and I will be introducing you to some of them in staff profiles in this newsletter before the end of term. We have been able to appoint some wonderful professionals across the experience range to key roles within the school in readiness for September.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions or queries. You will have established working relationships with either your child's Form Tutor, Head of Year, a member of the SEND team or a key Head of Department or teacher, but please do contact myself, the Heads of School – Mr Michael and Mr Martin – or any of the Senior Leadership Team through the usual channels. We would be pleased to meet or contact you.

As an English specialist, I try to keep abreast of new works for Young Adults, and reviews for Bernard Becket are consistently strong. A quote I picked up from him recently resonated with me as I have been working with students, staff, parents and governors in the school this week: *Human spirit is the ability to face the uncertainty of the future with curiosity and optimism.*

Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)

Faith- πίστη

The Feast of Holy Pentecost



The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was and still is a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day chose to believe in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptised. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptised continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

Icon of the Feast - *The icon of the Feast of Pentecost is known as "The Descent of the Holy Spirit". It is an icon of bold colours of red and gold signifying that this is a great event. The movement of the icon is from the top to the bottom. At the top of the icon is a semicircle with rays coming from it. The rays are pointing toward the Apostles, and the tongues of fire are seen descending upon each one of them signifying the descent of the Holy Spirit.*

Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Director)

Upcoming Key Dates and Information



- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletter.
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar for upcoming Term.

Summer Term Sports Clubs

Monday

Activity: Years 7-10 Athletics
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Location: Bethune Park
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms

Tuesday

Activity: Years 7-10 Softball & Rounders
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Location: Bethune Park
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms

Wednesday

Activity: Years 7-10 Futsal (Brazilian 5-aside Football)
Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm
Location: Upper Playground
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms

Thursday

Activity: Years 7-10 Dance
Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm
Location: Building 5
Meet: Building 5 Changing Rooms
Barnet Borough Athletics League Meetings
Venue: Stone X Stadium

PLEASE NOTE ATTENDANCE TO ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS IS BY INVITATION ONLY.

Mr R Browell (Head of Physical Education)

Sports Day Notice

Sports Day will take place **on Wednesday 22 June 2022** at Lee Valley Athletics Stadium.

Students will represent their form group whilst participating in a range of athletic events across the course of the day. Students finishing in first, second and third in each event will receive either gold, silver or bronze medals in all events.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee students from each year finishing in first place in the mixed relay will receive a platinum medal. The track events on the day include: 60M, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, girls relay, boys relay and mixed relay. The field events include long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. All these events have been taught and delivered

in PE lessons since the start of the summer term. The winning form group in each year will be announced at the end of Sports Day.

On Sports Day students are required to be at Lee Valley Athletics Stadium for 9.00am, if required staff will be at Lee Valley from 8.00am for an earlier drop off. Sports Day will finish at approximately 2.00pm. A letter will be sent out after half term detailing the full arrangements and requesting parental consent for the day.

Mr R Browell (Head of Physical Education)

Students of the Week

Year Group Recognitions



All students will receive 10 recognition points for their hard work and contributions.

Year 7: Hanna Z – for consistently illustrating our school values.

Ioanni K – for his continuous positive attitude to learning.

Year 8: Jonathan Q – For his excellent effort and contributions in class.

Sol S – For his consistent level of focus and respectable mannerism towards staff and peers.

Year 9: Maria K – For consistently demonstrating the school values, in particular being reliant at all extra curricular clubs.

Lizzi A – Being a positive influence on peers and supporting those around her. Demonstrating the school value of kindness everyday.

Jessica S – For consistently challenging herself in every lesson, completing homework to an excellent standard and for always demonstrating the school values.

Mia D – For excellent determination and skill in PE lessons this week.

Leah CT – For promoting positive change within the year group and wider school community and being passionate about spreading awareness and knowledge of current affairs.

Year 10: Andi P – For organising the Step Challenge Week for Year 7

Lefteris L - For demonstrating a mature and excellent attitude to his learning.

Sixth form

Year 12: Antony M – For improvement in quality of H/W submitted and good work ethic.

Chrystalla D – For excellent revision notes in politics and strong argumentation used during the debates in the lessons.

Year 13: Nicola G, Sophia A and Demetri Th – For outstanding behaviour and helping in the preparation for the prom.

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.

Mr Michael (Senior Deputy Headteacher)



Friends of St Andrew

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 them 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.

[Shout 85258](#)- a free, confidential, 24/7 text-messaging support service for young people.

Support for Parents and Carers- advice and support for you if you're worried about a child or young person.

[Young Mind's Parent Helpline and Webchat](#)

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*)**
- **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



These open days provide a fantastic opportunity for prospective applicants to visit departments, colleges, meet current students, as well as tutors.

For more information about [admissions](#) and [open days](#).

For any students for whom the cost of travelling to Oxford for the Open Days would be a barrier, please contact aaccess@chch.ox.ac.uk to get support.

End of Year Assessments

The school will be carrying out assessments for each subject on the following weeks:

Year 12: 13-17 June 2022.

Parents have been sent the timetable for these assessments; however, it is also published on the last page of the newsletter

Year 8: 20-24 June 2022

Year 7: 27 June-1 July 2022

Year 9: 4 July-8 July 2022

Subject teachers will be providing details of revision topics via the student portal on Bromcom.

For students in Year 12, all assessments will be completed in exam conditions. Subject teachers will be providing the dates and details of the topics to their classes as some will involve more than one paper. These will be completed during their timetabled lessons.

The results for the assessments will be published on to the My Child at School application towards the end of term.

Details of how Key Stage 3 is being assessed can be found [here](#).

We are planning to carry out Academic Review meetings with your child's form tutor. More details will follow later this term.

Explore the creative industries at Escape studios



Undergraduate Open Days are the ideal way to explore Escape Studios. You'll gain an insight into impressive range of industry partners and talent development opportunities. Discover the details of your future degree by attending subject talks in Visual Effects, Game Art, and Animation delivered by our expert tutors. You'll also get to meet current students and inspirational alumni ('Escapees!').

Where: 190 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH

For this event you can choose to visit on-campus or tune in to an online livestream.

When: Saturday 25 June 2022

From: 10:30 -2pm

For more information [click here](#)

Morning Drop Off

If you drive your child to school, please could you ensure that students are not dropped off before 8.10am as school is not open before that time for students (other than those in exam years.)

When dropped off, students should either go straight into Building 5 or wait to be collected from the upper playground for those year groups with lessons in Building 4.

We appreciate your support with this.

Year 12 Exam timetable

This is a vital exam series for our Year 12 students.

Students will need to ensure that they have the required stationery and equipment as specified by their subject teacher for their examinations. We would strongly advise that they use the timetable below to carry out the appropriate amount of revision to prepare for each examination.

The results of the examinations will indicate whether they are on track to achieve their target grades in their examinations, and will be the first indication of the predicted grade we will enter in their UCAS application

It is imperative that students arrive at school by 8.00am on the days of the exams. The study room will remain open each day until 4.30pm to support students with their revision. Please note that some examinations may finish at 3.45pm on certain days. Students will be informed of this by their subject teacher prior to the exam.

Date/ Time Slot	Monday 13 June	Tuesday 14 June	Wednesday 15 June	Thursday 16 June	Friday 17 June
8.30am	Maths Paper 1 (8.40 am Start) <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	Biology Politics Paper 1 <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	Chemistry History Paper 1 <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	Normal Timetable	Media Studies Politics Paper 2 <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>
Periods 1 & 2 8.55-10.35am					
Periods 3 & 4	Normal Timetable	Classics Paper 1 <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	Normal Timetable	Physics English Literature <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	History Paper 2 <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>
Periods 5 & 6 1.20-3.00pm	Normal Timetable	Economics RP <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	Maths Paper 2 Classics Paper 2 <i>Normal Lessons for other students</i>	Normal Timetable	Normal Timetable