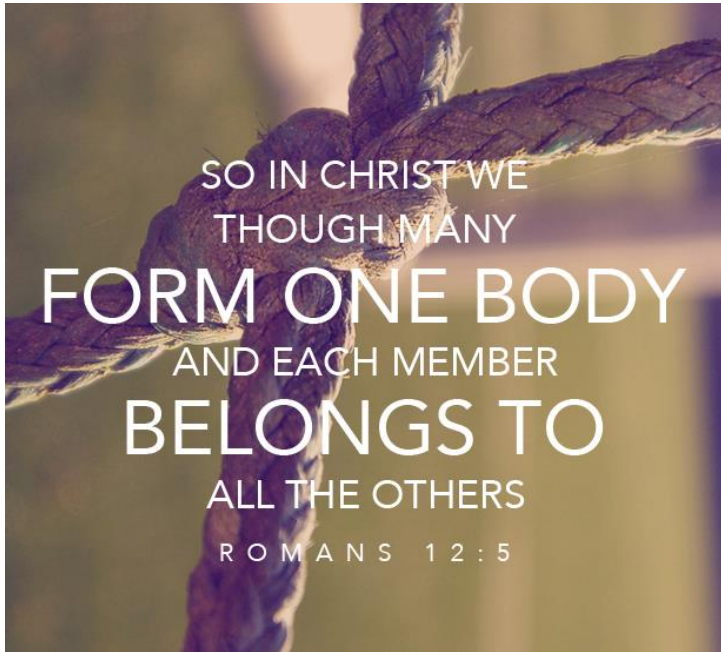




# Headteacher's Update

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

24 June 2022



together and it was wonderful to see the community, competition and camaraderie displayed by students and staff alike. Thank you to the PE department and the wider staff for the organisation of this event. Moving an entire school to function on a different venue takes careful planning and teamwork, and everyone benefitted from the hidden hours that many staff put in before the event. Students exuded our values when they competed, and they were impeccably behaved in an inspiring arena with international athletes watching on.

Year group assessments continue, and Year 8 students have taken them in their stride this week. Year 7 are next! As they get a taste of assessments, Year 11 and Year 13 finish their examinations, and we now look forward to celebrating their journey with us with their proms. Information on results days for these year groups will be sent out before the end of term, and key members of our staff will be in school on those days to support students as they transition to our sixth form or on to university, apprenticeship or career.

## Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were excited to read the news about our new site relayed by our Chair of Governors, Mary Karaolis, and Colin Mackinlay, the Trust's CEO, in our newsletter last week. It will be wonderful to see tangible evidence of movement towards our new site when the preparations start towards the end of this current term. We are hoping to generate excitement within our students with art projects to decorate the hoardings that will go up around areas where preparation work is taking place. Working towards our new site will be a unifying force for our school and local community.

Whole school events are a unifying force in themselves. St Andrew is regaining our sense of year group and school community following COVID with an increasing number of in person year group assemblies and whole staff events. We are continuing to use the online parents evening system as feedback from parents and staff indicate that this a really efficient and effective way of working for these events; however, being with others in a shared community experience is absolutely key. Sports Day this past week was one of those whole school events that brings everyone

Please can I remind you that if you drop your child off by car, the school does not open until 8.10am. As we move to our new build, we will work on how we as a community can look at different, sustainable ways to travel to school. I visited one of our other Trust schools recently in its new build. The work that it had done in the lead into the new building has meant that there are consistently 75+ bikes in the bike racks each morning! Something we can strive for. Thank you to all our parents who have strived to get students to Lee Valley Sports Stadium and school on time this week despite the rail and tube strikes.

Whilst we were at our sports day, we did not get a chance to mark Windrush Day, but we will next week as Year 9 have an event, which was prompted by a group of students who presented to our senior leaders recently. A letter will be going out to Year parents on this, and I will share feedback from the event.

Best wishes,

**Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)**

## Faith- πίστις

**The Call of the Disciples – Second Sunday of Matthew & Pentecost****Second Sunday after Pentecost****“Calling of the First Apostles”**

It is the second Sunday after Pentecost. The Gospel Reading from (Matthew 4:18-23), speaks about calling the first Apostles. The calling of Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and Jacob the son of Zebedee and his brother John. Last Sunday was “All Saints Sunday”, in where we commemorated all the Saints in the Orthodox Church, whether they are known officially or unknown or their sainthood has not yet been announced. We celebrate All the Saints after Pentecost to acknowledge that the “The Holy Spirit” is the one who makes Saints. He is the source and fountain of holiness, He gives the spirit of Holiness and He is the one that blesses the faithful and makes them “Saints”.

The second Sunday after Pentecost also shows us the work of the Holy Spirit and his acts in the Church by inviting dedicated workers to the Apostolic mission.

This coming Sunday’s Gospel shows us the start of Christianity, which grew from a very small group. Twelve Apostles were invited to be of humble service to each other; they were mostly fishermen of no education, knowledge or social status. They were men living on the outskirts of Lake Tiberias actively fishing. Interestingly, when Jesus called the first Apostles, they were not unemployed, or out of work. They were preoccupied with their work. “They were throwing their nets at sea”.

The Lord Jesus called them and as the Bible says: “Immediately they left the nets and followed him”, they didn’t hesitate to leave their livelihood and their lives to follow Jesus. He did not promise riches, position or status to them, He said one sentence: “Follow me, and I will make you

fishers of men”. The same scenario is repeated with John and Jacob, the sons of Zebedee; they were fixing their nets with their father. “Immediately they left the boat, their father, and followed Him.” It seems that these pupils did not hesitate for a second to become missionaries, that is, the “fishers of men.” What calls for attention on this first Sunday after Pentecost, is that first and second calls were to two brothers; that is two persons from the same family were called to serve the Lord. These Apostles and others were given but one commandment by Jesus, **“go make disciples of all Nations”**.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave them grace and wisdom, understanding and strength, that was not of this world, but from above, God’s abundance. The strength, which gave the disciples the power of Evangelism, to reach Rome and other extremities of the earth like, India and Africa; to preach Christ who has risen from the dead! Every baptised Christian, who has received the Holy Chrism, is called to serve the Lord by their talents, abilities, and resources. Certainly, there are callings through the mysteries of the Holy Priesthood or through the ascetic vows; however everyone is invited to be a disciple of Jesus, to take his place in the Evangelism. All from their baptismal day are dedicated to the Lord, **“All ye who have been baptised unto Christ; have put on Christ.”**

When we say “Yes” to the Lord, it means that we should say “No” to the things of importance of this world. We are called to abandon the Nets that tie us to the things of this world, which prevent us from following Christ. The traps of this world are many, with multiple deceptions, however it was Jacob and his brother John, who were “Fixing the nets” when the Lord called them and “they left everything and followed Him.” All are called according to their talents and ability to meet the Lord’s calling, to become a fisher of men, to pursue them, so they know the true God and His Heavenly Kingdom.

**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

#### 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)**

### Students of the Week

#### Year Group Recognitions



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

**Year 7: Hayden C** – For his positive attitude to learning.

**Ioanni K** – For his enthusiasm and fantastic prior knowledge in the humanities.

**Year 9: Anton M** – For having wonderful attitude in learning.

**Kian V** – For challenging himself and being proactive in lesson. Keep it up!

**Cameron J** – Outstanding behaviour at sports day and breaking the STA discus record.

**Martin Dimitrov** – Excellent all-round attitude in school and outstanding performance in long jump, 100 M and 60 M at sports day.

#### Sixth form

**Year 12: Marcos A and George L** – For good progress in BTEC

**Year 13: Koluvuma K** – For positive attitude towards learning and good revision in his subjects.

**Mashal S** – For positive attitude towards learning and good revision in her subjects.

### Notice - New Business Manager: Paola Haik



I have worked in Education since 2009, starting as a finance officer in a Primary school in East London and then moved onto a secondary school as an interim Finance Manager. I have worked as School Business Manager in SEN schools for students with severe learning difficulties and challenging behaviours. I started working at St Andrew the Apostle School in May 2022. I love working in schools and enjoy the challenges that come with it. I want to say thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome. I am happy and proud to be part of the school community.

### TES Schools Awards 2022





Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know from all our school media, as finalists for a national teaching award, we had the privilege of attending the TES ceremony on Friday 17 June 2022 at the prestigious Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane.

There are some special moments in all our lives that remind us why we do the things that we do and this was definitely one of them!

It is worth noting that we were the only maths department in the whole country shortlisted for an award in our category, so we felt like winners from the moment we walked in!

We have so many people to thank for this outcome – the children and you the parents who work with us every day, our colleagues who work alongside us, our senior leadership team who support us and also our two maths advisers who work tirelessly to ensure that we have everything we need to deliver the best education to your children.

### Thank you!

In the school newsletter dated 9 May 2022, I wrote about my long service at St Andrew the Apostle School and how my parents had shaped my career direction. As a parent myself, I try hard to follow in my parents' footsteps both at home and at school and it is easy for me to say that your children are always in safe hand with us.

Our current Year 11 were prepared for their exams by all their subject teachers and their calmness and resilience throughout this exam period was a sight to behold.

We are all so proud of you Year 11 and we hope that you are also proud of us as this has been a great journey together with you! We look forward to welcoming you back into Year 12.

The award in our category was won by an Independent girls' school in Cornwall which had been shortlisted last year and had won an award in 2020 – we are happy for them and know that they, like us, were well deserving of this special award.

I should like to end this short piece with my favourite inspirational maths quote: **'Mathematics may not teach us how to add love or minus hate. But it gives us every hope that every problem has a solution'**.



Thank you again to all of you – our special parents, for all your kind words and support throughout this process. Ever to Excel!

**Mrs A Zacharia Nicolas (Maths Teacher)**

### Barnet SACRE Schools Religious Education Celebration at Hendon Town Hall



### Items displayed by St Andrew the Apostle School linked to our Greek Orthodox Faith.

On Wednesday 22 June, St Andrew the Apostle School attended and presented at the Barnet SACRE Schools' Religious Education Celebration at Hendon Town Hall. This is an annual event which unfortunately did not take place last year due to COVID; however, it was a real pleasure to see the event reinstated and to have been invited to attend with a small delegation of our students from Year 9 and Year 10.

The event was a fantastic opportunity to mark the Religious Education achievements of schools in Barnet, which is one of the most culturally diverse boroughs within the country. Students and teachers had the opportunity to talk about their work in promoting Religious Education in schools across the borough. Our representatives from Year 9 and 10 spoke beautifully about what their religion – The Greek Orthodox faith – means to them as individuals. They also presented on our own efforts as a school to promote understanding of all faiths and traditions through religious education teaching at St Andrew the Apostle School.

After the presentations delivered by our students, one of the Barnet SACRE organisers and governor of St Andrew the Apostle, Mr Kevin McSharry, congratulated them stating,

**"Well done! You have done yourselves and your school proud."**

As part of the event, members of the SACRE and representatives of the diverse Barnet faith, religion and worldview groups within our local community were invited

to exhibit in the Town Hall. Each religion and worldview group were invited to bring along artefacts, photographs or a text or item linked to their faith. We were most ably assisted in this by Father Kristian Akselberg, parish priest from St Andrew the Apostle Church in Kentish Town. Father Kristian accompanied us and brought along a number of beautiful icons as well as a gold leaf Bible and censer which made for an excellent display of our faith at this event.

Father Kristian also assisted students in preparing for their presentations.

The event was attended by over one hundred guests and representatives from Barnet schools as well as the Director of Education in Barnet, Mr Neil Marlow.

Students delivering their presentations to the audience.

**From L to R: Harry, Grzegorz, Vangelis and Stelios**



We as a school were delighted to have been invited and above all it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our achievements as a school so eloquently expressed by our student representatives.



**From L to R: Mr M Vassiliou** (Spiritual Director at St Andrew the Apostle), **Mr Kevin McSharry** (Barnet SACRE and school governor), **Ms Jan McGuire** (local authority, RE Consultant),

**Back row: Mr Neil Marlow** (Head of Barnet Education Learning Services), **Father Kristian and students: Grzegorz, Vangelis, Stelios and Harry.** **Ms Valavanis**, Teacher of RP is also pictured in the front row.

### St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School sports day

**On your marks; get set; GO!**



Students from St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School in Barnet returned to the athletics track on Wednesday 22 June 2022 for the school's Sports Day, one of the highlights of the school's extra-curricular activities.

Following a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the event returned to the Lee Valley Athletics Centre where a range of track and field activities took place in the glorious sunshine that graced North London. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a mixed relay event was introduced with Platinum medals added to the traditional Gold, Silver and Bronze.

As an inclusive school, plans ensured that all students were able to take part and have an opportunity to experience taking part in an athletics event on first class facilities.



The event was organised by the PE department, led by Head of Department, Mr Browell, who commented, “We are exceptionally proud of all our students who competed in the 2022 Sports Day, the determination and resilience shown by students was brilliant throughout all events. The results were exceptional. Students have been working hard this term to ensure they were ready for the events and there were some amazing performances on the day, with several school records

broken.”



Head of School Mr Michael said, “It was amazing day for our students who demonstrated a fantastic attitude in terms of supporting each other, but also highlights the amazing sporting abilities of our students in track and field events. Being able to provide students with opportunities like this brings the school community together.”



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](#) (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.

[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.

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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 [access@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:access@chch.ox.ac.uk) to get support.

[Childline](#) – a free, private, and confidential service available for all young people. This can be found on ParentPay as we are a cashless school.

Please note that students should wear their normal school uniform, but are permitted to wear an additional colourful accessory; for example, colourful socks, hair accessories etc.

If you have any questions or would like to offer additional support, please contact Mrs Hammond, Assistant Head or myself, Ms Moustaka, Safeguarding and Inclusion Case Manager.

### End of Year Assessments

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

**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](#).

### 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.

### Uniform Donations

As plans continue for the new academic year, we appreciate that some families are facing financial challenges. In light of this, if you have any school uniform or PE kit that is in good condition which you would be willing to donate to the school, this would be greatly appreciated. If you can donate any items, these can be dropped off at the main reception in building during office hours.

### A Reminder For Parents and Carers

The [national routine childhood immunisation programme](#) has a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of children and communities and is vital to reduce the spread of infection and prevent outbreaks.

In addition to the flu and COVID-19 vaccines that have been offered to school-aged children this academic year, teenagers are routinely offered 3 vaccines in secondary schools:

[human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine](#) in Years 8 and 9

[menACWY vaccine](#) in Year 9

[Td/IPV \(3-in-1 booster\)](#) in Year 9

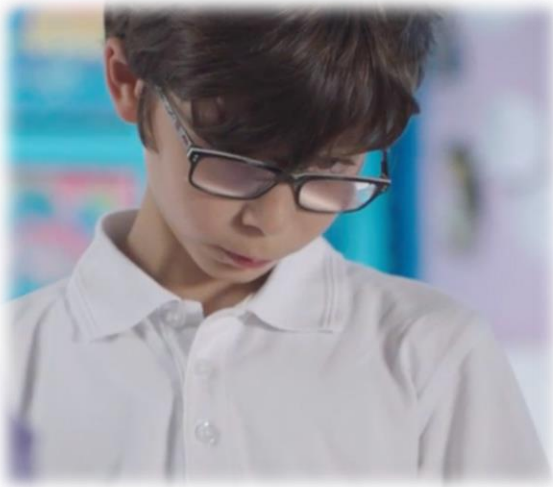
The delivery of these routine adolescent immunisation programmes has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine coverage is still not at pre-pandemic levels. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) are reminding parents and carers about the important protection these immunisations provide. They are also encouraging take up

and catch up of vaccinations for anybody who has missed out.

Education and childcare settings have a vital role to play in supporting the routine immunisation programme. It would be very helpful for settings to share information with parents. Further information can be found in the [UKHSA immunisation guidance](#).

A wide range of immunisation support resources for educational settings are available which can be shared with parents. They can be ordered on the [health publications website](#) or by calling 0300 123 1002. For further information, please email [immunisations@phe.gov.uk](mailto:immunisations@phe.gov.uk)

### Nip in the Bud



Nip in the bud produces evidence based free online short films and fact sheets on children’s mental health, Autism, Early intervention and emotional wellbeing.

For more information about [nip in the bud](#)

Learning about children’s mental health through film [click here](#)

For the film about Emily’s journey to recovery from self-harm. [Click here](#)

### Rainbow Cake

As you all know we were learning about Pride Week last week. This is the fantastic cake from our catering team. Which was one of the many jesters shown to demonstrate the expectation of all students and staff in line with our learning.



Picture of Rainbow cake in Building five.



Picture of Rainbow cake in Building four.

### 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](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) with FOSA in the title. Please mark your email for the attention of Mr Michael.

**Mr Michael (Senior Deputy Headteacher)**

