



Headteacher's Update

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

01 July 2022



Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels as though we are speeding towards the end of this academic year and there is still so much to pack in before we break for the summer!

Congratulations to Year 13 students who celebrated the conclusion of their exams and their seven year journey at St Andrew the Apostle School with their prom on Tuesday 28 June. Year 11s will hold their event tonight, Friday 1 July. We welcomed many of them back this week for sixth form taster days, which were wonderful. It was great to see these students stepping over the threshold into post-16 education.

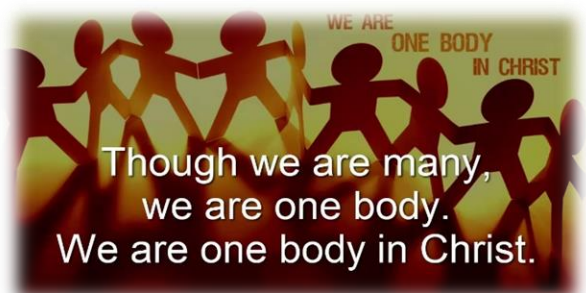
Well done to Year 7 students who also complete their end of year exams today. It is the turn of Year 9 next week. We are keen to see students do their best in these end of year assessments, but we take every opportunity to emphasise to them the message that they should not be unduly stressed by them or worried about them. They should be seen as learning opportunities and a good chance for teachers to see how much knowledge students have retained from their studies this year, and how their skills have developed. Alongside ensuring excellent academic learning right through to the end of term, we are very busy planning and delivering all the events that take place at this time of year. In the next few weeks we are running Year 6 induction events, an enrichment day, and church visits and end of year celebrations for each year group. We are so delighted to

have a 'normal' summer term this year and are anticipating all these events with great excitement. Detailed information on the final day of term, Thursday 21 July, will be released in due course. Remember that Thursday 7 July is an INSET day for all year groups so that we can have our Year 6 Transition Day.

We are also looking forward to welcoming new members of staff who will join us in September when they visit the school on Thursday 7 July also.

One visitor we welcomed this week was Gerry Anderson, who works for the NFL and was with us to celebrate and mark Windrush Day with our Year 9 and Year 12 students. Gerry's father was part of the Windrush Generation and he explained to our students what being a descendant of that generation has meant to him. Gerry's presentation made us feel what growing up in London was like for him; he explained the diversity work he is part of in his organisation, and he gave us hope for our futures. His voice resonated with our students in this session and a follow-up session with a group of Year 9 students. We presented him with a book and a plaque as thanks for his visit to our school. As part of the sessions, we reflected on our school values, our faith and what it means to be a St Andrew the Apostle School student in today's Britain. I hope looking back at previous generations will inspire our students as they look forward and determine how they will live their lives. Experiencing different cultures has enriched my life greatly and we try to give our students experiences that they can draw from. It was an inspirational event, and the students took a great deal from it.

Mr A Easton (Executive Headteacher)



Faith- πίστις

The Third Sunday After Pentecost: Seek First His Kingdom And His Righteousness

In the Gospel reading marking the Third Sunday of Matthew, Christ urges us not to be anxious about our lives and bodies—what we shall eat, drink, or wear (Matt. 6:22-33). But how can this be, if we must eat and drink, and clothe ourselves? Ultimately, we are mortal and are therefore bound by laws of biological existence. Do we not come from our forefather Adam, who is dust (Gen. 3:19), and as he was so we also are (1 Cor. 15:48)? We are descendants of Adam, and one could argue that we find ourselves in a fallen state. We sustain our lives by devouring and destroying the created world, we wrap our bodies in that whatever is fashionable, many choose to draw inspiration from the desires of their bodies. This is the order of life that has become habitual to us, but it is not natural for us; God did not create us for such an existence.

Christ came to restore our nature, to lift us out of the fallen state, and to give a new and original order to our lives. Our spirit must now find nourishment in God; our soul must be inspired by things divine, even as the spirit draws it to God; **even our bodies must not live “by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”** (Matt. 4:4), that is to say, by Christ Himself, Who is the Word of God; and instead of our old corrupt nature, we must now put on new nature (Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10)—Christ Himself (Gal. 3:27). And as He is, so we also are (1 Cor. 15:48).

Christ is not calling us to stop eating—He Himself ate and drank, and His disciples did the same; He is not calling us to disregard our clothing—He Himself wore a robe made for Him by His Most Pure Mother. Christ is not calling us to reject our life, but to sanctify it: to bring every aspect of our life to the service of the kingdom, to remember that the goal of Christian life is theosis—a union with Christ and ascension of our nature to the right side of God.

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well” (Matt. 6:33). Note that Christ

is saying that these things will be yours as well. God knows that we need all these things (Matt. 6:32). He placed us in this world, and He blesses the labour of our hands. But let us not be like the man to whom God said “Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” (Luke 12:20). Let us instead firmly bind our hearts to heaven by making it—heaven—our treasure. Only such a life is pleasing in God’s sight, because only such a life is truly life—life in the fullness of being and life abundant (John 10:10).

In essence, The Lord is saying: “If you think about God first, you will see clearly. Keep your thoughts positive and focused on doing what God wants.”

You cannot want something, like the latest phone, so much that you’ll do anything to get it. God knows what you need. He takes care of every living thing. He does not want you to think about what you need. He knows what you need. What he wants is for you to trust Him, and to walk with Him. Seek, or look, first to find the kingdom of God.

Stay close to God. Pray always. Do what is always good and right. Walk with God and do not worry.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **Asian History Month – Monday 4 July**
- **Inset Day - Thursday 7 July 2022**
- **Plastic Free July**

- **Work experience for Year 12 starting the week of the 11th**

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)

Staff Notice: New Religion & Philosophy teacher



Hello everyone. It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Religion & Philosophy teacher at STA. As well as previously working in various schools around London, I also have a background in art history, religion, and modern and ancient history. I am currently finishing my master's degree in Jewish Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In my free time, I like walking, reading, and learning new languages (I speak three fluently, and learning another one). I am looking forward to continuing teaching and supporting the community. I hope you all have a fantastic summer.

Mr A Barreto (Religion & Philosophy teacher)

Students of the Week

Year Group Recognitions



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

Year 7: Stella D – For her conscientious attitude to her studies.

Maria S – For consistently submitting outstanding pieces of H/W and C/W and for exemplar behaviour in class.

Year 9: Maria A – For showing resilience and determination, particularly with her recent attendance.

Berkay A – For demonstrating the school values of caring and respect in many different situations and for showing a real desire to improve behaviour around the school.

Jiya M – For demonstrating the school's core values

Marcus S – For embracing STA core values during unstructured time and demonstrating responsibility.

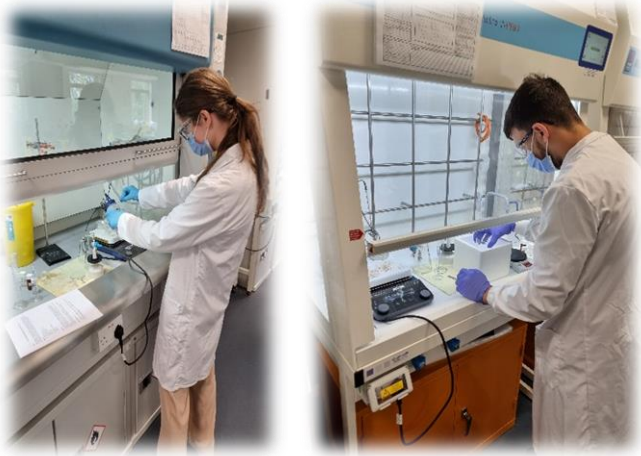
Sixth form

Year 12: Pedros O and Pavlos K – Congratulations for completing the online lessons from Auschwitz programme and for being awarded a certificate.

Year 13: Luke S and Alexia P – Congratulations for completing the online lessons from Auschwitz programme and being awarded a certificate.

Year 12 Visit To Middlesex University

Our Year 12 Chemistry class has enjoyed a visit to Middlesex university on Tuesday 28th June. The names of Students pictured below: **Divy k, Eriola k, Pavlos K, Ali M, Alex M and Shumanan M.**

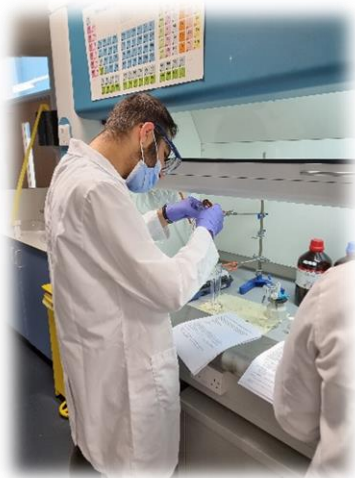


Mental Health Crisis Helpline - Reminder



Students were able to experience a day in a lab, where they successfully synthesised aspirin. It was a fantastic experience for students and has motivated them to excel in chemistry.

We are very grateful to the outreach team from the University from the high quality and thoughtful support we received.



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.

*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.

[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 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.

Wellbeing and Safety



With the warmer weather finally upon us, we wanted to take this opportunity to share some key information regarding water safety. Every year there are tragic stories of young people losing their lives after being swept out to sea, diving and jumping in dangerous places or swimming in lakes. The RNLI website has excellent advice and guidance for young people who wish to swim in the sea and lakes, and you can access their resources via the links below. We hope you can spare just a few minutes to talk to your son or daughter about water safety ahead of the summer break.

[Click here](#) to learn more about beach safety.

For more information about risks [Click here](#)

[Click here](#) to watch a video on how to stay safe on the beach.

For any families with very young children [click here](#).



Chance to win £30 voucher for sharing your opinions



**HAVE YOUR SAY
ON IMPROVING
SERVICES FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE**

A chance for Barnet residents aged 11-17 to get a £30 shopping voucher by sharing their opinions to help improve services for young people.

Barnet Council wants to know how young people feel about their local area to help develop its new plan for improving the lives of young people. Over 500 young people across the borough have already voiced their views (via a survey conducted late 2021/early 2022) on topics such as safety, schooling, and wellbeing.

[Click here](#) to complete the survey.

Group discussions will be held mid-July 2022 to better understand young people's experiences and we're keen to involve a wide range of young people.

Even if a young person has never participated in similar sessions or has little interest in them, we welcome their input. Potential participants need to register by Monday 27 June 2022, see full details on Engage Barnet.

Barnet Food Plan Survey

In Barnet, we want to support every child to access healthy food and drink. Young people spend 190 days of the year in school, and what they eat there is incredibly important. School meals significantly improve educational outcomes and they provide access to nutritious meals for the millions of children experiencing food insecurity. School is also the only place where we can make certain all children, no matter where they live, are getting a decent meal.

In addition, the Council is developing a Barnet food plan which contains actions to make Barnet a healthy place for eating for all. The invaluable feedback from school food leads, young people and parents and carers who complete the following surveys, will help us to support improvements in school food & drink provision across Barnet and develop the Barnet food plan.

[Click here](#) for students to complete this survey.

Parents/Carers [click here](#) to complete survey.

Everything you tell us in the survey will be kept confidential and no-one will be able to identify individuals from the data obtained.

The closing date is Friday the 22 of July.

Festival Of Apprenticeships – Careers Roadshow



The Festival of Apprenticeships is a roadshow exhibition promoting and celebrating all things apprenticeships. More than just a careers fair or conference, the event is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships. From discovering local opportunities by meeting organisations first-hand, through to guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship, the festival will cover all!

Date: Thursday 30 June 2022

Time: 09:30 – 16:00

Location: The Oval, Kennington Oval, London, SE11 5SS

[Click here](#) to register for Eventbrite Ticket (Free)

Festival Of Apprenticeships .

Scientist in the Spotlight Live:
STEM to save the planet

Join us for free STEM career inspiration
with a live Q&A

FREE ONLINE SESSION: 15.30 - 16.15
11th July 2022

Delivered in partnership
ArkCurriculum+ F4S

Scientist in the Spotlight Live: Electrifying Careers and You (Online Session)

- Our online career inspiration event links maths, STEM, and careers to the curriculum
- By attending the event students will hear from role models who work in jobs related to the generation of electricity, supply of electricity, electrical engineering or similar.
- Focusing on how maths and science relate to their role, this is a great opportunity for students to learn about future careers in the sector and learn some real insight from people working in the industry and relate it back to what they are studying in class.

•Date & Time: Monday, 11 July 2022, 15:30 – 16:15

[Click here](#) to register for Eventbrite Ticket (Free).

Fortem Discovery Workshop/Virtual Work Experience

The Discovery Workshop is a FREE 3-day opportunity in partnership with Speakers for Schools for young people aged 14-19 to find out about careers at Fortem, and the wider construction industry.

This is aimed at young people who have been unable to obtain an in-person work experience opportunity.

This will be broadcasted in the morning and ask that teachers facilitate afternoon group work which is a competitive business challenge based on our internal improvement programme, Project Nirvana.

•“There’s a job for everyone in construction,” is a phrase often heard. To demonstrate this, our virtual work experience will showcase people from Fortem talking about a variety of careers, from those “on tools” to our central support team and senior leaders.

- There will be up to 5 presentations from those submitted to present their solution to our dragons and announce a national winner.

•Date: Tuesday 12 July to Thursday 14 July

•Time: 9.30 to 12noon (broadcast), afternoons as per school timetable

•Registration: Challenge yourself with our Project Nirvana business improvement discovery workshop - Fortem Solutions Ltd | Speakers for Schools

•If you have any questions, please contact Sue Woollette Sue.Woollett@fortem.co.uk

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.

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