



St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter

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

16 June 2023

Message from Headteacher



It's been a successful week, not least for our Year 9 footballers, who have added The RET Challenge Trophy to their bulging cabinet of silverware after a 4-0 win over Becket Keys in Brentwood. Unfortunately, traffic regulations meant that their plan of parading their cups from an open top bus around the North London Business Park did not come to fruition!

Congratulations are in order, too, for Koni, in Year 11, who has just signed scholarship terms with Brentford FC for the next two years. Koni is a talented left-sided player and last summer he became the youngest player to represent the Bulgaria U18 national side.

Year 10s enjoyed a visit to Christ Church College Oxford for an event promoting the study of Science on Wednesday, while the Museum of Brands provided an inspiring backdrop for a Year 10 Business visit on Thursday afternoon.

The St Andrew's Rock Band will be taking part in The Barnet Music Festival on Wednesday next week for the 10th time in a row! We have been promised 'passionate vocals', 'pounding percussion' and 'guitar-shredding riffs'; we look forward to hearing all that and more!

As I write I am about to be interviewed on London Greek Radio by one of our founding governors about the exciting plans we have in train for the school. You may already have seen the articles in Parakiaki and Eleftheria recording the milestone of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas giving his blessings to the foundations last week.

Year 10 Parents Evening went smoothly on Thursday evening: next Tuesday we will have the Academic Review Day for Year 10.

On Wednesday next week we will be having our Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 11s. Do remember to sign up – or drop Ms Bicarregui an email if you have not already done so. If you know of pupils from other schools who are looking for a change, it would be a wonderful opportunity for them to experience a taste of life at STA, too.

Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Faith- πίστη



Last Sunday (11 June) was the Feast Day of St Barnabas, an early Christian whose dramatic conversion and missionary activity are described in detail in the Acts of the Apostles. In the biblical sources, he is described as a Levite who renounced his worldly possessions in order to follow in the footsteps of the apostles (Acts 4:36-37). After travelling and preaching extensively with Saint Paul in Antioch, he is said to have proceeded on his own to Cyprus, all the while continuing to extol the message of Jesus of

Nazareth. He is traditionally thought to have been martyred in Salamis in 61 C.E.

Barnabas is notable among the Christian saints for his extensive presence in the biblical record, where his missionary efforts are described in considerable detail.

When Paul returned to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him and introduced him to the apostles (9:27); it is possible that they had been fellow students in the school of Gamaliel. Regardless of their potential historical connection, the biblical record suggests to readers that Barnabas was responsible for encouraging the early community to accept their former persecutor into their ranks, as it describes how he "'took him [Paul] by the hand' and vouched for him among the other apostles."

Barnabas was sent to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord (Acts 11:22-24).

Shortly after his return, Barnabas and Paul were appointed as missionaries to Asia Minor, and in this capacity, they visited Cyprus and some of the principal cities of Pamphylia, Pisidia, and Lycaonia (Acts 13:14). During their travels in Asia Minor, the spiritual charisma of the duo was such that they were mistaken for Hellenic deities(!) by the native Lystrans, who saw Paul as Hermes and Barnabas as Zeus, and attempted to offer sacrifice to them (14:12). Returning from this first missionary journey to Antioch, they were again sent up to Jerusalem to consult with the church there regarding the role of Gentiles in the inchoate ecclesiastical order (Acts 15:2; Galatians 2:1). According to Gal. 2:9-10, the earliest church leaders (James, Peter, and John) decreed that they would continue to preach to the Jews, with Barnabas and Paul serving the needs of the Gentiles—with the proviso that neither contingent could renege on Jesus' commitment to the poor.

Martyrdom & Death

Though the biblical record does not describe the circumstances of the saint's demise, early Christian legends contend that he was ultimately undone in his attempts to minister to the Jews of Salamis (in Cyprus).

In the centuries after Barnabas' death, a monastery was built in his name at Salamis, Cyprus, over the tomb

reputed to hold his remains (ca. AD 488). In commemoration of his extensive missionary labours in his home country, Barnabas is venerated as the Patron Saint of Cyprus.

Barnabas is remembered, too, as the Saint of 'second chances': his success in persuading the other apostles to forgive and to accept that Paul's conversion to Christianity was genuine was hugely important for the successful growth of the early Church.

Saint Name Days for next week:

Date	Saint Celebrated
Monday 19 June	PAISIOS, ZOSIMOS
Tuesday 20 June	KALLISTOS, METHODIOS
Wednesday 21 June	AFRODISIOS
Thursday 22 June	EFSEVIOS, ZINAS
Friday 23 June	AGRIPPINA, ARISTOKLIS, LOULOU
Saturday 24 June	PANAGIOTIS
Sunday 25 June	EROTAS, FEVRONIA

Term Dates 2023-24

Please see our term dates for the academic year 2023-24 in the link below: [Term Dates](#)

Upcoming key Dates and Information

- Tuesday 27 June – Sports Day
- Friday 30 June – Year 11 Prom
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar.
- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletters.



Rising Temperatures!

As we approach the summer season and temperatures rise, it is essential to ensure that our students stay hydrated and comfortable throughout the school day. With this in mind, we kindly request your assistance in providing your child with a water bottle to bring to school.

As you may be aware, adequate hydration is crucial for maintaining good health and concentration, especially during warmer weather. By encouraging your child to have a water bottle readily available, we can help them

stay refreshed and focused during their learning activities.

Please provide your child with a suitable water bottle that is reusable & remind your child to bring the water bottle daily.

As we continue to support our students while maintaining high standards of uniform and behaviour, students are expected to come to school in full school uniform and remain in their blazers until the end of period 2. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Reach for the star!

On Tuesday we celebrated our year 7 students who earned Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stars for their outstanding performance and dedication to excellence. These shining stars have reached significant milestones, accumulating recognition points of 50, 100, and 150 respectively, and have truly exemplified the spirit of our school community.

Gold Stars: Reaching New Heights

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the students who have earned Gold Stars by surpassing the milestone of 150 recognition points. Their perseverance and unwavering commitment to their studies and extracurricular activities have set them apart. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive impact they have had on our school community.

Silver Stars: Shining Brightly

We would also like to recognize our students who have earned Silver Stars by achieving the milestone of 100 recognition points. These students have consistently demonstrated outstanding performance and dedication in various spheres of their academic and personal pursuits.

Bronze Stars: Rising Stars

Lastly, but certainly not least, we extend our warmest congratulations to the students who have earned Bronze Stars, having reached the milestone of 50 recognition points. Their achievements are a testament to their incredible talent, tireless efforts, and resilience.

We take immense pride in the achievements of all our students who have earned these prestigious stars. Their passion, resilience, and pursuit of excellence serve as a shining example for others to follow.



Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 10 Museum of Brands Trip



We are delighted to share with you the trip our Year 10 GCSE Business Studies students went to the Museum of Marketing last Thursday. This enlightening trip, organized by, Ms Walt and Mr Martin, aimed to provide our students with a practical and immersive learning experience in the world of marketing.

The Museum of Marketing, renowned for its interactive exhibits and comprehensive displays, offered our students a unique opportunity to witness the evolution of marketing strategies, explore various advertising campaigns, and delve into the minds of successful marketers.

The exhibits were thoughtfully curated, showcasing the history and development of marketing techniques over the years. From vintage advertisements to modern digital campaigns, our students were able to witness first-hand the progression of marketing strategies and their impact on consumer behaviour.

One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity for our students to participate in a hands-on marketing workshop. Divided into teams, they were tasked with designing their own advertising campaign for a hypothetical product. Collaboratively brainstorming

ideas and honing their presentation skills, our students embraced the challenge and showcased their creativity.

We hope that this trip has inspired our Year 10 students to pursue their studies in business and marketing with renewed enthusiasm. As they continue their GCSE journey, we are confident that they will apply the knowledge and skills gained from this trip to excel in their academic endeavours and future careers.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 7 Players Wanted

PLAYERS WANTED BARNET NIGHTINGALES CURRENT YEAR 7s

We're looking for a few more girls to join our current U12s team (U13s next season). If you're in Year 7 with some footballing experience and want to join us for an open training session, please get in touch.

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Talent Show Auditions

The auditions for the Talent Show will be taking place in just two weeks, and we are eager to ensure that as many students as possible are aware of this fantastic opportunity to showcase their skills.

Here are a few reasons why students should consider taking part:

1. **Inclusivity:** The Talent Show provides a platform for all students to share their unique talents, whether it be singing, dancing, playing an instrument, magic tricks, comedy, or any other remarkable skills they possess. We want to celebrate the diverse talents within our school and create a sense of belonging for everyone.
2. **Community Building:** The Talent Show brings together students from different backgrounds, fostering a sense of unity and support. We encourage our students to attend and cheer for their fellow classmates, promoting a positive and inclusive school culture.
3. **Encouragement and Confidence:** Participating in the Talent Show allows students to step out of their comfort zones, gain confidence, and build self-esteem. In an audition, we will also welcome hesitant students to overcome their fears and take this chance to shine.
4. **Showcasing Hidden Talents:** We are aware that our school is filled with extraordinarily talented students who may not have had the opportunity to showcase their skills yet. We can help uncover these hidden talents and offer them a platform to shine, so audition now.

THE PERFORMING ARTS DEP. PRESENTS

ST ANDREW'S TALENT SHOW 2023 AUDITIONS

BREAK OR LUNCH TIME, IN MUSIC

YR7/YR10 – MONDAY 19/6
YR8 – TUESDAY 20/6
YR9 – WEDNESDAY 21/6

SHOW TIME: FRIDAY, 14TH JULY 2023, BUILDING 4
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 - SHOW STARTS AT 6PM





Mr Lasithiotakis (Head of Performing Arts)

Student Newspaper – Apostle News



St Andrew the Apostle School Key Stage 3 students are establishing a new school newspaper, aptly named Apostle News. We hope to have our first edition out in July.

If you have news, then tell us and we will report it in Apostle News.

Site



For up-to-date news on our new school building and site, please click on the following link: [St Andrew The Apostle Plans](#).

There will be more work on the pilings of the building, and once the foundations are in place, the outer structure will spring up very quickly! If you have any questions as a parent regarding the new building, do contact the school directly.



Online Safety

We understand, as you will also, how difficult it can be for young people to navigate the online world and social media. For all its benefits there are also dangers for teenagers as they encounter other people online. A particular danger to all students is navigating dangers while gaming where they can interact with unknown people.

During PSHE lessons and in form time we discuss and explore how students can stay safe while being online, however we know that parents also have a need and a desire to be aware of new online dangers and current trends which may not be immediately obvious as harmful.

Consequently, we are working with a company called Smoothwall to provide regular online safety updates to parents over the course of this academic year. The third of these events will take place at **4.30pm on 21 June 2023**. [This will take place on Microsoft Teams, and you can join this by following this link.](#)

The theme of this event will be how parents can support children to access online gaming safely.

This event will last approximately half an hour and there will be the chance to ask our colleagues at Smoothwall questions about how you can support the safety of your child online.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Anti-Bullying

All our form tutors, Heads of Year and indeed all adults in the school are training in how to identify, report and respond to signs of bullying. We have robust procedures and policies in school which we follow to ensure that we reduce and remove this from our community.



One of our values in school is respect and we expect all students to show respect to each other.

However sometimes these signs in school can be very subtle initially and it can be difficult for adults to spot these signs. We also know that some students would be concerned about their teachers knowing that this is happening.

When issues of bullying or unkindness occur in school, we address this in sensitive and appropriate ways. This can include closer monitoring or dealing with the issue in a way that reduces rather than aggravates the situation.

If your child has reported any unkindness to you that you are concerned about, please do report this to us using our staff contact form and we can discuss how we can support your child in the most appropriate way with a discussion between you, as parents, initially, so we can agree on a way forward.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Summer Term Extra – Curricular Sports Clubs

PE extra-curricular clubs.



Please note a change in sports clubs on a

Thursday this term. The table tennis club advertised will no longer run due to the public examinations in the hall. Dodgeball will now run instead from 3.00pm-4.00pm in the building 5 hall.

Monday

Activity: All Years Athletics

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Bethune Park

***Changing building 5 changing rooms.**

Activity: All Years Futsal

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Building 4 Playground

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Tuesday

No clubs due to Athletics League Meetings (Invite Only)

Wednesday

Activity: All Years Girls Dance

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Building 5 Hall

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Thursday

Activity: All Years Table Tennis

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Building 4 Hall

***Change in building 4 changing rooms.**

Activity: All Years Boxercise

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Building 5 Playground

***Change in building 5 changing rooms.**

Please note students do not wear PE kit to school on the day of clubs. If you do not have PE on the day of the club, but wish to attend, please bring PE kit to change into after-school. Full PE kit must be worn to after-school clubs. If you have PE lessons on the day of a chosen club, you will already be changed into full PE kit.

Mr Browell (Head of PE)

School Uniform

We are incredibly proud of our students and the way that they present themselves to our community. We do this by 'sweating the small stuff' when it comes to uniform, and this ensures that larger behaviour issues are less common. The aim of our uniform policy is to ensure that all students look professional, are ready to work in school and be prepared for the world of work after they leave us.

Please do support the school culture and ethos by helping us ensure that students have the correct uniform. In particular:

- Students should be wearing leather shoes, please click here for [boys shoes](#) and [girls shoes](#).
- Students should not wear any jewellery or piercings other than a single stud in each ear lobe.
- Students should be wearing neutral trainer socks or no socks with tights.
- Students should also have their shirt tucked in, top buttons done up and ties tied correctly.



If students arrive to school in incorrect uniform, they could be asked to return home to change and return immediately or failure to follow clear and reasonable instructions to address their uniform could result in students being detailed or placed in our Referral Room.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Second Hand Uniform

You can buy good quality, second-hand uniform at the following site: www.oldschooluniform.co.uk

The school accepts outgrown, good condition uniform please hand in your items to the school reception.

Mobile Phones



We would like to remind parents that the use of mobile phones is prohibited during the school day, and students should not use them to communicate with anyone including parents. This is

to ensure that our students can concentrate on their learning without distractions and to maintain a positive learning environment.

Our school has a strict policy on mobile phone use, and we expect all students to adhere to this policy. Mobile phones must not be visible or used during the school day, including breaks and lunchtime. Any mobile phones that are seen or heard will be confiscated by the school staff and returned to the student at the end of the school day. If this happens twice, parents should expect to come and collect the phone from the school office.

We understand that mobile phones can be important for staying in touch with parents and guardians, particularly in emergencies. However, we have systems in place to ensure that students can communicate with parents in case of emergency. Parents can contact the school office, and we will make sure that the message is relayed to the student. We encourage parents to use this system rather than contacting their child directly during the school day.

We believe that the mobile phone ban is essential to create a positive learning environment where students can concentrate on their studies without distractions. Mobile phones can be a significant source of distraction, and we want to ensure that our students have the best possible chance of success in their academic studies.

We appreciate your support in enforcing the mobile phone ban and remind parents that it is their responsibility to ensure that their child adheres to the

school's policy on mobile phone use. We encourage parents to talk to their children about the importance of the ban and the impact that mobile phones can have on their academic performance.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the best possible learning environment for our students.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Sun Safe Advice for Schools

Pupils spend around 190 days of the year in schools and can often spend a lot of time outdoors. Therefore, it is important that schools ensure children are safeguarded from UV damage. With the rise in temperature, we are circulating useful sun safety advice:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice>
- [Heat exhaustion and heatstroke - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please review the above advice. Also, there is a handy '[Beat the Heat](#)' poster to download and share with families. Some key points to remember are that children aged under 6 months should be kept out of direct strong sunlight and that from March to October in the UK children should:

- cover up with suitable clothing.
- spend time in the shade, particularly from 11 am to 3 pm.
- wear at least SPF30 sunscreen.
- stay well hydrated.

Please note that the NHS recommends reapplying sunscreen every 2 hours, as the sun can dry it off the skin. Therefore, sunscreen applied before the start of school will not be sufficient for the entire school day. It is important that school staff can prevent, recognise, and treat heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Please refer to the NHS advice available [here](#) regarding the symptoms and treatment of heat exhaustion and sun stroke.

Emma Waters, Public Health Consultant

Drowning Prevention Week

With the weather getting warmer, resources are available as part of Drowning Prevention Week and the Royal Life Saving Society have some brilliant resources on drowning prevention.

[Drowning Prevention Week Animation \(rlss.org.uk\)](https://rlss.org.uk)

There’s a printable/digital poster with a QR code that takes you to their site, and a very good Water Safety for Families Booklet, which covers water safety

- At home
- On Holiday
- On the Beach
- At the pool
- By open water

Please see their Water Safety Book: [Download.ashx \(rlss.org.uk\)](#)

Sharon Smith
Senior Public Health Strategist
Public Health Directorate

WIZZ

Recently rising in popularity among children and young people, Wizz is a social networking app that allows users to chat live with people from around the world. In similar fashion to a dating app, it facilitates conversations with people that users would not ordinarily meet – but of course, making connections to individuals online bring its own self-evident potential safety issues.

While Wizz makes use of face recognition technology to assesses users’ age and group them by age group – but the software is far from perfect and is no guarantee that some individuals won’t attempt to exploit the app for sinister purposes. Our guide examines Wizz in detail, identifying pitfalls that parents and carers should be aware of.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as catfishing, explicit content and “sextortion”, and examines how trusted adults can take young people to avoid these possible threats.



Finchley Fire Station – Open Day



OPEN DAY

Finchley Fire Station

Saturday, 15 July 2023 12pm – 4pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- See our latest service equipment and watch rescue demonstrations.
- Family games, food and drink stalls plus meet police officers.

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Summer Activity – Holiday Camp



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31st Jul - 4th Aug
21st Aug - 25th Aug
28th Aug - 1st Sept

Full Day: 9AM - 3PM
Half Day: 9AM - 12:45PM

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