



St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter

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

30 June 2023

Message from Headteacher



Sixth Form Boys 60m

Ayomikun S, Jamal M, Elvis P, Yekta S, Theodore B

We've had an action-packed week at STA, dominated by Sports Day on Tuesday at the Lee Valley Athletic Centre. We were blessed with a slightly lower temperature and some welcome cloud cover, which formed the perfect backdrop to a full day of highly competitive athletics.

At a packed stadium we were treated to a magnificent spectacle thanks to the hard work of all the Teaching and Support Staff and in particular that of the PE Department, ably guided by Mr Browell.

We saw some memorable relay performances (not least in the staff relay!) and some great individual track and field performances from our talented pupils, with an 11.56 s new school record by Savan in the Year 10 boy's 100 metres being a particular highlight. There was a lot of resilience on display, too. One great example was that of Year 10 pupil, Ellie, who had a nasty fall in an individual race but then dusted herself down to put in a tenacious display in a silver medal-winning relay team just a few minutes later.

Our students are multi-talented, of course, and I'm sure you will enjoy reading about the School Rock Band's contribution to the Barnet Music Festival inside, too.

This has also been a week of farewells, with the Year 13 prom and, hopefully, an 'au revoir', with our Year 11 Prom taking place this evening.

Next week we face disruption in the form of national days of industrial action. This is very much a matter of individual conscience, and it is difficult to predict numbers of staff affected with precision. The school will definitely be open, but only for certain year groups: on Wednesday 5 July only Years 12, 10 and 9 will be in school and on Friday 7 July only Years 7 and 8 will be in school. Work will be made available on Teams for those year groups not in school as outlined in the letter sent yesterday to all parents. As telegraphed in the school calendar, there will be a staff INSET Day on 6 July and on this day the school will not be open. Thank you in advance for your patience in bearing with us next week.

Good luck to our Year 12, who will out at Work Experience from next Thursday for one week.

A few weeks ago, I had the great pleasure of chatting with one of the founding governors of our school, Theo Theodorou, on his 'Education Hour' slot on London Greek Radio. We covered a lot of ground, including national trends in education and specifically the exciting plans for our wonderful new school building and sports facility, which is now in the process of construction. For those who missed it, the interview is available to download here: <https://t.co/TwYKA1bzAu>.

Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Faith- πίστη

Saint Kyriaki



Next Friday (7 July) is the Feast Day of St Kyriaki, who was born in Nicomedia (modern day Turkey) to Greek parents Dorotheus and Eusebia. They were devout Christians, and when they had a child, since she was born on

Sunday, the Lord's Day, she was given the name Kyriaki, the Greek word for Sunday.

From her childhood, Kyriaki consecrated herself to God. As she was a beautiful young woman, many suitors asked for her hand in marriage, but she refused them all saying that she had dedicated herself to Jesus Christ. A magistrate of Nicomedia also wished to betroth Kyriaki to his son, especially since she came from a wealthy family, but when she once more rejected his proposal, he denounced Kyriaki and her parents as Christians to Emperor Diocletian.

Diocletian, who was notorious for his persecution of Christians, ordered the family to be arrested and upon their refusal to honour the pagan gods, Dorotheus was beaten. Since this had no effect, Dorotheus and Eusebia were exiled to Melitene in eastern Anatolia. Kyriaki was sent to Nicomedia to be interrogated by his son-in-law and co-ruler, Maximian. When Kyriaki refused to renounce her faith, Maximian ordered that she be whipped. Since Maximian failed to persuade the young woman to change her faith, he sent her to Hilarion, the eparch of Bithynia in Chalcedon, either to convert Kyriaki to paganism, or send her back to him.

Hilarion tried his best with promises and threats, but when all these proved ineffective, he had her tortured. Kyriaki was suspended by her hair for several hours, while soldiers burned her body with torches. She was finally taken down and thrown into a prison cell. During the night, Christ appeared to her and healed her wounds. The next day, Hilarion announced that the gods had healed her out of pity and urged her to go to the temple and give thanks to them. When she was brought to the pagan temple, Kyriaki prayed that God would destroy the idols and a sudden earthquake toppled the idols and shattered them to pieces. Hilarion blasphemed God and was struck by lightning and died on the spot.

Kyriaki was tortured again by Apollonius, the successor of Hilarion. She was thrown into a fire, but the flames were extinguished, and then thrown to wild beasts, but they became tame and gentle, in an echo of the biblical story of Daniel in the lions' den. Apollonius then sentenced her to death by the sword. As she was given a little time to pray, she asked God to receive her soul and to remember those who honoured her martyrdom. Upon completing her prayer, she rendered her soul to God before the sword was lowered on her head. Pious Christians took her relics and buried them.

At the time of her death in AD 289, she was just 21 years old.

St Kyriaki offers a wonderful example of an independent-minded young woman who was singularly devoted to serving Jesus Christ, putting her Christian faith above everything else. A troparion dedicated to Saint Kyriaki is sung in the fifth Byzantine tone:

*O virgin martyr Kyriaki,
You were a worthy sacrifice
When you offered your pure soul to God;
Wherefore Christ has glorified you,
And through you pours forth graces abundantly on all
the faithful,
For He is the merciful Loving God!*

Saint Name Days for next week:

| Date | Saint Celebrated |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday 3 July | ANATOLIOS, YAKINTHOS, ZOUMBOULIA, |
| Wednesday 5 July | LAMPADOS |
| Thursday 6 July | LYKIOS, SATYROS |
| Friday 7 July | KYRIAKI |
| Saturday 8 July | PROKOPIS, THEOFILOS |
| Sunday 9 July | PAGRATIOS |

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

- Monday 3 July – Year 8 Science Trip
- Wednesday 5 July - NEU Strike Day
- Thursday 6 July – Inset Day
- Friday 7 July – NEU Strike Day
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar.
- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletters.



St Andrew the Apostle Sports Day

On Tuesday 27 June, we witnessed a remarkable display of athletic talent and camaraderie during our annual Sports Day event.



Year 10 Boys 800m - Harris C, Marcus S, Kian V

Each student came together to compete in a variety of track and field events, creating an electric atmosphere.



Martin D – 2nd Boran G – 1st Joe P – 3rd

Year 10 Boys 60m

The day kicked off with an array of exhilarating races and field events, leaving the spectators in awe of the incredible athleticism on display. From the long jump to shot put, students showcased their talent in each discipline, leaving no doubt about their dedication and hard work leading up to the event.



Year 10 Mixed 4 x 100m Relay
Jerome S, Angelo G, Maria A, Kiara S – 1st
Rehan DB, Ryan M, Leah CT, Ellie S – 2nd
Bolu O, Hugo P, Zoe P – 3rd

One standout moment of the day was the breaking of school records, a testament to the exceptional talent of St Andrew students. Among these record-breaking achievements, none shone brighter than the incredible feat of Savan in Year 10, who shattered the 100-meter sprint record by clocking an astonishing time of 11.56 seconds. His extraordinary speed and determination left us all in awe.

Other notable performances include the Y10 girls 300M race, where Kiara S and Olivia L-A ran neck-and-neck for the entirety of the race, finishing tied 1st place – even whilst using photo finish! Also, a special mention to Jessica S who won an astonishing five gold medals.



Year 10 Girls 300m
Tia C – 2nd Kiara S and Olivia LA – 1st Aaliyah K – 3rd

Beyond the individual accomplishments of what truly made St Andrew Sports Day special was the unwavering spirit of teamwork and unity demonstrated by all students. Regardless of their individual successes or failures, the athletes cheered and encouraged their peers, fostering an atmosphere of support and camaraderie throughout the day. It was heartwarming to witness students coming together, celebrating not only their own achievements but also those of their classmates.

Staff and students alike were captivated by the talent, dedication, and sportsmanship showcased during Sports Day. The event served as a reminder of the power of sport to bring people together, transcending age, ability, and background.



Year 9 Girls 800m

Ariana K – 2ndIsha G – 1stNini S – 3rd

As the day drew to a close, the St Andrews community reflected on the incredible achievements witnessed and the memories created. St Andrews Sports Day 2023 will undoubtedly be remembered as a milestone event in the school's history, celebrating the exceptional athletic talent, teamwork, and vibrant spirit of its students.

In the wake of this day, we look forward to nurturing and supporting its budding athletes, fostering a culture of excellence, and inspiring our students to push beyond their limits.

Mr Browell, Miss Walt, and Mr Francis (PE Team)

Barnet Arts Depot

On Wednesday, 21 June 2023, our talented music GCSE music Yr10 band 'Caprice' from St. Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School showcased their exceptional musical abilities at the renowned Barnet Music Festival. The event, held at the prestigious Arts Depot in Finchley, provided an ideal platform for the band to display their talents and represent all secondary schools in Barnet. Under the guidance of their dedicated Head of Performing Arts, Mr Lasithiotakis (this was his 20th year at the festival), and led by their band leader, Y10 student Martin Dimitrov, 'Caprice' delivered a memorable performance that captivated an audience of 900 people.

Inspiring the Future Generation:

Among the 900 audience members were 300 primary school students who were eagerly seeking a glimpse into the world of secondary education. By witnessing 'Caprice's' remarkable performance, these young

students were exposed to the vibrant musical culture and talent present at St. Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School. The band's awe-inspiring performance had the potential to spark the interest and inspire these primary school students to consider St. Andrew's as their future educational destination.

A Captivated Audience:

The 'Caprice' band members took to the stage with confidence and delivered an electrifying performance of Car's 'Outside' that left the audience spellbound. Their outstanding musicianship, cohesive ensemble, and passionate renditions of popular tune showcased the dedication and hard work they had put into their craft. The 600 audience members, which included local headteachers, governors, and music enthusiasts, were captivated by the band's energy and skill, applauding them with resounding enthusiasm.

The Impact of 'Caprice':

The participation of 'Caprice' at the Barnet Music Festival served as a testament to the exceptional music program at St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School. Their performance not only highlighted the remarkable talents of the band members but also reflected the dedication and guidance provided by Mr. Lasithiotakis and the school's commitment to fostering musical excellence.

As ambassadors of their school, 'Caprice' had the opportunity to showcase the diverse range of talents and opportunities available at St Andrew's. Their performance resonated with the audience, leaving a lasting impression on those in attendance, including potential future students and influential educational professionals.

Mr Lasithiotakis (Head of Performing Arts Faculty)

Exam Boards

As the Summer holiday season approaches, we wanted to provide you with crucial information regarding the exam boards our school employs for GCSE examinations for future years. This knowledge will enable you to ensure that your child has access to the correct revision guides, tailored specifically to their examination board's requirements.

To access the relevant exam board information, we invite you to visit our school website at <https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/exam-boards>.

By referring to this webpage, you will find the exact exam boards utilised for each subject offered at our school. This information is invaluable when selecting revision materials, as different exam boards often require slightly different approaches and content coverage.

We strongly recommend that you use this information to guide your purchase of revision guides. By selecting the correct exam board-specific resources, your child will benefit from targeted and tailored content, increasing their chances of achieving their full potential in their GCSE examinations.

Should you have any questions or require further guidance, our staff are readily available to assist you and you can contact your child's teacher using the staff contact form.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

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.



Site Drop-off and Pick-up

Drop-off and pick-up for can be busy times on the North London Business Park. Please do encourage your child to use public transport or walk or drop off/pick up outside the NLBP as this helps possible congestion and makes our site safer. If you do pick-up in the afternoon, please do use the designated orange bays

to wait. Our partners, the Comer Group, have also allowed parents to use bays that are not in use on the ground floor of the multi-storey care park without paying. They have emphasised to us that waiting in your cars in these bays must not start before 2.45pm; we ask that you do not arrive before this time as you may be subject to a fixed penalty notice parking fine. Please do ensure that you do not park in the disabled parking bays if you are not displaying a blue badge as you may be liable for a fixed penalty notice parking fine also. We would like to thank all parents who do look for alternatives for drop-off/pick-up and for all of you who follow the routine of dropping off via the usual routes.

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 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)

Year 7 Players Wanted

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