



St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter

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

7 July 2023

Message from Headteacher

It's been an interesting and exciting seven days, from the proms for our Year 13s and 11s to the transition day for our new Year 7 joiners in September and their parents. It was wonderful to meet our new intake on Thursday and to be able to share with them the vision and values of the school. Part of that sharing involved telling them about our new buildings, which are taking shape nicely, with piling almost complete for the foundations of the Sports Hall. Over the summer we look forward to seeing the steel spans being erected, which will support the walls and roof. We have much to look forward to and much to be grateful for as we look forward to the new school year and there was a very positive buzz about the whole transition event.

Thank you for bearing with us on the industrial action days. We greatly appreciate parents working with us to encourage our students to log in to Teams online for remote learning.



Our athletes have been busy, too, with a major away fixture at the Barnet Athletics Festival, attended by 30 students. There were numerous impressive

individual performances which you can read about below. Many thanks to Mr Browell and our PE team for their hard work on this.

Our Year 8s have been given much food for thought by Ms Nelson this morning, including the importance of avoid self-sabotage, of overcoming our fears and of having high aspirations. It was a delight, too to be able to hand out bronze silver and gold stars for those year 8s who have racked up a host of achievement points over the year. Apparently there are several more who are on the brink of gold, so watch this space!

I especially am looking forward to seeing the performing arts skills of our students next Friday 14 July at The Talent Show – make sure you get your tickets now as they are selling fast!

We are greatly looking forward, too, to the visit of Father Damien next week; he will be celebrating with us the Feast Day of St Paisios of Mt Athos, the Saint who embodies our core value of Trust.

Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

Faith- πίστις

The Miracle of St Euphemia the Great Martyr



11 July marks the date of the miracle of St Euphemia. Euphemia suffered martyrdom in the city of Chalcedon in the year 304, during the time of the persecution against Christians by the emperor Diocletian (284-305). One and a half centuries later, at a time when the Christian Church had become victorious within the Roman Empire, God deigned that Euphemia the All-Praised should again be a witness and confessor of the purity of the Orthodox teaching.

In July of the year 451 in the city of Chalcedon, in the very church where the glorified relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia rested, the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council took place. The Council was convened for determining the precise dogmatic formulae of the Orthodox Church concerning the nature of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. This was necessary because of the widespread heresy of the Monophysites [“mono-physis” meaning “one nature”],

who opposed the Orthodox teaching of the two natures in Jesus Christ, the Divine and the Human natures (in one Divine Person). The Monophysites falsely affirmed that in Christ was only one nature, the Divine [i.e. that Jesus is God but not man, by nature], causing discord and unrest within the Church. At the Council were present 630 representatives from all the local Christian Churches. On the Orthodox side Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople, Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and representatives of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome participated in the conciliar deliberations. The Monophysites were present in large numbers, headed by Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and the Constantinople archimandrite Eutychius.

After prolonged discussions the two sides could not come to a decisive agreement.

The holy Patriarch Anatolius proposed that the Council submit the decision of the Church dispute to the Holy Spirit, through His undoubted bearer, Saint Euphemia the All-Praised, whose wonder-working relics had been discovered during the Council's discussions. The Orthodox hierarchs and their opponents wrote down their confessions of faith on separate scrolls and sealed them with their seals. They opened the tomb of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia and placed both scrolls upon her bosom. Then, in the presence of the emperor Marcian, the participants of the Council sealed the tomb, putting on it the imperial seal and setting a guard to watch over it for three days. During these days both sides imposed upon themselves strict fast and made intense prayer. After three days the patriarch and the emperor in the presence of the Council opened the tomb with its relics: the scroll with the Orthodox confession was held by Saint Euphemia in her right hand, and the scrolls of the heretics lay disregarded at her feet. Saint Euphemia, as though alive, raised her hand and gave the scroll to the patriarch. After this miracle many of the hesitant accepted the Orthodox confession, while those remaining obstinate in the heresy were consigned to the Council's condemnation and excommunication.

After an invasion by the Persians during the seventh century, the relics of Saint Euphemia were transferred from Chalcedon to Constantinople, into a newly built church dedicated to her. Many years later, during the period of the Iconoclast heresy, the reliquary with the relics of the saint was cast into the sea by order of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian (716-741). The reliquary was rescued from the sea by the ship-owning brothers Sergius and Sergonos, who gave it to the local bishop. The holy bishop ordered that the relics be preserved in secret, beneath a crypt, since the Iconoclast heresy was continuing to rage. A small church was built over the relics, and over the reliquary was put a board with an inscription stating whose relics rested within. When the Iconoclast heresy was finally condemned at the holy Seventh Ecumenical Council (in the year 787), the relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia were solemnly transferred once more to Constantinople.

Saint Name Days for next week:

Date	Saint Celebrated
Monday 10 July	AMALIA
Tuesday 11 July	EFIMIA, OLGA
Wednesday 12 July	VERENIC, VERONICA, PAISIOS
Thursday 13 July	ILIOFOTOS, SARAH
Friday 14 July	AKYLAS, NIKODIMOS
Saturday 15 July	JULITTA, KIRIKOS, VLADIMIR

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 11 July – Uniform Sale
- Thursday 13 July – Year 8 London Zoo Trip
- Friday 14 July – STA Talent Show
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar.
- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletters.



Year 11 Prom



As the school year comes to a close, we extend our warm wishes to the Year 11 students and express our heartfelt pride in their accomplishments and the young people they are.

Year 11 students bid farewell to their academic journey with an unforgettable celebration at Forty Hall last Friday evening. Dressed in their finest threads, our students marked the end of their exams and the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

The event provided a splendid opportunity for our pupils to bid farewell to one another and express their gratitude to the dedicated teachers who have guided them throughout their five-year journey. Laughter, joy, and camaraderie filled the air as memories were shared and future plans were discussed.



We look forward to welcoming them back for GCSE Results Day on 24 August, where they will reap the rewards of their hard work and determination.

Mr Francis (Head of Year 11)



Year 13 Prom

Year 13 had a wonderful time at their prom last Thursday. It was a lovely evening for the students to celebrate the end of their exams together and for teachers, old and new, to congratulate the students, reminisce about their time at St Andrew and dance to some traditional music together.



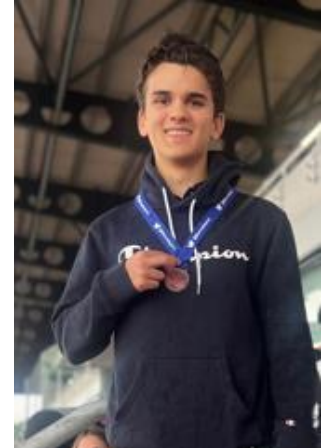
The evening ended with some emotional speeches from the Head Girls and Boy. We are looking forward to seeing them on results day.

Ms Bicarregui (Head of Sixth Form)

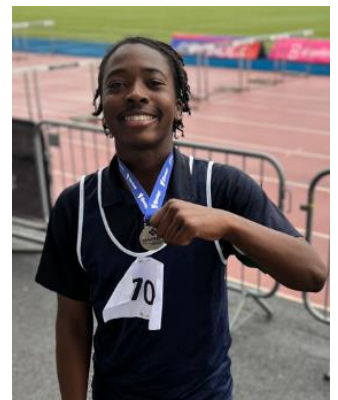
Barnet Athletics Championship – 4 July 2023

On the wet and gloomy morning of 4 July 2023, St. Andrew the Apostle School's athletes showcased their determination and resilience at the Barnet Athletics Championships. Despite the challenging weather conditions, our students displayed an outstanding attitude and an unwavering drive to succeed.

The day was filled with exceptional performances, as our talented athletes secured their spots in numerous finals. Eleonora, with her remarkable skill and agility, finished 4th in Barnet for hurdles, falling just 0.3 seconds short of a bronze medal. Savan sprinted his way to an impressive 3rd place in the 200m race, demonstrating his speed and endurance.



Jerome put on a breathtaking show during the 400m run, crossing the finish line in second place. However, due to three unfortunate disqualifications for lane changes, Jerome's outstanding performance did not earn him a place in the final standings.



Nonetheless, his dedication and talent were evident to all. Jayden finished 2nd in his age category for the Discus, and 5th in the Shot Put.



Our Year 10 girls' relay team, joined by two Year 9 students, showcased their impeccable teamwork and speed, securing a remarkable 2nd place across all of Barnet. Similarly, the Year 10 boys' relay team demonstrated their exceptional skills and determination, finishing 3rd in their category.



The Barnet Athletics Championships may have been a rainy affair, but it served as a testament to the incredible spirit and commitment of our St Andrew the Apostle School athletes. Their outstanding performances and never-give-up attitude made us immensely proud. We congratulate all the participants for their hard work and look forward to more successes in the future.

Miss Walt (Head of Year 9 & 10/ PE Teacher)

Exam Boards

Talent Show 2023

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Uniform Sale

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Our uniform suppliers Stevensons will be on site from 3 to 6.00pm on Tuesday 11 July to support families to prepare for the new school year. Stevensons will be stationed in the B5 canteen.

We would be very grateful if families with outgrown uniform in good condition would be willing to donate it to the school. This supports us to lend or donate uniform to those in need.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to do this. Any families who are not attending on Wednesday 12 July can also send in any donations to the school office at any time. Please ensure any donations are clean and folded and stored in a clean plastic bag.

For more information about our uniform requirements, please see the school website: <https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/uniform>

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.

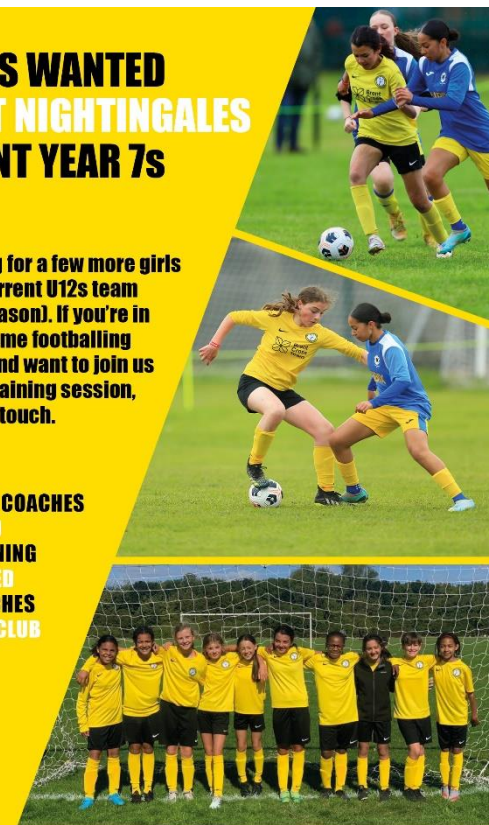
Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 7 Players Wanted

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WEEK 3: MONDAY 14TH AUGUST – THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST
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Week 1. 24th - 28th July
Week 2. 31st - 4th Aug
Week 3. 7th - 11th Aug
Week 4. 14th - 18th Aug
Week 5. 21st - 25th Aug
Week 6. 29th - 1st Sept (4 days)

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