



# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter

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

22 Sept 2023

## Message from Headteacher



We had a wonderful Open Evening on Tuesday where we welcomed friends old and new. As you can see, it was very well attended and we are now taking bookings via the school website for individual family tours of the school from Monday next week. Our student guides were excellent and our superb student speakers, Iffah, Bondzie, Myriam and Stelios, all delivered insightful glimpses into school life from a pupil perspective. It was a pleasure for me to be able to share the spiritual values and recent successes of the school, such as value-added of +0.45 per grade at GCSE in 2023, with the audience, as well as giving an on-screen tour through our superb new buildings that are getting taller by the day along Brunswick Park Road.



Our tour guides did a sterling job of leading families through Building 5 to get a glimpse into the work of all the academic departments, as did the staff hosting in each room. It is so exciting to think that our new Year 7 joiners in September 2024 will only have a couple of terms before they move into our brand new building. The food and drinks provided by our parental team of FOSA (Friends of St Andrew School) were much appreciated – if you would like to help out with future FOSA events please do just let the school office know

and they will pass on your details to Eleni, who leads the group, and her team. Samples of school meals provided by our caterers, Innovate, were also very well received!



It was wonderful, too, to share the moment with local governors and members of The Russell Educational Trust, including our founders Karen and Danny Lynch and CEO Colin Mackinlay, who were on hand to talk and share informally with our guests.

The music in the chapel and in the cafeteria was absolutely superb: plaudits are owed to Mr Lasithiotakis and the individual performers for all their help with this.

It was good to see the Year 9 footballers get off to a solid start with a 1-1 draw against London Academy on Wednesday.

We have lots of after school clubs up and running: please see below for details – it is never too late to start!

**Dr Philip Hills (Headteacher)**

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## Upcoming key Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Monday 25 September – Open Morning 9am & 11am
- Tuesday 26 September – Open Morning 9am & 11am
- Wednesday 27 September – Open Morning 9am & 11am
- Thursday 28 September – Open Morning 9am & 11am
- Friday 29 September – Open Morning 9am & 11am
- Friday 29 September – Tate Britain Gallery Sixth Form Trip
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates.
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar.



## Site Update – Drop-off and Pick-up



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



You will have seen the exciting developments on the building of our new school over the summer. The pedestrian access for students via Brunswick Road is working well, where our construction company (B&K) has created a pathway from the Brunswick Road to Building 5; This helps access for students who live on the Brunswick Road side of the school for the days that they are timetabled in Building 5.



Details of access and drop off points can be found here: [Find us](#)

## Extra – Curricular Sports Clubs

PE extra-curricular clubs will start on Monday 11 September 2023.

**Monday**

Activity: All Years Boys and Girls Football

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Bethune Park

**\*Change in building 4 & 5 changing rooms.**

**Tuesday**

No clubs due to staff meetings

**Wednesday**

Activity: All Years Girls Dance

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Venue: Building 5 Hall

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

Activity: All Years Boys and Girls Basketball

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Building 5 Playground

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

**Thursday**

Activity: All Years Girls Netball

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)**

## Behaviour for Learning

At St Andrew we are dedicated to fostering not only academic growth but also life skills that empower our students to thrive in all aspects of their lives. Recently, your child has been introduced to the ASAP technique in our school. We want share this technique we expect from students so you are aware of the expectations we have in each lesson.

We believe that effective communication is a skill that goes beyond the classroom. By using the ASAP technique, we are reinforcing the importance of respectful, active listening, and are providing them with a model for healthy communication.

ASAP is our way of making sure we maximise every learning opportunity so we can all succeed.

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ATTENTION TO THE SPEAKER	SIT UP STRAIGHT	ARMS ON THE TABLE	PENS DOWN
Our attention is always on the person speaking	We sit up straight in our chairs and do not slouch	Our arms are always on the table where our teachers can see them	We make sure our pens are not in our hands unless we are told otherwise

Remember that like any skill, active listening with ASAP takes practice. We are practicing this consistently with students in school and we can see it if having an effect. Please speak with your child about this and the importance of active listening in all situations.

**Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher)**

### Sporting Updates

St Andrew's U14 football team started the 2023-24 league season against London Academy.



An uncharacteristic error by the impressive Jordan led to London Academy taking the lead. However, St Andrew's struck back immediately, when Kaine scored an incredible individual goal. No goals were scored in the second half and the game finished 1-1.



**Mr Francis (Head of Year 8 & PE Teacher)**