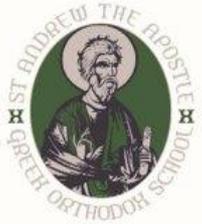


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St Andrew The Apostle SIXTH FORM

We look forward to welcoming families to our

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18 OCTOBER 2023 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Sixth Form Trip



Last Friday, Year 12 ventured into Central London to take part in the 'South Bank Challenge' accompanied by Ms Bicarregui and Mr Lasithiotakis. Luck was on their side as the late autumn sun shone throughout the day which began with enthusiasm at Southwark Cathedral and ended somewhat exhausted at the Tate Modern.

Ms Bicarregui was certainly surprised by how competitive students were as they raced against each other to solve the cryptic clues testing their cultural and geographical skills. It was an enjoyable opportunity for the Year group to develop friendships but also for the Sixth Form team to get to know their new sixth formers outside of the school environment. It's back to focusing on their A levels for now but they are already asking where their next challenge will be.

Ms Bicarregui (Head of Sixth Form)



Upcoming Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- **W/C Monday 9 October – Open Morning Tours Daily 9am & 11am – LAST WEEK FOR TOURS**
- Thursday 13 October – Year 13 Virtual Parent/Carer Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
- Please click [here](#) to access term dates.
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Message from the Headteacher

In the Ryder Cup last Sunday, Europe's golfers cantered home to a comfortable home win in the end, but there were some distinctly rough patches along the way, not least when one of the caddies on the US team appeared deliberately to try to obstruct Rory McIlroy from viewing the line of the ball to the hole on one of the greens. McIlroy was initially furious but afterwards he spoke about how drew on Stoicism, particularly the *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius, to calm himself and stay focused.



Tarsus, where St. Paul was from, was a centre of Stoic philosophy and, according to Josephus, the rabbinical school of Gamaliel in Jerusalem, where St. Paul studied, devoted half its curriculum to "the wisdom of the Greeks", including Stoic philosophy.

Several Stoic concepts are believed to have affected early Christian thinking: a universal Logos, bringing order and a consistent plan to the cosmos; *natural law*; the existence of a human nature, the same for all people; Stoic virtue ethics: the goal of moral excellence, avoidance of sin or vice; the concept of the perfectibility of human nature; the analogy of a community of people to parts of the human body; cosmopolitanism: our social loyalty is to all people of every city and nation.

There are of course major differences between Stoicism and Christianity, not least in the Christian understanding of salvation through God's Grace and in the seemingly iron indifference to suffering in the Stoic concept of *apatheia*. Nevertheless, the modern Stoicism movement is an important potential bridge between an increasingly materialistic and shallow secularism and an Orthodox Christian understanding of what it means to be fully human.

Talking of Stoicism, I have been impressed by the mental strength and positive attitude of our footballers once more this week: not everything has gone their way, but they have continued to conduct themselves in the right way, playing the game in the right spirit, respectful of the referee and their opponents. Although that is as it should be, these virtues are sadly often missing from the behaviour of many teams; the conduct of our players is a credit to the guidance they receive from Mr Browell and his team of coaches and a lived example of our core value of respect.

Dr Philip Hills

New Staff

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new SENCO and Art/DT teacher, joining from Edge Grove Prep School. I have previously acted as SENDCo in both primary and secondary schools, such as East Barnet School, Hasmonian High School, Mill Hill School, and Earlham Primary School in Wood Green.

Leaving school, I headed for art college and a successful career in graphic design, mainly for travel companies, which is where I gained a passion for skiing.

I retrained as a teacher at Bishop Douglass Catholic School and at The Latymer School in Edmonton. I am also an expert in dyslexia and mental health, gaining a PhD in 2018 researching 'Dyslexia, School Trauma, and Post-school successes. I have authored 14 published books, the latest, this year, on 'Dyslexia, Neurodiversity, and Crime: investigating the school to prison pipeline'. My current book project is investigating 'ADHD and Crime'.

Over my teaching career and through my research and writing I have developed a strong passion for ensuring that the potential for children with additional needs is maximised, and I look forward to working to support you and your children at STA, as SENDCO and as a Year 8 and 9 Art/DT teacher.

Dr Alexander-Passe (Extended Leadership Team: SENCO)



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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunchtime	
Tuesday	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)
	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)
Wednesday	Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)
	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)
Friday	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm)
	MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm)

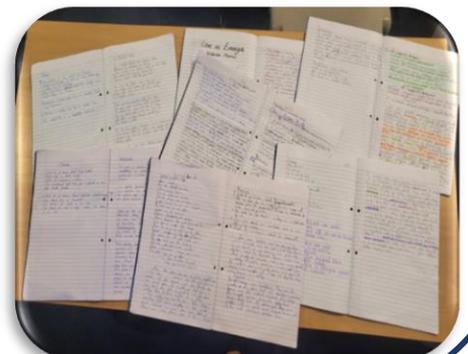
After school	
Monday	Girls and Boys Football - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm)
	KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm)
	Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
Tuesday	Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
Wednesday	Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm)
	Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm)
	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
Thursday	Netball - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm)
	Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm)
	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
Friday	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)

English Department – National Poetry



To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 5 October, our KS3 classes celebrated the brilliance of poetry by bringing in their favourite poems and sharing these with their English classes. It was wonderful to hear student's reciting and explaining their poems in small groups and in front of their peers, in order to select the favourite poem of the class. We were particularly impressed with a wide selection of poems written in students' first languages, for example Igbo, Rumanian, Italian, to name a few. Some of the top favourite poems voted for were "If I Wasn't Brown" and "Twinkle Twinkle" as a poem about space exploration and fear of the unknown. The aim was to encourage everyone to enjoy, discover and share their poetry.

Mrs Bassington (Head of English)



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PE Department – Football fixtures



St Andrew's U14 Football Team played Finchley Catholic High School in the County Cup on 5 October. The team put on a gallant display, but unfortunately were beaten by a very impressive opposition.

Mr Francis (Head of Year 8 and PE Teacher)



The battle continues! Unfortunately, our Year 7 boys lost against East Barnet. However, we are very proud to see the boys battle from the start all the way to the end. The boys showed a strong positive energy throughout the game, proving they wanted it more. Nabeel was our Man of the Match, pulling off courageous saves and showing great leadership. We look to build and improve on this and hopefully take our first win in our next game!

Mr DeJesus (PE Teacher)

New Build

The new build continues to soar skywards and most of the roofing for the Sports Hall is now in place. We can't wait to get into the new school buildings in Summer 2025!



Notices – Free School Meals

The Free school meal allowance will be available to use during break and lunch from the 9 October 2023. The total spend amount for Free school meals is £2.60 per day.