

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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13 October 2023



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

Father Damian Visit to STA



On Monday it was wonderful to welcome our old friend Father Damian from St Katherine's for a service of blessing. Father Damian mentioned that he is always on the lookout for new readers for St Katherine's Church; if your child is interested, please let us know. On the same day we were delighted with the hard-fought victory of our U15 football team over Compton in the district cup: they created a hatful of chances and, happily, they were finally able to convert the one that mattered. Hopefully they will have a similarly positive outcome in the English Schools FA Cup match at Bethune Park on Monday after school. It has been a delight, too, to take so many families on tours of the school in the past few weeks and to show them the development of our wonderful new buildings next to Brunswick Park Road. I have been struck by the fact that many of our visitors still did not know about our new school buildings (some even thought that it was a new supermarket springing up!) Please do mention it to your friends and neighbours in the days and weeks ahead and direct them to our school website for further information.

Dr Philip Hills (Headteacher)

Football

The Year 10 boys football team beat a strong Compton side 2-1 in the borough cup on Monday. The team played fantastically well against a strong and resolute Compton side. Kaine scored the winner in the last minute of extra-time after a brilliant cross from player of the match Kyros. Kyros was voted player of the match by teachers, students and teammates. Special mention to Angel for a sterling performance out of position at right back. The team face a tough encounter next Monday 16 October when they play The Coopers' Company and Coborn School from Essex in round three of the English School's FA trophy.



Sporting Success!



Netball

An excellent week of netball by our students with four fixtures across Y7, Y8 and Y10/11. We have seen some outstanding skill and teamwork from all our players. Outstanding performance from Y7 who won their match against Compton 11 – 1 on Wednesday!

Miss Walt (Head of Year 11 & PE Teacher)

Mr Browell (Head of Year 10 & Head of ...)

Upcoming Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Wednesday 18 October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- Please click here to access term dates.
- Please click here to access school calendar.

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Message from the Headteacher

As we celebrate Black History month and as we struggle to comprehend the horror unleashed by the terrorists on the border of Gaza and the dreadful consequences for innocent civilians, it is important, I think, that we remember the words of St Paul to the Galatians:

'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Galatians 3:28

As moderates and people of good faith on all sides, all over the world, still hope and pray for a peaceful resolution that seems vanishingly far away right now, we are reminded of St Paul's message that emphasises our common humanity and that Jesus, through his life and death, can empower all people through faith to live as he did, as his Father desires for all of us.

We especially wish to express our sympathy and support for the victims of this terrorism, and all connected with them as family, friends, colleagues or schools they attended. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected.

Particularly in London we need to make sure that we are sensitive to the sufferings and sensitivities of all our fellow citizens, many of whom will have lost or have missing relatives. We need, too, to roundly condemn those who are keen to spread the hatred and violence to our own city. An understanding that we are all made in the image of God is a powerful reminder of the sanctity of all human life and a rebuke to those who would seek to cause harm or spread hatred against their fellow human beings.

To support our students on their understanding of the crisis in middle east, on Thursday Mrs Malakouna presented an assembly using the non-partisan SolutionsNotSides resources.

As responsible parents and teachers, we need to be particularly aware of the dangers of social media, where those who want to spread division and hatred will be eager to post the most shocking and harrowing videos of the victims of conflict and terrorism. Several schools in North London have urged parents to persuade their children to delete Tiktok, in particular. Anything that threatens to contaminate young minds with images of shocking violence or which seeks to undermine our common humanity is profoundly dangerous and unholy. Yours in Christ.

Dr Philip Hills



New Staff



I am very excited to be joining the staff at St Andrew the Apostle school at such an auspicious time in its development, particularly with the new build gaining ground. Soon after completing a degree in History at Oxford University, I became a teacher and have been passionate about the profession ever since. I come to St Andrew from another Barnet school and am a strong advocate for state non-selective education. I am looking forward to working with the whole school community to ensure that every student at St Andrews achieves the strong learning outcomes they deserve.

Mrs Viala (Assistant Headteacher)

I am deeply passionate about imparting the rich culture, history, and language of Greece to our students. With a background in education in teaching Greek as a second and foreign language and a genuine enthusiasm for the subject, I am committed to fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment where your children can not only master the Greek language but also develop a profound appreciation for its significance in our world. I am eager to collaborate with both you and the school community to ensure a rewarding academic journey for our students.

Miss Ntaountaki (Greek Teacher)



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Black History Month

On Tuesday 10 October our students joined in with the 'Great Big Live Assembly' to celebrate Black History Month 2023 with over 100,000 other students across the UK. The theme 'Celebrating our Sisters' focused on the impact that Black women have made and continue to make in society. The assembly was then echoed by Ms Viala who led in person assemblies to each year group, focusing on our school values so that we continue to make everyone feel welcome at STA.

Miss Walt (Head of Year 11)



English Department

The English department are delighted to promote the Black History Month poetry competition. It is your opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of black women. The competition is based around having to submit a poem about a pioneering black woman who has made an impact on you.

If you would like to take part, please submit your poem on the following website by **15 November 2023**.

[Poetry Competition](#)



Integer Short Story
Competition News



Congratulations to Electra, Bell, Niya in Year 8 and Luca B in Year 9 whose short stories inspired by numbers have been selected to be published in the Young Writers Integer Competition Anthology. Excellent achievement fuelled by imagination and creativity of these promising writers. We are very proud of them!

KS3 Poetry Competition: This Is Me – entry deadline to English teachers by 18th October

Following last week of inspirational poetry readings in English, this week KS3 students are invited by their English teachers to write a poem for THIS IS ME poetry competition. Please check out the details the competition here: [This Is Me | Am | Young Writers](#).



"We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race."
N.H. Kleinbaum, [Dead Poets Society](#)

Art Club

This week was the start of art club where students began commissioning large canvases to be displayed in our school hallways and sixth form common areas, their amazing tributes to pop artists Keith Haring and Roy Lichtenstein will be displayed for all to enjoy.

We look forward to showcasing the finished results of the student's creative interpretations of contemporary pop art, illustrating their wonderful ideas and talents.



Miss Agathangelou (Art and DT)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunchtime		After school	
Tuesday	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	Monday	Girls and Boys Football - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm)
	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)		KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm)
Wednesday	Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	Tuesday	Homework Club – ICT1 (3-3.50pm)
	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)		Wednesday
Friday	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm)	Thursday	Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm)
	MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm)		Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm)
		Friday	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
			Netball - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm)
			Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm)
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We are working in partnership with the Community Security Trust and the London Borough of Barnet to ensure that our community within the Synagogues, schools and wider community feel safe. As part of this we will be increasing our patrols across Barnet, Brent and Harrow as part of our tri-borough response to the developments abroad over the weekend. This is part of a reassurance plan. We remain in contact with partners and community leaders to listen to any concerns. Anyone who experiences threatening behaviour or is worried about their safety is urged to contact police".

Inspector M Cash
Metropolitan Police Service