

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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Y7 Netball Team



Our Year 7 netball team has continued their success at the start of the season by securing an 8 – 3 win against Wren Academy on Tuesday 14 November. The girls have embedded our school values in all that they do since joining us in September and they have shown outstanding netball skills.

Currently, the team are unbeaten in the league, having scored 47 goals and conceded only 5 in all their matches.

Miss Walt (Head of Y11 & PE Teacher)

UKMT Senior Challenge



The Maths department is proud to announce some wonderful successes achieved by students in Y11, Y12 and Y13 who participated to the UKMT Senior maths Challenge. We, as maths teachers, aim to continue promoting and inspiring our students through these initiatives which give pupils new points of view and strongly motivate them to pursue their studies in maths-related subjects.

The UKMT Maths challenges promote a love for problem solving, encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques. The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think and even though most are accessible, they still challenge those with more experience.

Well done to our students in their achievements and we look forward to seeing even more successes in the future.

Mr Dogan (Head of Maths)

Message from the Headteacher

It's been another wet and windy week but again our footballers have found a window in which to shine, with our Year 11s making excellent progress in the borough cup. It was great to see our talented Year 7 netballers register a good win against local rivals Wren Academy, too.

I'm looking forward to joining Father Damian at St Katherine's Church for festal Vespers on Sunday evening and he has extended a warm welcome to all St Andrew's families. It would be lovely to see some of you there.

Do take a look at our student publication, 'Apostle News' (page 2). Our Key Stage 3 pupils have put together a truly engaging package of news and comment.

Our building works are continuing at a rapid pace and you may have seen the bright new banner on the fencing on Brunswick Park Rd, which proudly announces the new school to the world. There is also a rather nice QR code which gives a 3D rendering – do click on the link for a sneak preview! [3D Sneak Preview](#)

Dr Philip Hills



St Andrew the Apostle – Neighbour Event

Bowmer + Kirkland, the main contractor undertaking the construction of St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School are running an event for neighbours of the site at the current school on **Wednesday 29th November 2023, 5.00-7.30pm.**

The event will be run as a drop-in session providing the opportunity to chat to the project team about how works are progressing.

You must let us know you plan to attend by emailing us at info@standrewtheapostleplans.co.uk

Upcoming Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Please click here to access term dates.
- Please click here to access school calendar.

Social Media



Christmas Events

- Monday 11 December – Y7 & Y8 Church Visit
- Tuesday 12 December – Trafalgar Square Christmas Carolling
- Wednesday 13 December – Y9 & Y10 Church Visit
- Thursday 14 December – Y11, Y12 & Y13 – Church visit
- Friday 15 December – Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 16 December – Sixth Form Christmas Fare
- Tuesday 19 December – A-level and GCSE Award Evening
- Wednesday 20 December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 21 December – Last day of term

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Faith



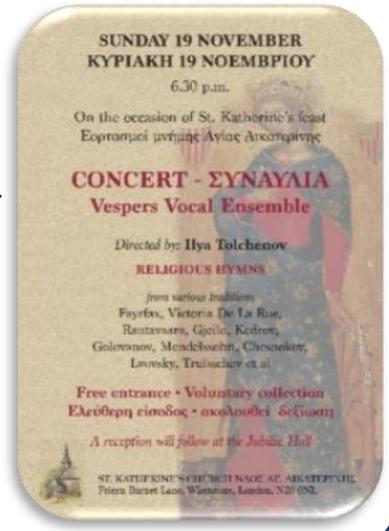
According to traditional accounts, St Catherine was beheaded by Emperor Maximinus II around 305 AD in Alexandria. 25 November became the commemoration date in the 10th century, and many churches and particularly nunneries in Europe were dedicated to St Catherine. In Lutheran countries, this day has also been associated with Catherine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII.

Like St Martin's Day on 11 November, St Catherine's Day also marks the arrival of winter.

During the medieval period, Saint Catherine's Day marked the beginning of Advent in England.

Catterntide was celebrated by lacemakers. A traditional celebration of St Catherine's Day, which has seen something of a revival in modern times, is the baking of 'Cattern Cakes' in honour of St Catherine. The key ingredients are bread dough, egg, sugar, lard or butter, and Caraway seeds.

Our friend Father Damian invites all of us to attend a Vespers Vocal Ensemble at St Katherine's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 19 November. Entrance is free and there will be a reception in the Jubilee Hall afterwards.



Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team comprehensively beat London Academy 3-1 this week to progress into the semi-finals of the borough cup. The team handled the wet and windy conditions superbly well, playing slick interchanges at the right time and in the correct areas of the pitch. The team took a quick 3-0 after goals from Nicholas K, Aleks and Jayden O. London Academy scored a consolation goal in the second half against the run of play. Special mentions must go to Georgio P and Luca A who both played out of position at full back and performed exceptionally well. The team voted Phoenix D player of the match after a dominate performance throughout the entire match.



Mr Browell (Head of Year 10 & PE)

Homework & After School Club

Maths
English
Science
D.T.
History
R.P.



**Do you need help with your homework?
We are here to help you!**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

ICT Room
3:05pm-3:50pm



Mini- In Class Libraries



The English Department are pleased to announce the new in-class libraries that are available within all the English Teachers' classrooms. There are a range of different Fiction and Non-Fiction books for KS3 pupils to borrow. All students at STA are required to have a personal reading book and read daily; this is the best way of improving the literacy needed to access the curriculum at GCSE level and beyond. So, ask your English teacher to browse through our selection of books and let's get reading!

Ms Palas (English Teacher)

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This week we marked Anti-Bullying Week assemblies, where our school community came together to address the school values of caring, responsibility, and respect. The week-long initiative aimed to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

During the assemblies, our students actively engaged in discussions about the impact of bullying and explored strategies to combat it. Through thought-provoking presentations, interactive activities, and heartfelt testimonials, the assemblies highlighted the significance of unity in our school.

This year's theme – 'Empowering Unity' – encouraged students to recognise their role in promoting a positive atmosphere. From understanding the power of words to practicing inclusivity, our students embraced the principles of Anti-Bullying Week wholeheartedly.

As a school, we are committed to creating an environment where every child feels valued and supported. By reinforcing these messages through engaging activities and open dialogue, we hope to instil lifelong values that extend beyond the school walls.

If you have any concerns about Bullying or any Safeguarding concern, then please the school using the staff contact form on our website.

Mr Martin (Deputy Headteacher & Safeguarding Lead)



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 final 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.

Mr Francis (Head of Year 8 & PE Teacher)

Safeguarding

At St Andrew we have a team of colleagues ready to remove or reduce any barriers to students learning or wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your, or any other child in school please contact us. This should include:

- Their physical safety, such as their travel to and from school or the environment they are in outside of school.
- Their mental wellbeing, such as any concerns about anxiety, loneliness, bereavement or other mental health concerns.
- Their social development, such as concerning friendship groups or worries over gang involvement.
- Any other concerns such as obsession over gaming or being on the internet too much.

Please contact us through the staff contact form on our website, even if we cannot help directly, we can signpost families to local organisations and charities.

In particular, please contact the safeguarding leads below, or any other adults.

Your Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Martin, Ms Walt and Ms Viala



• Ms Awotona or Ms Henshaw – Devall or Ms Sanandres



Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable Autumn Term

	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	All Years Dodgeball (3 – 4pm) KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
Tuesday	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm) Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
Wednesday	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)	Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm) Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm)
Thursday	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm) MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm) A Level girl Club – ENG (12.35 – 1.15pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 – 1.15pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm) All Years Basketball – B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm) Netball - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm) Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm)
Friday		Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)