

# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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## Year 9 and Year 10 Athletics

A huge well done to our incredible Y9 and Y10 athletes who competed at Barnet Athletics Meet at Stone X Stadium this week. These events are an opportunity for our students to compete with all other schools within the borough. Our students always represent the school with our values of respect, honesty and responsibility.

We had some outstanding results, some of the highlights being:

Jana B - 1st place in 300m

Imani A - 3rd place in 100m

Isabella T - 3rd place in 200m

Angel A - 2nd place in 100m

Girls relay - 3rd place

Miss Walt and Mr Browell



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Year 7 students enjoying their new brass instruments with their tutor from Barnet Music services Helen Reeder.



## Message from the Headteacher

This Holy Week has been a time to pause and reflect and to welcome new opportunities as they present themselves. We could see the delight in the eyes of our Year 7 pupils as they uncased their gleaming brass instruments from their cases, under the encouraging gaze of their brass tutor. It has been a time of continued hard work for our Year 11 and 13 pupils as they gear up for the examination season. Our Athletes in Years 9 and 10 enjoyed the beginning of a new season and our footballers, at the end of another strong season, came agonisingly close to adding another trophy to the school cabinet.

As we look forward to Pascha, we are grateful again for all the blessings that our Lord has given our school, both in terms of our new buildings, our wonderful teachers and pupils and a very positive experience of OFSTED recently. Above all, though, we look forward to rejoicing in Church at the Easter Vigil, to lighting our STA Pascha candles in celebration of our Lord's triumph over sin and death, and to rejoicing at the new life that is offered to each and every one of us through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Philip Hills

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## Faith - Pascha



In the Orthodox Church the feast of Easter is officially called 'Pascha', the word which means the 'Passover'. It is the new Passover of the new and everlasting covenant foretold by the Old Testament prophets. It is the eternal Passover from death to life and from earth to heaven. It is the Day of the Lord proclaimed by God's holy prophets, "The day which the Lord has made," for His judgment over all creation, the day of His final and everlasting victory. It is the Day of the Kingdom of God, the day, "Which has no night," for "its light is the Lamb" (Rev 21.22-25).

The celebration of Easter in the Orthodox Church, therefore, is not merely a historical reenactment of the event of Christ's Resurrection as narrated in the gospels. It is not a dramatic representation of the first Easter morning. There is no "sunrise service" since the Easter Matins and the Divine Liturgy are celebrated together in the first dark hours of the first day of the week in order to give us the experience of the "new creation" of the world, and to allow us to enter mystically into the New Jerusalem, which shines eternally with the glorious light of Christ, overcoming the perpetual night of evil and destroying the darkness of this mortal and sinful world:

*Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem!  
The glory of the Lord has shone upon you!  
Exult and be glad O Zion!  
Be radiant O Pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of your Son!*



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## Year 11 Football District Cup Final

Our Year 11 footballers had been thinking for some weeks about the impending district Cup Final. Having won the Year 10 version last year, they were determined to defend their prize.

Sadly, it was not to be – they came up against a well organised St James side and at times they seemed not to get the run of the ball. There were plenty of surging runs from the forwards, especially Phoenix, and we had several good chances, including a header from Captain Jo that went agonisingly wide and a hard low shot from Kiril that was fingertipped away by the impressive St James' keeper, towards the end of the match. The decisive goals for St James were anti-climactic, from long range and against the run of play, but the game was entertaining from start to finish with the teams well matched. Our team acquitted themselves well, with skill and a fierce determination, while always being careful to stay within the spirit of the game; they should be proud of their second cup run in two seasons.

## Achievement Celebration - Tea with the Headteacher

On Tuesday and Wednesday, our students celebrated their achievements with the Headteacher.

They enjoyed some lovely squash and cakes!



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## Greek book Marathon

Year 10 students read a book in Greek of their interest during the Easter holidays. They presented their books in the class mentioning the plot of the book, new interesting words they learnt, recommendations about what to read next and messages that the book delivered. The students with enthusiasm shared with their peers their thoughts that arose from the presentation and a creative dialogue was created in a cultural context highlighting the ability of a language to immerse you in the culture. Also, the students had the chance to exchange ideas and get to know better of each other's identities and a warm environment was developed sharing memories from Greece and Cyprus from childhood. Reading and sharing reading brought us a little bit closer and we felt like a powerful team with a common background embracing our identity.

Why reading in a second or foreign language?

1. Expand your vocabulary!
2. Put vocabulary into context!
3. Get exposure to useful and natural language!
4. Read in a foreign language anywhere, and everywhere!
5. Reach a higher level!
6. Improve your language skills!
7. Immerse yourself in the language and connect with the culture!

Miss Ntaountaki | Greek Teacher



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## Year 11 Exam Preparations and Key Information

Everything at school stays the same for as long as possible. Students must attend every day and at the usual times.

We believe routine is important and that time spent in school is invaluable for students. We know students do better when they are in front of subject specialists. **Students will not be allowed to study at home and are expected in everyday, for the whole day up to Friday 24 May.**

**Uniform stays the same. Uniform:** Students are expected to always wear their full uniform when on site, this includes when taking exams. Whenever a student attends for an exam they must be wearing their full school uniform to gain access to the exam hall.

**Other key information:**

**Tuesday 7 May (Monday is a bank holiday) is a normal school day and students should be in full school uniform and attend at the usual time. Monday is a bank holiday: Tuesday 7 May is a normal school day and students should be in full school uniform and attend at the usual time.**

### Exam regulations

Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams. Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams digital copy of these can be found here: :

[IFC-Exam Regulations](#).

I would recommend reading through these and making sure your son or daughter has also.

Government guidance that explains the general exam process from entry to results and appeals can be found here: [Student Guide](#)

### Year 11 GCSE Timetable

The below timetable is now available on the school website:

[Exam Schedule](#)

## Year 9 Vaccinations

This is a reminder for Year 9 Parents/Carers, who have not already done so, to complete the **online form** for the **DTP and Meningitis Vaccination** as soon as possible, and by **Friday 03 May at 12 noon** the latest. The letter was emailed on 27 March and again on 24 April. **The vaccinations are scheduled for Tuesday 07 May 2024.**

### Root word of the week

**mut**(from Latin)= **change**

Per**mut**ation (a way of **changing** the order of things to create a new arrangement)

**Mutation** (something which has developed/gone through a process of **change**)

**Mutually** (**exchanging** in a way that is fair to both)

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