

# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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## UKMT Junior Challenge

The Maths department is proud to announce some wonderful successes achieved by students in Year 7 and 8, who participated to the UKMT Junior 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 Junior 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.

**Miss Sorgente | Teacher of Maths**



## Year 8 Athletics

On Tuesday 14 May Year 8 students competed in the Barnet Athletics League at Stone X stadium. Students competed in a range of different athletic disciplines across the evening. Alex D finished second in the shot put, Aren T finished third in A string and Jannai N second in B string long jump. Well done to all students representing school across the evening.

**Mr Browell | Head of Y10 and Head of PE**

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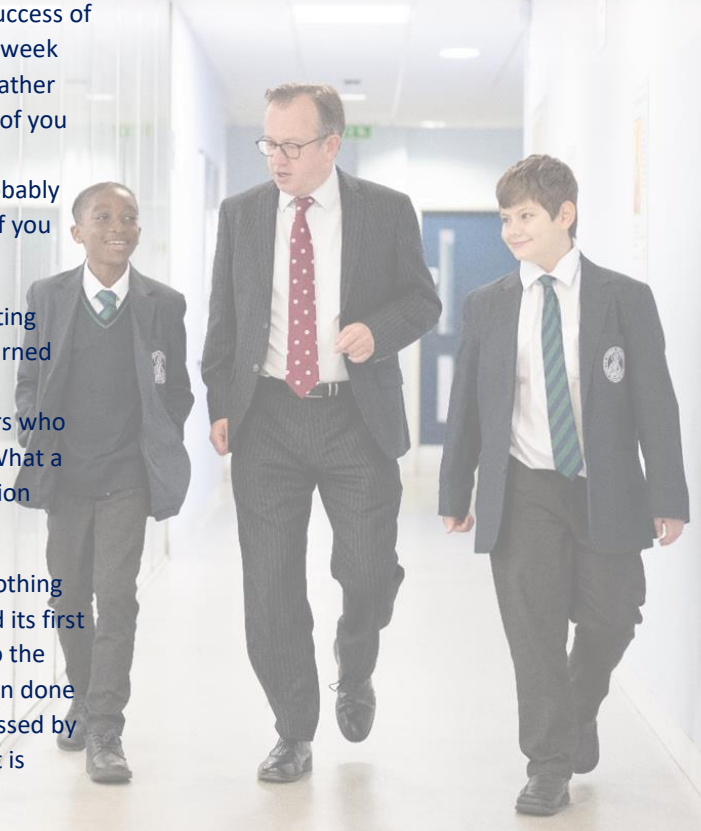
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## Message from the Headteacher

In this Paschal season there is so much to inspire and encourage us in our School and in our faith. It has been heartening to see the diachronic success of our athletes as they produce an unfractured string of podium finishes week after week. The absence of the customary mutability of the British weather has been an added bonus for all competitors, too! I'm sure that many of you will be rightly filled with maternal and paternal pride in the incredible achievements of our pupils in Maths as well as Athletics. You have probably guessed by now that I have been playing the 'root words' game - see if you can tick them off!

Our faith is founded on a miracle – of the incarnation, of God manifesting Himself as a man who is the Saviour of the world, of darkness being turned into light, of the triumph of resurrection life over sin and death. It is instructive to remember, too, the Myrrh-bearers, the women followers who were closest to our Lord and whose grief will have been most acute. What a joyous transformation they must have undergone, that first Resurrection Easter!

Talking of transformations, the progress of our Sports Hall has been nothing short of spectacular recently; it is very close to completion, having had its first electrical fit after plastering and painting. Attention has now turned to the main building, where the excavations have finished, the piling has been done and the concrete is being poured into the basement. Truly we feel blessed by the good things that the Lord has given. Our OFSTED inspection report is shortly to be published too – watch this space!



## Faith - Myrrh-bearers



The third Sunday of Holy Pascha commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead.



About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His tomb, bearing the myrrh-oils to anoint His body.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, then Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna.

Together with them we also celebrate the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence for the divine Teacher (John 19:39).

Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out the rock (Matthew 27:60).





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## Year 7 Barnet Athletics

A huge well done to our year seven athletics squad who attended their second Barnet Athletics Meet this week. Students demonstrated an incredible athletic ability, while embodying our values of respect, fairness and caring.

We had some excellent finishes, some of the most notable performances were:

Tiana - 1st in 200m A String, 2nd in Long Jump  
Avery - 1st in 100m A String, 2nd in High Jump  
Alexei - 3rd in 200m A String, 3rd in Long Jump  
Denis - 2nd in 200m B String  
Ali and Emi - 2nd and 4th respectively in 1500m  
Girls relay team - 2nd

**Miss Walt | Head of Y11 and Teacher of PE**

## Root Word of the Week

This week in tutor time we are recalling our root words of the week covered so far. While all tutor groups are engaging with recall activities of words containing "pro"(forward), "matr" (mother), "ab" (away), "duce/duc" (lead), "mut" (change), "dia" (across), "cred" (believe) and "fract/frag" break, Ms Casey's form (9J) has took the revision to the next level by creating some amazing nonsense mini sagas using as many root words as possible. See how many root words you can spot?

*'Anna had to stop educating, as she was on maternity leave. She was traumatised after her pro-communist doctor told her she needed an emergency c-section after the baby had a fracture. However, he had cut her diagonally and the baby had an abnormal mutation. The pro-communist doctor chose to discredit and gaslight Anna into thinking the baby was normal. The doctor then chose to be absent for the check-ups. Anna is now in therapy.'* Oliwia 9J

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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.

### Exam regulations

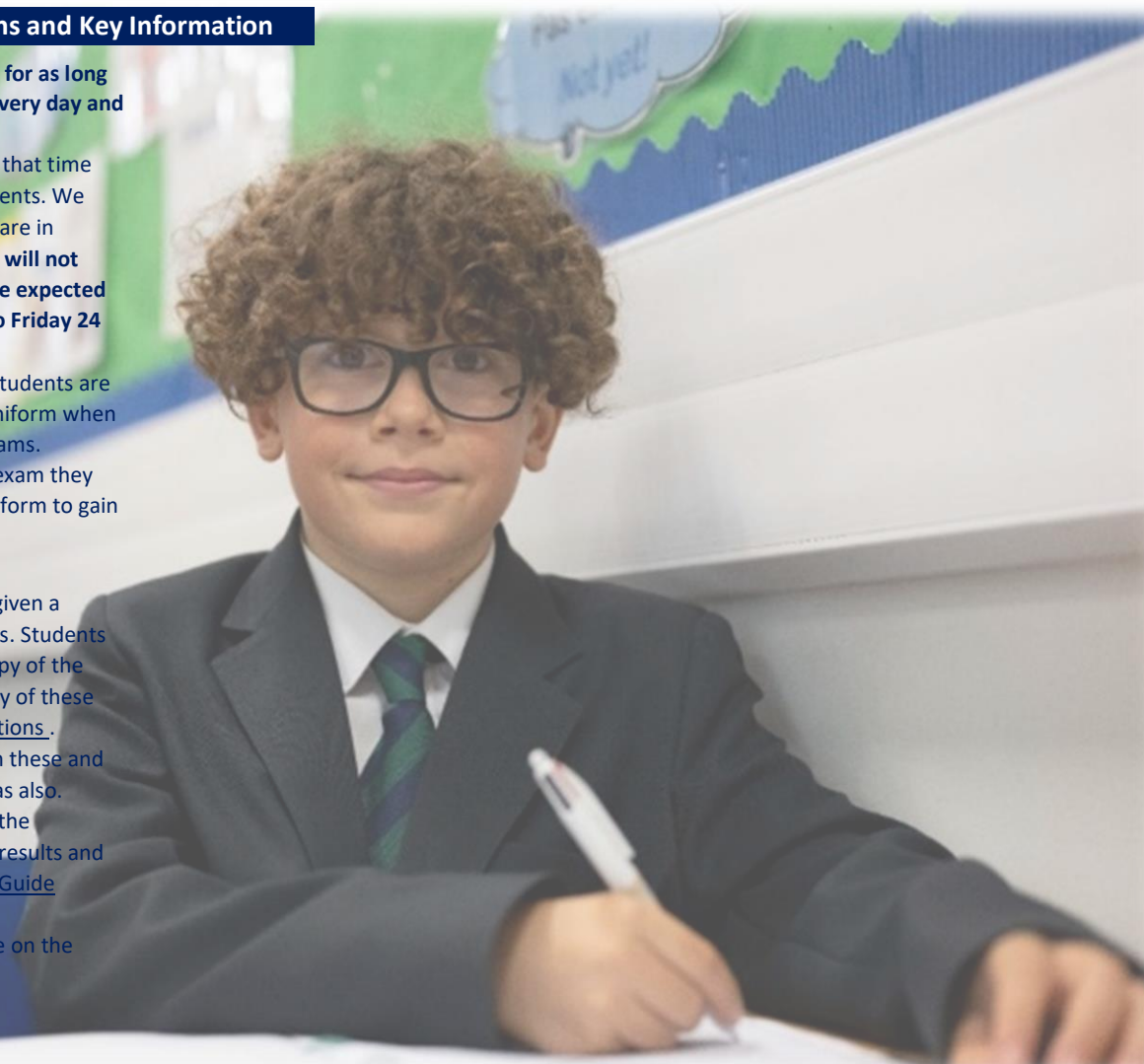
Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams. Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams digital copy of these can be found here: [IFC-Exam Regulations](#).

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](#)



St Katherine's Church invites people of all ages to participate in a new choir.

**Every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.  
starting from Tuesday 3rd October**

The choir will explore polyphony in orthodox choir chanting as well as **choral music**.

Singers with little or extensive choir chanting experience are welcome.

**No knowledge of Greek language is necessary**

Conductor:  
Ilya Tolchenov

Information: 020 8445 3913

Venue:

Jubilee Hall, St. Katherine's Church, (originally St. James)  
Friern Barnet Lane, London N20 0NL



### Root word of the week

tact (from Latin) = touch



Tactile (related to touch)

Intact (untouched/complete)



Contact  
(get in touch with)

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Student Feedback at St Andrew's the Apostle

BICS are inviting you to join a **free two-part series** of virtual mental health workshops which aim to increase your knowledge on **anxiety** and provide you with some skills and strategies to assist your young person in coping with their anxiety. Click icon to register.



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