



ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

EVER TO EXCEL



Welcome

I am delighted to be the Headteacher of St Andrew the Apostle School.

Our amazing school was established in 2013 as the first state-funded Greek Orthodox secondary school in Britain. We are proud of the high quality, academic opportunities we provide to our students and of our community spirit. Our 'can do' approach means that we enable all of our learners to take their place in this fast-changing world.

Our aim is to broaden our students' interests and horizons in a happy environment where all staff and students are known and cared for as individuals. Behaviour and relationships are excellent, progress and achievement is first rate and our students are proud to be at our school.

Very few schools are able to offer subjects such as Latin, Classics and Greek alongside the Core EBacc curriculum. All of our specialist staff have undergone a rigorous process to win a place at our school and as dedicated experts in their field, they are passionate about their subject.

Our students are always:

RESPECTFUL to each other and respect our school environment. They know that the staff are here to care and look after them and will make decisions which are **fair, compassionate** and in the best interest of our school community.

RESPONSIBLE. They are **honest** and say sorry if they have done something wrong. In our school community, we understand that **forgiveness** underpins our Christian faith. We **trust** each other and rely on each other to uphold the mission of our school.

RESILIENT. Our school motto is '**Ever to Excel.**' Our students always try their best and never give up knowing that they will be nurtured and supported to achieve their ambitions.





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"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding."

We continue to achieve all this in our existing building and we know that we will be able to support our students even more in our brand new, specially designed, state-of-the-art new building.

Whether you are from the Greek Orthodox Community, from a different faith or none, we would be pleased to hear from you and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

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**Mrs Indira Warwick, BSc (Hons), NPQH
Headteacher**



THE CURRICULUM



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Underpinned by our Christian values, we offer an expertly-delivered, 'traditional but contemporary' curriculum. We support all students to achieve their academic potential.

Our curriculum meets the needs of all students, developing them intellectually, socially, culturally, spiritually and morally. There is a focus on the core subjects of English, mathematics and science to prepare every student for life beyond school at university, in training and in employment. The number of students getting the prestigious English Baccalaureate (between 5 and 9 good grade GCSEs including English, mathematics, science, geography or history and a language) is more than double the national average, with a high proportion of the Year 11 group achieving top grades. In Year 7 all students study English, mathematics, sciences, French, classics and Latin, religious studies, technology, history, geography, physical education, art, drama and music.

"Leaders plan a curriculum which ensures that pupils learn and make progress across a range of subjects."

TEACHING

Effective and engaging teaching, which benefits every student, is at the heart of everything we do. There is a strict recruitment procedure for all of our teaching staff, which includes a lesson observation as well as a formal interview. Only good or outstanding teachers are appointed. The quality of provision in the classroom is closely monitored by school leaders and advisers from our academy sponsor.



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"Teachers plan activities that match their pupils' abilities. Pupils respond with enthusiasm and make good progress in lessons."



CHARACTER EDUCATION

"The religious ethos in the school provides a strong base for the support of pupils' personal development and welfare. Pupils speak with pride about their school and relationships in the school."



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Our Christian values are respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, forgiveness, honesty and trustworthiness. They support the Christian ethos of the school and strong discipline in the classroom. The school is fully committed to exemplary behaviour at the heart of a highly cohesive school community.

Students see their form tutors daily. The pastoral system plays a central role in academic success and personal development. The school's approach is closely linked to our academic monitoring systems.





PARTNERS IN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

St Andrew the Apostle School opened in 2013 as a result of a successful partnership forged between the Greek Orthodox Church, the Classical Education Trust and our academy sponsor, Russell Education Trust (RET).

RET is an academy trust with five secondary schools all of which like St Andrew the Apostle were developed from Year 7 upwards. RET schools perform consistently well in examinations and Ofsted inspections. St Andrew the Apostle School continues to benefit from the expert support of RET advisers and a successful partnership with other highly achieving RET schools.

We remain grateful for the vision and support of the Holy Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain and Ireland and the support of other faiths locally. We appreciate the involvement of the Classical Education Trust which continues to work with the school to ensure our students have the intellectual advantages of a classical education.



RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST



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"Students value opportunities to help around the school, particularly with supporting younger pupils."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There is a full programme of sporting activities and our teams compete regularly and successfully against other schools. This is in addition to a wide range of clubs and activities before and after school and at lunch time.

We also have a wide variety of performing arts clubs and events which include orchestra, choir and drama club. Whole school productions to date include Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Wizard of Oz and Buggy Malone.

The Student Council is an elected body of students that meets regularly and provides invaluable feedback to school leaders. It exemplifies democratic thinking and debate and supports decision making in the school.



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“There are many extra-curricular activities for pupils, including in sports and the arts.”



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Teachers use questioning effectively to deepen and develop pupils' understanding"

SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form opened in September 2018. This followed the excellent GCSE results achieved by the founding students.

The Sixth Form quickly established itself as a very strong feature of the school, offering a wide range of courses and outstanding pastoral care. Sixth formers play a key role in the life of the school, modelling academic study and high levels of personal conduct for younger students.



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"Leaders in the sixth form set high expectations for their students. They know their students well and track their progress carefully. Students really enjoy their learning in the sixth form."



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

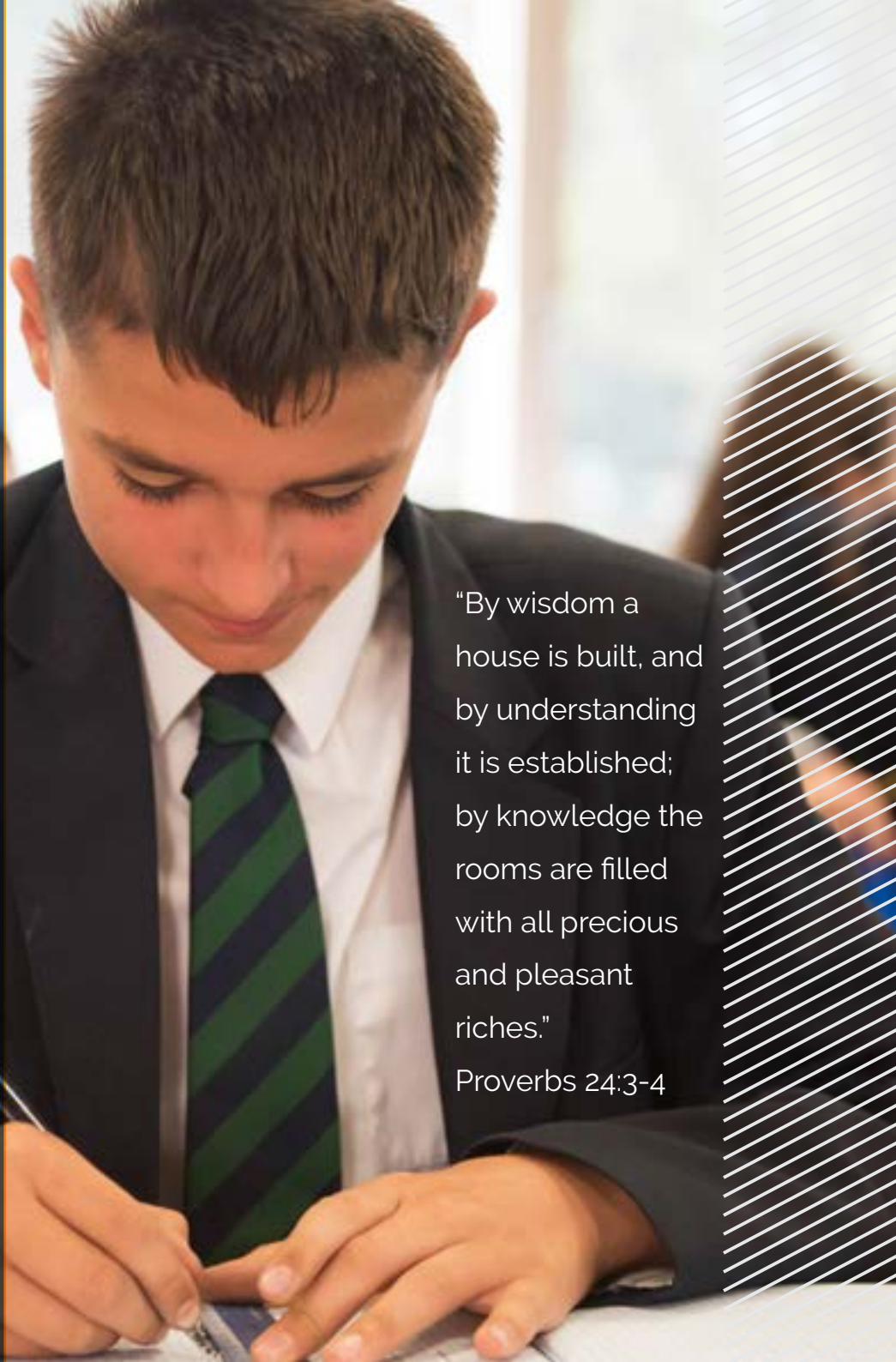
We are really looking forward to working in partnership with our students, their families and our local community to ensure that at our school motto 'Ever to Excel' and faith based ethos and values are embedded in the life and work of our new school building.

Planning permission for the permanent building was obtained in February 2020 as part of the wider development of the business park.

Bowmer + Kirkland (B+K) has been selected by the Department for Education (DfE) as the main contractor to deliver the new school building plans.

Plans feature a fantastic main school building that includes the majority of the teaching spaces including eight science laboratories, six technology rooms and specialist rooms for computer science, art, drama and music. It will also feature a roof top Multi User Games Area (MUGA). All rooms will be equipped to fully exploit the latest technologies available to support teaching and learning. Alongside our main building, we plan to create a large Sports Hall for the wide range of sports we offer in our curriculum and during extra-curricular periods. This hall will also incorporate a smaller 'performance' area.

As a school we will ensure that the strong ethos and focus on teaching and learning moves into our new building with us.

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a dark blue school suit, white shirt, and a green and blue striped tie, is focused on writing in a notebook. He is sitting at a desk, and the background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or office setting. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting his concentration.

"By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

Proverbs 24:3-4

RET

RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

The Russell Education Trust (RET) is made up of five high-performing 11-18 secondary schools in the south of England. Member schools work together and with RET expert advisers to deliver the very highest standards of teaching and learning; and to support the achievement and happiness of every student across the Trust. The success of the Trust's schools has been recognised by Ofsted, the Department for Education, and by the communities they serve.

The RET family of schools includes:



Leaders have created a culture characterised by good behaviour and respect and consideration for each other. Staff at all levels give strong support to pupils' safety and wellbeing.

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The headteacher's inspired leadership has quickly established a vibrant, orderly community which enables students to thrive. He ensures that a family atmosphere is fostered across the school in which all students feel cared for, and valued.

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The school has many strengths. Leaders have established an open culture at the school where there is a clear sense of teamwork and community across staff and pupils alike. Everyone takes pride in the school. It is a welcoming and vibrant place.

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Pupils from a range of backgrounds thrive in this highly successful and inclusive school. Leaders are dedicated, determined and ambitious. Their actions ensure a very strong sense of community, where individuals really matter. A clearly understood set of values underpins the work of the school.

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