



St Andrew the Apostle



Greek Orthodox School

7 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term and I would like to thank you for ensuring that your children have started their STA journey or returned to our school rested, refreshed and ready to make this year the best yet!

The standards of uniform, behaviour and attitudes to learning were exemplary. STA students demonstrated the four Rs. Our students are always:

- **READY** to learn. They enjoy disruption free learning every minute of every lesson.
- **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

We have some wonderful events to look forward to. These events are all dependent on any future restrictions related to COVID:

- **Thursday 16 September:** [Open evening for the new Year 7](#). School will be closed early in order to allow staff time to prepare for the event. Students will be dismissed from school at **12:30**. Any students who are in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen before they go home. A number of our students will volunteer to be student tour guides. Please do sign the permission slips your child will bring home as we need to receive your permission in advance of the event before confirming which students will be able to represent our school in this high-profile event.
- Wednesday 17 November. [Open evening for the new Year 12](#). Time to be confirmed.
- Team building trip for the new Y12, which will take place before the October half-term. Ms Fourcade will send further details to parents and carers shortly.
- Presentation evening: This is a celebration event for our current Year 12 and ex- Year 13 students. Date to be confirmed after October half-term.
- Christmas show: End of term showcase. Date to be confirmed in December.
- Charity and fundraising events: We are working with the small and dedicated group of parents and carers called 'Friends of St Andrew' or FOSA to raise money for the new school chapel and for charities as nominated by student voice. Do let my PA Mrs Helen Marcou know if you are interested in joining this group. Our first meeting will be on Teams on **Thursday 7 October at 4pm**.



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Please [click here](#) to view the letter I sent home in July about our expectations and operational arrangements to keep our school community safe.

In this academic year, we will be using the My Child at School (MCAS) app that enables you to view your child's attendance and behaviour information in real-time as well as having access to see what homework tasks are needed to be completed. This app will have all of the same features as ClassCharts did last year. However, over the coming year we aim to use this new app to provide you with more valuable information about your child.

Later this week, you will be sent an invitation code by email where you can log on and see all of this information. This email will also provide you with detailed information on how to log in for the first time.

In summary, MyChildAtSchool provides:

- Enhanced school-parent/carer communication
- Access to real-time Attendance data.
- Access to real-time Behaviour data.
- Information on homework tasks and due dates.

Update about our new school building

Please [click here](#) to see the link to the latest planning consultation which includes our enhanced plans for our new school. I would like to ask that you, your friends and family add a comment of support about our school's section of the application.

Finally, my regular newsletter to our school community will be sent out on Monday 13 September. Please send an email to admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk if you would like to book a meeting to meet with me or a member of my senior leadership team. The Headteacher parent surgery will recommence on Friday 10 September from 5pm until 6pm. Initial appointments are allocated in 15 minute blocks and will take place on MS Teams.

Yours sincerely

Mrs I. Warwick

Headteacher