



St Andrew the Apostle

Greek Orthodox School

Newsletter No 1 — September 2017

Dear Parents,

I trust that you and your children have enjoyed a summer break and managed to get some rest. I have been pleased at the number of Y11 students who have completed GCSE tasks to a high standard prior to the start of term and have already shown a commitment to their exam courses. I was very impressed with the first year of GCSE results at our sister school, Becket Keys CofE School. These were achieved through the consistent quality of teaching, hard work and revision by students and the expertise of RET advisers who were on hand throughout the year to support Y11 staff and students. You will be pleased to know that our students and staff are already enjoying similar support this term and will continue to do so throughout the academic year.

I am excited to report that the eight new classrooms next door in building 6 opened in time to be used on the first day of term. These classrooms will be used mainly for Y10 and Y11 lessons. They are spacious rooms with plenty of natural light. Staff and students have been extremely pleased with the quality of the build and the atmosphere in the building is calm and purposeful. Students enter the building via a gate and pathway from Bdg 5 to ensure student safety. Teachers worked hard to transfer books and materials to the new rooms and our IT partner, JOSKOS, made sure that all computer systems were running well with a new link created to the servers in Bdg 5. Parents who came to view the new building were also suitably impressed.

Parents of Y7 appreciated meeting their child's tutor this week and reported that new Y7 students have settled really well in school and are enjoying their first few days at St Andrew. We look forward to working closely with them to ensure that this positive start continues through Y7.

Our Open Evening for Y6 students and parents takes place on Thursday 21st September. Please make sure you remember that all students will leave school at 1.30pm on Thursday and should arrive in school at 10.30am on Friday 22nd September. This gives staff time to clear away displays and set up rooms for classes on Friday. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Rob Ahearn
Headteacher

Y11 Intervention Groups

A number of Y11 students have been invited to intervention groups in English, maths and science this week as we start their GCSE preparations.

Students will attend each session they are invited to and will be able to participate in specially prepared sessions which should enable them to improve their performance in next year's exams.

This is a vital part of preparation of GCSEs this year and if invited students do not attend we will inform parents.

School Council

This week all students will have the opportunity to apply to become a member of the school council. A school council benefits the whole school. It gives pupils a chance to express their views to the staff of our school. Our students can have an input on important decisions and can develop confidence and communication skills. Any student who wishes to apply should collect an application form from their form tutor. Elections will take place during form time this week. Please see Mrs Sampson or Year Leaders for more information.

Absence Reporting System - Study Bugs

Our absence reporting system is called Study Bugs. This system automatically enters sick reports into the register, which means we know right away why any children are away from school. It will also let us (and you) track any illnesses going around in the area, so you can see for example if there's an outbreak of chicken pox or measles. Please make sure you use this app to report absence as it helps reduce admin for the office and makes sure that we have accurate records for absence. You will be able to use the free app, or the Study Bugs web site, to report your child's absence. The Study Bugs app is available for iPhone, Android and Windows Phone.

Mayor's transport plans for London – have your say

Mayor Sadiq Khan wants to hear what people think about his plans for transport in the capital over the next 25 years. His proposals are set out in the Mayor's Transport Strategy and focus on improving the health of Londoners.

The plan includes ambitious targets for tackling air quality and increasing walking and cycling, especially among children and young people.

The work we do in schools will be key to delivering this. The consultation is open until 2 October. To read more and to have your say, visit the Mayor's Transport Strategy at: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/tfl-secondary-newsletter-autumn-2017.pdf>

Tucasi Alerts

We are happy to inform you that we now have an alert option on Tucasi. This option allows parents to set up alerts for low balances (minimum amount chosen by parents), new trips/events and upcoming instalments. For detailed instructions on how to set up alerts, please refer to the following document link:

<http://www.tucasihelp.com/documents/2.4SCOQuickReferenceGuideAlertsParent.pdf>

St Andrew School App

Instructions for download:

1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode **N11 1BF**.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name. **PLEASE ENSURE NOTIFICATIONS ARE ON.**
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now be presented with the correct app for your chosen school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.

Yours faithfully

R.Ahearn
Headteacher

Click for Android: <http://bit.ly/1Q9dgcb>,

Apple: <https://goo.gl/1FQgny>

Pantomime

If you have a child who will be in pantomime this Christmas, please make sure that you send in the official confirmation letter from the Theatre so that we are able to consider releasing them from school on the days that they are required.

Parent Survey

We are looking to obtain parent views on our school newsletter. Please could you log on to survey monkey to complete a short survey about your view of our newsletter and what you would like to see in upcoming editions. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NJY9LTK>

Is your child interested in entering a Talent Show in North London to support the North London Hospice? Please read below:



The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored background with geometric shapes and starburst effects. At the top right, a green curved banner contains the North London Hospice logo and the text 'NORTH LONDON HOSPICE' and 'Registered Charity No: 285300'. The main title 'NORTH LONDON'S GOT TALENT' is rendered in large, glowing, dotted letters. Below the title, the date and location are listed in white text. A red banner at the bottom of the poster reads 'Applications now open!!!'. At the very bottom, there is a black section with white text providing application details, contact information, and social media links.

NORTH LONDON HOSPICE
Registered Charity No: 285300

**NORTH LONDON'S
GOT
TALENT**

**Saturday 3 February 2018
at the Artsdepot**

Applications now open!!!

To apply, visit: <http://www.northlondonhospice.org/events/north-londons-got-talent-2018/>

For more information, please contact Amanda on
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For more information please visit <http://bit.ly/2vHJpt4>



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 7, 8 & 9 Football RB, JFr, AP 3.00pm – 4.30pm OFF SITE	Yr 8 & 9 Rugby OW 3.00pm – 4.30pm OFF SITE	Yr 7, 8 & 9 Rotation Interform RB, JFr 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Yr 7 & 8 Basketball RB, JFr 3.00pm – 4.30pm	
Yr 9 Basketball – JC 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Year 7/8/9 Spelling Bee - AD 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Year 7/8/9 DT Club – CE 3.00pm – 4.00pm	All years Cross Country – SH 3.00pm – 4.30pm OFF SITE	
Yr 7/8/9 STEAM Club TT – SC4 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Yr 7, 8 & 9 Netball JC, SH 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Choir Club JK/KL Drama Rm 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Creative Writing KN – Room EN4 3.00pm – 4.00pm	
			School Orchestra JN/VB – Music Rm 3.00pm – 4.00pm	
Homework Club Rota				
Homework Club Year 7/8/9 LM – ICT 1	Homework Club Year 7/8/9 LM – ICT 1	Homework Club Year 7/8/9 NC – ICT 1	Homework Club Year 7/8/9 Ireti – ICT 1	
Homework Club Year 10/11 Ireti – Room B2	Homework Club Year 10/11 TS – Room B2	Homework Club Year 10/11 MB – Room B6	Homework Club Year 10/11 MD – Room B2	
Subject Intervention Lessons				
Yr 11 Humanities 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Yr 10 & 11 Science 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Yr 10 & 11 English 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Yr 10 & 11 Maths 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Option C (Week A) Option D (Week B) 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Yr 11 Business 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Yr 10 Art Art Room 3.00pm – 4.00pm	GCSE PE 3.00pm – 4.30pm		Yr 10/11 French MP – MFL3 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Future Events

- 25th – 29th Sept Open Mornings for parents of Y6 children
- 6th October Y9 Options information meeting for parents and children 6pm – 7pm
- 17th October Yr 9 Options Assemblies. Options Letters/Booklet issued
- HALF-TERM : Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
- 30th October: RET INSET day
- 31st October: Students return to school