



# Headteacher's Update

Open evening special edition

21 September 2021

## Key Messages

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**Parent quote** *"This is the only school I know where all the staff and students are smiling and genuinely happy."*

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am delighted to report that we had a very successful Open Evening on Thursday 16 September. Our happy school was full of families who wanted to find out more about us, as they considered the answer to the question "Which is the best school for my child for the next seven years of their secondary education?"

Open mornings will run from today Monday 20 September up to and including Friday 24 September. Parents and carers will be able to hear a short presentation from a senior member of staff and tour the school during the working school day. The open mornings are by appointment only. The window to book a session is now closed. If you have been unable to book a session but are very keen for your child to attend STA, please email [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) and mark your request for the attention of Mrs Helen Marcou (Headteacher's PA). We will do our best to run some additional tours in the next fortnight.

One of the big successes of the evening were the treasure hunts completed by the children visiting our school. Mrs Hammond (Assistant Headteacher) will be conducting the prize draw this week and winners will be contacted with prizes delivered to the relevant primary school.

Do turn to the last page of this Newsletter to view some additional pictures of our wonderful event. Please also note, that we are planning to hold our Sixth form Open evening on Wednesday 17 November. Ms Fourcade (Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth form) will be in touch with further details in due course.

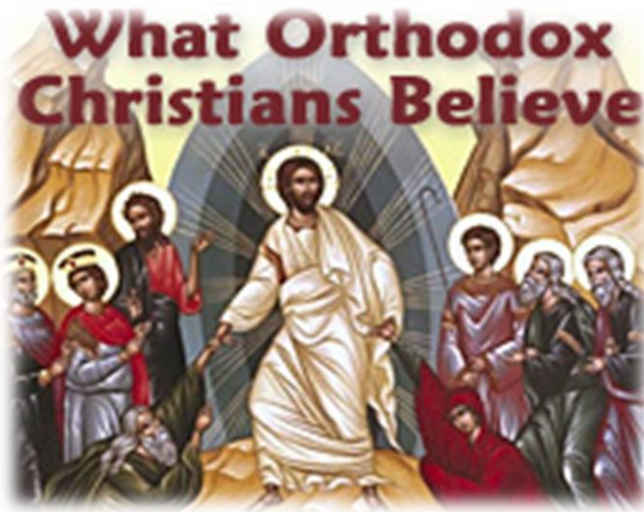


**Reminder:** Please [click here](#) to follow the link to the Planning consultation so that you may make a comment about our school's section of the application.

Best wishes

**Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)**





This week, I thought that I would take the opportunity to say a little about the Christian Orthodox faith as I am aware that not all of our school community belong to the Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Church is the second largest Christian denomination in the world, with an estimated 300 million adherents mainly in the countries of Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine, all of which are majority Eastern Orthodox.

The Eastern Orthodox Church was founded on the Day of Pentecost in 33 A.D. The formal name of the Church is, The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. This phrase shares with us the basis of the faith.

The “**One**” means that the Church is one because God is one. “There is one body and one spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.” Ephesians 4:4-6.

The Church is **Holy** because our Lord made her so. ‘Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy without blemish.’ Ephesians 5:25-27.

The Church is **Catholic** or universal, because the wholeness of the faith of Christ has preserved that which has been passed down from Christ to the Apostles. ‘Faith, which was once delivered to the Saints.’ Jude 1:3.

Finally, the Church is **Apostolic** as it teaches what the Apostles (disciples) taught and it traces her existence directly to the Apostles.

## THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

The Orthodox Church teaches that Jesus Christ is Lord. Romans 10:9. That He was born of a Virgin and died on the Cross-for the salvation of humanity. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the living proof that He is God and the source of salvation. ‘You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ Matthew 1:21. Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

## THE HOLY TRINITY

The Holy Trinity plays an active role in the Life of the Church. One will hear countless references to the Trinity as a form of appeal/plea, adoration, confession, and praise. In the Holy Trinity we see three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Three distinct persons but one substance... God. At the Baptism of our Lord, the Holy Trinity was made manifest or conveyed through the Father, the presence of Christ, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

Our Lord in the Great Commission, prior to His Ascension, gave the command, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19.

The Church Father Irenaus, spoke on the Trinity as, “God the Father stretching His two arms out in love, one arm is Jesus Christ, the other arm is the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Holy Trinity reveals to us God above us, God beside us, and God within us.”

## WORSHIP IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

The central focus of worship in the Greek Orthodox Church is found in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The word liturgy means a common action.

The entire focus of the Divine Liturgy is centred around the celebration of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Life-giving Holy Spirit, the common elements of bread and wine are transformed into the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is through the partaking of Holy Communion we are yoked together with the Saviour Jesus Christ. For our Lord said, “For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” John. 6:55-56

## THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments of the Church are divine rites instituted by Jesus Christ or Apostles where we experience personal encounters with our Lord. Through these Sacraments God shares with us His life and redeems us from the curse of sin and inaugurates us into His Kingdom.

The Church recognizes the following sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation or Confirmation, Holy Communion, Confession, Ordination, Marriage, and Unction.

**THE CHURCH STRUCTURE:** Every Orthodox Church is divided into three sections, the Narthex, Nave, and Altar. The Narthex is the lobby of the church. It is an area where the worshipper comes and refocuses from the natural world to the spiritual world. Upon entering into the Narthex, the Orthodox Christian lights a candle and offers a prayer that Christ will illumine the path on which we should follow. Then after venerating the icon enters into the Nave. The Nave is the large area where the congregation gathers for worship. Finally, the Altar is reserved for the clergy, and is where the priest leads the congregation in prayer.

**THE ICONS:** The Icons play a significant role in the life of the Orthodox Church. Icons serve a three-fold purpose: to create reverence for worship; to instruct those who are unable to read; to serve as a link between the worshipper and God. The Icons have been referred to as the Bible in living colour displaying the acts and the life of Jesus Christ. They also portray the men and women who gave their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Just as we have portraits and paintings of our loved ones in our homes, the Icons display the loved ones of the Church.

**THE BIBLE:** The Holy Bible plays a significant role in the life of the Orthodox Faith. The Scriptures are the primary source of worship, inspiration, history, and authority in the Church. The Bible is the record of truth about God, Jesus, Mary, the Prophets, and the Disciples. It has been referred to as man's blueprint for living giving us the tools needed to move toward our salvation. St. John writing on the Scriptures revealed; "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31.

**SALVATION:** Salvation in the Orthodox Church is obtained through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through baptism we experience the saving power of God. The Orthodox Church believes that salvation is a daily process through the repentance of our sins/errors.

**Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Advisor)**

**Parent Governor- exciting opportunity!**

All parents and carers have received a letter from me today, inviting applications for the voluntary position of Parent Governor. I look forward to receiving your applications. The timeline is as follows:

**Monday 20 September:** Parents' letter with nomination forms sent home.

**Monday 4 October:** Last date and time for returning nominations.

**Thursday 7 October:** Ballot paper sent to parents.

**Thursday 21 October:** Date of count of ballot papers.

Students of the week



**Year 7:** Christiana C, Christian V, Katerina N, Pany P, Cameron GJ, Raj O, Sahana G, Peter V (7S) and Natalie S, Amelia J, Sophia O, Christina N, Elena B, Sophia G (7P)

**Year 8:** Jayden K, Anastasia S, Andreas K, Arisha S, Christianna P, Izabel R, Maria S, Mimi S, Nino K, Tyra O

**Year 9:** Ryan M, Asliyah K, Grzegorz B, Jessica S, Lyndon B, Martin D, Maya D, Olivia LA, Raya EK, Yezda S

**Year 10:** Myriam M, Cuciano S, Natalia E, Catalina AG, Phoebe W, Lydia F, Alex A, Athena R, Christianna K, Sammy S, Joshua F, Natalia E

**Year 11:** Michael M, Sophia G, Christian V, Katerina N, MJ O, Shayna T, Deniz H, Stella A, Leo A, Nia G, Raphael C, Chanel C, Emily G, Christina L, Elvis P, Armando L, Zafia I, Natasha D, Milos MA, Lucy F

**Year 12:** Christina, Chrystalla, Thea, Gia, Alicia, Kyri, James, Eriola, Mikaela

**Year 13:** Victoria, Thomas, Sophia, Mashal, Alex, Karim, Saihan, Radi, Melody, Tia

**This group of amazing STA ambassadors will be given 20 recognition points each and the Headteacher's PA, Mrs H Marcou will arrange for them to have tea with the Headteacher in individual year group bubbles. Additional names will be published next week.**

**STUDENT  
AMBASSADORS**

## Future Leaders project



[Click here](#) to apply for this exciting opportunity and please let Mrs Hammond (Assistant Headteacher) know so that we may support you in school through the project.

***What if we gave young people the resources and inspiration they needed to create extraordinary lives, and become extraordinary leaders?*** What if, irrespective of their background, exam results or dreams, young people were given access to relevant information, timely advice and an opportunity to shine? That's where The Future Leaders Project comes in.

Brought to you by a coalition of changemakers in business and education, the Future Leaders Project is focused on resourcing students to thrive in work and life – and empowering them to become the next generation of leaders.

Led by industry experts and free for schools and students to enter, it comprises a competition and resource portal, allowing young people to be informed, developed and inspired – building a bridge of connectivity between education and the world of work and equipping students with the knowledge and inspiration to step up and become the leaders of their lives.

## Christ Church College, University of Oxford



*Christ Church*

**Year 13: Can book in-person visits**

Prospective applicants are welcome to come and have a look around the college. Because of track & trace and needing to monitor numbers in the College students need to book a visit

[here](#). This is completely free for prospective applicants and their families (you should see a 'prospective students and offer holders' ticket) and the porters will give you a Christ Church alternative prospectus (written by our students) as you go in.

**Year 13: Interview workshops**

- During half term Christ Church will be offering online interview workshops to Oxford applicants from our school. Applications will open on 1 October.

**Other sessions**

- We will be requesting other Year 13 sessions from September to November (e.g. personal statement workshops, admissions tests workshops), with most sessions taking place online.

**Year 11s and 12s: Visits to Christ Church**

- We are planning to take Year 11 or Year 12 groups to Christ Church (with the caveat that following government and university guidelines there is a risk that we may have to cancel at short notice). Possible dates are:

- Tuesday and Wednesdays between 12 October and 19 November this term

- Tuesday and Wednesdays between 18 January and 11 March next term

**Christ Church Horizons Year 12**

- This is a sustained contact programme for Year 12s, including academic workshops from Oxford academics, study skills and information sessions. The programme will start at the end of January, with applications open from October to December.

**Other sessions**

- We have been offered a range of sessions, from 'Oxford explained', to 'Oxford admissions', 'Exploring beyond the curriculum' etc. There is a lot of flexibility in terms of times and dates for online sessions and our outreach link may be able to travel to Barnet for in-person sessions on Thursdays.

**Christ Church Horizons Year 10**

- We have been invited to bring 10 students to Christ Church for an 'Exploring the Sciences' day and 10 students for an 'Exploring the Humanities' day.

- The sessions will take place in May and June and applications will open in February.

### Younger year groups

- We are planning visits or online sessions for our younger year groups as well.



**Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)**

### Barnet opportunity for parents and carers



Barnet Early Help are excited to be offering a new parenting programme, Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) This is a parenting programme for local parents, led by local parents.

Parents and carers are invited to an information session to find out more about how to become a leader in this programme.

As a group leader you will:

- Receive free training and support from the Barnet EPEC team
- Learn to lead practical, caring groups for local parents
- Share tried and tested methods that give children the best start in life
- Join a group of like-minded parents to make a difference to the local community
- Develop skills and confidence
- Gain experience that will help them to fulfil their ambitions

There are some information and coffee sessions coming up this month. Details can be found on the [attached flyer](#).

### Opportunities for students



We are delighted to announce extra-curricular sports clubs will start this Monday 20th September. Students will meet the PE staff in Building 5 directly after-school. Building 5 is the building English, maths and science takes place in. Changing rooms are opposite the PE office near the school canteen.

#### Monday After-School

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Boys Football

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls Football

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

#### Tuesday After-School

All Years Girls Netball

Time: 3.00pm-4.15pm

#### Wednesday After-School

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Boys Basketball

Time: 3.00pm-4.15pm

#### Thursday After-School

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls Dance

Year 10 GCSE PE Table Tennis (Invite Only)

Time: 3.00pm-4.15pm



Please note students must only wear PE kit to school on the day of their PE lessons. If students wish to participate in extra-curricular clubs, please bring PE kit and change after-school in the PE changing rooms.

**PE Kit Update**

All students have made a fantastic start to the academic year participating in netball and football lessons across all years. Students really enjoy being able to wear PE kit to school on the days of PE lessons. This allows for more practical time in lesson. A polite reminder that hoodies are not allowed to be worn alongside PE kit during the school day. Any hoodies worn will be confiscated. Thanks very much for your continued support.

**Mr Browell (Head of PE)**

## Careers opportunity

**Virtual SkillsExpo London: 3rd November 2021**

Registration is now open for the virtual SkillsExpo London. This London specific event provides the perfect platform for students to find information on Apprenticeships, Traineeships, and Internships, alongside routes into Further and Higher Education.

Students can register for this event for FREE. You will need to register individually to get the most out of the event.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Benefits of visiting:

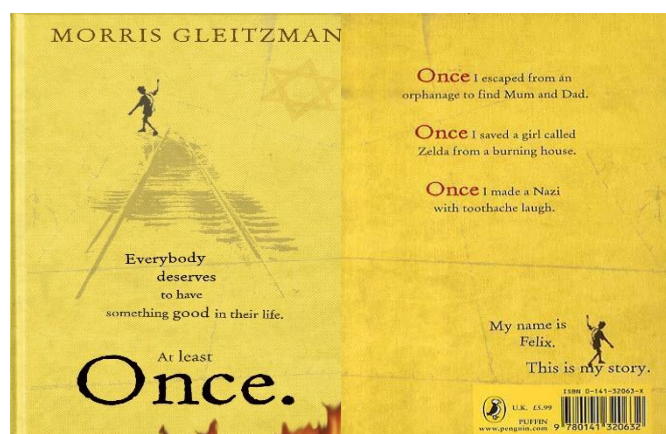
- Helps your School or College achieve their Gatsby benchmarks
- Free downloadable resources including video content, PDFs, and infographics
- Apply for early career vacancies
- Have LIVE 1-2-1 conversations with Employers, Colleges and Universities in your region
- Watch LIVE and pre-recorded interactive workshops alongside LIVE Q&A

If you have any questions, please ask me and I would be delighted to help.

**Mrs J Nelson (Head of Careers and PSHCE)**



## Book Review- Young Adult Fiction



**Name of reviewer:** Mrs I. Warwick (Headteacher)

**Title:** Once

**Author:** Morris Gleitzman

**Genre:** Young adult fiction

**A brief synopsis:** Felix was hidden in an orphanage during WW2 by his Jewish bookseller parents who wanted to give their son a chance of life. Felix escaped in a bid to be reunited with his parents and during his voyage, he came to a slow and clear understanding of the illogical hatred felt by the Nazis toward him and other Jewish people. Despite the challenges Felix faced, he retained his kindness, hope and humanity to others. This is an inspirational book.

*Why do they hate me and Mum and Dad so much? They couldn't all have bought books they didn't like. And why is the Radzyn family living in our place?*

*Wiktor Radzyn hates books. When he was in my class, he used to pick his nose and wipe it on the pages.*

## Meet Felix



*Why would the Nazis make people suffer like this just for the sake of some books? I've got a horrible suspicion I know the answer to the question. Maybe it's not just our books the Nazis hate. Maybe it's us.*

### Recommendations (Would you recommend this book?

**Who to? Why?)** I would recommend this book to KS3 students who are interested in exploring themes of coming to terms with loss and who are interested to learn more about the atrocity of war and the impact on ordinary families.

The lessons learned from the horror of the Holocaust are relevant to us all today.

### Stars (5 stars= I highly recommend this book)



### Mental health support

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from **Young Minds**.

Please [click here](#) to access support and advice from Kooth.

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from the **NHS for teenagers and young adults** who need support with their mental health and are coping with bereavement.

**Reminder:** During school, students needing emotional support can talk to their Form Tutors and their Head of Year. The following members of staff are also available: **Mr C Martin (DSL\*)**; **Mrs C Hammond (DDSL\*)**; **Mrs I Warwick (DDSL\*)**; **Ms M Henshaw-Devall**; **Mr N Anemori** and **Ms M Hirli**.

**\*DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead \*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead**

### Headteacher Parent Surgery

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

This will take place every Friday from 5pm until 6pm. The time allocated for appointments will be 15 minutes in the first instance. Please send your request for an appointment in by 10am every Wednesday so that we may allocate an appointment and send you confirmation in good time. All

appointments will take place via Microsoft Teams during current restrictions.

### Friends of STA (FOSA)- Change of time

Our small group of dedicated parents and carers will meet on Thursday 30 September at **5pm** on Teams to discuss ideas and to implement plans to fundraise and to generally support the school community. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk) and mark your email for the attention of

### Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)

### Reminder COVID safety

Students should be testing themselves at home twice weekly (Wednesdays and Sundays) using lateral flow tests and results should be reported to the school using our online reporting system.

- Students experiencing any symptoms of COVID must not come into school and must go immediately for a PCR test.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes remain in place around the site.
- Students are sanitising their hands on entry to every classroom and wiping down desks at the end of each lesson with sanitiser spray.
- A one-way system remains in place around the school site.
- Students are sat 'side by side' in lessons.
- Teachers are reminded regularly of the need for good ventilation. We have good mechanical ventilation systems in school and windows are routinely kept open.

Currently teaching staff are teaching from 'exclusion zones' at the front of classrooms and are not generally circulating around rooms. We will review this control measure as the autumn term progresses and local and national COVID data is reviewed.

### Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access term dates. Please note, these dates may be subject to change, so please do keep checking in on a regular basis. If you have any queries about a specific date, please email us at [admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

Photos of the Open evening event



St Andrew the Apostle School- Highlights of our Open evening Thursday 16 September 2021





*Ofsted: "The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is **outstanding**. Pupils are self-confident and very articulate. They like their school and they want to do well. Pupils said that there is a 'family atmosphere' in the school and there is a warmth in the relationships between pupils." (2018)*



Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 4+ with specific requirements for each course.  
Some courses and combinations of courses will require a minimum grade 5 in English and mathematics.

*Ofsted "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." (2018)*

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Sixth form Open Evening for September 2022 application is on **Wednesday 17 November 2021**.  
Please check our website <https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/> for further details.