

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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10 November 2023

Year 10 Basketball

The Year 10 basketball team played their first match of the season on Monday 6 November vs Totteridge Academy. The team lost a competitive game against a strong Totteridge side which controlled the game from the first moments. The team administered a man-to-man defence and rebounded well throughout the entire match. Unfortunately, Totteridge also defended extremely well and limited our key players Tobias and Ray to three-point shots. The team managed to score some impressive hoops despite the excellent defending from Totteridge and special mention to fantastic plays and three pointers from Angelo and Hendrik. Tobias defended exceptionally well throughout the game and drew compliments and appreciation from the opposition coach.

The coach has recommended Tobias to a national league side after his impressive performance. Stav was voted MVP by his peers after the game for a sterling performance against some remarkable club players. The match finished 42-17 to Totteridge Academy.

Mr Browell
Head of Year 10 and PE



Year 10 Football

The Year 10 football team came up against an incredibly strong St Ignatius side in the Middlesex County Cup. The St Ignatius side contained eight academy players from clubs including Crystal Palace, Brighton, Ipswich Town and West Ham. Despite the difficult challenge, the team stayed positive and relished the opportunity to test themselves against some of the best players in the country from their age group. Special mention must go Theo C once again who was voted player of the match for the third game in a row. Theo made some excellent saves in both the first and second half. The game finished 4-0 to St Ignatius, however, the team can be proud of their performance and effort levels.

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Message from the Headteacher

We've had another busy week at STA. Fortunately, after some torrential downpours last week we have had a calmer week, with no sports fixtures cancelled. On Friday we have remembered the fallen in assemblies and in classrooms as The Last Post was played to signal a minute for quiet reflection and grateful remembrance. As well as Armistice Day, 11 November marks the Feast Day of St Maximus the Wonderworker and Fool for Christ, whose exploits you can read about inside.

It was excellent to have Gwyneth Hamand visit from Cambridge University, to inspire our Sixth formers to consider Oxbridge, Russell group and other aspirational university options, following in the footsteps of Victoria D who is reading Maths at Cambridge University.

Our Year 8 online parents' evening on Thursday was well attended and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet a host of parents of my own Year 8 Classics class. Do please let us know whether you prefer the convenience and speed of these meetings to the more conventional in person meeting.

We are really looking forward to Christmas with the events below:

Whole School church visits, Christmas concert, Christmas Carolling in Trafalgar Square and Christmas Lunch!

Dr Philip Hills



Christmas Events

- Monday 11 December – Y7 & Y8 Church Visit
- Tuesday 12 December – Trafalgar Square Christmas Carolling
- Wednesday 13 December – Y9 & Y10 Church Visit
- Thursday 14 December – Y11, Y12 & Y13 – Church visit
- Friday 15 December – Christmas Concert
- Wednesday 20 December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 21 December – Last day of term

Upcoming Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Friday 17 November – Year 11 Mocks Begin
- Please click here to access term dates.
- Please click here to access school calendar.

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Faith

Blessed Maximus, Fool-for-Christ, lived at Moscow. About his parentage, time and place of birth, nothing is known. Saint Maximus chose one of the most difficult and thorny paths to salvation, voluntarily for the sake of Christ having taken upon himself the guise of a fool. Summer and winter Maximus walked about almost naked, bearing with prayer both the heat and the extreme cold. He had a saying: "Fierce though be the winter, yet sweet be paradise". Russia loved its holy fools: it esteemed their deep humility and heeded their wisdom, expressed aphoristically in the proverbial sayings of the people.

Blessed Maximus lived at a difficult time for the Russian people. Tartar incursions, droughts, epidemics were endemic and people perished. The saint said to the unfortunate: "Not everything is by the weave of the wool, some be opposite... They have won the fight, admit it, and bow the lower; weep not for the beaten, weep rather the unbeaten; let us show tolerance and in this we shalt at least be human; for toleration may God grant salvation". But the saint did not only speak words of consolation. His angry denunciations frightened the mighty of his world. Blessed Maximus went to say to the rich and illustrious: "An idolatrous house, and a conscience corrupted; everyone is baptised, let everyone pray; God doth detect every wrong. He deceiveth not thee, nor deceivest thou He".

Blessed Maximus died on 11 November 1434 and was buried at the church of the holy Princes Boris and Gleb. Miraculous healings began occurring from the relics of the saint. On 13 August 1547 the relics of Blessed Maximus were uncovered and found to be undecayed, further confirming his sanctity.



Workshop visit from Gwyneth Hamand

On Tuesday, we welcomed to our school Ms Gwyneth Hamand, the London Outreach Officer, Gonville and Caius, University of Cambridge. Ms Hamand delivered three inspirational workshops to Y11, Y12 and Y13 students, who either aspire to apply to Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities or they are in the process of being prepared for the interviews.

The Y11 students were informed about A Level and university choices, and they enthused over the super-curriculars. They confidently and eloquently asked Ms Hamand a plethora of questions, which clearly demonstrated their high aspirations. The Y13 workshop was focused on interviews for the students that have applied to Oxbridge, Medicine or Veterinary Sciences, and Law. Ms Hamand offered expert advice on how the students can best practise and prepare in advance of the interviews and the students grasped the opportunity to have their questions answered. They also took part in group mock interviews.

The last workshop of the day was delivered to the Y12s, who were advised on how to make competitive applications to enhance their chances of getting into the university of their choice. The emphasis of the workshop was on super-curricular activities and personal statements and the students were eagerly engaged throughout the workshop. The Q&A session was the culmination of thought-provoking facts and information that motivated the participants to get ready for next year's applications.

Mrs Koveri (Deputy Head of Sixth Form)



Safeguarding

At St Andrew we have a team of colleagues ready to remove or reduce any barriers to students learning or wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your, or any other child in school please contact us. This should include:

- Their physical safety, such as their travel to and from school or the environment they are in outside of school.
- Their mental wellbeing, such as any concerns about anxiety, loneliness, bereavement or other mental health concerns.
- Their social development, such as concerning friendship groups or worries over gang involvement.
- Any other concerns such as obsession over gaming or being on the internet too much.

Please contact us through the staff contact form on our website, even if we cannot help directly, we can signpost families to local organisations and charities.

In particular, please contact the safeguarding leads below, or any other adults.

Your Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Martin, Ms Walt and Ms Viala



• Ms Awotona or Ms Henshaw – Devall or Ms Sanandres



Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable Autumn Term

	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	All Years Dodgeball (3 – 4pm) KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
Tuesday	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm) Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
Wednesday	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)	Dance - BS Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm) Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 – 3.50pm) All Years Basketball – BS Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm)
Thursday		Netball - BS Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm) Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
Friday	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm) MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm) A Level girl Club – ENG (12.35 – 1.15pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 – 1.15pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)