

# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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## Sixth Form Workshop



Visitors from the Roberts Group Consulting led an engaging workshop with Year 12 on Tuesday, focused on university applications and future employment. Students were guided in practical skills such as CV and personal statement writing, presentation and interview skills as well as testing their logical thinking.

There were lots of professional tips about how to prepare for interviews in person and online as well as top tips about use of body language, conversation skills and how to respond to difficult interview questions. Mr Lasithiotakis will be putting their new skills to the test in tutor time this week. **Ms Bicarregui (Head of Sixth Form)**



## DT Product Design by Year 7



Our Year 7 groups have been busy in DT completing their wooden toy robots. We have been working with them on product design skills, which they have implemented, creating their robot character.

They have grown hugely in confidence using a wide range of hand tools and equipment to complete the project and are eager to see what the next scheme of work will be.

They will be excited to find out we will be making functioning mood lamps which they will uniquely design and fit with a circuit of led bulbs they would have put together themselves.

Looking forward to fun projects ahead.

**Miss Agathangelou (Art & DT Technician)**

## Message from the Headteacher

It was wonderful to witness our students visibly and audibly grow in self-confidence and verbal assurance as they participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge training sessions on Wednesday. 'Oracy' is very much a buzz word in education at the moment, but rhetoric has for centuries been one of the three pillars of classical education (grammar and logic being the other two components of the 'trivium'). I look forward to seeing the winners speak up with pride in forthcoming assemblies. Similarly, Roberts Group Consulting provided expert help and advice to our sixth-formers in the practical skills needed for writing an effective CV and presenting themselves successfully at interview. We are grateful to both organisations for their ongoing help and support. I was reminded of the importance of speaking clearly when I was interviewed alongside some of our pupils for Hellenic TV at the end of last week- Theo, Christiana and Miriam gave a very good account of themselves in the recorded interviews and were a real credit to the school and to their families.

As Christmas draws near it was wonderful to be able to judge such a host of imaginative entries for our Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry from Jaladhi in Year 9 was a delightfully creative fusion of the traditional and the contemporary.

**Philip Hills**



## Christmas Events

- Monday 11 December – Y7 & Y8 Church Visit
- Wednesday 13 December – Y9 & Y10 Church Visit
- Thursday 14 December – Y11, Y12 & Y13 – Church visit
- Friday 15 December – Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 19 December – Sixth Form Christmas Fare
- Tuesday 19 December – A level and GCSE Award Evening
- Tuesday 19 December – Trafalgar Square Performance
- Wednesday 20 December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 21 December – Last day of term

## Upcoming Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Please click [here](#) to access term dates.
- Please click [here](#) to access school calendar.

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## Faith

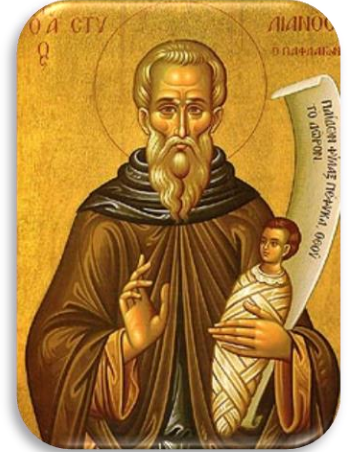


### Venerable Stylianus of Paphlagonia, 26 November

Saint Stylianus was born in Paphlagonia of Asia Minor sometime between the fourth and sixth centuries AD. He inherited a great fortune from his parents when they died, but he gave it away to the poor according to their need, desiring to help those who were less fortunate.

Stylianus left the city and went to a monastery, where he devoted his life to God. Since he was more zealous and devout than the other monks, he provoked their jealousy and had to leave. He left the monastery to live alone in a cave in the wilderness, where he spent his time in prayer and fasting. The goodness and piety of the saint soon became evident to the inhabitants of Paphlagonia, and they sought him out to hear his teaching, or to be cured by him. Many were healed of physical and mental illnesses by his prayers.

Saint Stylianus was known for his love of children, and he would heal them of their infirmities. Even after his death, the citizens of Paphlagonia believed that he could cure their children. Whenever a child became sick, an icon of Saint Stylianus was painted and was hung over the child's bed.



### U14 Football - STA v St James School

St Andrew the Apostle School took part in a competitive cup match against St James School on Wednesday. The game started at a frantic pace with both teams squandering glorious chances. Nabeel (7P), pulled off a fantastic save to prevent St James taking an early lead. STA defended brilliantly throughout the first half, however two mistakes towards the end of the first period allowed St James to take a 2-0 lead. STA tried in vain to recover in the second half but were caught on the counterattack on several occasions, which led to them conceding 3 goals in the second half. Man of the Match was Nabeel (7P), who received a standing ovation from St James football, because of the number of excellent saves he made.



Mr Francis (Head of Y8 and PE Teacher)

### Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

This week all Year 10 students took part in Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, a whole day workshop run by the professional trainers of public speaking. Students were taught how to take themselves out of their comfort zone and present impromptu speeches on a vast range of topics. They were taught how to develop their confidence with Stride - Stand - Smile - Speak - Stay technique, how to structure a speech with an engaging opening, development of ideas and a clear message at the end, as well as delivering it in an engaging way. The day was filled with activities which gradually built students confidence in speaking out in public and culminated with every student presenting a speech on their chosen topic in front of their peers and teachers involved. Students not only had lots of fun, but most importantly learnt how to conduct themselves in future sixth form/collage/university/job interviews and communicate effectively in the professional world. Both teachers and the workshop facilitators were impressed how our students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, courage and respect; we are very proud of the progress they made. Many congratulations to eight students whose speeches were judged the best in their groups: Tyler M, Viktoria S, Daniel G, Isha G, Ariana K, Chloe P, Megi D and Angelo D. They will present their full speeches in our school Speak Out Challenge assembly in December, the winner of which will go on to represent our school in the regional Final in Friern Barnet on 16 January.

#### Ms Bassington (Head of English)



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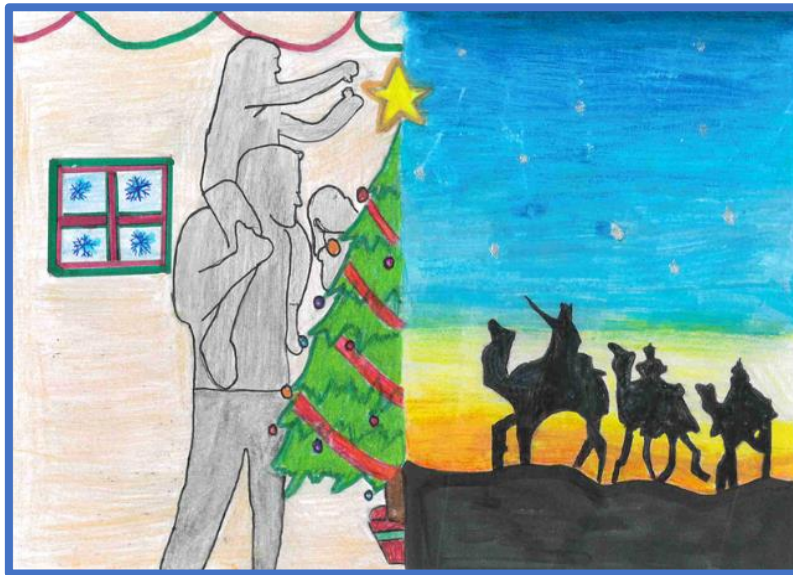
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## Art Christmas Card Competition

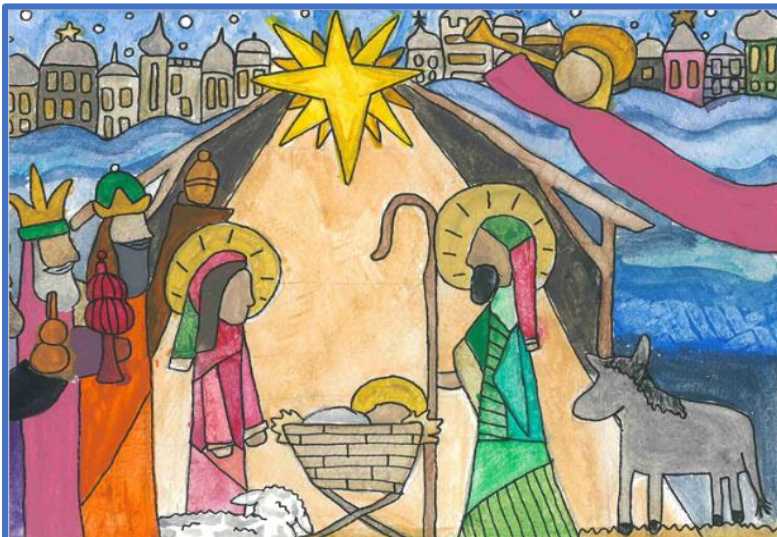
Thank you so much for all the wonderful entries to the Christmas card competition! We have had so many beautiful entries; it was very hard to choose the winners! Dr Hills has chosen the winners, and the students will receive Hobby craft vouchers!

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Christmas card competition:



**1<sup>st</sup> place: Jaladhi N**

**9 Simon**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Christiana C**

**9 Simon**



**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Bella C**  
**8 Simon**

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## Road Safety Week 17 to 25 November

Pupils at St Andrew the Apostle School took part in several activities as part of Road Safety Week.

Year 10 pupils had an assembly with PC Matt Browne about keeping safe when travelling to and from school when it is dark. PC Matt Browne, share tips as stay visible, wear protective clothing and crossing the road at a safe place. (Pelican or Zebra crossing)

Year 7 pupils took part in a few activities such as a road obstacle challenge and a workshop on knowing their responsibilities as a pedestrian and avoiding risky behaviour when traveling to and from school.

**Road Safety Week**



Mr Francis (Head of Y8 and PE Teacher)



## CHRISTMAS FEAST

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets  
OR  
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington

Both Served with Seasonal Vegetables,  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy

&

Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce  
OR  
Stained Glass Window Shortbread



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### Homework & After School Club

Maths  
English  
Science  
D.T.  
History  
R.P.



Do you need help with your homework?  
We are here to help you!  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday



ICT Room  
3:05pm-3:50pm

## Swap the whole ride for PARK and STRIDE

Drop-off and pick-up for can be busy times on the North London Business Park. Please do encourage your child to use public transport or walk or drop off/pick up outside the NLBP as this helps possible congestion and makes our site safer. If you do pick up in the afternoon, please do use the designated orange bays to wait. Our partners, the Comer Group, have also allowed parents to use bays that are not in use on the ground floor of the multi-storey care park without paying. They have emphasised to us that waiting in your cars in these bays must not start before 2.45pm; we ask that you do not arrive before this time as you may be subject to a fixed penalty notice parking fine. Please do ensure that you do not park in the disabled parking bays if you are not displaying a blue badge as you may be liable for a fixed penalty notice parking fine also. We would like to thank all parents who do look for alternatives for drop-off/pick-up and for all of you who follow the routine of dropping off via the usual routes.

Mr Francis (Head of Year 8 & PE Teacher)

## 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

	Clubs and Activities Lunchtime	Clubs and Activities After school
<b>Monday</b>		All Years Dodgeball (3 – 4pm) KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club – SC4 (3.05 – 3.45pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 – 1.20pm) 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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games – MA3 (12.35 – 1.10pm)	Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4.30pm) Art Club – Art1 Sign Up Only (3 – 4pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
<b>Thursday</b>		All Years Basketball – B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm) Netball - B5 Changing Rooms (3 – 4pm) Choir – MU1 (3 - 3.50pm) Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
<b>Friday</b>	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 – 1.20pm) MFL Speaking Club – CR11 (12.35 – 1pm) A Level girl Club – EN6 (12.35 – 1.15pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 – 1.15pm)	Homework Club – ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)