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Year 10 Trip to Oxford

As part of the enrichment activities and the outreach programme of our school, ten Y10 students with a keen interest in Humanities, were invited to attend a day-long trip to Christ Church College in Oxford. On Tuesday, Ms Koveri and Mr De Jesus accompanied the students to the trip that was organised by Mr Browell and Ms Koveri.

The students found the session on 'University and Future Choices' and the mini academic tasters inspiring, whilst the Student Q & A was demystifying. In addition, the college with its stunning architecture and its tradition for academic excellence -that soon will be celebrating its quincentenary- became the focal point of intense discussions around its history and the students' future aspirations.

This is what a couple of students mentioned about the trip:

The trip was an amazing experience and so much fun! It was interesting to learn about the different career aspects Oxford University has to offer and how it can lead to different career opportunities. We also learnt about its traditions and that students do not need to focus only on their studies at Oxford but that they can also have a balanced social life. The university encourages its students to achieve that by having many societies, where students can interact with each other and share interests. Zara

I had a really great time as I was given the opportunity to learn how to apply to future universities and what they would require. Some of the students there gave me advice on how to balance school life and social life and I found this extremely helpful as I will use it, when I start my university journey. Katina

Ms Koveri | Deputy Head of Sixth Form and 2ic in History, Classics and Politics



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Message from the Headteacher

Christ is Risen! It was wonderful to share in the joy of the resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour on Saturday evening at the moment when darkness turned to light. Heartening, too, to see all the STA candles celebrating His resurrection in Orthodox churchyards across North London.

Last week was tinged with sadness, however, not only on Good Friday, but also as we bade a collective farewell to our Year 11 pupils last Thursday. That said, we have revised our Year 11 teaching timetable over the GCSE exam period so that we can give their preparations the best possible boost over the next few weeks.

It was a delight to see all the tired but gleeful Year 10 faces on their return from Christ Church Oxford earlier in the week. They are a talented bunch and I have no doubt that, inspired by their visit, some of them will be soon be following the well trodden pathway from St Andrew to Oxford's gleaming spires.

There were some great athletic performances from Year 7 on Tuesday. In a year group packed with sporting prowess, Tiana was the pick of the bunch as she blew the opposition away in an explosive but composed display in the 200m. Importantly, too, all of our athletes competed with true Olympian values and a sportsmanlike spirit.

Philip Hills

Year 7 Barnet Athletics

On Tuesday, our wonderful Y7 athletes competed at Stone X stadium against all other Barnet schools in their chosen track and field events. We had lots of success and placed in several different races, some of our most notable performances were Tiana and Kiella coming 1st and 4th respectively in the 200m, Monroe 3rd in 100m, Avery 1st, and Gabriella 3rd in 100m, and our school relay teams placing 3rd for the Boys, and 2nd for Girls. Across the evening, our students embodied our school values and shone through their sportsmanship and athleticism.

A special well done to Gabriella and Tiana who ran hurdles for the first time and placed 1st and 3rd.

Miss Walt | Head of Year 11 and Teacher of PE



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Faith



The Orthodox Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

Biblical Story

The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews. On the evening of the Sunday after Passover, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, "Peace be with you." (v. 19) He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side. (v. 20)

Thomas was not present, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ's Resurrection. He stated, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." (vv. 24-25)

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst he said, "Peace be with you." He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (vv. 26-27) Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied by saying, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (v. 29)

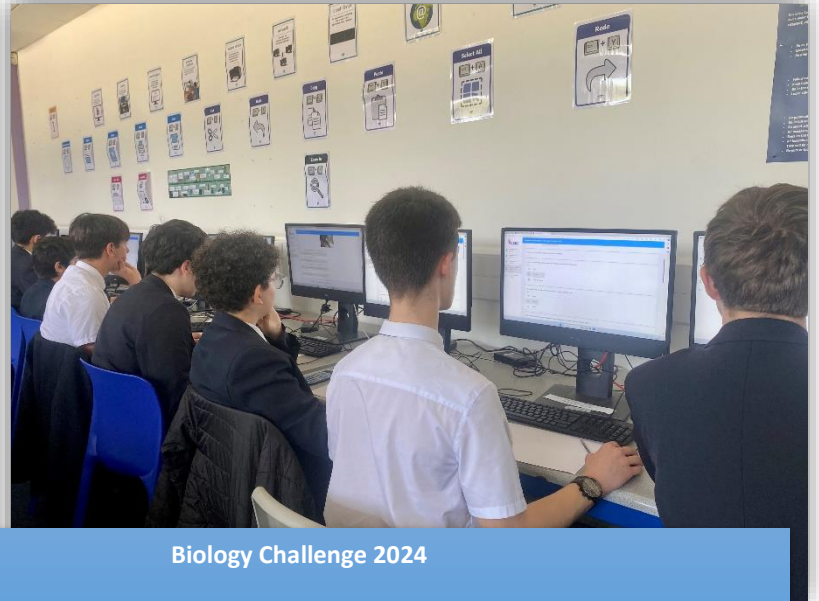
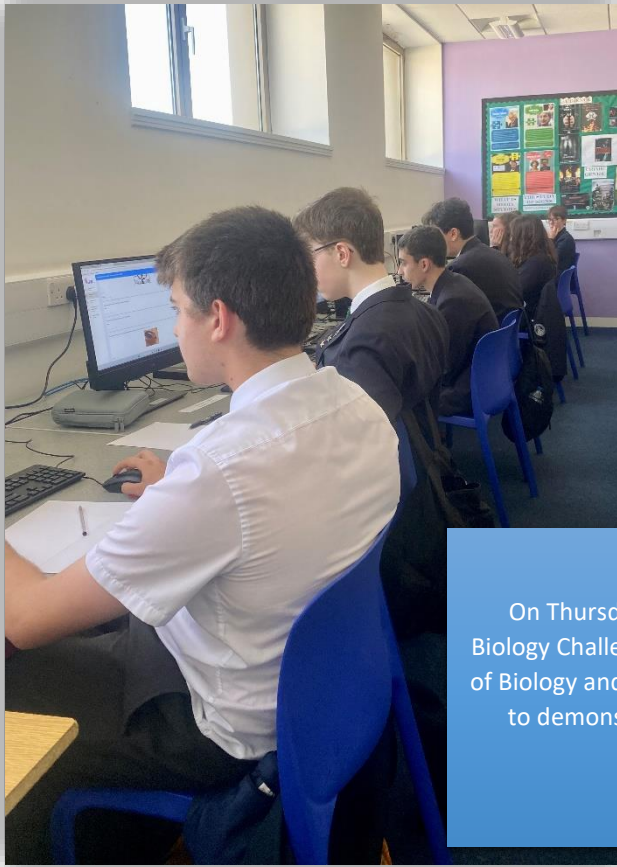


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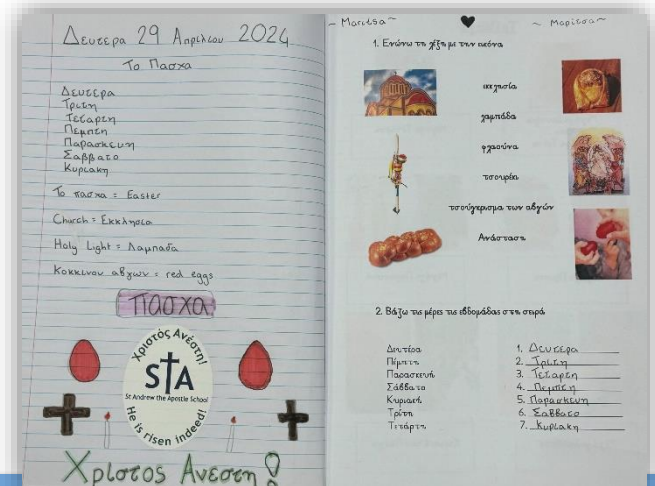
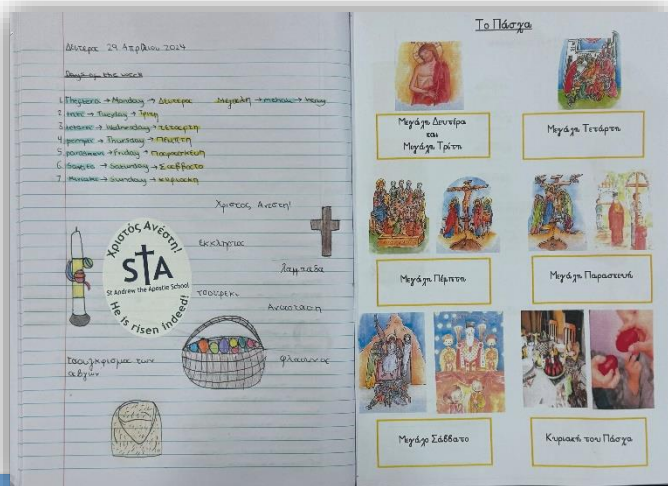
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Biology Challenge 2024

On Thursday our Year 9 scientists took part in the first of two papers for the UK Biology Challenge 2024, organised by the UKBC in collaboration with the Royal Society of Biology and Warwick university. This is an exciting opportunity for our top scientists to demonstrate their skills by tackling a range of challenging questions, we look forward to receiving their results!

Miss Msrar | Head of Science



Greek Easter

Year 10 Greek Easter is the most important religious and cultural celebration in Greece and Cyprus, and we celebrated it during our Greek lessons by discussing about the unique Greek Orthodox Easter traditions and customs. We talked about fasting during Lent, dyeing the Red Easter eggs on Holy Thursday commemorating the Crucifixion of Jesus, Baking Easter sweets – tsoureki and flounes, the Epitafios procession on Good Friday, The Anastasi (Resurrection) on Easter Saturday, cracking the red eggs, eating the mayiritsa Easter soup, feasting on goat or lamb on Easter Sunday.

'Happy Easter' is an easy couple of words in Greek try it – 'Kalo Pascha!'

Miss Ntaountaki | Greek Teacher

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Year 11 and Year 13 Celebration Assembly

Year 11 and Year 13 students celebrated the end of the academic year. They marked the occasion by giving inspiring speeches, reflecting on their journey and future plans, sharing their memorable experiences and thanking their teachers and peers. The atmosphere was filled with pride, accomplishment and anticipation of new adventures.



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Year 11 Exam Preparations and Key Information

Everything at school stays the same for as long as possible. Students must attend every day and at the usual times.

We believe routine is important and that time spent in school is invaluable for students. We know students do better when they are in front of subject specialists. **Students will not be allowed to study at home and are expected in everyday, for the whole day up to Friday 24 May.**

Uniform stays the same. Uniform: Students are expected to always wear their full uniform when on site, this includes when taking exams. Whenever a student attends for an exam they must be wearing their full school uniform to gain access to the exam hall.

Exam regulations

Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams. Students will be briefed and will be given a copy of the regulations for the exams digital copy of these can be found here: [IFC-Exam Regulations](#).

I would recommend reading through these and making sure your son or daughter has also.

Government guidance that explains the general exam process from entry to results and appeals can be found here: [Student Guide](#)

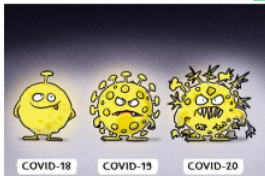
Year 11 GCSE Timetable

The below timetable is now available on the school website:

[Exam Schedule](#)

Root word of the week

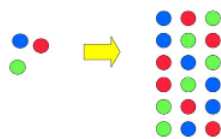
mut(from Latin)= change



Mutation

(something which has developed/gone through a process of change)

Permutation (a way of changing the order of things to create a new arrangement)



Mutually (exchanging in a way that is fair to both)

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