

Announcement- Mrs I. Warwick

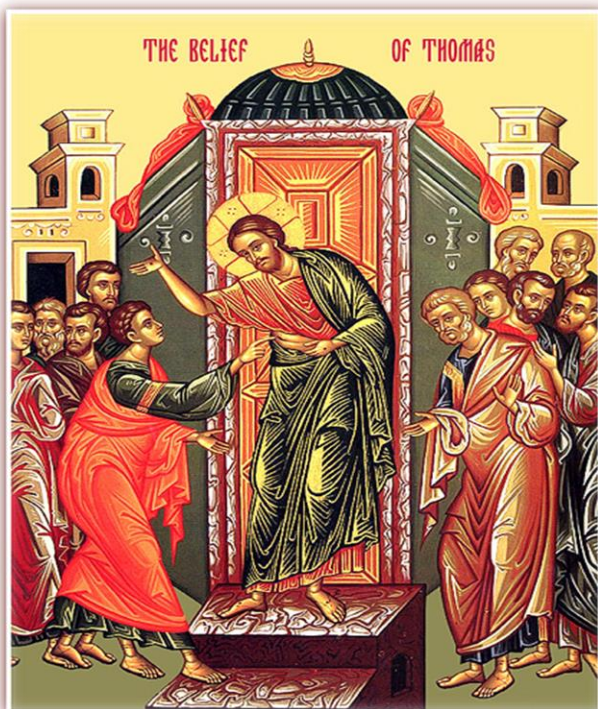
Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace. Luke 1:78-79

All students have now been informed about some very sad news. One of our former students unexpectedly passed away on 28 April 2021. We are grieving together as a school community during this sad time. Please let your child's form tutor know if you would like to request additional support for your child as we come to terms with the loss we are all feeling.

I will write to you again soon to detail the ways in which we will remember and celebrate the life of this student, who will remain a much-loved member of the St Andrew the Apostle School family.

Faith - πίστις

Thomas Sunday



Once again, a glorious Resurrection, Christos Anesti – Christ is Risen to all of our students and families.

In case you are wondering why we are repeating this phrase after the recent Easter celebrations, it is a greeting all believers share for forty days after the first Sunday of our Lord's Resurrection.

The Sunday which follows Pascha/Easter (the Second Sunday of Pascha) is called "Thomas Sunday", because it recounts the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas eight days after His resurrection (John 20:19–29).

This day is also called New Sunday but more commonly Thomas Sunday in the Orthodox Church mainly because Thomas did not hear of Christ's Resurrection and doubted it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicates Sunday to the Resurrection.

As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday following the Resurrection, Jesus entered and greeted them in His usual way, saying, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed them His hands, feet and side. Jesus ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Saviour's scars—the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side—before he would believe that Jesus was risen. Jesus told Thomas to see and feel. Then Thomas immediately cried out, "My Lord and my God!" But Jesus tells His Disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This also clearly illustrates the two Natures of Christ: the human and the divine.

Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that monumental event. The Lord said to Thomas: **Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28).**

After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the Apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India.

Thomas converted many in India to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops.

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

By the intercessions of Thine Apostle Thomas, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Theme of the Week - Monday 10th May

For the week ahead, our main school value will be:

Respect and associated with this theme is the absolute value of human life.

Mr M. Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Student of the Week

Well done!

All students mentioned in the weekly Newsletter will receive 10 recognition points awarded by their form tutor.

Year 7: Antonia B (7O) for consistent amazing behavior in classes and being supportive with her peers and staff members. **Ariana K (7P)** for achieving 50 recognition points this week for her outstanding efforts in lessons and demonstrating mature behavior throughout the day.

Year 8: Jason A (8A) Well done Jason! For effortlessly achieving 60 recognition points with his brilliant attitude and amazing work in lessons. **Ghazal A-K (8P)** for gaining over 20 points this week for having a

fantastic attitude and contributing exceptionally in class.

Year 9: Mario G (9E) and **Krish H (9E)** for exceptional effort in History.

Year 10: Nia G (10N) and **Christos G (10A)** for extraordinary progress in lessons and producing outstanding work in PSHE.

Year 11: Georgio C (11) for hard work and effort in year 11 assessments. **Irem I (9T)** for gaining 50 points, giving very high-level answers including key terminology when answering questions about the immune response to vaccinations. Well done.

Sixth Formers of the Week

Year 12: Nicola G (12A) for consistent hard work and dedication in lessons. **Hailu B (12O)** for supporting his peers in sixth form areas and for demonstrating mature behaviour.

Year 13: Johnny L (13O) and **Christos T (13A)** for being excellent role models and for their high performance in school whilst working exceptionally in lessons.



**We are Ready, Respectful, Responsible and Resilient-
Ever to Excel**

Message to students



Mental Health Awareness Week runs from 10 – 16 May 2021.

If you ever feel vulnerable/anxious or stressed, take a look at these websites and see what support is available for your needs. You are not alone.

- [Mind](#)
- [Kooth](#)

During school, if you need emotional or mental support Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Millie); Ms M Hirli; Mr N Anemori; Mr C Martin; Mr M Vassiliou; Mr C Sweet are available at any time.



Sporting success



A huge congratulations to our Year 11 student Nicholas L-A who has been published by the Sparbar Kids & Youth Talents as a next generation superstar. Nicholas began boxing at 13, after winning Gold in the BJJ England Open Championships for Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. His coaches are now preparing him to become a National Champ and a Junior Olympian.

[Click here](#) to find the full article. Keep up the good work Nicholas and good luck!

National Geographic competitions



Competition 1: Say hello to the GeoSquad! Will the squad save their crumbling city – and then the world? There's only one way to find out! We want you to design a city-saving robot vehicle of the future!

Your vehicle must be able to:

- Collect and recycle trash into something useful
- Detect and fix structural damage
- Clean and sanitise any hazardous spills

It must also be autonomous (self-driving), and be powered by a clean energy source!

One winning entry will have their vehicle included in the Get Kids Into Survey exploration poster, and will win a £50 voucher for GAME. Two runner-up prizes will include a t-shirt, stationery and posters.

To enter the competition, [click here](#). Please include your name and age in the email. Entries must be received by 31 May 2021.

Competition 2: Design a Future City

What do YOU think urban living will be like in 30 years?



THE CHALLENGE!

We want you to use your imagination to design a city of the future that is green, hi-tech and fun to live in! What will housing, transport, play areas and entertainment be like in 30 years time? What will power our cities? What materials will our homes and buildings be made from? And what kind of technology will we be using? Get your thinking caps on – we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Design a poster of your city of the future, and remember to add annotations to explain what's in your picture. Feel free to get colourful – you can even use collage or fold-out sections if you like!

Three winners will each scoop a £200 voucher for [ethicalsuperstore.com](#) which sells eco-friendly toys and clothes. They'll also get their very own Covestro lab coat and goggles.

Once your future city is finished, [click here](#) to access the website, and upload a scan or photo to enter. Good luck!

Oxbridge news from Mrs I Warwick



Parents talk – Deadline to sign up 19 May

On Thursday 20 May our link college- Gonville and Caius will be running a session specifically designed for parents and carers of potential applicants. This one-hour session will introduce the application process and provide attendees with tips for how best they can support their children. Any interested parents or carers can sign up by [clicking here](#)

Year 10 and 11 talk – Deadline to sign up 21 May

On Monday 24 May, Gonville and Caius will be running a session specifically designed for Year 10 and Year 11 state school students. This one-hour session will cover important topics such as A level selection and super curricular exploration. Please sign up by [clicking here](#)

Subject specific news



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Psychology Reading Group – deadline 16 May

Gonville and Caius, University of Cambridge are our link college and they are offering our students an opportunity to join a 6-session reading group for Year 12 students thinking about applying to read Psychology at University. The group will tackle interesting and current research papers relating to a range of psychological topics such as the development of children in same-sex parent families or how psychological research has impacted the COVID-19 response. The group will meet fortnightly, and students are expected to attend all 6 sessions. Please [click here](#) to submit your application if you are interested in attending. You do not need to be a prospective Oxbridge applicant to access this course.

Caius Explore



Deadline 31st July – Message from Gonville and Caius

We have developed a selection of tasks and questions across twelve different subjects. They are aimed at helping students to develop their academic interests beyond the school curriculum. Not only is developing their academic interests one of the best things students can be doing to make a competitive application to Cambridge, but we also think it is a very good thing to do for its own sake! More details about these competitions can be found by [clicking here](#).

These explorations have been designed for students in Year 12 (or equivalent), but you are welcome to take part if you are in a younger year and we are happy to consider any such submissions.

Collaborative submissions will also be considered in groups of no more than four.



University of Oxford

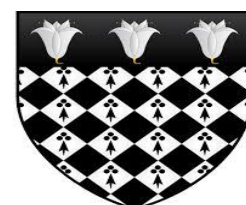


Magdalen College have launched a new range of subject specific taster lectures which aim to introduce students to what studying a particular subject may be like at university level.

Our link College for the University of Oxford is Christ Church, and I will share details of their outreach programme in future newsletters.

Please [click here](#) to access recent recordings of the talks held by Magdalen College. These fascinating lectures are accessible to students in all year groups.

Magdalen would like to invite our students to consider application for their **Law at Magdalen residential programme** or for a **new online programme in Physics and Engineering**.



These programmes are aimed at able and interested Y12 students from across the country and will be held in August. I would recommend that all students who are interested take time to find out more about these initiatives here:

- Physics and Engineering: Please [click here](#).
- Law: Please [click here](#).

Please [click here](#) if you would like to learn more about life and study at the University of Oxford.

Free Thank You Cards for School Staff

Please click [here](#) to send a free 'Thank you' to a member of staff postcard. Anyone can send a card all year round. The *Thank a Teacher* campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as office staff, technicians, lunchtime supervisors and caretakers.

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

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.

Support

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from **YoungMinds** for young people and families who are coping with grief.



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: **Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Millie), Ms M Hirli, Mr N Anemori, Mr C Martin (DDSL*), Mr M Vassiliou (DDSL*) and Mr C Sweet (DSL*).**

*DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

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Friends of STA (FOSA)

Wednesday 12 May at 4.30pm: Our first meeting of FOSA. Thank you to parents and carers who have expressed an interest in joining this group. There is still time to join our small group if you would like to do so. Please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of Mr M Vassiliou.

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access dates for the calendar. Please note that these dates are 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

Uniform reminder

Please [click here](#) to view the PE Uniform list. A reminder that no hoodies or branded sportswear are permitted in school. Mr R Browell (Head of PE) will be writing to parents and carers in the next week to explain how extra-curricular Sports activities will take place from the week beginning Monday 17 May. All extra-curricular activities have been risk assessed so that they are COVID-safe.

Please let your child's form tutor know if you need help or support to purchase any item of uniform and we will do our best to help.