

Key Messages



Sunday of Holy Pentecost- Greek City Times

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your continued support as we head toward these vital remaining weeks of the summer term.

Year 10 and Year 12 have conducted themselves impeccably during the two week end-of-year examination period. Years 7, 8 and 9 end-of-year exams now follow. These examinations are vital for us to identify gaps in learning for our students so that we can plan to address these through targeted interventions and through resequencing of the curriculum.

Homework plays an important part in consolidating work done in school. Please [click here](#) to access a parent/carer survey on homework and asking for your views on intervention opportunities. Please complete and submit this survey by Monday 28 June. We will also be seeking the views of students on the same topic.

The [recent Government announcement](#) -about the 4 week pause at step 3 in the roadmap to recovery from COVID-has meant that we have had to modify our plans for some of our end of term celebrations. However, I am pleased to inform you that we will continue with our planned visits to St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10; the Year 11 into sixth form bridging activities; the Year 6 after school lessons; the Year 6 transition day and the Year 5 transition activities. All of these activities will be risk assessed and will follow our COVID-safe protocol. We may need to modify our plans in the event of any local surges in infection rates and I will of course keep parents and carers updated.

Best wishes, Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)

Faith



On Sunday 20 June, the Orthodox Church marked Holy Pentecost.

After the Ascension of Christ, the disciples were eagerly awaiting the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem as was promised to them by Christ. They had no clue as to when this was going to happen. They didn't realize what the impact of that moment was going to be and how it was going to affect them. Finally, ten days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit descended. They were empowered and filled with wisdom and knowledge never known to them before. It is the Wisdom that can only come from the Grace of the Holy Spirit himself.

In Christ's Resurrection we receive the "New" Pascha (Passover), Christ passing over from death to life.

In much the same way, the descent of the Holy Spirit was connected to the Old Testament Pentecost (Shavu'ot). This period is counted from the second day of the Jewish Passover for seven weeks to equal the fiftieth day.

The fiftieth day is considered to be that of new beginnings. People of Jewish faith see this as a season to be redeemed spiritually from bondage to idolatry and immorality. Also, in ancient times, Jewish people would plant trees for each newborn child; a cedar for a boy, a cypress or pine for a girl.

With this background, one can see why the giving and descent of the Holy Spirit had to be on the fiftieth day after Pascha. Indeed, the new Pentecost transformed the old! In the old Pentecost we had the giving of the Law.

In the "New" Pentecost we have the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the giving of the Grace and Wisdom of God. It is no more God's Law but God's Grace which bestows His Wisdom that is being received — and we are continuously in the

process being filled with the Grace at every moment. It truly is “The New Beginning” and the beginning of “New Life.”

Historically, it was also during this time period when many were baptized and were the newly enlightened ones (νεοφωτιστοι – neophotisty). It was the start of a “new” beginning for them. This is the reason Pentecost was referred to as Whitsuntide, because of all those who were baptized and who wore their white baptismal robes. It is referred to as “Wisdom Sunday,” also, because the Holy Spirit is the “Wisdom of God” as mentioned before.

In the Ukraine Pentecost is also known as “Green Sunday” and in Poland as the ‘Green Feast.’ The colour green symbolizes “New Life”. Greenery and flowers are brought into the home and into the church. In some parts of Greece, it is customary to break off branches from walnut trees and/or flowers, and to place them on the floor of the church to kneel on during prayers. In Russia it is common to have flowers, green grass, or hay on the floor for the same purpose. The church is completely dressed and decorated in greenery. The vestments worn by priests and altar covers are all green. It is the celebration of the renewal of the earth.

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Message to Year 10s – Exam

We've all been incredibly proud of how our Year 10 students have demonstrated resilience in how they have approached their end of year exams this week. It's been a good effort by all who have approached these tests with the seriousness they deserve.

Over the next two weeks our Key Stage three students will be able to show their maturity and studiousness as their approach their exams. All of the revision lists they will need have been placed on ClassCharts which is always a good place to check for homework.

As we approach the end-of-term, we are preparing our end of year celebrations which will include students being able to express their thanks to God in an end of year church service at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church.

Mr Chris Martin (Assistant Headteacher)

Year 12 Work Experience

Do you own your own business? Would you be willing to offer a work experience opportunity to one of our Year 12 students?

All students in Year 12 at St Andrew the Apostle School are required to undertake a one-week work experience placement with a company of their choice. These work

experience placements will take place during an extended learning week in July.

Students are responsible for organising their own placements, with support from family and school. The majority of our Year 12 students have successfully secured a placement. However, we have a small number of students who have not yet found a placement.

We would therefore be very grateful to any of our parents/carers who run their own businesses and who might consider offering a one-week placement opportunity.

If you think you might be able to help to host one of our Year 12 students, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact our Careers Co-ordinator, **Mrs Halil** via: s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

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: MARIA S (7O) and CHARLES H (7E) for producing outstanding work in all classes throughout the week displaying amazing progress.

Year 8: HARRIS C (8M) for producing outstanding work in all classes and demonstrating excellent progression in Classics. **ALEX J (8S)** for supporting in classes and demonstrating a perfect student attitude whilst producing outstanding work in all classes.

Year 9: CHRISTOS M (9H) and GABRIELLE B (9E) for following school policy and demonstrating mature behaviour, setting an example of model student behaviour.

Sixth Formers of the Week

Year 12: MELODY S and THOMAS F (12) for demonstrating a positive attitude and resilience during the two week end-of-year exam period.

Year 6 Transition Information – Welcome to the VIP Zone



To all our Year 6 students and soon to be new Year 7 students, please access the VIP transition to secondary school activities by [clicking here](#).

Once you have completed the challenges, please submit to admissions@standrewtheapostle.org.uk marked for the attention of **Mr Vassiliou**.

We also look forward to seeing you for your taster lessons/activities next week as well as seeing you all again on **Thursday 1 July**, as part of the Barnet Schools Transition Day for all Year 6 students. See you soon!

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Virtual Work Experience in Business, Accounting & Finance



Message from Young Professionals.

We are now live for our Business, Accounting & Finance Summer Virtual Work Experience.

This summer Young Professionals are back with their brand new Virtual Work Experience for students in schools / colleges nationwide looking to get into Business, Accounting & Finance. The dates for your diary are 8th & 9th July 9am - 4pm.

We have brought together some of the biggest companies in the world including: PwC, Grant Thornton, CIMA, EY, St James's Place Wealth Management along with a few others!

We have unlimited spaces so everyone that applies will get a place, we will also be giving out certificates of completion and an exclusive reference from us to use on your CV. We will also be setting a really cool business project for you to work on over the days you are with us as well as some great prizes such as iPads!

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Accounting-Work-Experience>

Competitions- Reminder**V&A Innovate Competitions**

Our world is changing fast and we need to inspire the designers and innovators of tomorrow. V&A Innovate is an annual National Schools Challenge, asking students in years 7, 8 and 9 to work in teams of 4 – 6 to design a solution to a real-world problem.

V&A Innovate gives students the opportunity to experience the power of design and technology in solving some of the world's biggest problems.

Our three themes this year are:

Renew: How might we give objects, materials and spaces a second life?

Connect: How might we better connect with each other?

Move: How might we keep active and make the most of the outdoors?

Students submit their ideas on two A3 design sheets, and finalist teams are invited to pitch their ideas to our expert judges at our annual Pitching and Awards Day at the Museum.

[Click here](#) to access website and find out more on how to enter

Online Curator Talk: Design: 1900 – Now

Hear from the curators of the new Design: 1900 - Now galleries as they discuss the newly refurbished space, which will house the V&A's collection of modern and contemporary design



Opening on 17 June, the V&A's new Design: 1900 – Now galleries will explore the history of design and its impact on how we live, work, travel, communicate and consume. Join lead curators Corinna Gardner and Johana Agerman Ross as they present the new curatorial vision for the galleries, which will house the V&A's world-leading collection of modern and contemporary design as well as its celebrated Rapid Response Collection and consider how designed objects can prompt us to ask questions about our past, present and future.

This talk will be held on Zoom, and ticket holders will receive a link to view live on the morning of the event. The talk will also be recorded, and available to view for ticketholders after the event.

[Click here](#) to find out more on how to enter

Object in Focus – Tala Curry Measure



We have three V&A Innovate themes this year - Connect, Renew and Move. Get inspiration for Connect, through this object created by designer, Jasleen Kaur.

[Click here](#) to find out more!

University of Exeter College Essay Competition



We are pleased to announce the launch of our essay competition, open to UK-based pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9

We would like to you to write about something you find interesting. Is there a problem you think needs fixing? Or perhaps there's an important aspect of your favourite subject you'd like to explore in more detail. This competition is your chance to do so! We will accept essays on any topic you find interesting – the choice is yours. You can talk about problems in your local community or in a country of your choice, problems affecting young people, or issues such as climate change, natural disasters, technology, sport... or any other topic you can imagine!

Your task is: Tell us about a problem facing the world today. Explain what the problem is and offer a solution. Tell us about a topic you find interesting, and let us know more about it!

Prizes: £25 Amazon Vouchers and £10 Amazon Vouchers / Certificates of achievement

Deadline for entries is **Friday 9 July 2021 at 5pm.**

Please email your entries to outreach@exeter.ox.ac.uk or [click here](#) to access the website to find out more on how to enter.

Virtual Faraday Challenge- Reminder

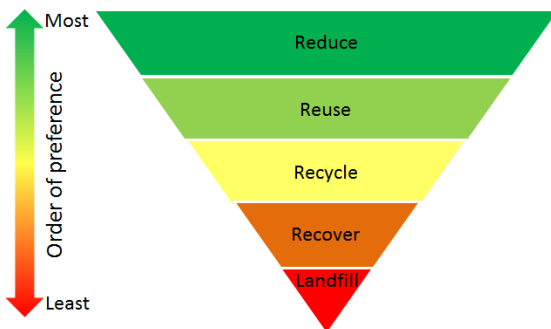


Over the past decade train travel has become ever more popular. Stations like London Waterloo and London Victoria now handle more passengers than the UK's busiest airports. This growth brings with it an increase in waste and Network Rail are committed to working sustainably and minimising their impact on the environment.

Your challenge is to design one product which will help them to do this.

The brief is very broad. Your design could be something to help manage, re-use or recycle waste from stations or something to help reduce carbon emissions. It could be something which ensures clean air for passengers and local communities or something which helps encourage and protect wildlife alongside train tracks. You will need to do some research around the challenges Network Rail faces in waste management to help you choose the area you will focus on.

We don't want you to design a whole station or train route; we just want you to design a single product which might only be a tiny part of our stations or a small part of train track. The more innovative, the better.



Could you help support the work of Network Rail and engineer a solution to our Virtual Faraday Challenge?

[Click here](#) to find out more on their website and on how to enter!

Aldi Olympics Competition



To celebrate Tokyo 2020, Aldi and Team GB are challenging young people aged 5–14 to get creative and design a lorry that celebrates everything great about fresh, healthy food. The two winners (one from England and Wales and one from Scotland) will see their designs on an Aldi lorry and could win £1,000 of Aldi vouchers for their school! Entries (Entry Templates WITH a Cover Sheet) must be received by **Friday 25 June 2021**.

WIN GREAT PRIZES

The two winning designs will each be used on an Aldi lorry – driving their celebration of healthy foods up and down the country!

The two winners will also receive £50 of Aldi vouchers for themselves, £1,000 of vouchers for their school (or a community group to be agreed with Aldi and Team GB if the winner is home schooled) and a Team GB goody bag!

ENTERING THE COMPETITION

The competition is open to all students aged 5–14 resident in England, Wales or Scotland.

[Click here](#) to find out how to enter!

We look forward to seeing your designs!

Mental Health Awareness- Reminder

Mental Health Crisis Line for Pupils in Barnet Secondary Schools



Please [click here](#) for information from North London Partnership

about a mental health crisis line for secondary aged pupils. This is a newly developed crisis service and will be able to offer guidance and support and provide a same day appointment if required.

Clinics can also be contacted directly on 0208 702 4500 or 0208 702 3300 and the duty clinician on the day will also be able to help.

We are also able to offer our students and staff a drop-in service to help those coping with grief.

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

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 Sweet (DSL*)**; **Mr M Vassiliou (DDSL*)**; **Mr C Martin (DDSL*)**; **Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Millie)**; **Mr N Anemori** and **Ms M Hirli (Melissa)** *DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead *DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead

Pastoral Notices

You may have seen in the news this week that a recent Ofsted report has said that 90% of girls in schools and colleges say that sexist name calling is something that happens 'a lot or sometimes'. Part of this report said that children often don't report these instances because this is seen as normal behaviour and is part of the experience of school.

It is not and should not be.

Our PSHCE and pastoral curriculum teaches students, in an age-appropriate manner, about matters such as consent and the dangers in sharing explicit images. We know that all our families will support us to help our students to understand what is right and what is fair. Should there be any sexist, or prejudicial comments of any kind, we want to know and we will follow this up immediately to support and challenge this with our students. We don't accept this behaviour in our school and we challenge the notion that 'banter' should be part of school life. Please do speak with your child if they are experiencing any of these issues and then please report this to us by contacting your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Mr C Martin (Assistant Headteacher)

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 new 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.

Friends of STA (FOSA)- Reminder

On behalf of the Friends of St Andrew, we would be grateful if you would kindly spare a few minutes to complete the survey attached.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rbBYeeR9kU>

Please see opposite a reminder message from FOSA asking for a donation of new and nearly new school uniform. We will use your donations to give free uniform to families in need. We will let you know when we will open a uniform stall for families where we will sell items of uniform in good condition at a fraction of the cost if you were buying from new.

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 (Senior Deputy Headteacher)**.

Uniform Donations Welcome

Do you have any items of school uniform you no longer need?

Please donate items in a clean and good condition to the School Reception.

While another child gets to benefit from your donations, you are also helping to reduce the amount of old uniform going to landfill sites.

Thank you for your support.

FOSA (Friends of St Andrew)



Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access term dates for this and for next academic year. 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