

[St James the Confessor](#), Bishop of Catania commemorated on 21 March

Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to receive lovely feedback from the families of our new Year 7 cohort who visited us during the school day last week. Our families were able to see lessons, lunchtime and breaktime in action. I am happy to arrange additional tours on Wednesdays at 11.00am for any families who would like to attend and have not yet managed to do so. All requests for visits can be made by emailing admissions@standrewtheapostle.org.uk with 'Visits to STA' in the subject title.

We continue to work through a planned series of Curriculum Implementation Reviews (CIR) which are giving us detailed information about each of our curriculum areas. We are using this information to celebrate the many successes of each curriculum area and to strategically plan for improvements in areas of development. This week will see us complete CIRs in PE and in SEND. We are very grateful for STA Governor Mr Danny Lynch who will visit and support with the PE CIR.

We are looking forward to welcoming two VIPs to STA on Tuesday 22 March. Mr [Averof Neofytou](#) is the President of DISY, which is the governing party in Cyprus. We will also welcome Mr Andreas Papaevripides, who is Director, CFO at Daligas and President of the World Federation of Overseas Cypriots. Our VIPs will speak to members of staff and students followed by a Q and A session with members of our Student Council. Our thanks go to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Mary Karaolis, OBE for supporting our school with these opportunities.

Finally, we wish our Year 11 Drama GCSE students good luck as they will perform their exam piece live to a visiting examiner on Tuesday 22 March. Our students have worked very hard to prepare for their exam and I know that they will be amazing!

Finally, we wish all those named below a very happy name day. Please [click here](#) if you would like to send a free iconogram to friends and family.

Saint name days for the week beginning 21 March

Saint being celebrated	Date
Axia, Orthodoxia, Roxana	Monday 21
Drosos, Drosoula	Tuesday 22
No widely known name day celebrated	Wednesday 23
Artemon	Thursday 24
Evangelos, The Feast of the Annunciation	Friday 25
Sylas	Saturday 26
Lydia, Makedon, Matrona	Sunday 27

Best wishes,

Mrs I Warwick
Headteacher



Faith- πίστη

The Second Sunday of Orthodoxy - St. Gregory Palamas

On the Second Sunday of Great Lent, we celebrate St Gregory Palamas, the Archbishop of Thessalonica in Greece. There is much to learn from the life of St. Gregory. The way that he lived his life on earth teaches us how to live a truly Christian life.

But before he became an Archbishop, St Gregory was a monk on the holy mountain of Athos. During his time there and when he later became an Archbishop, St Gregory was involved in a controversy that cut straight to the heart of this longing for eternal life through God.

Faith- πίστη



O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, / always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.

*Troparion for the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas*

At that time, there was a certain heretic named Barlaam, who was from the southern part of Italy, which was Greek speaking at the time. Barlaam made the claim that the Philosophers knew God better than the Prophets and even the Apostles.

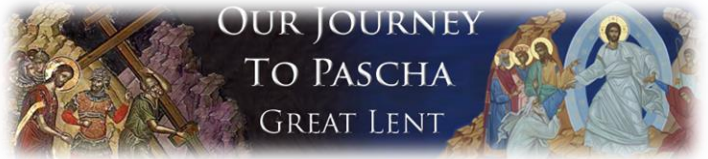
The essence or philosophical questions being asked was: Is it ever possible to know God? As Christians we believe that God is truly perfect, therefore the further question is often asked: what possible connection could a perfect God have with an imperfect creation such as us? How can we, with all of our imperfections and defects ever have any hope of truly knowing God?

St Gregory Palamas, however, tells us that we can know God in His energies and the way in which He reveals Himself to us in His activities throughout the World. St Gregory answered that the human mind, could actually know God and see Him with the heart, as a light shining in. And indeed, sometimes this heart-felt knowledge of God was powerful and so pervasive that some people actually see the light of God with their physical eyes. Isn't that why we're here? Don't we want to see God? Aren't we here not just to learn about God with our minds, but truly to know Him with our hearts?

Quotes from St. Gregory of Palamas:

"Let not one think, my fellow Christian, that only priests and monks need to pray without ceasing and not laymen No, no; every Christian without exception ought to dwell always in prayer."

"For our love for God is demonstrated above all by the way we endure trials and temptations."

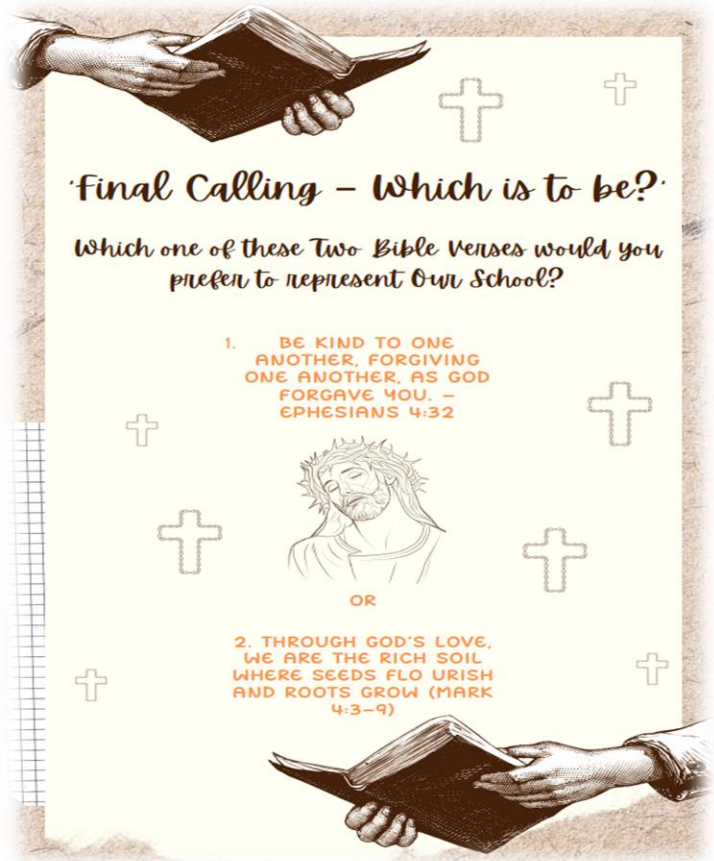


Journey to Pascha 2022

Please [click here](#) to view the document on the Pascha journey calendar in full size.

Final Calling – School Advert

Students have the opportunity to take part in what religious Bible verse will represent our school. If your child would like their voice to be heard and would like to input their vote, then please contact Mr M Vassiliou. See the advert poster below for the two verses to choose from.



Easter Egg Donations- reminder



As part of our plans to mark Great Lent, we would like our school community to think about donating an Easter Egg for local children in need. We

will be consulting students via student voice to determine which local children's charities we will support. We would be grateful if you/ your child would bring an Easter Egg into

school between now and the **19 April 2022**. Staff and a student delegation will deliver our donations to the various charities nominated by student voice in time for the Orthodox Easter on **Sunday 24 April 2022**. We will also ask FOSA to contact local supermarkets to invite them to join into our appeal.



Some of our Easter Egg donations on display currently. Thank you so much and do keep sending in your donations for local children in need.



Mr M Vassiliou (STA Spiritual Director)

Students of the week



All students named in the Newsletter will receive 10 recognition points.

Year 7: Rasharn C and Jaladhi N - Nominated for their fantastic support with helping out during the year 6 tours. Plus Rasharn helped our new starter settle in to 7Matthew.

Year 8: Marzieh F and Mariami B – for a significant increase in being rewarded recognition points over Term 3.

Year 9: Alexandru R – for a very good attitude around school, and the highest number of recognition points in the form. **Ria A** – for breaking her record of the highest number of recognition points in the form!

Year 11: Adrianno N and Emily G – for determination and great revision for the Mock 2 series.

Year 12: Michaela G – for producing an excellent PowerPoint and presentation on International Women's Day 2022- 'Break the bias', which was shared with the other forms. **Kaniel B-F** – for an excellent PowerPoint and presentations on cyber bullying presented in form.

Year 13: Melody S – for continuously working hard and great effort in her revision for her mock exams. **Gabriel O** – for great participation in discussions during Classical Civilisation lessons.

Upcoming Key Dates and Information



- Please [click here](#) to access previous editions of the Newsletter
- Please [click here](#) to access term dates
- Please [click here](#) to access school calendar for upcoming Term 4

Upcoming Events

- **Easter candle appeal and Easter egg appeal-** ongoing.
- **Church services** at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church during the school day in the week beginning 28 March.
- **Easter Holiday: 4th April – 19th April.**
- **Easter service** - Twelve Apostles Greek Orthodox Church on Friday 22 April.
- **The STA Talent Show at the [Chickenshed Theatre](#)** – Summer 20 July 2022.

General Enquiries – Emails



The quickest way to get your queries or concerns to the relevant member of staff (Form tutor/Subject Teacher) is via the Staff Contact Form on our website:

<https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/contact-staff>

For absences and appointments, please contact - attendance@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

For issues with MS Teams, please contact - teams@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

For Admissions/ Year 6 enquiries, please contact – admissions@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

For Parent Pay issues or issues with Finance, please contact - finance@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

ParentPay notice

Several parents and carers have contacted us to ask whether there was a way of advising them when the canteen balance falls below a certain amount so that they may top up before the balance goes into arrears.

Parents can sign into their ParentPay account and set up an alert for when the balance falls below their chosen amount. Emails are free but texts need to be paid for by the parent. [Click here](#) to access the link.

Headteacher Parent Surgery and Communication

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or the Senior Deputy Headteacher at our weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

The Headteacher surgery will take place on Fridays 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 until further notice.



Mrs Warwick
(Headteacher)

FOSA

Please do get in touch if you would like to join our small group of dedicated parents and carers- by emailing us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk with FOSA in the title. Please mark your email for the attention of Mr Michael.



Friends of St Andrew

Mr Michael (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Young Artist Summer Show 2022- Reminder

Our school has registered to the Royal Academy's "Young Artist Summer Show."

Students from all year groups can enter their artwork for the chance to exhibit their work in the Royal Academy of Arts Summer exhibition. They accept artwork from any medium and in any size. There is no theme and therefore students can submit



any work they want. Deadline for entries is on the 30 March 2022. Please find more information [here](#)



Miss Constantinides (Art Teacher)

Great British Spring Clean-coming soon



Year 7 will be taking part in this initiative on **Wednesday 30 March from 3-4pm**. Please look out for a letter from Mrs Hammond (Assistant Headteacher) for further details.

Caius 12 and Caius 11 Up Lectures Series



QUICK SIGN UP REQUIRED! STA students are being offered access to the Caius 12 and Caius 11 Up lectures series. Students on the programme have had priority which is why the turnaround time on this is very quick.

Please see below a series of lectures that have been put together to give students in years 11 and 12 a taste of studying at Cambridge and to support their super-curricular work. Students can attend one or more of these lectures. To apply please complete the form by following the link below:

Please [click here](#) to apply no later than **Tuesday 22 March** for the March lectures.

Date and time	Lecturer	Content
Monday 28 March 5-6pm	Danny Shanahan	English: Introduction to Northern Irish Troubles Poetry
Tuesday 29 March 5-6pm	Alexander Thompson	Law: The Politics of the Legal Profession. Do corporate lawyers make law and is the lawyer closer to the politician or the electrician? This seminar will explore the law-making function of lawyers and the responsibilities which follow. It will uncover the role of lawyers in several legal developments, including the enclosure movement, international corporate tax avoidance, intellectual property claims, and the 'land-grabs' of Scottish common land. Finally, it reflects on the implications of these developments and suggests possible ways forward for the corporate-minded law student.
Weds 30 March 5-6pm	Cameron Croft	Biology / Medicine: Death by Millions: The Global Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is the largest ongoing threat to global health we have ever seen (yes, more than Covid-19). Bacteria have been around for billions of years, so they know a thing or two about adapting to some pretty harsh environments (#RememberTheDinosaurs). Gene mutations in these microorganisms' DNA may occur at random, or under pressure, such as antibiotic treatment. Those that develop resistance to drugs survive, and this will cause more than 10 million deaths each year by 2050 if nothing is done. Join me as we delve deeper into the topic of AMR and what can be done to curb the spread of resistance!
Thursday 31 March 5-6pm	Alex Eaton	Physics / Engineering: Quantum Materials This lecture gives an overview of the state of the art of quantum materials and review future exciting directions. This topic will be relevant for a range of physical natural science students, from

physics to maths, materials to engineering.

**Monday 9
May 5-
6pm**

Ansh
Gupta

**Maths: An introduction to
Mathematical Analysis**

In this lecture, we will introduce and explore the rigorous foundations of calculus, as well as the theorems and proofs that underpin them. This lecture will help bridge the conceptual gap between the computational mathematics that you are used to, and the creative and analytical thinking required at a higher level.

**Friday 13
May 4.30-
5.30pm**

Debolina
Majumder

Geography: Urban inequalities
Understanding differential citizenship, marginalization, and spatial relations of poverty

Mental Health Crisis Helpline - Reminder



If you're in crisis and need to talk right now, there are many helplines staffed by trained people ready to listen. They won't judge you and could help you make sense of what you're feeling.

- **[Samaritans](#)**. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call [116 123](tel:116123) (free from any phone)
- **[SANEline](#)**. If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call
- **[National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK](#)**. Offers a supportive listening service to anyone with thoughts of suicide. You can call the on 0800 689 5652 (open 24/7).
- **[CALM](#)**. You can call them on 0800 58 58 58 (5pm–midnight every day) if you are struggling and need to talk. Or if you prefer not to speak on the phone, you could try the [CALM webchat service](#).
- **[Papyrus HOPELINEUK](#)**. If you're struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling, you can call on 0800 068

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 Martin, Deputy Headteacher (DSL*)**
- **Mrs C Hammond, Assistant Headteacher (DDSL*)**
- **Mr S Hadjisavva, Assistant Headteacher (DDSL*)**
- **Mrs I Warwick, Headteacher (DDSL*)**
- **Ms D Moustaka (Safeguarding & Inclusion Manager)**
- **Mr N Anemouri (Pastoral Support Officer)**
- **Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Safeguarding Officer)**

*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead.

*DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead



Song Academy song writing competition - reminder



Only one week left to enter The Young Songwriter 2022 competition! The entry deadline for budding songwriters (age 8-18) is **Thursday 31 March**.

We're looking for pure song writing talent. Professional recordings are not required as songs will be judged on their originality, lyrics, melody, composition and hit-making potential! We judge every song on three key elements: lyrics, melody & chords/instrumental. Then there's the 'S Factor' – is it a sensational song? [Click here](#) to find out how to enter and get access to the flyer and other competition materials.

STEM & Medicine Summer Experiences



We have partnered with world-class professionals across 10 STEM-related industries to create the most immersive and exclusive work experience activities that school students can find this summer.

Brand new for 2022: watch a real-life surgery taking place; explore an aeroplane being converted into a refuelling hybrid jet; work with psychologists on a mental health ward; analyse fingerprints and blood splatter on a crime scene. And much more!

Our Medicine and Engineering experiences are already over 70% full so students should register as soon as possible.

[View & Register: Ages 15-18](#)

[View & Register: Ages 12-14](#)

Life Changing Experience



Architecture: complete design projects in a real studio

Dentistry: shadow dentists in a dental hospital

Engineering: explore a private jet with BA engineers

Forensic Science: conduct crime scene fingerprint and blood splatter analysis

Investment Banking: negotiate a live M&A deal in a City skyscraper

Medicine: shadow doctors on a hospital ward round

Psychology: learn from sports psychologists at a Premier League club

Software Engineering: create your own healthcare app

Veterinary Medicine: learn vet surgery

techniques using dummy animals

Video Game Design: design a game and pitch to industry leaders.

Leukaemia Cancer Society Appeal- reminder

COVID-19 updates - Reminder

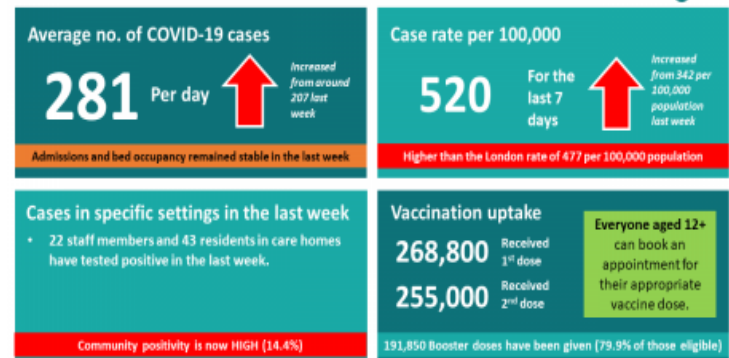
From Thursday 24 March, the government will remove the Covid-19 provisions within the Statutory Sick Pay and Employment and Support Allowance regulations.

From Friday 1 April, the government will no longer provide free to order universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England. The government will update guidance on the steps that people with Covid-19 should take to minimise contact with other people accordingly.

Please [click here](#) if you would like to view the Barnet COVID-19 weekly update.

BARNET COVID-19 WEEKLY ROUND-UP

6 March – 12 March 2022



Data now based on the new cases methodology introduced which includes re-infections

