



Welcome from the Headteacher

Advent is our time to become even more engaged in the meaning and possibilities of life across our Catholic community.

It has been wonderful to reflect on the variety of enrichment our students have been involved in this term.



Student leadership has been at the forefront, with the formation of our Student Council.

We are especially proud of our Navy Combined Cadet Force, who are developing invaluable teamwork and leadership skills.

As we spread our work into the parishes, we recognise the importance of supporting those for whom this time of year is challenging.

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." John 1:4-7

I would like to send our best wishes to all the St Peter's family for a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Mr Neil Skerry
Headteacher

Remembrance Day Respectfully Recognised



St Peter's staff and students played a significant part in the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust Remembrance Service.

Students and staff from our schools and central team gathered for music, prayers and silence in a moving service at our new memorial area outside NPCAT's Middlesbrough offices, which includes a permanent tribute to the fallen of both world wars and all conflicts since.

St Peter's Head Girl Amelia Salt and Head Boy Ben Mudie were the readers, along with Miss Jamison, Director of Progress for Year 11.

Eddie Woodcock played the bagpipes beautifully to accompany the service, including moving renditions of the Minstrel Boy and other airs associated with the military. The service was led by Canon Derek Turnham.

In school, students respectfully remembered those who have given their lives for our country with an impeccably honoured silence. Mr

Mackin poignantly marked the beginning of the silence by playing the Last Post.

Students who are also members of the Army Cadets and Sea Cadets wore their uniform on the day to commemorate the occasion.

All pupils were invited to make their own poppy to contribute to a joint school display. The poppies helped form a remembrance display at St Margaret Clitherow's Primary School. Pupils also joined the primary school community in giving thanks for those who gave so much for us at Holy Mass.

Headteacher Mr Skerry said: "Remembrance Day is extremely important for our country and it is so vital that we, as a school, continue to share this message with our students.

"For the younger generations, these stories of service, sacrifice and bravery are ones we haven't experienced first hand and it's heartwarming to see how much respect St Peter's students show for this moving occasion."



Jumping For Joy At Athlete's Visit



We were delighted to welcome Scottish high jumper David Smith to work with Year 9 BTEC Sport students.

David, who hopes to be selected to compete for Team GB at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, led a fitness circuit and answered questions from students.

Students also carried out fundraising to support David on his journey. Harry and Comfort, pictured with David, raised money to assist athletes and help our school deliver a wide ranging programme.

St Peter's Supports Youth Action

St Peter's students from all year groups took part in 'I Will Week' to promote young people's involvement in social change.

Year 10's Sophie Dmytrowich and Franklin Northridge interviewed Mr Skerry and heard his thoughts on how young people can make a difference to their communities.

Students took control of the school's social media accounts to share the news and activities they wanted to shout about.

We also held a planning session to discuss the positive action we can take in our community. Watch this space to see our plans unfold!

All the students who contributed to the event enjoyed a celebration breakfast of pancakes.



Students Go Behind The Scenes At Nissan

Our Year 9 and 10 Design and Technology students visited Nissan's Sunderland plant to learn about the engineering behind the vehicles constructed.

The visit included a plant tour and the opportunity to see the Leaf and Qashqai being built on the production line.

The hugely enjoyable event was held in conjunction with the government's See Inside Manufacturing programme.

This initiative hopes to inspire young people to consider careers in advanced manufacturing and engineering and to challenge negative perceptions about the UK's manufacturing industry.



Gallery Trip Opens Up Exciting Career Paths



Year 7 Art students headed to Middlesbrough's MIMA art gallery for the Creative Careers Discovery event.

Students were involved in workshops with artists who demonstrated how creativity opens many possibilities and career paths.

The students were in awe of the gallery space and settled into sparky discussions, asking probing questions.

Each student left their mark with statements and illustrations on the windows – all with permission, we hasten to add!

Students Enjoy Taste Of Uni Life



Eight high flying Year 10 students took a trip to the St Catharine's College, Cambridge, to enjoy a taste of life at one of the country's top universities.

The trip, part of their Careers Entitlement, was funded by the partnership with Tees Valley Collaborative Trust.

Students engaged in workshops and received a presentation on Epigenetics from a PhD student.

They also received a tour from student ambassadors and had lunch with students and professors.

On The Trail Of St Hilda

Year 7 students from St Hilda's House headed to Whitby in a visit designed to bring them closer together as a form group and understand their connection with the spirited heritage of St Peter's.

Just one of the visits being organised by the chaplaincy team this year, it included the opportunity to visit St Hilda's Church. Pupils enjoyed strengthening their understanding of their form's patron saint.



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