



Welcome *from the Headteacher*

"...the year that begins will be a journey of hope and peace, not through words, but through daily gestures of dialogue, reconciliation and care for creation."

The conclusion of *Pope Francis' New Year message* reminds us all of our mission in Catholic education to follow our journey of hope for a peaceful future.



The end of last term passed in a blur of student activity, from the election of our student council executive to the growing partnerships with our NPCAT primary school families in the Advent liturgies.

We found time to reflect on the meaning of the season and reach out to our parish family through generous hamper donations and wonderful choral performances in our churches as St Peter's students grew and shone before our eyes.

I would like to wish all of the St Peter's family a Happy New Year.

Mr Neil Skerry
Headteacher

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS 'SNOWCASE' HITS THE HIGH NOTES



December is a time of celebration and at St Peter's we celebrated the talented musicians in our midst with our Christmas musical 'Snowcase'.

At the end of a long term, the music department presented a musical extravaganza to showcase the hard work and progress in music lessons and music clubs.

From the brass band, guitar club and choir, there were many amazing group and individual performances from students who have been using their own time to hone their musical skills.

Year 9 and 10 students who are working towards their BTEC qualification in Music also performed in small groups and as soloists.

These tremendous performances, as well as wowing audiences, also contribute towards achieving excellent final grades.

A huge thank you to the students who took part, to the music department for their hard work and organisation and to all of the family members, friends and staff who shared in the ongoing musical success stories at St Peter's.



Badge Success For Duke of Edinburgh Awards Students

More than 40 Year 10 and 11 students were awarded with their bronze and silver badges at our first ever Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening, attended by the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland.

The awards are a great achievement and a real testament to the resilience and hard-working mentality that these students are developing.

The scheme continues this year with opportunities for progression to silver, as well as new entrants to the scheme at bronze level.



Exciting Opportunities In St Peter's Cadet Force

St Peter's Combined Cadet Force offers a broad range of challenging, exciting and adventurous activities.

Students meet weekly for parade, swim tests, uniform management, cooking and outdoor survival skills and go on summer camps where they will complete obstacle courses, drive boats and repair a sinking ship.

Cadets develop leadership and self-discipline and can be promoted through the ranks, taking on more responsibility.

Well done to 1* Able Rate Cadets Charlotte Bamford, Miley Sutcliff, Lennox Tientchui and Isabel Mackey, who have recently been promoted.

We have an opening for five more students to join. See Sub Lt Graham in room 16.

Sporty Six Take On Leadership Challenge



Year 8 students Hannah Gibson, Khadeejah Ramzan, Prija Juma, Chloe Hindshaw and Macey Joyce visited Teesside University to take part in a Youth Sport Trust Girls Active Event.

The students looked at how they can become sports leaders and encourage more girls to get active. Chloe commented on how empowering she found the event.

Girls Active is developed by the Youth Sport Trust and involves girls in the design and delivery of PE, physical activity and school sport in primary and secondary schools.

Reading Competition Is A Real Page-Turner

Congratulations to the three winners of our Christmas reading competition.

Bookworms Blake Harta-Colpitts, from Year 8, and Cassie Stubbs and Mario Popa, of Year 7, all devoured a tremendous amount of reading during the month of December to top our charts.

All three won a selection of books and sweet treats.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to all who entered. We hope the challenge has helped you discover the pleasure of reading.



Liturgies Prepare The Way For Christ's Coming



Advent is a time of waiting and expectation and so we prepared the way towards a meaningful Christmas in our year group liturgies.

Students reflected on the coming of Our Lord and the opportunity to bring Christ closer to the centre of our lives.

We were delighted to be joined by Year 6 classes from St Margaret Clitherow and St Mary's primary schools for a joint liturgy with our Year 7 pupils.

A Bench-mark For Student Action

Volunteer It Yourself – an organisation that combines DIY and volunteering – worked with 16 Year 8 Design and Technology students to build benches.

The students confidently and accurately cut the timber and constructed the sturdy benches, which will be installed on the Key Stage 3 yard to provide a welcome addition at break times.



Safeguarding Reminder

For any safeguarding concerns regarding St Peter's Catholic College students, please email enquiries@stpeters.npcat.org.uk