



## Welcome from the Headteacher

*"If we lose our memory, we  
destroy our future."*

Pope Francis' words on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp reflect the need for our Catholic family to join together in solidarity with all faiths and protect each other from persecution in these fractious times.



Here at St Peter's, Holocaust Memorial Day was marked with a reminder that such atrocities must not be repeated.

As a History teacher, the causes and events of those dark days have become all too familiar, but the personal nature of each family's tragedy is never lost.

On a happier note, this term saw the return of our 2019 graduates to be awarded their GCSE certificates.

It was wonderful to welcome them and their parents as we shared their memories and the good news they carry forever as St Peter's family members.

**Mr Neil Skerry**  
Headteacher

## STANDING TOGETHER TO REMEMBER THE PAST



**Our students contemplated the impact of the terrible Nazi persecution of minority and religious groups as we marked Holocaust Memorial Day together.**

We also examined the background that led to such brutality and looked at how we can all work together to show tolerance and understanding and prevent such divisions from forming ever again.

As well as watching a moving film, students discussed the importance of these issues and recorded their thoughts on paper. These will be displayed within the school.

A group of Year 9 students also had the opportunity to visit a thought-provoking exhibition at Teesside University entitled *Anne Frank: A History for Today*.

They learned about life under the Nazi regime and the toll it took on members of the Jewish community and in particular the Frank family as they

hid from persecution in a sealed room behind a bookcase in Amsterdam during the German occupation.

The diary Anne kept from 1942 to 1944 became one of the world's most famous books. The family was arrested by the Gestapo in August 1944 and she died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Her father Otto was the only survivor of the family and returned to Amsterdam to discover that Anne's diary had been saved by his secretary.

Students were shown around the exhibition by specially trained guides and reflected on how it would feel to live through this terrible time – and how important it is for such acts to be prevented in the future.

Year 9 student Comfort Olu said: "By seeing how the Holocaust affected one girl, who was our age, it made it more personal. We saw how different her life was from ours and the extra struggles, sadness and danger she faced."

## Talented Jay Breaks Into District Team

Congratulations to Jay Bradley, who has been selected for the Redcar and Cleveland district football team.

Jay has shown excellent sportsmanship, a first class attitude and great commitment – traits that we're very proud of and which are all transferable to the classroom and beyond.

Well done Jay – and good luck on and off the pitch!



## Alex Is A High Roller

Year 8 student Alex Clack has made an excellent start after being selected to represent Middlesbrough Roller Hockey Club's under-17 team.

Despite playing against much older opponents, Alex helped the team win all three games and finish top of the league in a competition in Manchester.

Roller hockey is played on a dry surface using wheeled skates. The Middlesbrough club formed in 1947 and have been national title winners.



## Valuable Visit To The Corridors Of Power



A selection of Year 9 science students visited Hartlepool Power Station where they were given an industry perspective on how electricity is made.

During a tour of the plant they met members of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary. They were also shown around the turbine and generator room and emergency room.

Students learned about the inner-workings of a power station and the range of employment opportunities it provides.

The trip gave them an insight into how their science lessons relate to real-life contexts and potential career opportunities.

## Class Of 2019 Return For Certificate Evening

We were delighted to welcome our former Year 11 students back for the annual Certificate Evening.

It was wonderful to see so many of them return and hear about the exciting steps the Class of 2019 have taken since leaving St Peter's.

As well as receiving their certificates, students shared memories from their time at school and caught up with friends and staff.

A big thank you to all the family and friends who came to celebrate with them.



## Students Sample Uni Life



Fifteen Year 9 students were warmly welcomed into the hallowed halls of Durham University for a special open day.

The students were given a tour of the campus and attended presentations centred around living and studying at university. They also took part in an enterprise challenge with the objective of creating a university society.

The event gave them a valuable insight into university life and the skills they will need to develop in the future.

## Year 11 Revision Evening Provides Valuable Exam Tips

Students and parents were able to pick up useful revision tips and strategies specific to their core subjects.

Teachers were on hand to give the students tailored advice, resources and tasks that could support them with their English, Maths and Science preparation ahead of the mock exams.

The exams have already begun and the students have continued to demonstrate a positive attitude in subjects such as art and catering which will hopefully equip them with the skills they need for their GCSEs.

## Safeguarding Reminder

For any safeguarding concerns regarding St Peter's Catholic College students, please email [enquiries@stpeters.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stpeters.npcat.org.uk)