



Welcome from the Headteacher

"...we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

In his Lenten message, Pope Francis asked us to open our hearts and enter into a dialogue with God, to help build a better and fairer world.



This message resonates with the determination of our staff to frame our young people to be the salt of the earth of our community and bring light to their world through their acts and achievements.

Our commitment to providing engaging and enlightening opportunities beyond St Peter's helps guide our students' future aspirations. Many such events are showcased here.

Our Year 11 students are rapidly approaching their last stretch of GCSE studies, preparing for final mock exams and honing preparations for summer success. We are very proud of their determination to achieve their very best results.

Mr Neil Skerry
Headteacher

MARKING LENT WITH 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS



St Peter's students were invited to attend a moving liturgy in school during which ashes were distributed to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

It was wonderful to see so many students wishing to respectfully mark this important day together as a school community.

Throughout Lent, St Peter's is also taking part in the 40 Acts Challenge, organised by the charity, Stewardship.

This involves sharing a random act of kindness each day and encouraging students to show positivity and kindness to others.

Pope Francis tells us that: *"Holiness does not mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."*

One of his favourite saints, St Thérèse of Lisieux, founded her spirituality on her "little way", which teaches us to do the extraordinary things in life with extraordinary love.

"Love proves itself by deeds, so how

am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."

Each day, students are challenged to undertake an act of kindness that benefits others.

Acts can include students donating money to charity in exchange for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, visiting elderly relatives or chatting to someone you wouldn't normally speak to.

Thank you to all of the students, staff and members of our community who have chosen to participate in these positive acts so far.

We are especially grateful to those student volunteers who have made ribbons for all participants to wear and prepared delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Our acts of kindness will continue to be shared on the school's Facebook and Twitter feeds throughout Lent.

Excellent Response For Year 11 Study Day

While other students were enjoying an extra day's holiday during the recent PD Day, the majority of Year 11 students came into school voluntarily to take part in a study day.

The day, which followed the February half-term break, began with an assembly before students collected their mock exam results.

They then attended study sessions in all core subjects and humanities to target the topics highlighted as areas to develop in their latest mocks.

Thank you to all students for making the most of this additional opportunity and showing such a fantastic work ethic and an excellent attitude to your learning.



Rugby Girls Show Scrum Potential

A group of Year 9 girls have been enjoying training sessions with a coach from Redcar Rugby Club during their PE lessons.

The coach commented on the excellent attitude of the St Peter's students and remarked on the considerable potential they showed. Maybe we have some future rugby stars in our midst! Well done, girls.



Students Take A Break For Mental Health Week



During Children's Mental Health Week, which included Time to Talk Day, students were invited to pop in at break time for a free cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat about their day.

The initiative, which was very popular with students, was organised to encourage them to find the time to chat, get any issues off their chest and check in with others to see how they were doing.

Food Students Cook Up Valentine's Day Delight



Year 11 students working towards their GCSE in Food Preparation and Nutrition completed their final practical exam during February.

The students had to research, design and prepare a three-dish Valentine's Day meal – and the results were phenomenal!

Students used high-level skills, including deboning chicken and making their own pasta.

Final dishes included melt-in-the-middle chocolate puddings, fish cakes, roulade and meringue and were a treat to taste test. Well done to all involved for the hard work they put in and the skill they showed.

Cadets Come Through Forest Rescue Challenge

An intrepid band of St Peter's Cadets braved the icy cold, driving rain and even some snow during a dramatic rescue challenge at Guisborough Forest.

They needed to draw on all their outdoor survival, communication and teamwork skills as they tackled a survival scenario and managed to save an injured casualty who was also suffering from hypothermia.

Cadets showed true resilience and a steely determination as they came through the energy-sapping mud and testing weather conditions.



Oxford University Visit Inspires Students

Richard Petty from Oxford University's Trinity College came into St Peter's to deliver an aspirational talk to our Year 9 students.

Access and engagement officer Richard gave a fascinating insight into life at one of Oxford's 39 colleges, including academic studies, the wider opportunities available and potential future career paths.

It was an extremely valuable experience for our students to hear about life at a collegiate university first hand and to be able to ask questions.

