



## Welcome from the Head of School



As we start this final term of the year, it is wonderful to reflect on the fantastic events and achievements we have been able to celebrate.

We have seen our pupils work together to support our local community, represent our school on the international stage and demonstrate outstanding attitudes to learning – and that's just a taste of what they are capable of.

It's hard to believe we are already in our summer term. This is a time for consolidating the knowledge we have gathered and preparing ourselves for the next steps we will take.

For most pupils, that will be the next academic year at St Peter's, but our Year 11s are beginning their final term with us.

We look forward to another term packed with important moments and experiences that will form the building blocks for our futures.

**Stephanie Garthwaite**  
Head of school

## HOLY WEEK SUMS UP SPIRIT OF ST PETER'S



### It was an honour for all our staff to share Holy Week in school with our pupils.

It is always such an important week in the Catholic calendar, but this year it seemed even more poignant than usual.

Maundy Thursday was a special day in school as all pupils took part in a virtual Easter liturgy within their forms. This was led by both staff and pupils.

All pupils then joined their year groups in sharing a meal together in the dining hall to commemorate the Last Supper, when Jesus revealed that one of his disciples was going to betray him and instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

During our meal, which was lit by candlelight, staff and pupils read scripture passages about the Last Supper that helped us to understand why it is such a significant event for all Christians. Bread was broken and food shared among everyone.

In the last weeks of term, our pupils

wrote letters to send to members of our parishes, together with cakes baked by our Year 10 pupils.

They were given along with our Easter wishes as we let them know we were thinking of them at a time that we usually come together with our loved ones, but in a year that was very difficult and challenging for many.

Head of school Mrs Garthwaite said: "I was delighted that our school family was able to come together over Holy Week to recognise the special occasion together.

"Our pupils were outstanding once again, as they led liturgies and readings.

"We were also honoured to be able to support our community with a small gift, an initiative led by our pupils.

"I feel the week really summed up the spirit of our school."

## JESSICA AND EWAN ARE FIRST ST JOSEPH'S AWARD WINNERS



This year has been designated by Pope Francis as the Year of St Joseph and we are marking this within the school in a number of ways.

Before Easter, we awarded two pupils with a St Joseph's Award for demonstrating positive qualities throughout the term and embodying the attributes of the saint, who is the patron of the universal Church.

Well done to our standout pupils, Jessica W in Year 7 and Ewan S in Year 10.

## Pupils Experience Moving Encounter With Holocaust Survivor Judit



Our Year 9 pupils were given an unforgettable experience as they took part in a Holocaust Survivor Experience co-ordinated by the Holocaust Education Trust.

They joined their counterparts throughout the trust in the virtual session with Holocaust survivor Judit Brody, who shared her poignant first-hand account of life for a Jewish family under Nazi occupation.

Pupils enjoyed the chance to listen to such an important part of history, as well as putting questions to Judit.

## Online Learners Make International Final



Hard-working St Peter's pupils topped the charts to win the North Middleweight GCSE Pod Games competition after an outstanding effort in online learning.

GCSE Pod is an online learning tool that can be used to help with revision and homework in a wide range of subjects.

Its website features online videos to support quizzes and written work to embed learning.

Our school has now been entered into an international competition where we will be up against schools around the world.

Keep up the amazing work!

## TALENTED ST PETER'S PUPILS ARE UP FOR THE CUP!



The challenge is on to lift the St Peter's House Cup, a new competition all our pupils can participate in.

House competitions have taken place to design Easter cards, write letters and bake cakes.

House points are also awarded as reward points in lessons and for competitions and extracurricular activities.

The current standings are:

1. St Cuthbert
2. St Bede
3. St Hilda
4. St Margaret

Can you help your house lift the cup?

## A YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING WITH A TWIST

Options choices are always an important event in pupils' lives, as these decisions can set them onto their future career paths.

This year's options evening had to be a little different.

Pupils attended a virtual assembly before a virtual options evening was launched on our website.

Presentations were made by executive headteacher Mr Burns and head of school Mrs Garthwaite, as well as each curriculum leader, to ensure our pupils had all the information they needed.

We were delighted to be able to offer a greater range of choices, offering new subjects such as photography and health and social care.



## Pupils Enjoy Sweet Taste Of Success



We were delighted to celebrate the excellent efforts and work produced by our pupils during lockdown.

Cupcakes and hot chocolates were enjoyed by pupils who went over and above in difficult circumstances and were recognised by their teachers for their hard work.

They were joined by Mrs Garthwaite and other staff for the sweet celebrations.