

Welcome

from the Head of School

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St Peter's is such a special place with a rich history of successfully serving pupils from South Bank and the surrounding areas.

I firmly believe it is vital for us to develop pupils' skills and knowledge and build foundations for them to live successfully in modern Britain.

I feel blessed to be working with such high-quality teachers who grasp every opportunity to maximise learning experiences and are passionate about teaching and learning.

It's an incredibly exciting time to be head of school, as we see investment within the building that will enhance our learning environments and improve outcomes for our pupils.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, to support your child and to help all our pupils reach their potential during their time here.

Stephanie Garthwaite

St Peter's Opens Its Doors – Virtually!



After a unique start to the school year, it will come as no surprise that many events have been given a unique twist – and this year's Year 6 Open Evening was no exception.

While we would love to have shown interested Year 6 pupils from local primary schools around our classrooms, corridors and facilities, we took up the challenge of offering a virtual tour instead.

Our Virtual Open Evening gave a tour around all departments, providing an insight into lessons, practical demonstrations and experiments.

As well as being given key information from our executive headteacher, Mr Burns, head of school, Mrs Garthwaite, and our curriculum leaders, future pupils also heard from Year 7 and Year 11 pupils about their experiences at St Peter's.

The virtual event allowed a taster not only of the building but also live lessons.

In the spotlight were our competition-winning netball team, our talented athletes and footballers, our

committed cadets, future chefs, engineers and scientists, as well as pupils hard at work in core subjects, humanities and creative areas.

"St Peter's offers a nurturing and loving environment where children can excel," said Mr Burns in his welcome message.

Mrs Garthwaite said: "It has been a pleasure to show future pupils around our school and, while we can't wait to meet them face-to-face, we hope they got a flavour of St Peter's life and learned about being part of the St Peter's family.

"We are extremely proud of our school and we believe the Virtual Open Evening has shown why. If any parents or carers require any further information or have any questions after watching the videos, they are more than welcome to get in touch."

The Virtual Open Evening can be viewed on the NPCAT YouTube page.

Year 11 Pupils Take The Lead



After a rigorous interview process, Year 11 pupils have been revealed for our key leadership roles.

Prefects, sports captains, librarians and chaplains were selected and will be led by Essie and Franklin as head girl and head boy and Niamh and Issac as deputy head girl and deputy head boy.

Well done on your new roles!

Enriching Times At St Peter's

A vast programme of enrichment activities has begun at St Peter's this year, with almost 30 additional clubs and classes on offer to our pupils after school.

From Year 7 to Year 10, pupils have the opportunity to acquire a range of new skills, develop talents and discover new passions.

All at St Peter's have been asked to sign up for one enrichment activity as a minimum, but they can attend as many sessions as they can fit in. Pupils have also been benefiting from additional lessons in core subjects and small group tutoring to help develop their subject-specific skills.

Going Green For Mental Health Awareness



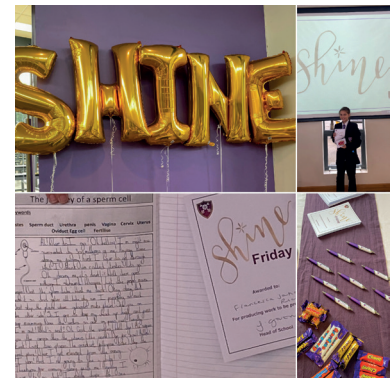
Pupils were invited to wear a splash of green as St Peter's marked World Mental Health Day.

Some chose green hair bobbles while others wore green socks, green bracelets and green ribbons.

But all of them showed their support for this important cause and helped raise awareness throughout the school.

Pupils also donated generously to raise funds for mental health charities and received top tips for promoting and maintaining positive mental wellbeing.

Pupils Seize Their Chance To Shine



This half term has seen the launch of Shine Friday, when pupils share their outstanding work with Mrs Garthwaite and celebrate all they are achieving in their studies.

Pupils are invited to bring their books with them to lunch and share them with the head of school.

Mrs Garthwaite then rewards their excellent work with a certificate, pen and a chocolate treat.

It's been lovely to see so many pupils from every year group queuing up to have their achievements recognised in this way.

Cadets Get In Some Peak Practice



Members of St Peter's Combined Cadet Force took part in a challenging nine-mile trek across the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside.

The team of cadets worked impeccably together to successfully complete the course, which included climbing the iconic Roseberry Topping.

The cadet force has also been strengthened by the addition of several new members this year.

Interested pupils are invited to speak to Mr Graham for more information about joining.

St Peter's Is All Abuzz!



St Peter's has been a hive of activity as pupils start their preparations for the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust Spelling Bee competition.

Key Stage Three pupils will be taking part alongside pupils from the three other trust secondaries for the prestigious title of Spelling Bee Champion.

School heats will take place in the autumn and spring terms, with the big finale being held in the summer.

Good luck to all our St Peter's spellers!