



Welcome *from the Head of School*



Being head of school at St Peter's is something I am very proud of, so being able to celebrate our 80th anniversary with the entire community was such an incredible honour.

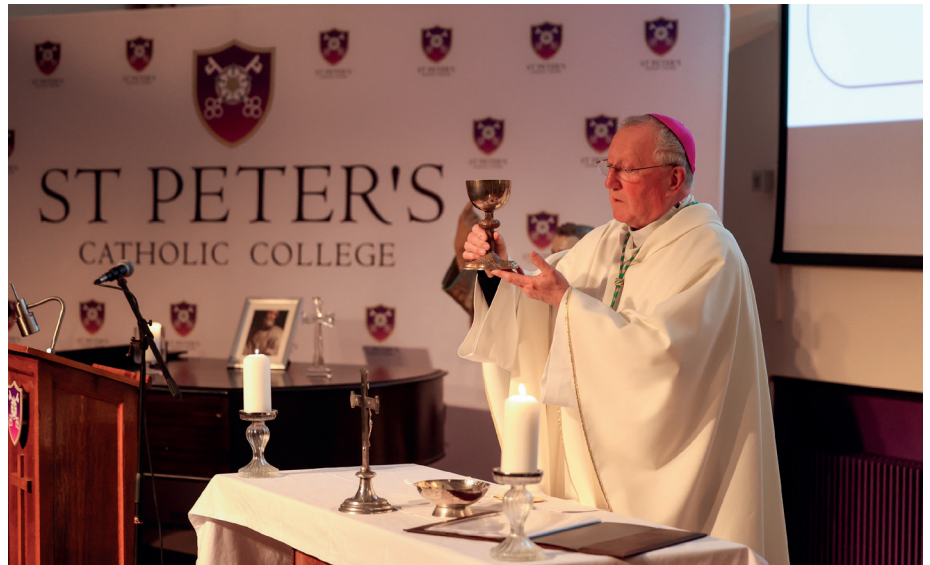
To see staff, pupils and governors from our school's past, present and future come together as one to celebrate our school's place at the heart of the community was an experience none of us will ever forget.

Not only were the events themselves extremely special, but every pupil had a unique educational experience on the day, enjoying trips, visits and sporting activities, as well as learning linked to the history of the school.

It was a fantastic opportunity and a day that will live long in the memory. I would like to thank all the staff who helped support these events and the pupils for their wonderful contributions.

Stephanie Garthwaite
Head of School

BISHOP TERRY HELPS US CELEBRATE OUR 80TH BIRTHDAY



Bishop Terry was joined by hundreds of former pupils and members of the community as we marked our school's 80th birthday.

The momentous day – which included two special events and three Masses – celebrated not only our proud history but also the exciting significant investment programme that makes our future look brighter than ever.

"St Peter's has always been the rock for this part of the community," said head of school Mrs Garthwaite. "We hope St Peter's will continue to be the foundation of this community and provide an outstanding Catholic education for many more generations of young people."

Boro legend Wilf Mannion, Formula One engineer Rob Smedley and legendary folk singer Vin Garbutt are among our school's famous alumni.

"It's an honour and a privilege to be head of a school with such a rich tradition," said Mrs Garthwaite. "Lots of pupils have gone on to do well in a wide range of professions and we're very proud of every one of them."

Our iconic school has been at the heart of the community since it was built during World War 2.

Hitler's Luftwaffe did its best to raze the school to the ground soon after its doors were opened, and a decade ago our school was threatened with closure before a last-minute change in government policy.

Guests included Wilf Mannion's son and daughter, former deputy headteacher Kevin O'Connor, 79, and 92-year-old Patrick Webster, who was a pupil when St Peter's first opened.

They took a trip down Memory Lane as they viewed an exhibition featuring photographs from St Peter's rich history.

The school looked resplendent after its recent facelift, which included the provision of purpose-built changing rooms, a brand-new fitness suite, an exhibition centre and a virtual reality suite.

PUPILS JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS ON SPECIAL DAY



A wide variety of activities took place throughout our anniversary day to make sure all our pupils could take part in the special celebrations.

Pupils learned more about our history and each tutor group buried a time capsule in the school's gardens to mark the special occasion.

Other highlights include a cake sale, which proved popular with both teachers and pupils.

Year 10 and 11 pupils also attended a careers convention at Trinity Catholic College, our Year 9 pupils took part in an athletics event and Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in a three-mile sponsored walk for CAFOD.

Maths residential adds up to a rewarding trip



A group of our Year 11 pupils took to the countryside for an intensive maths residential. They were put through their paces in the classroom before being rewarded for all their hard work with some exciting outdoor activities, including raft-building.

The pupils showed an excellent attitude and demonstrated resilience in both the academic and outdoor activities.

St Peter's unites to show support for Ukraine



Pupils took part in a liturgy and two-minute silence to pray for peace as our school reflected on the shocking and saddening news of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Pupils, parents and staff also responded generously to our appeal for clothing and blankets to be transported to help those fleeing.

Meanwhile, members of our Environment Club planted sunflowers, Ukraine's national flower, to show solidarity with the people who are suffering so much at this time.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY TAKES UP WORLD BOOK DAY CHALLENGE



The whole school community got into the spirit of World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite literary characters.

We had Mad Hatters, Matildas and even Oliver Twist walking our corridors for the day as both staff and pupils took up the challenge, while deliciously "novel" cakes were baked to celebrate the occasion.

Pupils were also given vouchers to exchange for books to bolster their love of reading.

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR FOOTBALLER TYRONE

Footballer Tyrone O'Neill returned to school to help celebrate our pupils' successes at Shine Friday.



Former St Peter's pupil Tyrone, who plays as a striker for League Two side Scunthorpe United but is currently on loan at Darlington, was kept busy autographing certificates and chatting to pupils.

Shine Friday featured work from a range of subjects – some pupils even brought videos of their musical performances recorded on school iPads.

Thank you to Tyrone for giving up his time to help us recognise our pupils' achievements.

Camp underlines importance of keeping active



A group of Year 9 girls looked at why it is important to be active when they took part in the Redcar and Cleveland Girls' Active Camp.

They also learned how to create a physical activity campaign to influence others around them to live a more active lifestyle.

As well as participating in sporting activities, the girls were also taught key leadership skills and discovered fun ways of getting active beyond the usual sporting activities.