



Welcome *from the Head of School*



St Peter's is always a hive of activity, but never more so than during the last term.

External exams have not taken place for two years, but our Year 11 pupils have been incredible in their efforts and attitudes so far.

This exam period is a culmination of years of hard work, and pupils and staff are pulling out the stops to make sure it pays off.

Lourdes is another example of a significant event we have missed and we are so proud to see our pupils contributing to such an important pilgrimage.

There are many more exciting events to look forward to that would have been normal pre-Covid, but that we are even more thankful for now.

A French proverb says, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart" – I believe their absence has made us truly grateful for the opportunities they now bring.

Stephanie Garthwaite
Head of School



EMOTIONAL RETURN TO LOURDES FOR ST PETER'S

Our pupils have missed out on so many opportunities during the time we were unable to go on trips because of Covid restrictions.

One of the most missed events over the last couple of years has been our participation in the annual Diocese of Middlesbrough Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

It was, therefore, such a joyful occasion to see St Peter's pupils prepare themselves for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Four St Peter's pupils flew out from Teesside with the diocese to the famous shrine in the south of France.

Once in Lourdes, our pupils played a vital role in helping supported pilgrims and taking them to Mass, processions and other services throughout the week.

Although they had very early starts and were exhausted by the end of each day, they found such joy in praying together and helping others.

Year 10 pupil Isabelle said: "As soon as I heard about the Lourdes pilgrimage, I knew it was something I wanted to be part of."

"It was an incredibly precious opportunity to support other pilgrims and help them to benefit from this holy experience. I will treasure the memories from my time there."

Mrs Garthwaite added: "The annual diocesan pilgrimage is such a vital, holy experience."

"I was delighted St Peter's pupils were able to make this sacred journey. Our pupils make excellent contributions to their local community, but to be able to support our Catholic community in Lourdes is something that will leave a lasting impression."

"I am extremely proud of the difference our pupils make."

It was a beautiful and deeply moving experience to see our pupils coming close to God in that way, many of them for the first time. We hope their relationship with God can remain with them for years to come.

WE'RE JUBILANT ABOUT THE JUBILEE!

Even though the national celebrations for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee took place over the half-term holiday, we didn't miss the opportunity to celebrate in school.



Over lunchtime we put on a special jubilee-themed Shine Friday, with Union Jack flags, music and delicious jubilee cupcakes.

We also celebrated our own wonderful leaders – those pupils who have received the most reward points for excellent effort and attitudes in lessons.

Pupils enjoyed a truly British tea and cake as a reward for their hard work.

Exam season finally arrives for Year 11s



After two years without formal external examinations, the exam season finally arrived for this year's Year 11 pupils.

Their timetable had been rescheduled to provide maximum revision support ahead of each exam and our pupils have shown amazing resilience, determination and maturity in the way they approached the exams.

To keep pupils motivated, staff wrote personal postcards to every pupil and recorded video messages to show their absolute belief that the St Peter's family has in this amazing group of young people.

Year 11, we know you are giving your all in these exams and can't wait to celebrate with you in summer.

Showing appreciation for our teachers



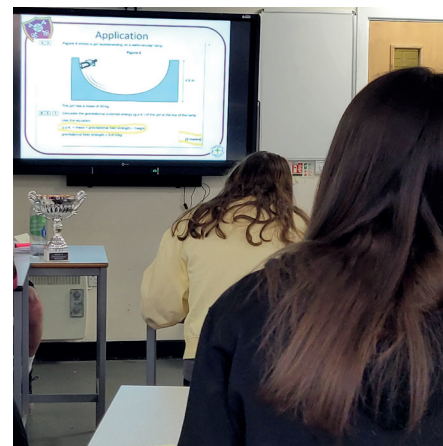
On National Thank a Teacher Day, pupils thanked staff who make a difference by supporting them in every way they can.

They wrote out postcards with messages of thanks and appreciation to staff they feel have helped them.

Pupils were so generous with their gratitude that we had to print more postcards!

Thank you to all our staff, who always go the extra mile, and well done to the pupils for showing their appreciation so warmly.

WELL DONE TO OUR HALF-TERM HEROES!



Our Year 11 stars didn't put their feet up at half term, even though they've been filling their days with exams and revision.

Showing how dedicated they are, they came into school for three days to cram in more vital revision.

English, history, French, science and RE were all on offer, and we were blown away by the numbers who came and their amazing work.

Thanks to all staff and pupils for their outstanding efforts.

CHEER AND DANCE CLUB PROVES POPULAR ADDITION



Always looking to give our pupils new and exciting enrichment activities, we recently began Cheer and Dance Club after school on Tuesdays.

Demand was high among pupils keen to develop their talents and we brought an expert in to work with them.

The group has proven popular and adds to our already packed enrichment calendar, which includes other popular activities such as Fitness (in the gym), Environment and Chess Club.

The rollercoaster challenge is on!



Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils have their sights set on a reward trip to Flamingo Land in the final week of term.

To be able to buy a ticket, ride the rollercoasters and visit the animals, pupils must have 100% attendance and earn 100 reward points in the remaining weeks.

The challenge is on!