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Welcome from the Head of School



As we reflect on 2021-22, we have continued to work hard together as a family and strive for the outstanding.

We have celebrated so many proud moments and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Our Year 11 pupils enjoyed a wonderful prom at Gisborough Hall and we welcomed our Year 6 pupils for a fantastic transition event.

The highlight of our year was our 80th celebration, as we took a trip down memory lane together.

St Peter's Catholic College continues to be the rock of this community, and future generations will continue to come here to receive the high-quality Catholic education they deserve.

God bless our school and long may it prosper.

I hope you have an enjoyable break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

St Peter, Pray for us

Stephanie Garthwaite *Head of School*



MEMORABLE DAY AS WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRON

As always, the great Feast of Saints Peter and Paul was a memorable day of celebrations in our annual calendar.

The day, which falls on June 29, honours the martyrdom of these two great pioneers of the early Church and is very close to the hearts of our school community.

Our school patron, St Peter, was one of the 12 Apostles and the first Pope. St Paul once persecuted the early Christians, but after his conversion, he spread the teachings of Jesus throughout the world. Both men were put to death for their faith.

We began the celebrations when representatives of our staff and pupils attended Mass along with our chaplain.

Back at school, pupils came together in tutor groups at lunchtime to share an afternoon that included delicious sandwiches, pastries, scones and cakes.

An ice-cream van then pulled into the yard and pupils enjoyed ice lollies and lemon tops in the sunshine.

During form time, there were activities based on our mission statement – "One Faith, One Family, One Future" – as pupils gained an understanding of how it relates to the apostles whose lives we were celebrating.

The highlight of the celebrations was a liturgy to honour St Peter and St Paul and the contributions and sacrifices they made to spread the word of God.

Headteacher Mrs Garthwaite said: "This feast day is incredibly important to our school community. St Peter has given us our identity and is the rock upon which our Church was built.

"It's wonderful to see our pupils coming together to give honour, celebrate and share a meal.

"There really was a spirit of joy as pupils came together to serve one another and then laughter in the sun – with the added treat of ice creams!"

EMOTIONAL FAREWELL TO CLASS OF 2022



We said an emotional goodbye to our Year 11 pupils after their final exam in June.

We held a liturgy to honour their time at St Peter's before celebrating their achievements with the St Peter's Award, Head of School Honour and Star Awards.

Pupils released balloons to represent their school days as they prepared to move on to the next step on their journey.

There was then the book and shirt signing before our Year 7s poignantly clapped the Class of 2022 out of school.

We wish them all the luck as they move on to their next adventure.

Shadowing experience for inspiring young women



Three of our Year 10 pupils were selected to take part in the **Redcar and Cleveland Inspiring** Women School shadowing experience.

The programme showcases the exceptional talents of local female role models and gave our pupils first-hand work experience of a high-level role.

Not only did they experience life in a workplace, but they also saw the skills and attributes needed to be successful in these important roles.

Well done to our three inspiring young women.

Art exhibitions showcase pupils' creativity

Pupils, staff and visitors have been wowed by an outstanding exhibition of artwork created as part of our GCSE art course.



The exhibition was initially put together for the moderator to assess, but has now been viewed by fellow art pupils, governors, representatives of the diocese and other visitors to the school.

The work on display – which includes paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and textiles - truly showcases our pupils' creative talents.

FUTURE YEAR 7 TAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS



We were delighted to welcome our future Year 7 pupils and their parents and carers to an evening of key information to prepare them for St Peter's life.

Pupils and their families met their new form tutors and could buy PE kit and discuss any concerns.

The transition days had an exciting Hunger Games theme as pupils learned about the novel's characters and baked bread in the shape of the cornucopia.

We can't wait to welcome our new pupils back through our doors in September.

KEIRA IS A STAGE STAR!



We are very proud of talented Year 7 pupil Keira C-H, who performed in the musical Matilda with her Dancewise performing arts group.

Keira performed in multiple sellout shows at The Arc that received lots of positive reviews.

Written by Roald Dahl, Matilda tells the story of a gifted girl who overcomes her heartless family and cruel headteacher.

Keira said, "It was fantastic being in such a popular show at a big venue. I can't wait to be in more shows in the future."

Prior to this, Keira has also been a roaring success in The Lion King on

Aimee's on the crest of a wave!



A huge well done to Amiee H, in Year 9, who took part in the Great North Swim on Lake Windermere in the Lake District.

Amiee completed the one-mile open water swim in an excellent time.

"I have taken part in the Great North Swim before but was really pleased with my time," she said.

It's fantastic to see our pupils enjoying their sport outside of school, as well as on our own impressive facilities.