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-Parent Bulletin-

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Whilst writing this week's piece, we are fortunate to have had the first real warm and sunny day for the year so far. It has been a long time coming, but hopefully it marks a turning point for us all and provided us with renewed enthusiasm and hope.

As a parent, last weekend I noticed it as I always do when the clocks roll forward and the first night that I have to convince my little ones that despite the extra daylight, bedtime still stays the same - and comment "but it's still light dad" from both my 8 year old and 4 year old.

There is definitely something about the start of the summer that gives us a renewed hope. The extra hours of daylight can help us see things differently.

For God, who said 'Let the light shine out of darkness', made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Hopefully during the Easter holidays all of our students will have the opportunity to get outside more, especially as some of the national restrictions are lifted. I also hope that everyone manages to get some time (either in person or virtually) with their families celebrating the sacrifices that Jesus made for us.

After the holidays, we will once again be moving towards normal school again. In the second week of the term, with all being well we will be returning to some normal movement around school (not in all areas) and hopefully we will be able to re-open the canteen for 'go and grab' meals and the opportunity for students to sit and socialise whilst eating.

The recent change to the school day was a graduated step towards this, and hopefully we can continue to strive towards normality.

Over recent weeks, students have really improved in terms of being on time to school and their uniform. We will continue this drive, as lateness especially really effects learning.

All students have been told about dropping litter in school. Detentions will be issued for this disrespectful conduct as from the start of the Summer Term (19 April).

Keeping our staff well versed and up to date with educational thinking in really important, and I am delighted that in the first week of the summer term, we have a two hour presentations from Gary Wilson - who is one of the country's leading experts on '@Raising Boys Achievement.' During his presentation, Gary refers regularly to a fascinating book '@Raising Boys' by Steve Biddulph, it is a good read that I would helpfully recommend for any parent of boys.

I sincerely hope everyone returns to school on Monday 19 April ready for a new term and raring to go all the way to the finish of what has been an extraordinary year in education.

Have a well deserved rest everyone, stay safe and let your light shine.

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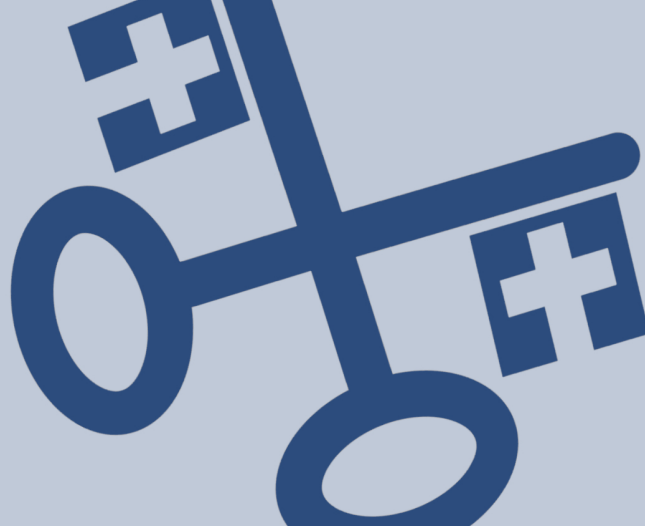
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COVID TESTING DURING EASTER BREAK

We are now sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child. Please make sure your child tests themselves twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before.

Your child should also continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays. We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

If your child has not been tested at school yet, then please get in touch with us so that we can arrange a time for them to be tested on site, before beginning home testing.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting results:

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. Please report to:

- PHE at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result
- School via the log covid test result app which is situated under cloud apps.

Your child must log into the school website to do this. If the result is positive, please also email covid@speters.org.uk to report the result.



GUIDED OPTION FORMS YR8 & YR9

The Guided Option Forms have gone out this week for the Year 8 and 9 students, to be completed online from their school student email account.

The Year 8 students have already filled in their narrowing document where we work out which option subjects have the demand to run. This second form provides the information for us to be able to organise their program of study for the next three years.

The Year 9 students have now received their narrowing document which will allow us to follow the same process as for the year 8s and work out which subjects we can run for them. This will be followed by their final choice form in the first week back after Easter.

Mr L Gardner , Assistant Principal

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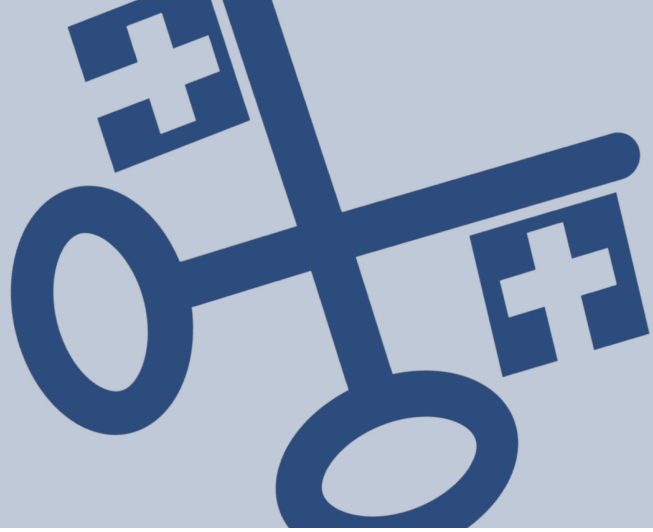
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YEAR 7 STUDENT STORY SUCCESS

Lexia is a great boost to Literacy skills for our Year 7s. It's an online programme which Pupils really engage with especially as it's individualised. Areas of focus for progress are identified for each pupil and they work at their own pace. As you see there are rewards!



ECO CLUB YRS7-9

Thursday 22nd of April marks 'Earth Day', an international day where we celebrate the Earth and reflect on our environmental impact. For many young people this will be marked by an increasing effort to draw attention to sustainability and issues linked to climate change and conservation.

As a school, we will be launching an Eco club that will meet after school on Wednesdays to learn, discuss and attempt to develop projects that can result in a recognition of the issues we face within our local community, nationally and globally in relation to the environment. This will be open to Year 7-9 students.

We will also be working to help the school achieve a Silver award as part of the Eco Schools initiative. Our aim is to help the school be recognised as an institution that promotes the environment and thinks of positive changes that can be made.

If your child is interested in sustainability and environment and would like to be a member of the Eco council, please can they share a interest by sending an email to pjelic@speters.org.uk.

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

- ◆ The Youth Council is a group of young people aged 11-18 elected from schools/colleges across Wolverhampton.
- ◆ The Youth Council meets at least once a fortnight on a Monday evening from 6pm. Meetings will be either online, held at the Coproduction Hub or the Civic Centre.
- ◆ The Youth Council meets with Councillors and Directors to discuss issues that concern young people.

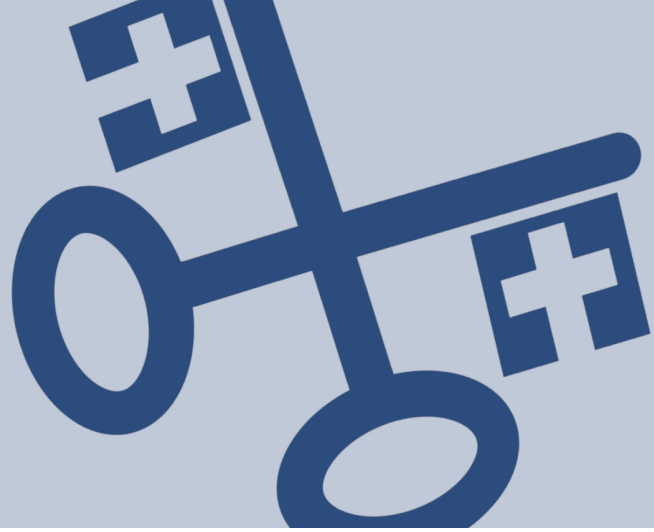
If your Child would like to apply, application forms are in year bases,

Deadline for personal statements is Friday 25th April 3.00pm

Any questions or further info contact 18keriley@speters.org.uk and 19hacrust@speters.org.uk

REMINDERS

- Masks are to be worn in all indoor spaces in school
- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times



WOULD I LIE to YOU?

I love the T.V show 'Would I lie to you?' - where the whole idea is to lead others into believing a statement about yourself which may, in fact, be either the TRUTH or a LIE. It has some great characters on the show, some unbelievable truths and at times some really obvious, yet hilariously told, lies!

(Bob Mortimer is a master at this and he used to be a lawyer!)



In our end of term Easter Celebration at school, we took time to consider the question 'Jesus is alive! TRUTH or LIE?' It certainly got a mixed response! Everything from 'yes it's true, sort of, probably, possibly and maybe'; to 'definitely not, unlikely, unbelievable and impossible!' It certainly got everyone talking and hopefully thinking about their personal responses too.

Jesus often used the phrase "Truly I say to you..." It is sometimes translated as "Verily I say unto you" Which comes from the Latin word 'verus' meaning 'true'. When we 'verify' something we confirm it is true! **When Jesus spoke**, he wanted to make sure that people knew **he was telling the truth**. Which is good right? Except he said things about himself that seem unbelievable and yet, if true, are too important to ignore. Jesus even spoke about his own death; **he said he would rise again!** (John 2:19 / Mark 9:31 / John 3:16ff)

JESUS is ALIVE - Truth or Lie?

Jesus' death and resurrection, are central to our Christian belief. **If it is a LIE**, as Paul explained in the Bible and Jesus has not been raised from the dead, then our faith is a waste of time and we are to be pitied for believing such a lie(1Cor 15:14ff)

However, **if it is TRUE** - that Jesus death and resurrection is not the end but rather, through His sacrifice, it is the beginning of new life in relationship with God, now and forever, then what a difference that faith would make in life and all it throws at us! **Jesus is alive and he is risen from the dead!**

Jesus said *'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.'* (John5:24)

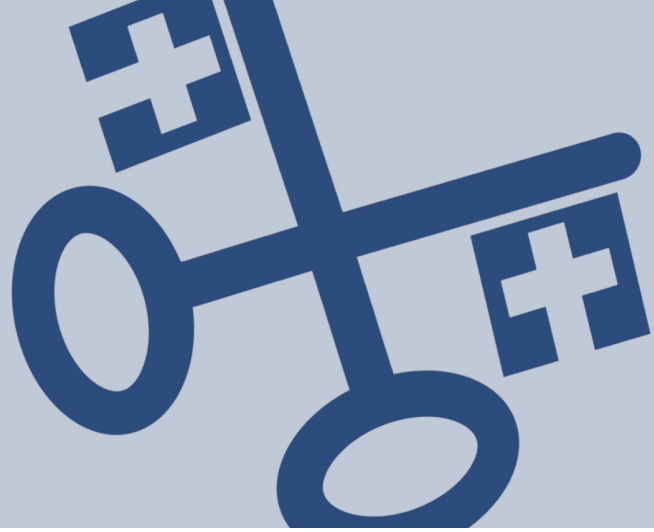
Such words, alongside the empty tomb and the changed lives of his followers both then and now provide evidence that surely demands a verdict.

Is Jesus telling the truth or is it a lie? The decision is yours.



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EASTER PRAYER

An Easter Prayer from one of our students - Harleen Yr9)

Dear Lord,

Thank you for sacrificing your one and only son for us.
Let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, who broke the bonds of death and
rose from the tomb as a conqueror.

Let us remember the suffering that Jesus went through and his
sacrificial death for humanity, that brought forgiveness, freedom, and
the opportunity to walk with you through this fallen world into eternity.

Please help us to follow Jesus' ways so that we may know him better,
and help us, day by day, to grow in grace with a knowledge of you.

In a world where darkness surrounds us wherever we go, may we be
guided by Jesus' everlasting light.

Amen

