# -Parent Bulletin-

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



A brilliant week was capped off by the return of school sport fixtures against other schools.

Both the Year 7 boys and Sixth form boys recorded resounding victories in their football fixtures this week and I look forward to attending the next Year 7 fixture, away versus Thomas Telford school on Tuesday next week.

It was also a pleasure to watch the Sixth form (pictured right) students presenting their EPQ projects in the theatre this week. There were some quite astounding projects with themes including; Cardiovascular, Architecture and Misrepresentation of women of colour in politics to name a few.

Alongside these events next week sees the music recitals for sixth form students take place at St Peter's Church. It is so nice to be able to look forward to some semblance of normality.



During the course of next week, we will also be attempting to return to some more movement around school. It is still essential that Covid rules are adhered to, but we are starting to try and open up areas of the school. To finally see Year 7 students able to have a secondary school experience for real will be a delight.

In addition, we will be opening up the school canteen once more. But, on this front, can I please advise caution, this will not be a full sit down service or a full menu. It will take some organisation so I want to minimise expectations and keep everyone safe as we attempt to do this.

Students will be given instructions during form time next week and I hope that they can follow these appropriately, so that we can continue to move towards a more normal school experience.

In order to facilitate these changes, I will be adding ten minutes onto lunch time to ensure safety in the canteen and also to provide a bit more 'unstructured recreation time'. This issue featured heavily in last week's national press and is something that schools are actively considering following the national lockdown.

Last week in school we were privileged to welcome Gary Wilson, one of the leading experts nationally for boys' achievement. He provided staff with some fantastic tips to help boys and has committed to presenting to parents in the 2021-2022 academic year.

I hope everyone enjoys the Bank Holiday weekend and hope that it can be a time for family and sunshine.

'When you go through deep waters I will be with you' ISAIAH 43:2

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### SPOTLIGHT ON FILM STUDIES



For many people, going to the cinema is a modern equivalent of the Theatre; full of spectacle and special effect. A place to live out your dreams and fears; a moment to enjoy the thrill of a life less ordinary. So many of us have favourite films that we hold close to our hearts and can watch them endlessly. For me, the films that shaped me as a child were E.T, Ghostbusters, Indiana Jones & Back to the Future. Each generation has their own favourites. Some of these films are 'classics', modern day masterpieces with universal appeal. It is fair to say that Film is the biggest artistic innovation of the 20th century and beyond.

#### Why should I take Film Studies?

Film is an important part of many people's lives. Those who choose to study it characteristically bring with them a huge enthusiasm and excitement for film which constantly motivates them in their studies. GCSE Film Studies is designed to draw on learners' enthusiasm for film and introduce them to a wide variety of cinematic experiences. In addition, the specification aims to enable learners to apply their knowledge and understanding of film to filmmaking or screenwriting.

### What do you study?

Please take a moment to view our Learning Journey for a clear indication of the range of films and study topics addressed at each key stage. Students can opt for Film Studies at GCSE or A level. The course is designed to broaden your taste in films and develop critical responses. You will also develop your screenwriting and filmmaking skills and submit your own creative projects.

#### Film Studies Learning Journey



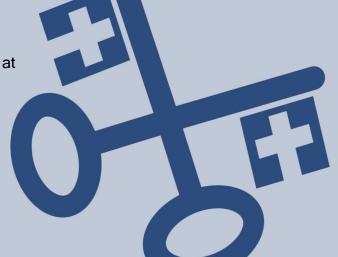
#### Recent achievements

It has been a difficult year for all students and this has been the case for Film Studies students. For the first time it was not advisable to make films, so students concentrated on screen-plays for their final projects. Now, of course, there is a silver lining that we will return to normal and resume filmmaking and clubs.

- This year, Mrs. Craig ran a Yr. 9 short film club remotely, or in school. Students loved this and are sure to develop ideas for their own short films.
- Josef Maslanyj, of Year 9, is an incredibly talented young film-maker who produces
  exciting films using the Minecraft platform. Watch the trailer for his latest film here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ap7zMecjBaQ&feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ap7zMecjBaQ&feature=youtu.be</a>

#### REMINDERS

The school finance department are not taking cash at present.



- Imani Haven applied for the BFI Talent programme as a screenwriter and worked on a project with filmmakers from Edinburgh. Students from S. Peter's have been chosen for the national BFI Talent programme for the third year running.
- Prior to the lockdown 'Into Film' a charity that supports Film studies teaching, chose S. Peters to deliver a film project that would be premiered as part of a Film Festival and used to help deliver PSHE in schools nationwide. Unfortunately, this was suspended due to the Coronavirus epidemic.

It is hoped that now that lockdown measures are being lifted, Film Studies students can begin once more to enjoy practical filmmaking, helping them to develop into future professional filmmakers.

The future is bright for Film Studies & Media students. The Film & Television industry is worth close to 4 billion pounds in the UK alone. The popularity of streaming platforms like Netflix, Amazon Prime & Apple TV mean that there are ever more films & TV programmes being made in the UK. So much so that they need to build more film sets and studios to cater for the increasing demands of this industry.

In short, Film Studies could be a great option for prospective students, opening doors to a whole range of careers and helping you to develop a range of creative skills that will be valued by your prospective employers. Not bad considering you get to study something you love and enjoy!

If you have any further questions about studying Film Studies please send me an email.

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### **FINANCE MATTERS**

Due to the current situation, we are not taking cash in school, but we are still 'open'!

Therefore, all purchases must be made online through SCOPAY.

f you have not yet registered for your online account, email finance@speters.org.uk for a link code.

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## PARENT GOVERNOR **ELECTED**

Congratulations to our newly elected parent governor Mrs Zoe Williams. We would like to thank all those that put their names forward and took time to complete the candidate statements and of course to all those that voted.

Well done Mrs Williams!

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