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-Parent Bulletin-

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



As we approach the end of the Academic Year, it has once again been really difficult having to manage student's education under Covid regulations. Earlier this week I had to send all Year 7 students home, followed by Year 10 students. This was a situation that I desperately wanted to avoid, but the regulations are what they are and eventually I had no choice but to do so. The only way to ensure that there was consistency of learning, was to switch to Remote/Virtual

Learning.

So far this year I had avoided having to send the Year 7 students home as I am acutely aware of childcare needs and the effects of this action. Taking the decision to send home Year 10 students again was something that I know has really effected the students learning again, and it was a decision that although it was inevitable, it weighed heavy on me.

Many schools are facing similar issues and many have had to switch to 100% Remote Learning over the last few weeks as the new Covid variant has taken effect.

It has certainly been a challenging year in education and every other stratosphere, but there have been many things which we should celebrate and there are many changes to look forward to.

Next year on the school calendar we have included the opportunity for the school to celebrate the many different cultures of our community on three scheduled 'Culture days'. Alongside this we are introducing three Curriculum Discovery days, where we are trying to encourage our students to not just learn the prescribed curriculum and for our teachers to be able to display the absolute love of their subject. We will also be introducing Mid-Year Achievement Assemblies and an end of Year Achievement Awards Evening, as we really feel that there is so much to celebrate in terms of student's talents in our school. This year we introduced a Parents Advisory Group and a school bulletin to try and improve communication and next year we will supplement these methods by the introduction of a half termly parent drop in, which will be hosted by our new Vice Principal, Mr Mullen-Furness. One of my biggest regrets from this year is not being able to meet with parents in person. The Senior Leadership team will be hosting a series of 'Meet the Principal ('s) evenings early on in the new term, we hope that these will be in person-please look out for these being advertised soon.

Mr Mullen-Furness is one of a small number of new staff that we will welcome to the school in September. We are also delighted to able to announce that Mr Walker has been appointed to the post of Assistant Principal Behaviour for Learning, Mrs Leek has been appointed to the post of Associate Assistant Principal for the Sixth Form and Miss Wheatcroft and Mrs Crick have been successful in being appointed to the joint position of Associate Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning. Miss Lord will take up the position of Head of Year 9 next year and Mr Asbridge will become the new Head of Mathematics.

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We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some of our fabulous staff, but delighted for them that they are moving onto exciting positions (and often promoted posts), in other schools. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr Brock, Mrs Cotterell, Mr Orszulan, Mr Reed, Miss Edwards and Mrs Starling for all of their tremendous service to the school, we wish them well and want them to know that they will always be welcome. After a year of working in the school as advisors we also say goodbye to Jeannette Vincent and Kim Popratnjak MBE, their help and support has been invaluable and they have inspired many colleagues and driven positive change. Again - they are welcome back, anytime! 'Once St. Peter's, always St. Peter's'.

'Once St. Peter's, always St. Peter's' also applies to Matthew Hudson-Smith, who we will all be cheering on as he represents Team GB in the Tokyo Olympics this summer.

As you know we have been focusing on uniform standards recently and I just wanted to write a final reminder from myself as regards expectations for next year. The main insistence being that we do expect all students to adhere to the policy as regards shoes. I will not write any bulletin notes next week, as we will be focusing on providing key information as regards returning to school after the holidays. Please be aware that we will also, hopefully be in receipt of clarification regarding Lateral Flow Testing that might have to take place in school during the first two weeks of the Autumn term and we will try to communicate this as clearly as possible.

If I could give any learning advice for students over the summer break it would be to enjoy the fresh air, enjoy a chance to unwind, spend social time with families and friends wherever possible and to read books. Reading is a key focus for the school as we move forward and we will be launching some new initiatives early in September to encourage reading in all areas of the curriculum.

I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable summer, it has been a pleasure to serve this year as the Principal at St. Peter's and I am very optimistic about the future of this wonderful school. I am grateful to all the students for their tremendous efforts during the strangest of school years and also to all of my colleagues and School Governors for their determination to do their best for our children.

'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

Matthew 11:28-29



SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL UNIFORM



Junior Navy Kick Pleat Skirt



Navy Senior Girls Trousers



St Peters Girls Navy Blazer



St Peters Short Sleeve Blouse (Twin Pack)



St. Peters Badged Blazer



St. Peters Sew On Badge



Standard Fit Cotton V-Neck



St. Peters Tie



St Peters Long Sleeve Blouse (Twin Pack)



St Peters Crew Neck Jumper



Navy Back Vent Skirt



Navy Kick Pleat Skirt



Boys Black Jet Pocket Trousers (Plain)



Junior Boys Slim Fit Trouser (Black)



Junior Boys Classic Fit Trouser (Black)



Junior Boys Sturdy Fit Trouser (Black)

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SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL UNIFORM - CONTINUED

St Peter's Collegiate uniform can be purchased from one of our three suppliers. <u>Lads and Lasses</u> on Warstones Road, <u>Ron Flowers</u> on Queen Street and Trutex Wolverhampton located on Cleveland Street. We have an excellent relationship with all three of these companies and highly recommend them all. Visit our <u>school website</u> for more information. Below is our expectation on footwear for all pupils.

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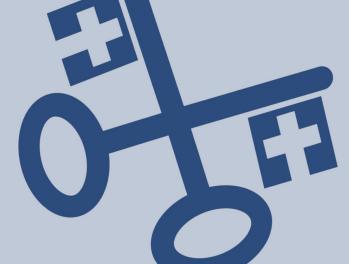
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Reading Widely and Often

Research shows that reading widely and often is one of the most important factors in determining future academic success. This is why we are on a mission to make St. Peter's an outstanding reading school.

As part of our commitment to this, we will be relocating our Reading Room to the Learning Centre so we can create a bigger library space for our students to access. We will also be implementing a new lending system, making it easier for students to borrow books to read at home.

Whilst we will be adding lots of exciting new books to our existing stock, we are also keen to make our library more environmentally sustainable by sourcing good quality second hand books too. With this in mind, if you are having a sort out ready for the summer and have any books (in good condition) needing a new home, then we would be delighted to add them to our library stock. Books can be left with Mrs Blackwell at reception.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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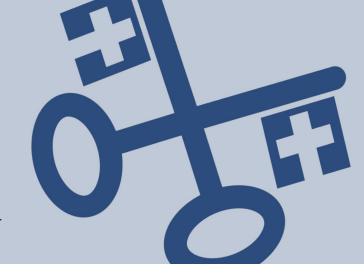
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MEET THE PRINCIPAL

LIVE EVENTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2021

> "An exciting opportunity to meet with the Principal and some of our team"