

Parent Bulletin

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'In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I had the pleasure of leading two separate year group Worships this week and decided to read the poem during both of these. As I was reading, I felt incredibly moved by the content. Such a strong message is sent by this poem; a message of hope for the future. It really made me think of our vibrant school. We are fortunate to be able to celebrate the wonderful mixture of different cultures that represent our community and it remains our unwavering mission to encourage everyone at St

Peter's to respect each other, enjoy learning about our different cultures and also to contribute towards living out our Christian Ethos.

During half term we are re-decorating the Chapel in school. I am pleased to have been able to make the decision that the Chapel should be a focal point in our school, and I cannot wait to see it when it is finished. However, since we moved it back to its original venue in September it has actually been really interesting to see how the students have helped put together a 'makeshift home'. There is a mixture of posters, pictures, slogans and quotations on the walls, and on entering the room they effect you in different ways. The many different stimuli stop and make you think.

On visiting the makeshift nature of the room, comes the idea that we want to be able to celebrate our Christian Vision more visibly in the school. Over the next few weeks and months we will be looking to do this and want to fully engage with students in this process. If any students have creative ideas they would like us to consider, they should come and speak with Joe the Chaplain or myself. We would really welcome opinion, the more creative, the better!

This week the focus of our 'Reading Widely and Often' drive in school has been looking at 'The Hill We Climb', a poem by Amanda Gorman, which was used at President Biden's inauguration.

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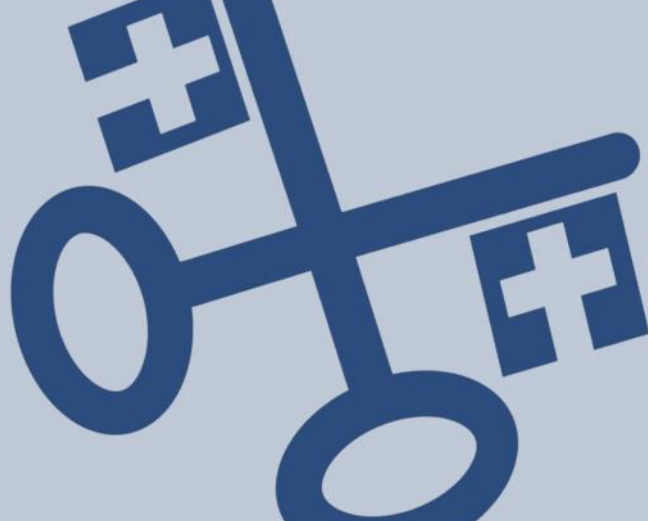
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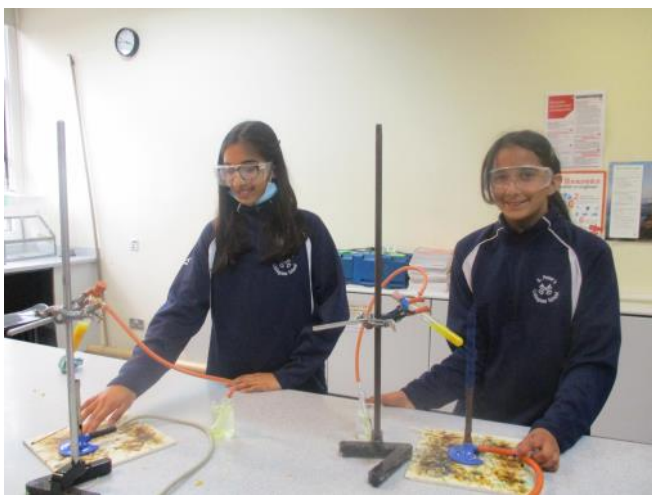
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SCIENCE CLUB INVESTIGATES MAGIC AND SPELLS



In Science Club, Year 7 have been investigating the magic and spells seen in their favourite books and movies. We have been transported to Hogwarts and are undertaking lessons such as potions and invisibility. Last week, we had a go at producing carbon sugar snakes in our Care of Magical Creatures class. This week, we were studying Herbology, looking at all the useful compounds plants provide us with and having a go at extracting limonene from oranges. Next week in Alchemy, we will see if we can turn things into gold!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Our programme of Enrichment and Enhancement is well underway this academic year. We have spoken to pupils and staff who attend and run the activities and the feedback we have had has been fantastic.

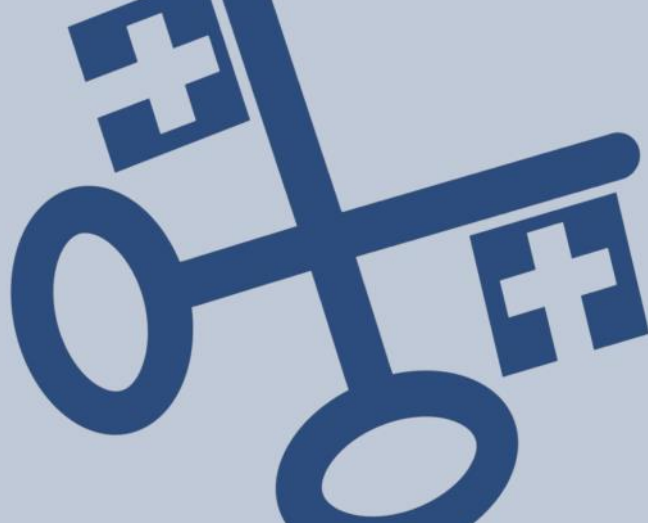
Our aim is to offer something for everyone and we feel that what's on offer really does do that. A timetable of sessions, for all year groups, has been put together to support students' academic progress and attainment. Education at St Peters, however, is not just about exams and exam results. We have always sought to educate the whole child. The programme we are providing aims to give students opportunities to learn and explore beyond the classroom, developing new friendships across their year groups.



FULL TIMETABLE HERE

REMINDERS:

- Sixth Form Open Evening October 14th 2021



PARENTS ADVISORY GROUP 2021-22

I am delighted to introduce the Parents Advisory Group. This initiative started last year at St Peter's and it is something we truly value and feel allows the school to seek the invested opinions of its parents.

The Group meets once per term and I always share an update on things that are taking place in school, alongside the opportunity to debate a key issue, for example; uniform, reading opportunities, safe ICT use, etc.

Last year there were 20 members and we ran the meetings via ZOOM, this year we are looking to have up to 30 members and hold meetings in person.

It is vital that we try to ensure that we have parents/carers that are representative of all year groups and our diverse cohort and this is the reason that we ask for information on applications.

If you are interested in being part of what was a fantastic supportive tool for change in the school, I would really appreciate it if you took the time to complete and return the attached form by the 22 October 2021.

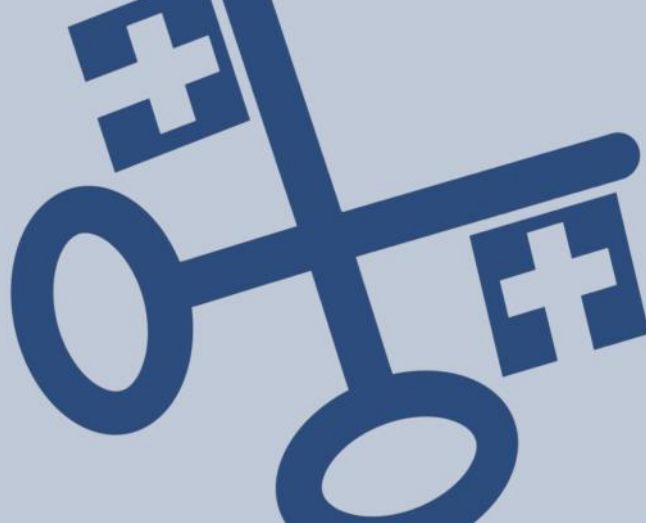
The first meeting of this calendar year will take place in November 2021.



APPLY HERE

REMINDERS:

- Our school visions, ethos and values are all on the website [here](#)



PEER MENTORS WIN AWARD

Peer Mentors to be awarded Anti-Bullying Award at city ceremony

Due to our Peer Mentors' hard work, St Peter's was awarded the Wolverhampton Anti-Bullying Award last year. They have now been invited by the Local Authority to attend an awards ceremony in November at the Molineux football stadium to receive their award.

We are really proud of our anti-bullying work here at St Peter's. Thank you to our wonderful Peer Mentors whose hard work has resulted in this award.



YEAR 7 BAKE OFF

Well done to all of Year 7 for their entries for MFL's European Day of Languages Bake Off. The entries were amazing and looked really tasty too.

It was so hard to choose winners from all of the brilliant entries but the awards are as follows:

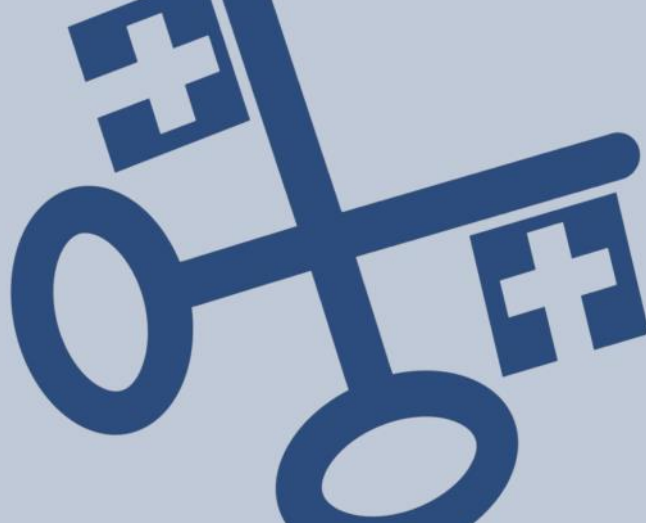


1st prize - Kyra Ram
2nd prize - Nicholas Jeavons
Joint 3rd prize - Christiana Nsiah and Alicia Coulson

We are looking forward to seeing some amazing t-shirt designs next week as part of the continuing celebrations.

REMINDERS:

- Our Christian Union meet weekly in the school chapel, if you wish to join them speak to Mr Maggs the school chaplain



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING OCTOBER 14TH – [BOOK HERE](#)

Our mission, at St Peter's Sixth form is to educate the whole person, so that every student may be supported to unlock their full God-given potential. We pride ourselves on having high aspirations and expectations of students so they can thrive in all aspects of their lives - spiritually, academically, in society, and in the world of work. Last year we achieved our best results ever, with 84% of Year 13 students moving on to universities and/or apprenticeships.

The happiness and safety of all our students is central to everything we do at St Peter's. As a Christian community, we see every pupil as a unique individual and will work tirelessly to ensure they are supported to achieve both socially and academically.

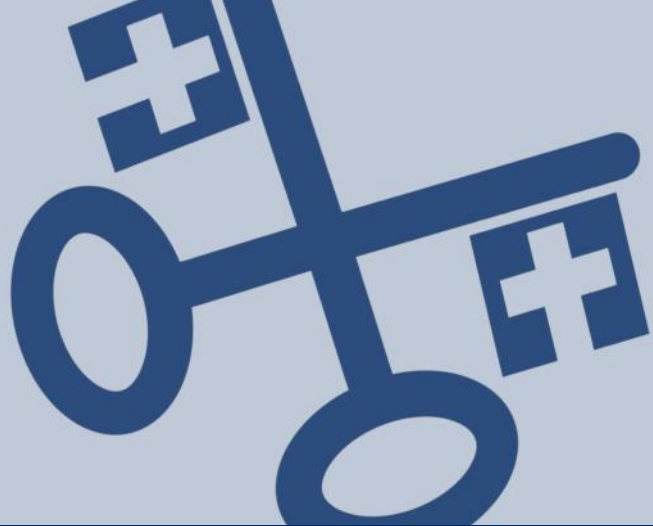
Our wide range of A Level options, coupled with our Enrichment Passport Program, is carefully designed to ensure students are fully prepared for the next stage in their career path. We support students to gain academic qualifications, but also provide them with life skills, employability skills, and volunteering opportunities, ensuring they are relevant to the needs and aspirations of all of our students. Our learning is extended beyond the classroom with our 'Enrichment and Enhancement' programme through which students can get involved in wider activities such as sport, Duke of Edinburgh, Music, Drama and Christian Union.



We would be delighted to welcome you into our St Peter's family. www.speters.org.uk

REMINDERS:

- Students are reminded to take two Lateral Flow Tests per week and record the result on the government and school website

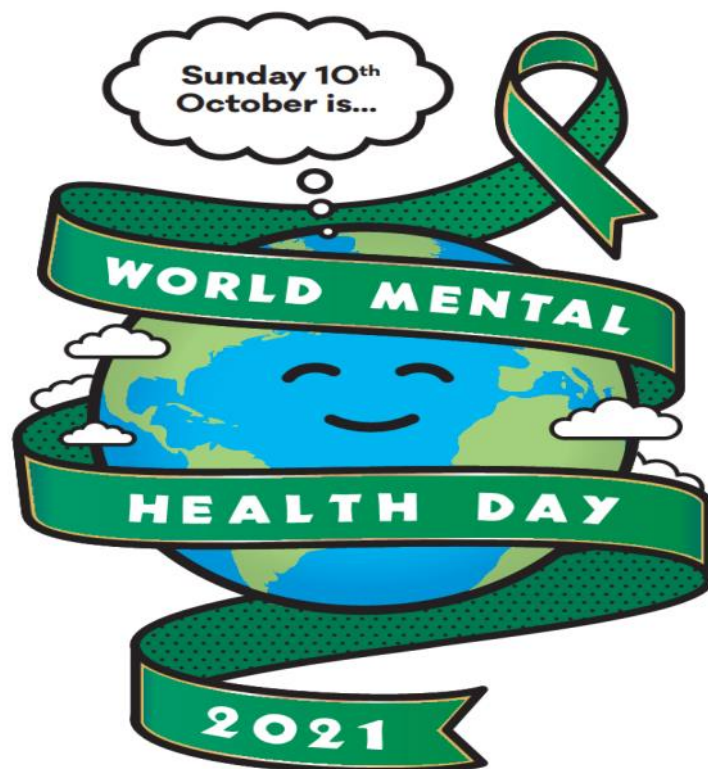


WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day takes place on Sunday 10th October so to celebrate we will be running a number of mental health linked initiatives in school next week.

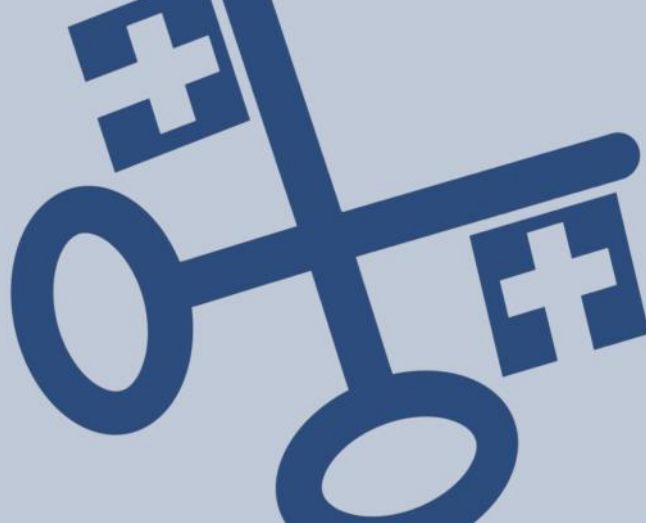
Activities include:

- Activities and discussions in form time linked to mental health
- A shared reading extract from a mental health writer to engage students in discussion
- Speech bubble activity
- Students creating bunting for form rooms around equality and mental health support
- Random acts of kindness programme
- PSHE lesson on the theme of mental health



REMINDERS:

- Read more about 'Reading Widely and Often' programme [here](#)



CULTURAL CAPITAL

This week saw the start of our Black History Month celebrations which began with a whole school reading of an extract from Amanda Gorman's poem, 'The Hill We Climb'.

Extract from 'The Hill We Climb' by Amanda Gorman (read at President Biden's Inauguration ceremony)

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Other activities have included:

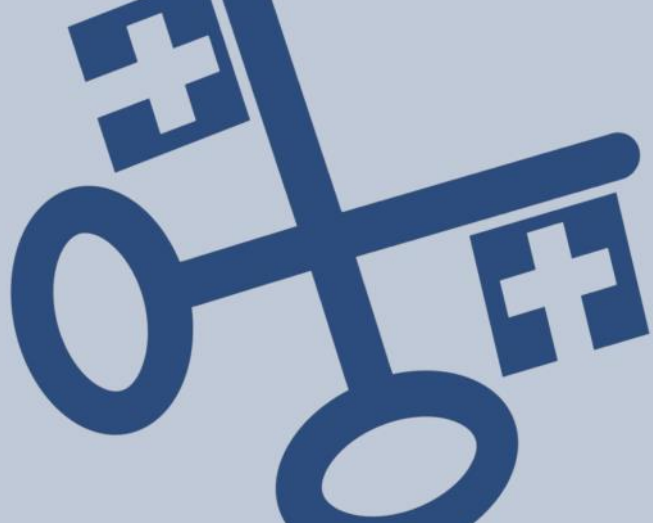
- Celebration of poetry by BAME writers including John Agard, Maya Angelou, Warda Yassin and Leopold Sedar Senghor for National Poetry Day
- Displays around school created by students
- Art and writing competitions run by our student Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team with a focus on what makes them proud to be who they are.

We have lots more planned for this month, and throughout the year, so keep an eye out for information about these in future bulletins.



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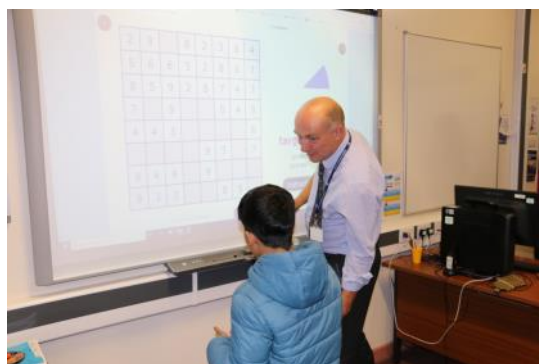
- Follow us on social media for updates and news



OPEN EVENING RETURNS

Last week, we held our annual Open Evening. It was wonderful to be able to do this in person, following on from last year's virtual event, and to have so many prospective students visit us to find out all about St. Peter's.

Thank you to our staff who showcased their departments brilliantly. Special mention should go to our wonderful students who were brilliant ambassadors for the school.



JOSH ON THE AIR WAVES!

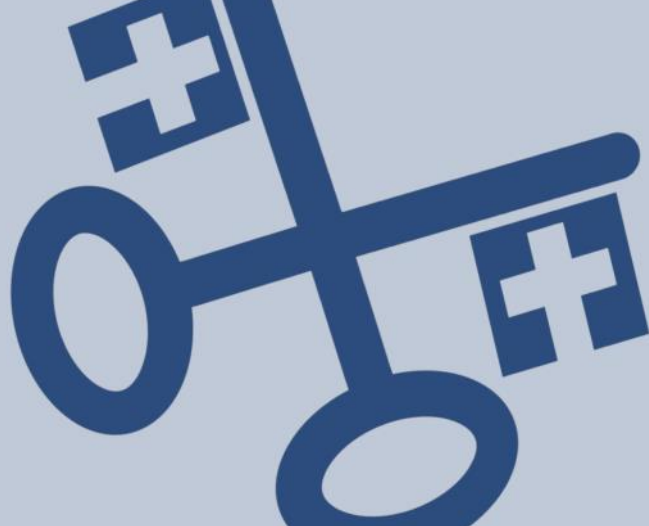
BBC
RADIO

Keep your ears open next week for Year 11 student, Joshua Badhan who will be on BBC Radio to talk about his amazing weightlifting success.

Well done, Joshua - we are so pleased you are getting the recognition you deserve.

REMINDERS:

- Have you signed up for class charts? Email speters@speters.org.uk



JOIN OUR SIXTH FORM

THURSDAY

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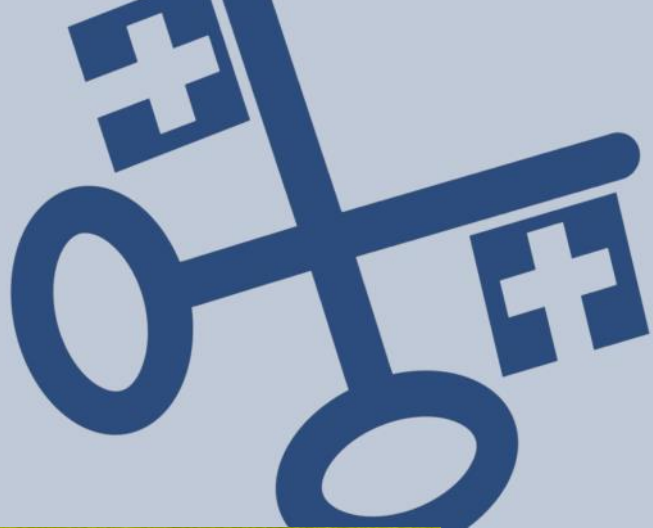
OCTOBER

OPEN EVENING

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

REMINDERS:

- Information on our curriculum offer can be found [here](#)



SPORTS RESULTS

FOOTBALL SCORES

Year 8 | St Peter's 3–1 Highfields

Year 9 | St Peter's 6–2 Smestow

Year 7 | St Peter's 7-4 SWBA

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Year 10 Football vs Highfields (home)

Year 8 Football vs St Dominics (Away)

Year 8 Football vs Ormiston Oat Forge (away)

