

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



This Monday evening, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 8 football team to Bishop Challoner Catholic College in Birmingham to watch them play in the West Midlands Cup.

It quickly became evident that we were up against a really strong side, featuring several Academy players. After battling against a real onslaught of pressure we conceded a goal, scored fantastically by one of the Aston Villa FC players. Up to this point we had deserved to be behind as we had failed to impose ourselves on the game, however, just before half time we scored a brilliant equaliser from Bohdi Shields.

I watched with interest at half time as the boys tried to take on board information that might help them in the second half. Despite a bright start we soon found ourselves trailing 3-1.

With literally two minutes remaining somehow we pulled a goal back through Dylan Singh, before literally equalising with the last kick of the game from Isma'll Rose.

Going into extra time the light was fading as night drew in. The twenty minute extra time went and the game was still level at 3-3, taking the match to penalties.

The penalties starting coincided with some floodlights coming on and seemingly showing a way forward for our team.

We managed to score all of our penalty kicks and Alfie Marston saved two of the opponent's efforts to send us through.

It is not my intention to write a report for every match I watch, not at all; but this match had so much about it that typified what it is to be a St Peter's student.

The team displayed a togetherness, a determination, an honesty and a 'never-give up' attitude throughout. Perhaps even the lights coming on for the shoot-out may also have been a sign from somewhere also?

This week, our Year 11 students experienced their first Mock Examinations. There will, of course, be further assessment opportunities in the Sports Hall, but it was great to see how determined they were to do their very best. Despite having never experienced an exam situation like this previously, they adapted fantastically. We are very proud of them this week.

Ahead of what I hope is a restful and safe half-term break for everyone, I would like to thank all the students, staff and Governors for such a positive start to the term and we look forward to seeing you again in November.

KEY DATES

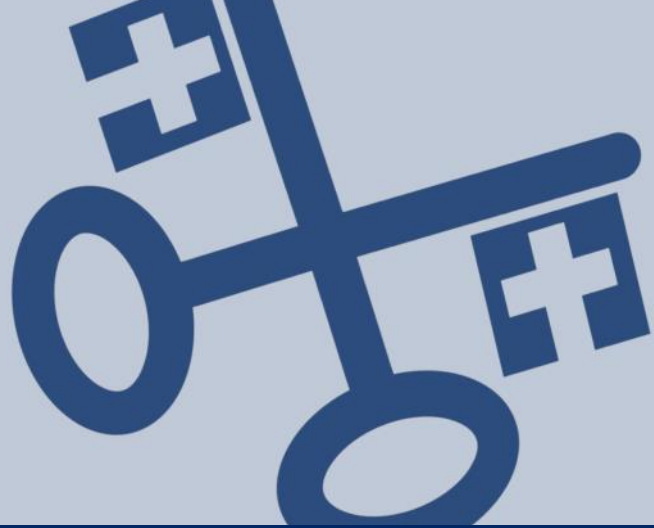
01/11/21: SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

02/11/21: Year 11 Mock Week 2

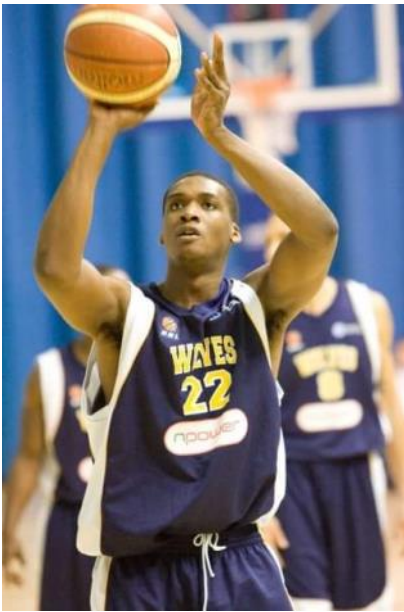
02/11/21: Year 8 Review 1

03/11/21 & 04/11/21: Senior UKMT Maths Challenge

05/11/2021: 12–17 year old COVID Vaccinations



THE SLAM BASKETBALL ACADEMY LAUNCHES



There has been great excitement at St Peter's since the arrival of Mr Anderson in September 2021.

We were looking for a way of inspiring students and we seem to have found it. It has been amazing to see how our students have been captured with the introduction of a new Basketball programme at the school.

As a former sportsman and PE teacher, I have always held the belief that it is Sport, the Arts and the opportunities to get involved that give a school its life. Tapping into the interests of our students will give us so many benefits, both in terms of the ability to play Basketball for enjoyment, to be able to compete at a high level and also to it providing that 'exciting' element to the school day that raises attendance and concentration in all areas of school life.

On meeting Mr Anderson, he made us acutely aware that due to the lack of provision and the lack of a vision, many of the talented Wolverhampton Basketball players were travelling to Birmingham to get involved in their favourite sport and develop their skills. This was further reason to try and bring an exciting opportunity to our school.

Already the Sports Halls are packed at lunchtime and after school with students developing their technique and throwing themselves into becoming better Basketballers. We are constantly seeking opportunities for students to get involved in competitive fixtures and hopefully these can help to develop players at recreational and competitive levels.

Next year we plan to start our Sixth form Basketball Academy. This will be a programme where students will have an opportunity to study at St Peter's on bespoke and tailored programmes alongside practising their Basketball. It is our full intention to develop and grow this provision so that we can provide students with a successful career path and a chance to enjoy their studies.

As a National Cup winning coach in my own chosen sport, I have seen the impact that delivering a sports programme can have for students. It provides the opportunity to be part of something special and feel truly valued as part of a team. I am determined to support Mr Anderson, the PE department and all the students in order to drive the programme as far as possible and hopefully that feeling that I have experienced previously, running teams in local, regional and national finals, can be replicated in Basketball at St Peter's.



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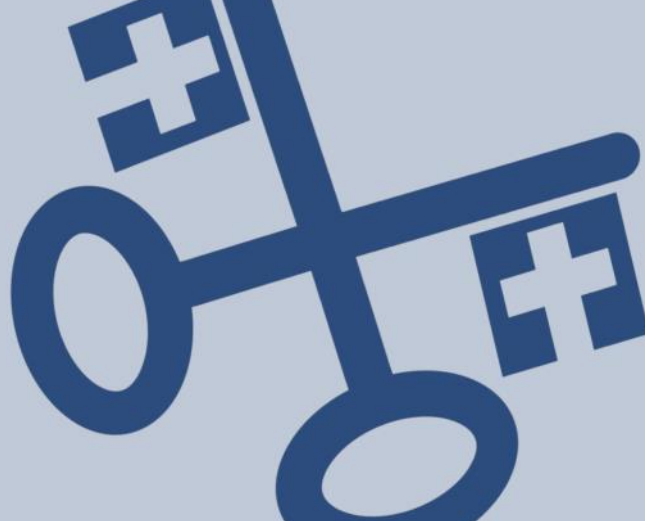
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Alongside the in school and extra - curricular activities, we are delighted that Mr Anderson has chosen to use our facilities to run the SLAM Basketball Academy and hope that many of our students and other students based in Wolverhampton will benefit from his superb coaching skills.

WHAT WILL THE ACADEMY OFFER

In conjunction with SLAM! Basketball Club, St Peter's Collegiate Academy have partnered to develop the St Peter's Collegiate Basketball Academy (SPCBA). The SPCBA will provide students, aged 16 to 19 years old, the opportunity to develop their basketball talents to the highest abilities alongside their academic studies. SPCBA will provide two tiers of basketball development, performance level training and competition and Developmental level training and participation. Both programmes will give boys and girls the choice to gain a variety of recognised academic/sports development qualifications (A-Levels and/or B/C-Tecs) whilst maximising their full basketball potential.

The Performance programme will focus on providing an environment for elite level sporting excellence. The Developmental programme will focus on basketball development opportunities through coaching, officiating and increasing participation.

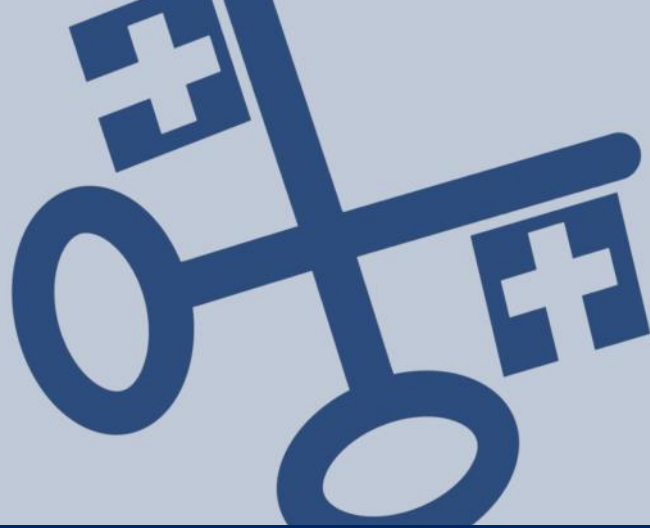
As a **performance** student athlete at SPCBA students will benefit from:

- Integrated education and basketball timetable
- Player-centred team and individual training
- Represent our teams in the ABL, AOC and/or Dynamik National Schools Competition
- Participation in the National League U18s
- Fully equipped performance arena
- Weekly strength & conditioning programs
- Video analysis
- Academic and sports based mentoring
- Overseas tours
- Bursary and financial assistance for travel and other student-athlete related expenses for eligible individuals
- Potential progression with UK or US college /university scholarships



Reading Widely & Often Extract

- This week our reading extract is linked to World Mental Health Day. Our fifth extract taken from the book 'Notes on a Nervous Planet' by Matt Haig. Read the extract [here](#)



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As a development student athlete at SPCBA students will receive similar benefits as a performance athlete, but will be required to study one of the following courses:

- BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Sport
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sport
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
- A Levels

By working in conjunction with SLAM! Basketball Club, the city's largest junior basketball club, our student athletes will receive first class support to reach their academic and sporting goals. Our internal player pathway will enable us to deliver performance programs at every stage of basketball development from club through to regional / national team level.

ABOUT MR ANDERSON



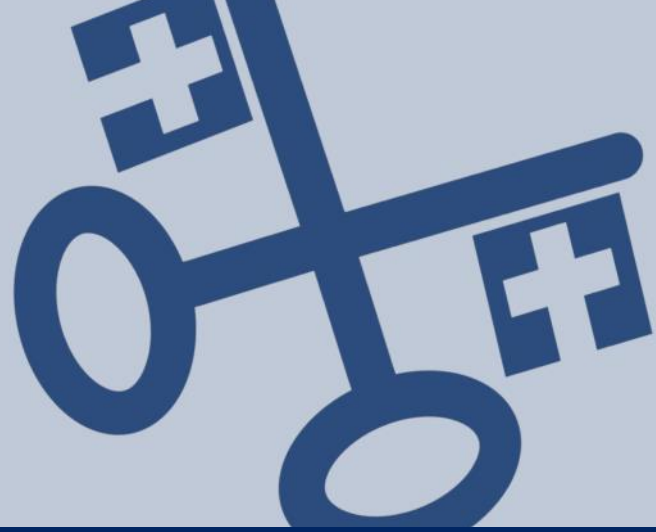
The SPCBA will be led by Coach Douaine Anderson, former British Basketball League (BBL) and US college basketball scholarship recipient.

- GB MaxiBasketball Player
- Played for BBL Clubs: Birmingham Bullets & Worcester Wolves
- West Midlands Regional Coach (Under 15s Boys & Under 13 Girls)
- 20+ years of regional and national league club / camp Coach
- Guest coach at numerous domestic and international basketball camps and clinics
- Scholarship graduate from Franklin Pierce University, Rindge New Hampshire



REMINDERS:

- We are now accepting applications for this years Parent Advisory Group [Apply Here](#)



ENRICHMENT– FELTING CLUB

During the felting enrichment Mia is learning the skills of wet felting, this is the process of bonding wool fibres and other fabrics together with water to form a new and unique textured fabric. The technique has been used in a number of ways and in only two sessions Mia has produced a felt pot and place mat. This week she will be learning to create a felt picture, taking inspiration from her own choice of photo. The skills will be built upon so that Mia can create a large scale bag/pot in January.

The sessions are great for well-being as the time spent felting is achieved by rubbing hands over warm water and bubble wrap which is very soothing and relaxing. I hope that Mia passes on her positive experience of this enrichment and more benefit from signing up in the Spring.



MUSIC DURING THE PANDEMIC

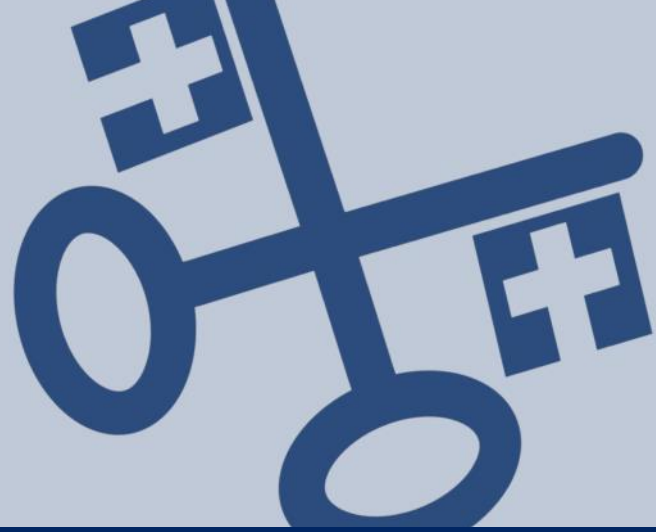


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But did that stop us? No. The amazing team at WYMT were hard at work with those negative for covid, whilst having members learning through zoom calls and learning dances through videos. Costumes were sorted and people even celebrated birthdays during the week we were all together! With an added Saturday matinee to make up for the cancelled show on the Tuesday which was instead used for running the whole show with all the cast returning from isolation the show went ahead with fully booked shows! WYMT really did prove that even if you're little you can do a lot!

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BUS ROUTE CHANGE AFTER HALF TERM

National Express has made changes to the school bus services following feedback from parents regarding overcrowding on buses. These changes will come into force after half term. Service **794** - The afternoon journey will operate non-stop from the school until Stafford Road. Any students who alight in Whitmore Reans (before Stafford Road) should now catch service **711A**. Service **711A** - This new service should be used by pupils who previously used service **794** to Whitmore Reans. This journey will then continue on to Wolverhampton Bus Station for any pupils alighting in the town centre.

We are waiting for National Express to update us with a new route document which will go on to the school website.

UNIFORM

Please make sure that your child does NOT Attend school in trainers. Only shoes which are black and polishable are to be worn to school



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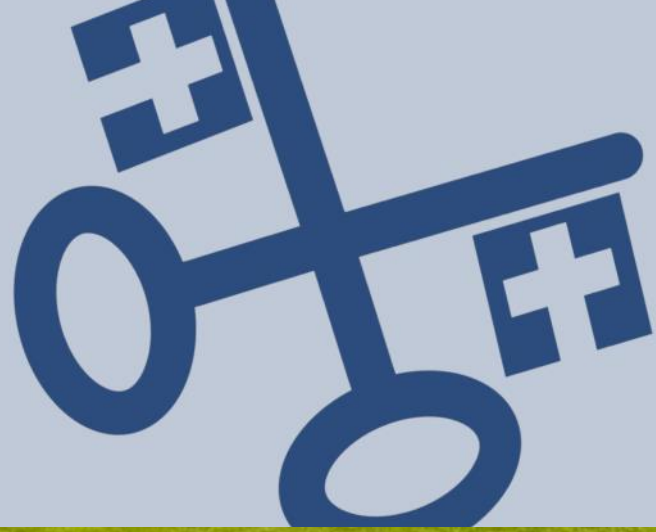
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By Hannah Spedding-Stowe



REMINDERS:

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



SPORTS RESULTS

FOOTBALL Year 8 | St Peter's 3-3 Bishop Challenor
(St Peter's won on penalties)

FOOTBALL Year 7 | St Peter's 6-3 Kingswinford

BASKETBALL Year 8/9/10 St Peter's 43-26 Moseley Park

FIXTURES COMING UP

Year 7 Football vs The Royal

Year 8 Football vs Redhill School