

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



We gained some excellent insights into the student and parent experiences this week. I am very grateful to those parents who attended the open forum meeting looking at Target Setting, Reporting and the Class Charts system. To receive honest feedback is important. There is much to do in the school, especially in relation to these areas, but we are buoyed by the fact that there is momentum behind us and the will and desire to keep moving things forward.

This event was hosted by Mr Mullen-Furness (Vice Principal) and myself. On 1st December we will be hosting the second meeting of this type, with a focus on Feedback & Assessment. Details of how to sign up to attend the meeting will be released soon.

Next week is the first meeting of the Parents Advisory Group, and once again, it will be good to meet parents in person and take a steer on some key issues. The topics that will be covered in this meeting include Uniform and continuing to develop our Christian Vision.

You will hopefully have already started to use Class Charts as a parent, and parents at this week's meeting heavily praised this. If you haven't logged on yet visit speters.org.uk/class-charts/ for instructions on how to access the system.

There has once again been a packed sports hall and sports field this week as we have competed against many local schools in various different sports. I wanted to mention in particular this week the Year 9 football team who have qualified for the 4th round of the English Schools FA National Cup. We are really proud of the boys and hope that their journey in the competition continues for some time yet. The English Schools FA National Cup is a very prestigious competition that I have been proud to have won on a few occasions whilst running school teams and it has provided me with memories that will stay with me forever. I hope that our boys can benefit from any future success in the same way. In order to triumph in these sorts of competitions there has to be a great deal of hard work and training. Often good fortune is needed and sometimes we need to hand over our fears and anxiety to God in the knowledge that we will be guided to find the path that is meant for us.

This week it was both National Anti-bullying week and Interfaith week. A good chance for our students to look carefully at the effect of bullying and the importance of being respectful and interested in other people's beliefs and traditions. I am excited that very soon we have an event in school that has been organised by the Christian Union that will bring together students and Church Leaders from across Wolverhampton. Joe Maggs, the school Chaplain has been working hard on bringing this event together alongside the students. It will be a fitting way to help celebrate the newly re-decorated Chapel and provide us with some long lasting links into our community.

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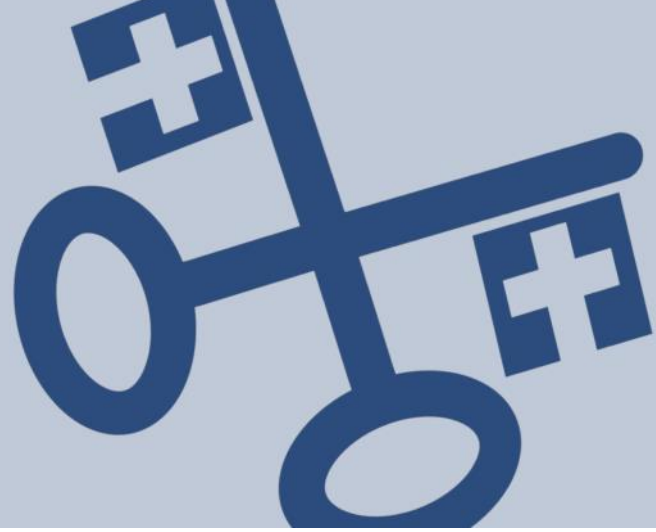
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On the theme of community links. I see it as an important part of our job to know about other educational providers that can support our students. Whilst many of our students stay with us after Year 11 and we are delighted that they choose to do so, some of our students go onto study elsewhere. This week I was delighted to meet some colleagues from Wolverhampton College who spoke with a small number of students who are hopefully going to enroll onto courses with them next year. It was fantastic to know that they were happy to exchange ideas and engage with the school at such an early stage, to help prepare students for the transition. The mission of helping every student find their niche is an important one and preparing them for the next steps can be tough, but very rewarding.

‘Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.’

Galatians 6:2

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL



Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Girl team, Rae-Kwan and Noestra who were appointed following whole school elections just before half term.

“Hi, my name is Rae-Kwan. I’m the new Head Boy. My aim for this year is to ensure that students have their voice heard and leave their mark on our school.”

“Hey everyone! My name’s Noestra and I’ve recently been elected Head Girl! I’d like to say a great big thank you to everyone that voted. I hope to leave a

positive impact on you all as Head Girl. My aim is to amplify the voice of the student body so there is a way for students to feel more comfortable voicing concerns and opinions. I’m confident that Rae-Kwan and myself, with the help of teachers and listening to you as students, will be able to help enhance your St Peter’s experience. Thanks again!”

INDUSTRY EXPERTS VISIT ST PETER’S

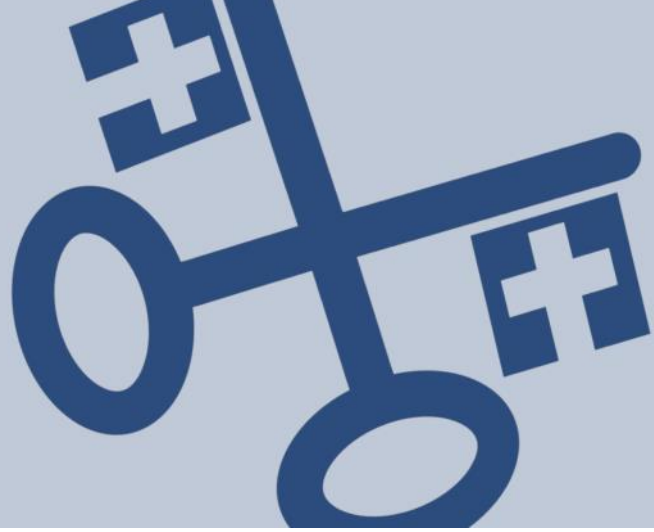


On Friday 12th November Year 9 were visited by guest speakers who gave them an insight into the worlds of Sports Journalism, Banking and Finance and Textiles and Merchandising. Our students were given interactive and informative presentations and were then able to ask questions to further their understanding of each field.

Nathan, Hattie and Lauren; our presenters, were all very impressed with our students and particularly by their range of questions. Many of our students expressed how the event had helped them to think about different career pathways and transferable employability skills.

SPRING TERM DATES 2022

- **Term Time:** Tuesday 4 January 2022 – Friday 18 February 2022
- **Half Term:** Monday 21 February 2022- Friday 25 February 2022
- **Term Time:** Monday 28 February 2022 – Friday 8 April 2022
- **Inset Days:** Wednesday 2 March 2022 (half day following Ash Wednesday Eucharist) | Friday 8 April 2022



KEY DATES

- 22/11 - Y9 Assessment Week
- 22/11 - Book Fair in school
- 1/12 - Careers Fair in school
- 1/12 - Y11 Review
- 6/12 - MFL GCSE Speaking Mocks all week
- 6/12 - Subject Discovery day
- 7/12 - Christmas Concert
- 8/12 - Y13 Review 1
- 9/12 - Y11 Parents' Evening
- 10/12—Y7 Theatre Trip
- 13/ 12 — Carol Service
- 15/12 - Presentation Evening
- 17/12 - Break Up for Christmas
- 4/1/22 - Return to school

CTEC BUSINESS

Well done to Mrs Roberts-Thomas' Year 12 CTEC Business students who have been working extremely hard and have recently undertaken an early mock in preparation for their formal exam on 12th January 2022. Students have completed several practice exams now and have worked with diligence and determination. We wish them well with their revision and for their upcoming exam.

What is CTEC Business?

This qualification is for learners who want to study Business through applied learning to progress to Higher Education. Progression could be onto a Business degree, for example Business Management or a non-related degree programme. It also prepares learners to take up employment in business where they could continue to study, either directly after achieving the qualification or after Higher Education.

POPPY APPEAL

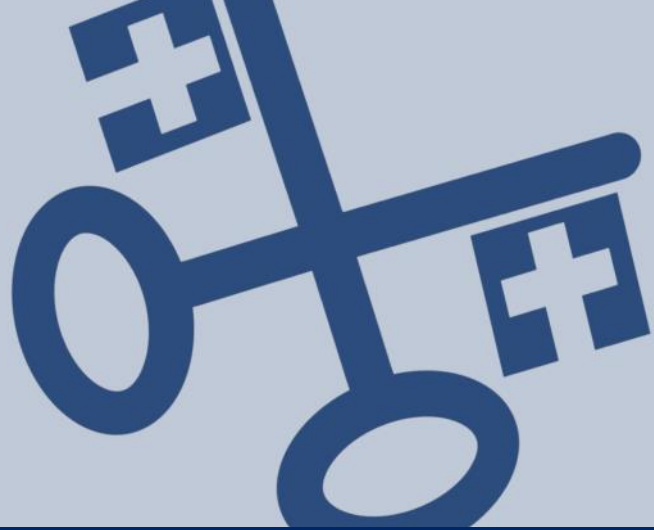


Last week our students and staff raised £75 for the Royal British Legion by selling and purchasing homemade Poppies.

Our Art department also completed a Fantastic Poppy display. The Art work was displayed on one of the school buildings and was the backdrop for our Remembrance day service.

Reminder

- Year 7 Theatre trip is going out on 10th December



PEER MENTORS WIN AWARD

A huge congratulations to our Peer Mentors who represented the school last week at Wolverhampton Council's Anti-Bullying Celebration Awards Ceremony.

The celebration was in recognition of the work St. Peter's does in tackling the issues of bullying. This award was granted last year but due to the Covid pandemic, the celebration event was postponed.

As usual, the Peer Mentors in attendance were a credit to the school. We received positive comments from Andrew Wolverson (Head of Wolverhampton Children's Services) and Councillor Greg Brackenridge (Mayor of Wolverhampton) who was impressed with their enthusiasm and positivity, especially from Evelyn Langhorn.

Unfortunately, we were only allowed to take 3 Peer Mentors but they all deserved to attend. They all work incredibly hard to support their peers in school and do such amazing work for our school. A special mention to Mrs Wilkes who supports the Peer mentors in their work in school.



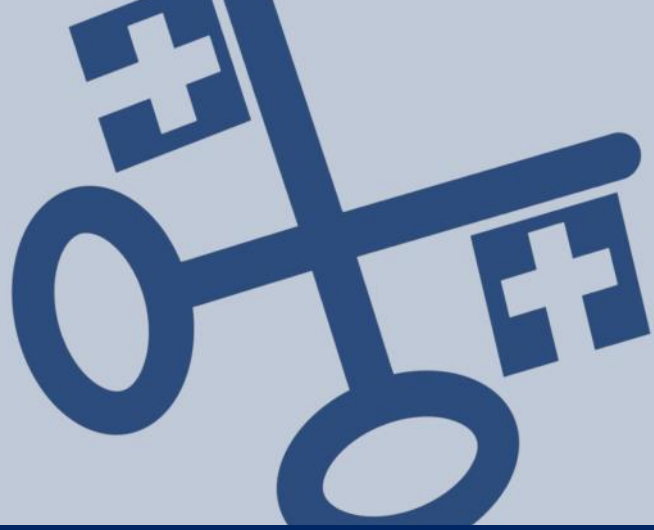
YEAR 7 STUDY CELLS IN SCIENCE

The homework task I set links in with the work that my year 7 have currently been doing on the topic of cells. The pupils started this term off being introduced with this topic where they learnt all about different types of cells including animal and plant cells. In our science lessons, we have been learning about the structure of an animal cell and the structure of a plant cell and how they compare, including the roles of organelles found inside a cell which include the nucleus, mitochondria, ribosomes, cytoplasm, cell membrane etc. As part of their homework activity, I asked the pupils to make a model of either an animal cell or a plant cell and include all the organelles that we have been learning about in our science lessons. My year 7 students went above and beyond what was expected, not only did they create their own models (using cardboard, tissue, dough and even making a cake represent animal/plant cells), they correctly identified all the key structures we have been learning about in our lessons and labelled them on their models, as well as stating the function of each subcellular structure. I was very very impressed with their work and how they have put what they have learnt in science into practice!

Miss Tanveer

ENRICHMENT

- [Click here to view our full enrichment timetable](#)



ARTIST IN SCHOOL

Last week, all students in Year 8 were given the opportunity to work with visiting artist, Debbie Todd, from Protean Art, to create a piece of artwork which would embody both our Christian Values and our commitment to becoming a more sustainable eco school.

Debbie worked with students to create a large relief piece of artwork displaying the words 'Live Faith', using wood as a base layer with recycled drink can metal applied onto the surface.

The pieced background shapes and letters were prepared and cut to the size appropriate to the exhibition space and ready for students to embellish. During the workshops, students worked alongside Debbie Todd and learned how to implement Repoussé and Chasing techniques to emboss and draw into the printed metal surface and then sand, creating decorative and textured patterns. These embellishments also included text from our key Christian values.

Talking about their experiences, students said:

"I really liked the creativity, and experiencing new methods of art"

"I enjoyed creating a small piece of art out of recyclable materials that will become part of a piece that everyone can see and enjoy!"

Debbie is now finishing the artwork ready for display. We will share the finished piece with you all soon!



BOOK FAIR OPENS ON MONDAY

We are delighted to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from 22nd November to 3rd December in the Learning Centre. Students will be able to visit the fair before and after school and at breaks and lunchtimes as well as during their weekly English reading lessons.

To order books, simply pay using Scholastic's online payment system, inputting the school's name or postcode (WV3 9DU). Books will then be delivered directly to school for your child to receive.

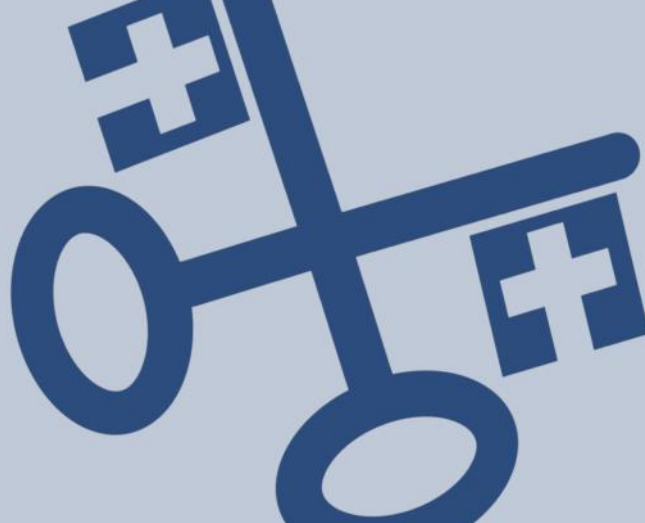
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

As part of Scholastic's commitment to supporting reading in schools, we will receive tokens for books in return for sale of books so the more books we sell, the more free books we get for our new school library!

REMINDERS:

We are so incredibly proud of our students and their achievements in school but we are also aware that there are lots of wonderful things they are doing outside of school that we don't know about. We would love to hear all about these achievements.

[Fill out this form here](#)



SPORT @ ST PETER'S

BASKETBALL

Year 7&8

It has been another very successful week for the Basketball Academy. Our Year 7/8 team travelled away to local rivals Highfields. The team made a bright start scoring at will with the match ending 59-10 to St Peter's. Alfie Marston won man of the match with a fantastic performance. Mr Anderson said "Our offensive movement was amazing. Every fielded player scored. Great preparation for Thursdays Wolverhampton School 3 on 3 tournament".

This week also saw St Peter's play host to the under -14s 3 on 3 tournament. The tournament which saw nearly 200 students from across the city take part was hugely successful with all schools involved enjoying the event.

St Peter's fielded two sides for the tournament with the teams coming 1st and 3rd!

This success shows the progress that the students are making within the Basketball Academy.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

19/11 Year 9/10 vs St Edmunds

23/11 Year 10/11 vs Moseley Park

26/11 Year 10-13 vs Thomas Telford

26/11 Year 7/8 vs St Edmunds

FOOTBALL

Year 7

Lost 6-2 away to Codsall Middle.

Year 8

Played three matches this week. They started the week of playing St Dominic's winning 14-0, on Wednesday they played OLSC away winning 2-1 to reach the quarter finals the team have now won 16 out of 17 matches this season.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

25/11 Year 7/8 vs Royal

25/11 Year 9 vs Madeley