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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week in school we hosted a fantastic Careers Fair. It was a great opportunity for students to find out about further education and careers opportunities. I was full of admiration for the representatives from each establishment because they had to field so many questions from our inquisitive students. I am very grateful to Mrs Tranter for organising this event.

We are extremely disappointed that due to new Covid guidelines we have had to postpone the Presentation Evening scheduled for the last week of term. We hope to be able to host this in the new year.

Unfortunately, we have also had to cancel the Christmas Eucharist Church Services. It's a real shame, but the decision has had to be taken to ensure that, as much as possible, we try to not adversely affect family celebrations at Christmas.

Alongside these decisions, we had to reintroduce mandatory face masks in communal areas in the school this week. I would like to thank all students and parents for their support with this.

We are currently putting together the schedule for Covid testing during the first week back to school in January. We will communicate this as soon as we can.

Having to put these measures in place has reminded me of last year when we were experiencing things like this for the first time. I sincerely hope that there is not to be any widespread interruption to education this year, but I am pleased to be able to report that our wonderful Year 7 students have grasped the idea of 'how to access digital learning' if the need arises. I am thankful to our staff for ensuring this vital training has taken place.

As we approach the final few weeks of term, it is always a pleasure to see the excitement grow on students' faces. At St Peter's I have also been very impressed with the students' dedication towards helping others and would like to encourage everyone to join in with Christmas Jumper Day on 10th December. Money raised will go to Save the Children

Back in October, I was supposed to take part in the Shrewsbury half marathon to help raise money for Shelter. Unfortunately, I came down with a heavy cold three days prior to the event. I am aiming to run the course on my own this weekend so that I can truly say I've earned the many donations made to charity. I am dreading the weather being cold, but I am sure I'll enjoy the run (at the end of it anyway!).

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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CAREERS FAIR RETURNS WITH GREAT SUCCESS

Our Careers Fair on Wednesday was a great success with all students being able to visit throughout the day. Students had the opportunity to talk to a number of providers including Employers, Apprenticeships, Further Education and Higher Education providers. Students were impressed by the range of opportunities they had on offer and were extremely grateful to be able to talk to the exhibitors about the range of possibilities open to them as they leave St Peters. Our Y10 and 11 students found the event particularly useful as they begin to think about their work experience placements and post 16 choices. Sixth Form were able to talk to a number of Universities which will enable them to compare with other choices and make decisions regarding open day visits. Our KS3 students took part in Careers Fair treasure hunts to encourage them to speak to a range of exhibitors, these will be entered in a prize draw to be announced next week. It was wonderful to see our students being able to interact with outside providers once again. All the exhibitors were very impressed by their enthusiasm.



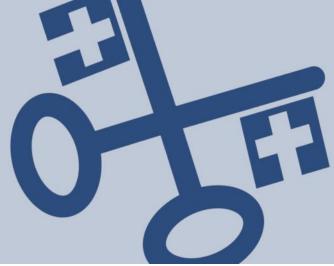
SPRING TERM DATES 2022

• **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

- 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
- 5/1//22 Y9 Review 1
- 6/1/22 Y13 Parents' Evening
- 10/1/22 Y12 Assessment week
- 10/1/22 Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 13/1/22 -Y8 Options Information

YEAR 9 HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL

This week I had the pleasure of meeting our new Head Girl and Head Boy for year 9 and what a fantastic meeting it was!. The two, Joseph Vernon and Damilola Onafowokan spoke with great excitement of their new roles. These two are great role models for the rest of our young people and they cannot wait to get started and we wish them all the best in their roles.



SPORT @ ST PETERS

This week the weather tried it's best to disrupt our sports fixtures!

The under 14s Boys Badminton City Championships took place this week with St Peter's not only winning the tournament but also coming runners-up with a second team. The teams will now go through to represent Wolverhampton at the Black Country Games in February.

The Year 8 football team made the trip to Streetly, Birmingham to play in the quarter final of the West Midlands cup. The boys unfortunately lost 2-1 to Streetly Academy in a very tight game. Mr Holmes said " the team should be very proud of how they have played in this competition this year and we will take many positives away from the experience".



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NATIONAL TREE WEEK

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, running from Saturday 27 November to Sunday 5 December. Across the country, people will be planting thousands of trees to mark the start of the winter tree planting season. Our school ECO Club had planned on planting a number of trees during this week, but due to poor weather we decided against doing this. We hope to plant the trees weather permitting in the coming days!

a gentle reminder to ..

If you haven't already done so please sign up to Class Charts to help you keep track of your child's achievements, access behaviour reports, attendance and track scheduled detentions. More information can be found <u>here</u>

INTER FAITH WEEK 2021

Last week, we celebrated Interfaith week across school. One of the activities which took place involved students discussing their faiths in form time. Students were asked to share what their faith meant to them. Responses included:

"I am a Hindu and I shall follow my faith wholeheartedly."

"I am a Christian and my favourite thing about my faith is congregating with people."

"My religion is called Islam. I am a follower of Islam so therefore I'm a muslim."

"Eid is a special day. We go to people's houses and give money and food."

"For me, my religion is important to me because God is always there by my side, teaching me the way of life."

"I believe that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. I love the bible because it shows the right way to live. Although I am a Christian I still respect other faiths."