

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



As we reached the last few days of term we could tell that many of the students were getting very tired. It has been a long term, but in many ways a really good term. So many students have done so many fantastic things and taken part in additional activities that bring the life to the school. The Christian Union continues to grow and grow and they are now helping to put together our virtual Christmas celebration that will air on the last day of term. We are really proud of the determination of these students who have worked alongside Joe Maggs to put this together.

As the holiday approaches, we are hit constantly with different instructions on news broadcasts as to how the Omicron variant will effect us all in the coming weeks. It takes me back to last year when much of the holiday was spent responding to different changes of direction. Whilst I sincerely hope that we will all be back in school following the initial testing in January, we have been working hard once again behind the scenes to be ready for any eventuality of Virtual Learning. I would advise that all parents and carers keep an eye on the website and email/text communications in case anything changes during the break.

As well as testing during the first week of term, we have the Year 13 Parents Evening (virtual) on Thursday 6 January. We have already held a virtual parents evening for Year 11 students this term and we would always welcome feedback to try and keep improving these on-line meetings.

I genuinely wish each and every child and each and every family a happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. I know that St Peter's children will celebrate and I also know that they will think of others who are less fortunate than themselves at this time of year. You only have to speak with the students of our wonderful school to know how much they care about others.

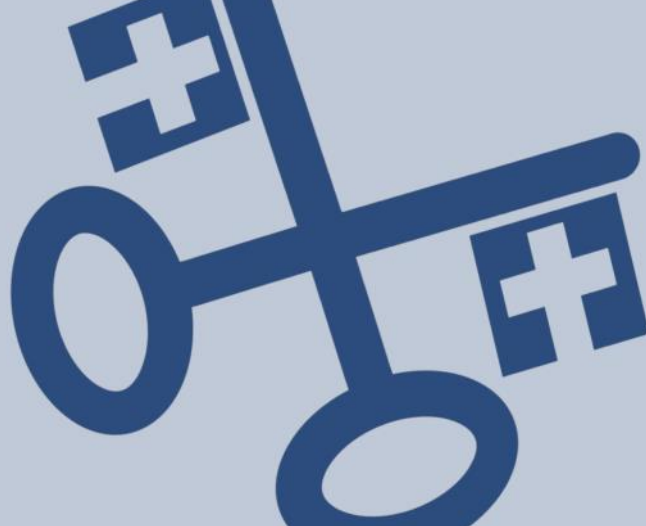
'The crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' He answered, 'Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.' LUKE 3:10

RETURN TO SCHOOL IN JANUARY

There will be a phased return to school in January 2022 for all year groups. Students must arrive on their designated time slots. Students who are arriving for testing should wait outside the main school reception. See the full details [here](#)

SPRING TERM DATES 2022

- **Term Time:** Tuesday 4 January 2022(Phased return) – 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

- 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
- 19/01/22 - Year 8 National Enterprise
- 20/01/22 - Y9 Parents' Evening
- 24/01/22 - Y10 Assessment week
- 26/01/22 - Y8 National Enterprise
- 31/01/22 - Y13 Mocks
- 31/01/22 - Subject Discovery Week 2
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STAR STUDENT AWARD

On Thursday morning we made the draw for this terms star student award with the winner receiving a £50 voucher and second a £25 voucher. Our first place student is Sophia Okoro, with George Cuthbert taking second prize. Congratulations both and enjoy spending those vouchers!



NCS EVENT SUCCESS

This week we had the National Citizenship service in school to meet with our Year 11 students. The service designed specially for 16 and 17 year olds, will give you a clearer idea of what you want from your future turning all those 'No You Can'ts' into Yes We Can. One of the students said *"Loud Speaker is a very helpful organisation that worked with us today. They interacted with everyone and helped to gain our confidence. We took part in different activities including writing our own autobiographies which was good because it made us reflect on our lives. This was a successful session and I would recommend it to other young students because it has a positive influence on us."* Year 11 student".

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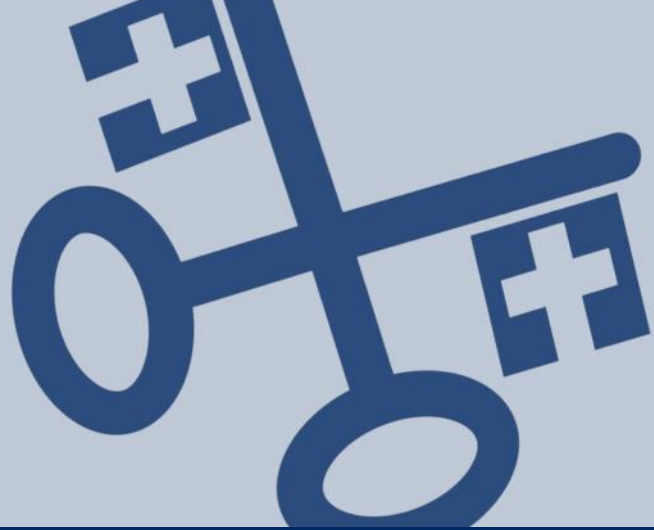
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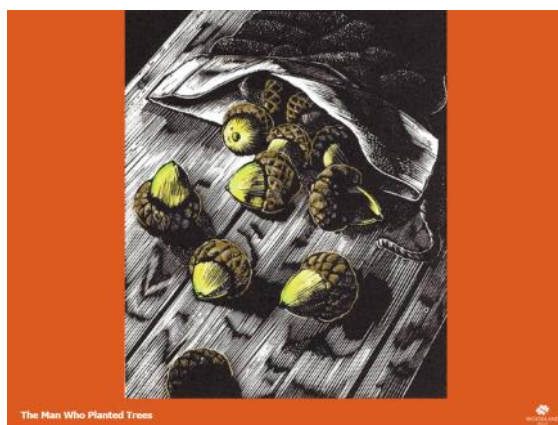
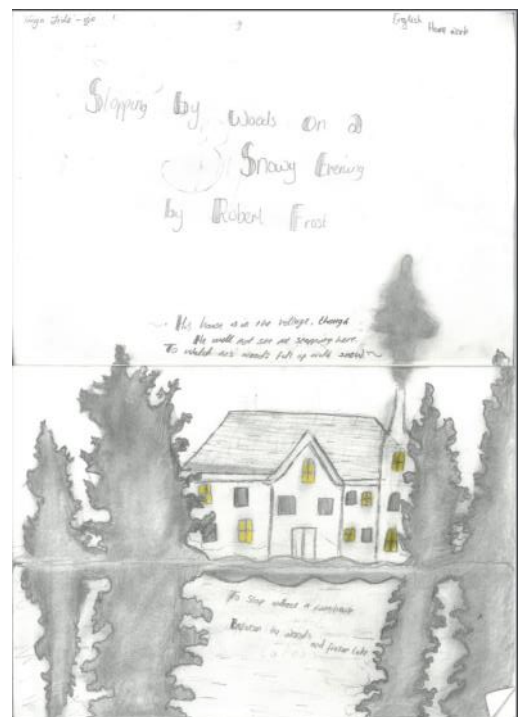
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CULTURAL CAPITAL DAY 5

Last week, we celebrated our fifth cultural capital day with a focus on 'National Tree Week'. Students explored lots of different topics including:

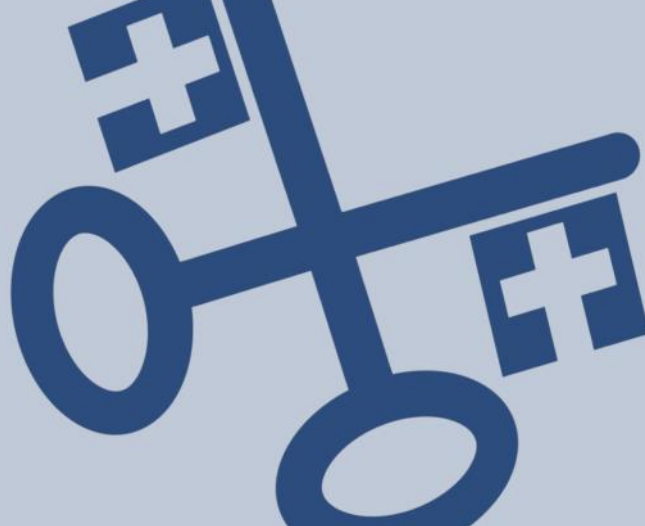
- the process of growing and selling Christmas trees from a Business perspective as well as how artificial trees came about and how they are made
- Fun facts in PE such as 'Did you know that the first Olympic medals were actually wreaths made from Olive trees?'
- In careers, students were provided with information about arboriculture
- In forms, many students explored the story 'The Man who Planted Trees' by Jean Giono
- In MFL, students explored environmental issues by learning key vocabulary.
- Exploration of Robert Frost's poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' through various artistic means including painting and creative writing



Curriculum Enrichment and Enhancement

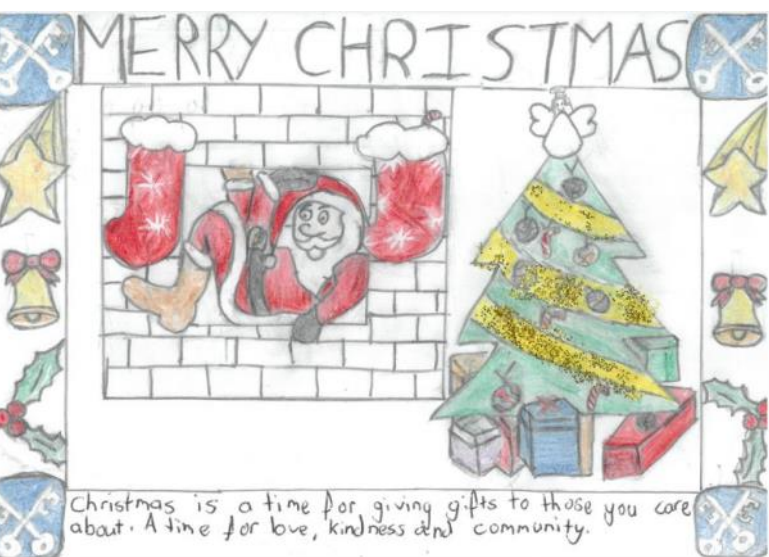
Please check our website for our wonderful curriculum enrichment and enhancement program provided for our students.

[Click Here](#)



CHRISTMAS CARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Kirandeep Bal and Vihangi Niketha Ekanayake who won our Christmas card competition. Prizes will be awarded on our return to school.



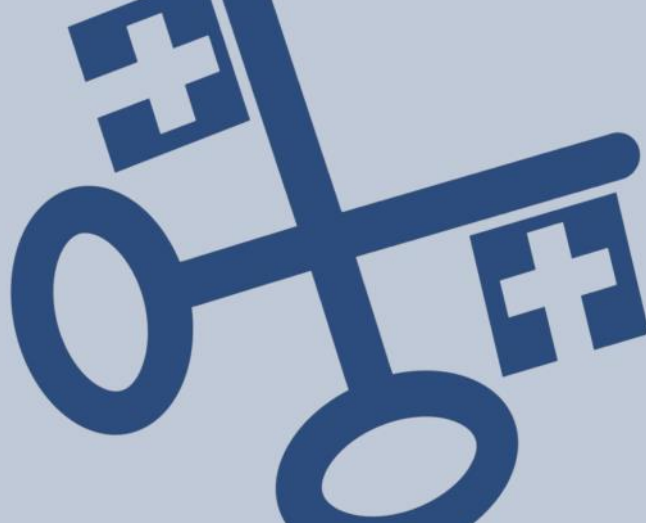
FILM CLUBS STEPS INTO CHRISTMAS

We had a great turnout again at Wednesday lunchtime Film Club this week! Students are really enjoying the chance to culturally enrich their studies with access to a wide range of award-winning shorts from a variety of different countries and genres. This week, we watched a range of entertaining animated short films celebrating Christmas. Next week, we will be watching Raymond Briggs' classic 'The Snowman' (1982). All Students in Years 7,8 and 9 are very welcome to come along on Wednesdays at 12pm in D64 and appreciate the magic.



Reminder

Is your child's uniform correct ? check [here](#) to find out



A LEVEL BUSINESS STUDIES

Mrs Roberts-Thomas was given the opportunity for 5 A Level Business students the chance to go to a work experience event in Birmingham with Gallagher: Insurance, Risk & Consulting.



"We met a lot of other students and spoke to professionals that taught us about book keeping and insurance underwriting. It was a very interesting opportunity as we were given the chance to ask many questions to the Gallagher employees and achieve an understanding of what it is like to work within the field of business.

Furthermore, we felt that this could benefit us in the long term regarding our future, as Gallagher spoke about the many apprenticeship opportunities that they offer to school leavers, they also gave us an insight to what it would be like working as an apprentice within the insurance sector.

The day went as followed: we were initially greeted with an introduction from the Gallagher team; then were given a presentation with the opportunity to ask question; followed by a lunch; after we were given the opportunity to meet the students from other schools were we took part in icebreakers and finally ended the day meeting an employee who works within the underwriting sector and the chance to ask any more questions."

"Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed this event and found the whole day really insightful! "

Kareena Loyal and Aman Sandhu (Year 13 A Level Business Students)



YEAR 8 OPTIONS

After careful review we have chosen to extend our Key Stage 3 curriculum for our current year 8 pupils, postponing option choices until January 2023. This decision has been informed through school visits, consultation with stakeholders and reflects the advice from the DfE and Ofsted.

[READ THE FULL LETTER HERE](#)

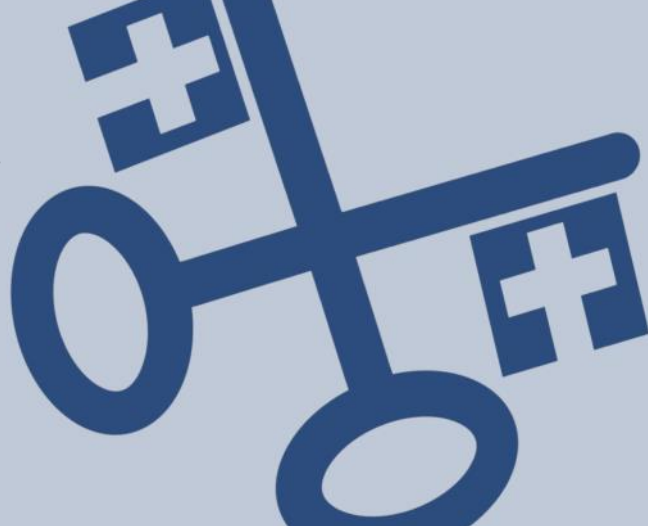
LEAVING THIS TERM

We are saying goodbye to the following members of staff

Mr Stones - DT Technician & D 'of E Lead

Miss Booth - Cover Supervisor

Miss Jasmine - Health & Social Care Teacher



DISCOVERY WEEK CHALLENGE

During our discovery week we enjoyed taking part in the 'Festival challenge' with Mrs Roberts-Thomas as part of our business lessons. UK festivals are subject to changes in the British weather. Wellies and waterproof clothing are an essential part of the festival kit and at the end of every festival bin bags as well as tents and other products litter the festival field. For this challenge, we had to create an all-weather poncho and pitch our designs to the rest of the class. We had to be creative and innovative to produce a stylish poncho out of a bin liner and recyclable products such as paper and tin foil which often get left behind and turned into viable, saleable products.

This helped to promote the importance of recycling and using materials that can be reused and recycled.

It highlighted the issue of plastic products and how businesses are being encouraged to use more environmentally friendly packaging and products.

As well as this during our economics class with Mrs Mahey we also participated in a social enterprise challenge. Social enterprises develop products or services that address social or environmental issues.



Throughout this activity we were all able to express our individuality and creativity to create our own business ideas that support social issues. Some of the ideas included cafes that support local businesses and donate to the homeless, t-shirts that protect people from knife crime and educate the younger generation on the importance of stopping knife crime. This was extremely valuable to put together our business and economic knowledge of business.

Savanna Liberadzki and Nuala Larkin (Year 13 A Level Business Students)

SLAM ACADEMY GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

What another great weekend with our U15s beating Nuneaton Predators by 49 points on Sunday. Both U17s and U18s teams also beat Walsall Wizards by a difference of 22 and 46 points respectively.

We are extremely proud of our boys for continuing the best 4 weeks in club history, so far with 9 wins and 0 losses

Between the U11s (3 wins), U15s (2 wins), U17s (2 wins) and U18s (2 wins) we have been undefeated in the last month of 2021.

Let's keep showing the region and the UK that Wolverhampton basketball is on the rise and continue this success into 2022...

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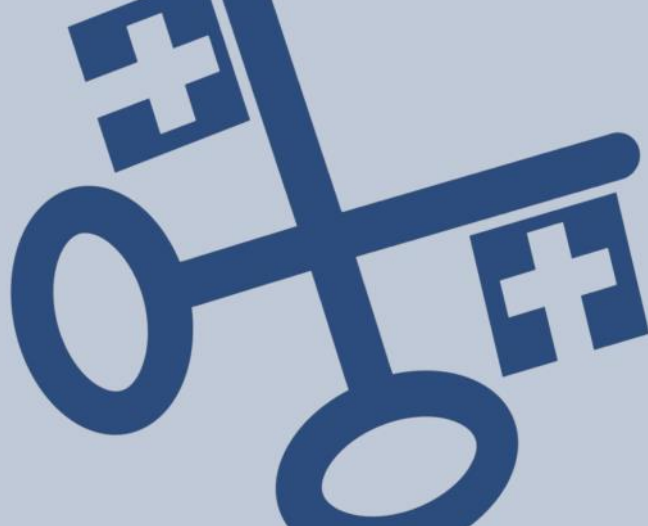
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BEAD CLUB CHRISTMAS THEME

Mrs New's Bead Club has continued to be a roaring success. This week they created Christmas themed key rings, earrings and decorations.



LATEST OFQUAL GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS

After the uncertainty of the last two years you may have questions about how the government is proposing to run exams next summer. The following link will take you to the government website and a letter from the OFQUAL Chief Regulator detailing those arrangements. We will of course continue to keep you informed of our internal school arrangements.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students?
utm_source=JCQ&utm_medium=JCQ&utm_campaign=Contingencies+Letter+to+students.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students?utm_source=JCQ&utm_medium=JCQ&utm_campaign=Contingencies+Letter+to+students)

CAREERS FAIR TREASURE HUNT WINNER

Annabelle Davies 7NL was the winner of our KS3 Careers Fair Treasure Hunt. She successfully found representatives from local employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities, spoke to them about what they had on offer for students and gained stickers to prove she had made those interactions. Well done Annabelle and all the other students in Y7 and 8 who took part.



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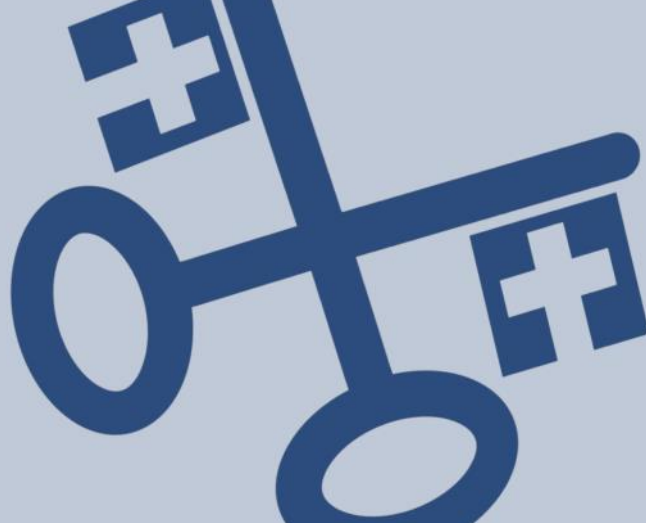
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YEAR 7 TRIP TO SEE ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Last Friday, Year 7 travelled to Birmingham to see a production of 'Alice in Wonderland' at the Old Rep Theatre. The students' attitude and behaviour was exemplary and they were excellent ambassadors for St. Peter's. The show was fantastic too; it was great for students to see how texts can be transferred from page to stage.

Year 7 have shared their thoughts about the play below:

"On Friday, we went on a trip to the theatre to watch 'Alice in Wonderland'. My favourite character was the Mad Hatter's March Hare because he could do the splits and was pretending to eat everyone's hair. He was very entertaining."

"I had a great time and the special effects were really good."

"It was a good afternoon out of school doing something different and fun."

"I really enjoyed the Alice in Wonderland show. My favourite part was the March Hare because I thought that he was the best actor there. I was a little shocked when he did the splits!"

"I thought the play was funny. I liked the fact that they talked about Wonderland from the children's perspective, showing that anyone can believe in Wonderland! My favourite character was the Cheshire cat. I just genuinely thought she looked a lot like the real thing!"

"This trip was a fun experience where we could laugh with friends and enjoy a memorable time. I loved it when the Mad Hatter and March Hare were on stage. This was a wonderful memory!"



WELL DONE...

Congratulations to our 6th Form Peer Mentors who have recently completed their peer mentor training. They were all praised highly for their excellent attitude and participation by the trainer, Duncan. All peer mentors have been paired with a Year 11 student who they will support on a one-to-one basis. They will also attend assemblies, visit primaries and promote peer mentoring during Year 6 and 6th form induction days.