

## 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



On Tuesday this week we held our first St Peter's Culture Day. It was an absolute celebration of all the different cultures that make the school and Wolverhampton such a vibrant and interesting place. I am immensely proud of all the students who presented and hosted stalls. The sports hall was awash with noise and some amazing displays. Walking around looking at all the different stands and enquiring about traditions and values was a real pleasure.

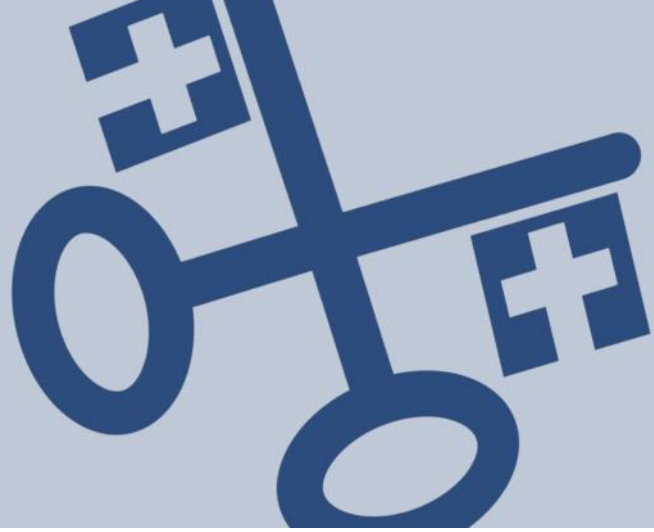
This Sunday many of the students and staff are travelling to the NIA to watch the National Basketball finals. I personally am really looking forward to seeing such a prestigious event. I have had the pleasure of going previously and the standard of play and entertainment is so exhilarating, it truly has the power to inspire spectators. I hope that the PE team are all very proud of the hard work that they have put in over the year alongside Mr Anderson to drive the enthusiasm for Basketball in the school, even I could not have predicted the impact that it has made this year. Very soon we are going to grow the influence even further by trialling American style contracts for the students taking part, this will really cement the link between academic studies and sport. Later on in the year, I hope to be able to report back that this trial has been a major success.

It was unfortunate that this week staffing levels in the school got to the stage where we had to ask a year group to study from home. My own son's school in Shrewsbury had to do the same. I am afraid that it just got to the stage where agency supply staff were not available, as schools across the City were all calling on their services. I sincerely hope that is the last time we have to make such a decision and I thank you all for your support and understanding.

**Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# 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

- 31/01/22 - Y13 Mocks Exams Week
- 31/01/2022 - Subject Discovery Week
- 2/02/2022 - Maths Challenge
- 7/02/2022 - National Apprenticeship Week
- 9/02/2022 - Safer Internet Day
- 9/02/2022 - Y13 review 2 Issued
- 14/02/2022 - Y9 Assessment Week
- 17/02/2022 - Y12 Parents' Evening
- 18/02/2022 - Break up for Half Term
- 28/02/2022 - Return to school

## UCAS DEADLINE

All UCAS applications have now been sent off. It is very much a joint effort between students and their form tutors to get their applications ready and it's very encouraging to see so many successful offers already being issued to the students.

We are seeing a number of 6th form students who have successfully secured apprenticeships ready to start in the summer. It is one of the most rewarding parts of my role to see all the exciting courses, apprenticeships and universities that students are hoping to go to!

With that in mind, it is safe to say that the countdown to exams is most certainly on and students in Year 13 are really working hard. After all the disruption of COVID, it is looking increasingly likely that students will be sitting exams as 'normal'. The first one due to go ahead is on the 20th May. That's 15 weeks or 65 days if you take out weekends and holidays. Not that I'm counting!

**Mrs Leek - Head of Sixth Form**

## CHARITY EVENT

This Monday, a group of our sixth formers arranged a charity event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. During lunchtime, they lined up in 3 degree temperatures and let students pay £1 each to throw water at them. The other students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to see the sixth formers suffer for a good cause. The event was set up as a part of their Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness qualification and they raised £63 for charity in the process. Everyone enjoyed the event and had fun, and the contributions to charity made it even better.

**Ciaran Grant - Year 12**

## APPLY FOR 6TH FORM

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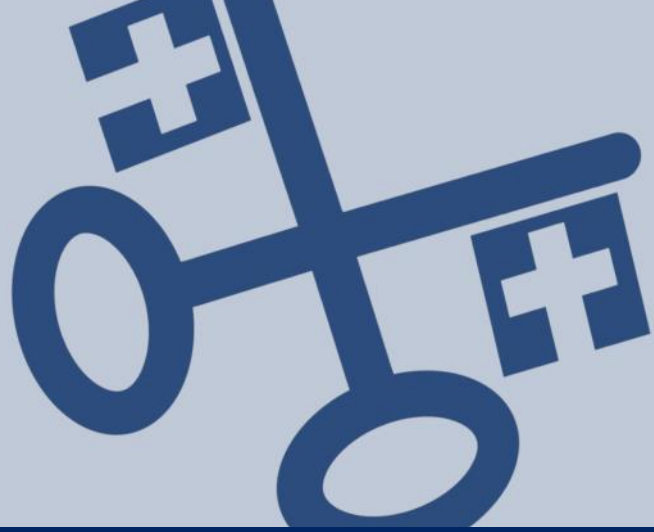
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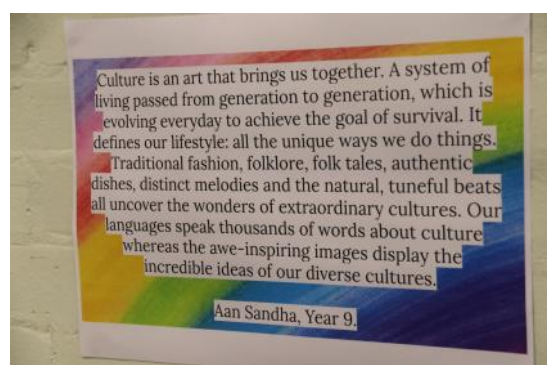
## THE GREAT EXHIBITION

On Tuesday, students from all year groups were invited to visit St Peter's Great Exhibition to celebrate the first of our big Culture days this year. Over the past few weeks, departments have been working with students to create exhibits across a variety of themes. It provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase and celebrate our students' amazing work and creativity.

It was wonderful to see students so excited to see each other's work on display and to learn about other subjects such as Psychology and Art.

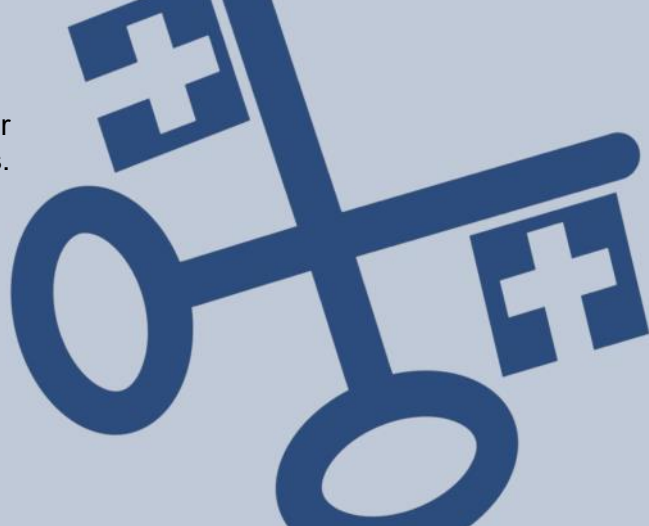
With this event now under our belts, work will commence on our second Culture day in June which will provide an opportunity for our school body to celebrate its rich diversity.

Keep an eye out for more information over the coming few months.



## REMINDER

All students should be taking two Lateral Flow COVID tests per week. We advise these are done on Wednesday and Sundays.



## SISTER ACT REHEARSALS

The Sister Act cast worked incredibly hard on Wednesday with an intensive choreography day with Katy Sterran and Molly Holmes from Flexus Dance Company. Preparations for the production have reached the business end with the shows taking place on March 1st-March 4th inclusively. Tickets will be on sale soon and we expect it to sell out, so be quick once they are announced!



## MY CHILD IS ABSENT...

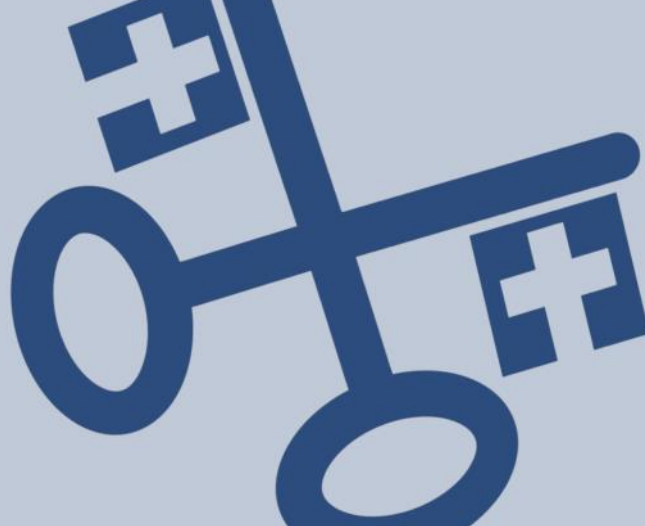
*If your child is absent from school but feels well enough to work, resources for each subject (as per the normal timetable) are available on google classroom. The work will not always be exactly the same as covered in class, for example in a practical subject, however some topic-related resources, reading or research should be available.*

[More on Remote Learning here](#)

# UNIFORM

Head over to the school website for school uniform updates.

[speters.org.uk/uniform/](https://speters.org.uk/uniform/)



## SPORTS UPDATE

### Cross-Country

Following on from the success at the City Cross-country Championships and West Midlands trials, Megan White (Y9) and Beth Dyal (Y13) competed in the West Midlands Schools' Championships at Warley Woods last weekend. Both runners put in exceptional performances. Beth finished as the Silver medallist in the Senior Girls race and Megan was crowned Junior Girls' Champion after a nail-biting sprint finish. The result also guarantees their selection for the West Midlands Schools' team at the English Schools' Cross-country Championships in Kent on 19th March. This event will be broadcast live on YouTube. A huge congratulations to both.

### Sports Hall Athletics

Indoor athletics season is in full swing with the year 10 and year 9 city competitions taking place over the last two weeks. Despite some teams being affected by Covid and injury all teams have given a strong account of themselves. The Y9 girls team of Abigail, Megan, Tanya, Ella, Imarni and Dami ran, jumped and threw their way to be crowned city champions. There were some particularly impressive displays of sprinting and jumping and the girls conducted themselves to the highest of standards. They now go through to represent Wolverhampton at the Black Country Finals in April. Well done to all the teams. Year 8's are up next on Monday.

### Girls Football

The Year 7 & 8 football league commenced at the start of January and so far the team have shown an incredible amount of progress since their futsal tournament. They started the first week with a narrow loss to Highfields and a draw with SWBA and followed up this week with four matches against Moseley Park, SWBA and Highfields. Despite not getting a win, the girls conducted themselves brilliantly and are improving all the time. They'll come back fighting next week.

### Basketball

St. Peter's 55 - Kings 4

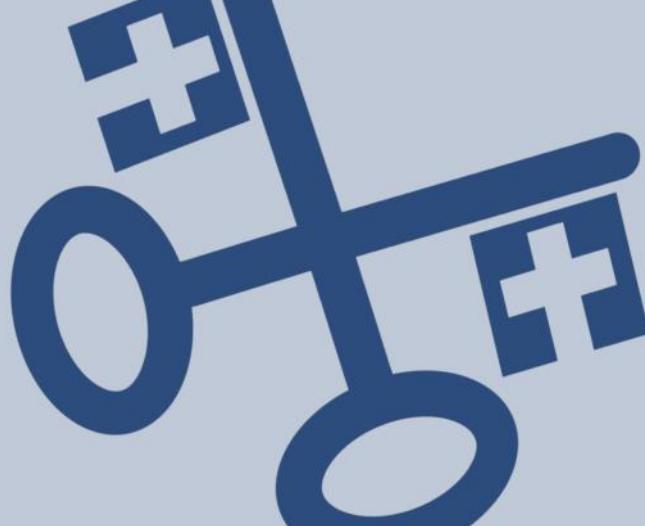
Congratulations to Y8 for a huge win. They are working hard and developing into a very competent team.

# CLASS CHARTS

Have you signed up yet?

Head over to [speters.org.uk/class-charts](https://speters.org.uk/class-charts)

And then follow the instructions.



## SPORTS UPDATE

### Volleyball

St. Peter's are very proud and privileged to have a strong link with Tettenhall Tigers Volleyball Club. The club run their community/recreation evening at St. Peter's on a Wednesday evening and offer a special reduced rate for our students. We have had many students in the past who have gone on to play for the club and even England Cadets and others who have used it to improve their GCSE PE practical grades. Many students simply just enjoy learning and developing their play and enjoy the social and mental benefits of being involved in team sport. There will also be some school volleyball competitions coming up over the next few months so it would be great for students to have some extra practice and expert coaching within a friendly and welcoming club.

Any students interested just need to turn up to the Arena on a Wednesday evening at 6:00pm and ask for Nick Shaffery. Tettenhall Tigers only charge £1 per session for St. Peter's students and £2 for non-St Peter's students. We have seen some great potential in PE lessons and would love to see more students take up this fantastic opportunity.

### GCSE PE

Students are entering a key time in their course, where video evidence of their two sports is being collated. Students have been sent home with a letter detailing some of the evenings where staff will be moderating their marks and filming some of the evidence required by the exam board. It is vital that students attend these sessions if they are using any of the activities listed for their final grade in the NEA component.

### Extra-curricular clubs week commencing 31st January

Due to the sports hall being used for Y13 mocks from 31st January to 7th February the extra-curricular programme has had to be adjusted.

Please see the clubs and fixtures that are still running next week in the table below. All other clubs are cancelled for this week only. The specific students involved in fixtures will have been informed by a member of PE staff.

## WHATS CLUBS ARE ON OFFER?