

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



Two fantastic educational visits took place this week. On Sunday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our students to the National Basketball Finals at the NIA in Birmingham. Two incredible games showed us the very best of talent that there is in the professional Basketball league in the UK. It was a truly inspiring event and brilliant to see our students enjoy a different learning experience so much. I took my nine-year old son, Jasper, with me on the trip and he really enjoyed the atmosphere and has a new sporting idol in Geno Crandall. On Wednesday, our students visited Bletchley Park, once the home of the World War Two Codebreakers. A fascinating learning experience for everyone who attended.

During this week, many of our Year 11 students have been meeting with senior staff to look at 6th form opportunities in the school. It has been a good opportunity to chat with them all and find out a little bit more about their ambitions and aspirations going forward. We are very conscious that many students are juggling preparing themselves for the future with examination revision and completion of assignments and coursework. I was left full of admiration for the way that many of them are so driven, motivated and organised in their pursuit of a bright future.

It is National Safer Internet week next week and we have lots of presentations / activities to support this. I hope that the messages about remaining safe on-line are heard and listened to by everyone. Please support this learning opportunity by talking to your child about their internet and phone use.

I also believe that Sister Act tickets are on sale and are disappearing fast. We are all really looking forward to the production, which is taking place during the week after half term.

It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe.

Muhammad Ali

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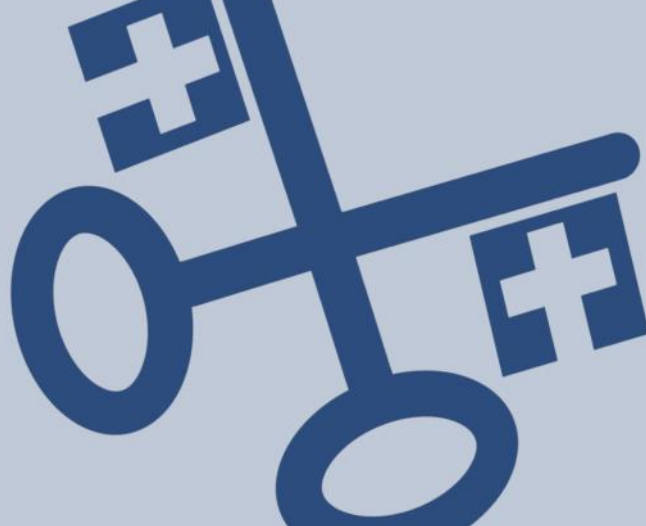
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UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

Around 60 students in Year 10 students are taking part in the National Intermediate UKMT Maths challenge this week.

The results come back in a few weeks and there are follow up rounds for those that manage to reach a certain threshold. Check back here in a few weeks to see how they got on.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Ada Messinger and Aaditi Luthri are members of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Pupil Voice team in school.

They are two hard-working Year 8 students, who still managed to find time to organise a presentation and quiz to celebrate Chinese New Year 2022. They felt it was important as they hadn't seen much promotion of this event within school. More importantly, they thought it would be fun for other students and teachers to engage in something different.

They used their time at home and during break and lunch time to research facts and the importance of Chinese New Year in order to develop their own knowledge about it. With the help of Mrs. Wilkes, they put together a fabulous power point presentation which was shown during form time.

Year 8 students were allowed to wear something red on Tuesday 1st February as red is a lucky colour in China.

In addition, they created a quiz giving students an opportunity to develop their knowledge about this very important event. There will be a prize for the winner.

新年快乐 / 新年快樂

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BASKETBALL CUP FINALS

On Sunday 30th January, Mr Anderson took a group of 29 students to the British Basketball League Cup Finals at the Utilities Arena in Birmingham.

The BBL Cup Finals event included a head to head match up of two of the best professional women's teams and the top two professional teams battling it out for this season's first opportunity to win a trophy.

The event also included some of the highest jumping slam dunkers in a knockout slam dunking competition.

All the students enjoyed themselves, none of them had never been to a live event of this kind. All were inspired to improve their skills by attending lunchtime the very next morning.

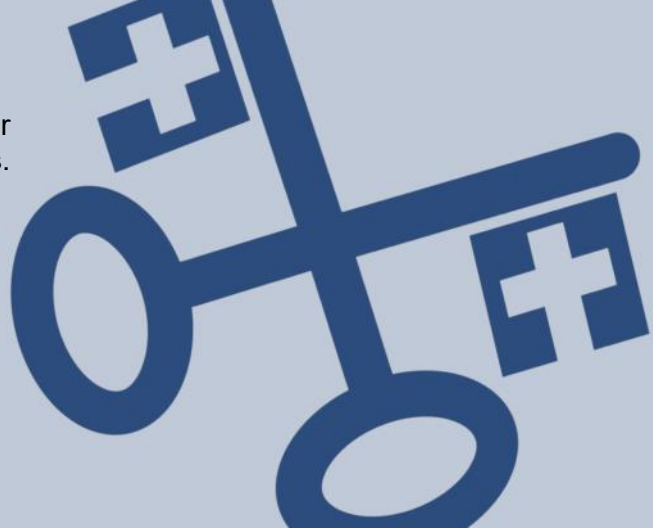
On another note, we are pleased to announce that Mr Anderson has been selected to the Great Britain Over 40s Men's Team this summer. The elite performance team will participate in the FIMBA European Championships at the end of June 2022.

This is an amazing opportunity for Mr Anderson and even though he has the chance to represent the country at an international level, it is largely self funded. Mr Anderson and the GB program are seeking donors to sponsor him, his team and the GB MaxiBasketball Programme. Please feel free to contact him on danderson@speters.org.uk



REMINDER

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



STUDENTS DISCOVER DRAMA

As part of Discovery Week, the Drama Department has set up a series of installations to use in students' lessons this week.

Y7 has been working on a scheme exploring Miss Tildesley's Grandad's time as a prisoner of war in WW2 and had the opportunity to look at and read, letters sent between him and his wife. They were also allowed the privilege of looking at and using as props, the medals he was awarded for his service. The students have been incredibly engaged with this and have produced some really creative and meaningful discussions and performance work. One Y7 student Thomas Scroop said.



"My class are acting out being recruited to World War 2. Miss Tildesley's grandad fought in WW2 and she shared some of the experiences her grandad had in class. She also brought in letters between her grandad and grandma, their wedding photo, the medals he earned and many other things. Those help us to understand the pain a soldier fighting in WW2 would feel. The letters between Harry (Miss Tildesley's Grandad) and Ethel (Miss Tildesley's Grandma) are a primary source of evidence. Harry was captured by the Germans for a few years and in class we saw cards Harry received by the Germans which meant he would receive extra food. This was awarded to him for cleaning the tables he ate at. Harry was a carpenter and he would remove thin layers of wood from the table using his tools which is why he cleaned so well. Even if any of us fight in a war it will be completely different to wars then as civilization was nowhere near as technically advanced as it is now. Also back then there may have been more selflessness and kindness than there is now. I say this because over time people have changed and not always changed to be better. Even with all this we will truly never be able to understand the brutal pain a soldier in any war will have experienced."

Year 8, 9 and 10 have been working on ideas inspired by the installation set up in the theatre - this was a bedroom scene with blood stains and threatening letters, almost like a crime scene. Students have had a wonderful time trying to solve the mystery and have produced some fantastic performance work in response to this.



This has been a great opportunity for the department to give the students some freedom of expression and allow their creativity to flourish and give them a taste of what GCSE and Level 3 BTEC work can be like - using these installations as a stimulus for developing performance work. It's been great fun.

It was like looking at a crime scene and it was fun trying to work out what happened. Grace Y10

It was like a murder mystery and we got to solve it. Kaydee Y10

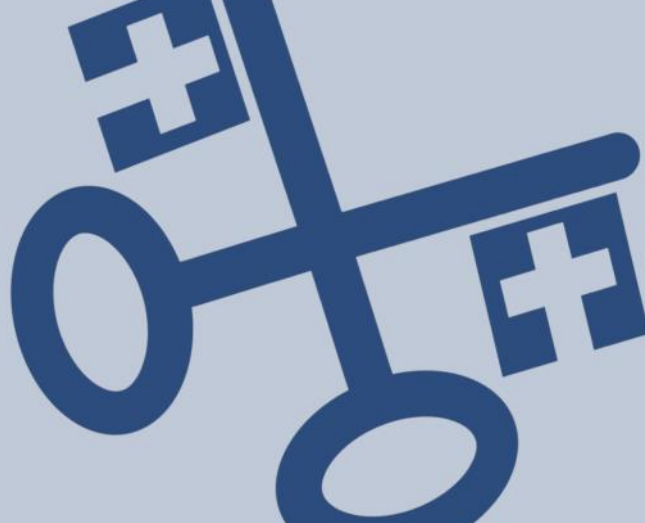
I liked that it was open to interpretation and you could go any way you wanted. Tilly Y10



UNIFORM

Head over to the school website for school uniform updates.

speters.org.uk/uniform/



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

National Apprenticeship Week 2022, 7-13 February

Next week sees the return of National apprenticeship Week. During the week all of our students will be receiving information about Apprenticeships; what they are, what they involve, who provides them and how they can offer an alternative route to education and employment.

Teachers will be highlighting apprenticeship routes in their subject areas and answering questions students may have about their possible career routes. There will also be daily information provided on the careers google classroom. Students in years 9-13 will be able to take part in a live broadcast of The Big Assembly on Tuesday 8th February, which introduces students to apprenticeships and apprentices, they can also submit questions to ask during the broadcast. Y12 students have also been invited to access the UCAS Apprenticeship Discovery Day on Wednesday 9th February.

If you would like to find out more about apprenticeships for yourself, this useful Hints and Tips for Parents and Carers guide may help. There is also lots of further information available in the Careers section of our website.



SISTER ACT TICKETS

Sister Act tickets are now on sale from the Finance office - £10 each. Dates are 1st-4th March. The show which is expected to sell out follows a lounge singer forced to take refuge in a convent. Having heard the rehearsals this show is a must see!



- The cast going through a dance rehearsal

UNIFORM UPDATE

St Peter's Collegiate Academy is undergoing a review on school uniform in line with the Government's instruction for uniform to be affordable and equitable.

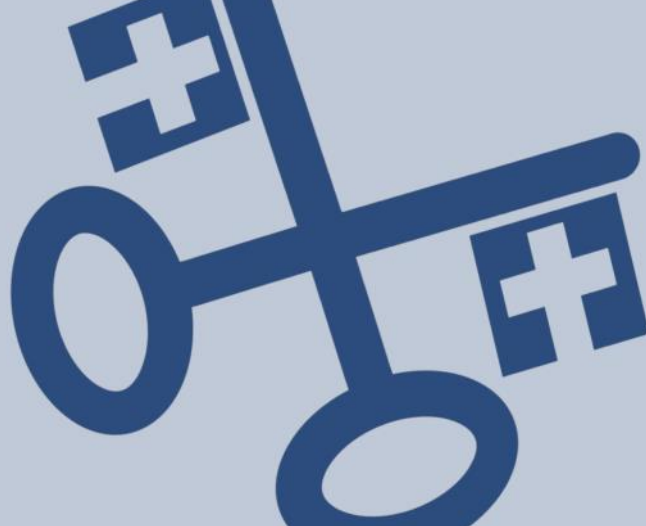
The adjustments will come into force immediately, but no currently worn items need replacing. Please review this page before you go out and replace or buy new uniform, as this update may alter the decision you make.

The uniform is no longer split into "boys and girls".

[Click here to see a full list of school Uniform](#)

REMINDER

Year 12 Parents Evening virtual event is open for bookings now. Check your email for the booking link. For a full parent guide click [here](#).



NATIONAL ENTERPRISE DAY 2022

On Wednesday 26th January, the whole of Year 8 were challenged to design a brand-new ride or attraction for Thorpe Park where the queue line is an integral part of the ride experience. Students were asked to identify a target customer for their attraction before creating a design concept and back story for their ride. Students considered how they would brand their new ride and how they would market it to their target market, including the use of celebrity endorsements.



Students competed in teams across their year group with their unique responses to the challenges and were encouraged to work as a team, communicate, problem solve, think creatively to ensure they meet the brief set by the client, Thorpe Park.

The students worked so hard during the day and learnt many new skills. Often students want to work with their friends and find it difficult to work with others, however one student commented "I've learnt so much from these guys in my group... We have all contributed, working together to come up with an amazing idea and we are all enjoying the day and the skills we are learning"



Congratulations to the winning team: Harshan Kharoud, Daniel Kludka, Mike-Gaberial Kwesi, CJ Laing and Lydia Lal.

They will compete to become The National Career Challenge Champions 2022 at the Grand Finals at the ICC in Birmingham on 7th July 2022.

Well done to ALL Year 8 students. You were all brilliant!
Mrs Roberts-Thomas - Business Teacher



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.

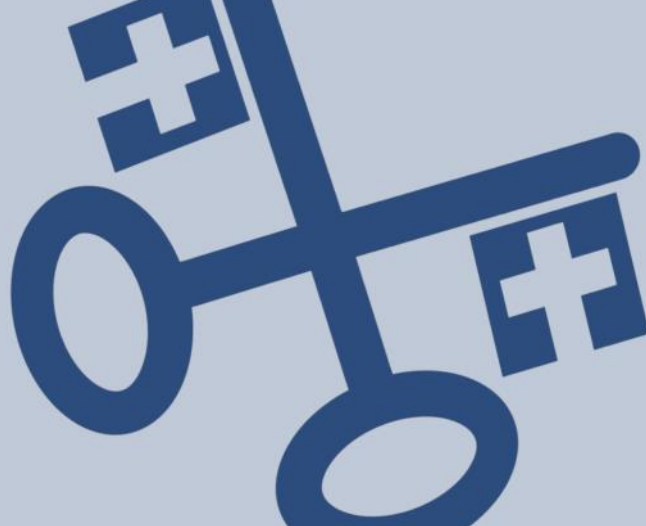
[More on Remote Learning here](#)

CLASS CHARTS

Have you signed up yet?

Head over to speters.org.uk/class-charts

And then follow the instructions.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Despite the team being somewhat Covid-struck, the girls once again showed a huge amount of enthusiasm and team spirit at this week's Y7/8 football league matches at Ormiston SWB Academy. Highlights of the evening's play included a well taken early goal by Jess and some strong defensive work from Kirandeep B. Following losses to Highfields and Moseley Park, the team fought for a draw against Ormiston SWBA. Player's player of the evening this week was Jess Y and Mrs McGlynn's player of the evening was Ellie B. Hopefully the team will be back to full strength for the final round of matches next week.



BOYS FOOTBALL

Year 9 City Cup

Aldersley 1 - St Peter's 4 Congratulations to year 9 who are now undefeated in the city cup this season, a superb achievement considering some of the opposition they have faced.

Year 8

Tettenhall College 3 - St Peter's 2. A well-organised Tettenhall College deservedly won against a subdued St Peter's team.



BASKETBALL

Year 7 Basketball

St Peter's 8 - UTC 10

A narrow loss in a tightly contested contest.

Year 8 Basketball

St Peter's 48 - Wolverhampton Grammar School 12. A dominant display from the mixed girls and boys team.



NETBALL UPDATE

With the evenings becoming lighter, the netball season has kicked off again. Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 had a tough start with fixtures against strong WGHS teams.

Despite the losses it was fantastic to see the teams so keen to get back into playing after such a long break. Congratulations to Jane and Phoebe for being voted the player's of the match for year 9 and 8 respectively. Due to having a large squad the year 11's rotated round a number of positions but some sharp shooting saw Grace be narrowly crowned player of the match. Netball training will commence again outside on Monday evenings from 14th February when fixtures allow.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Due to mock exams continuing and a high number of fixtures there is still some disruption to the extra-curricular sports programme next week.

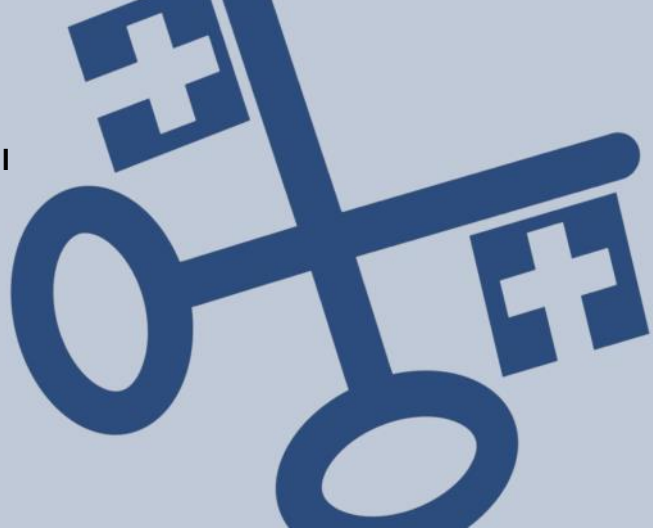
Please see the clubs and fixtures that are still running next week in the table below. The specific students involved in fixtures will have been informed by a member of PE staff.

To see a full timetable of our Extra-Curricular offering head over to speters.org.uk/whats-on-offer/



QUESTION

Do you have any old school Uniform items that you no longer need? If so please drop it into reception and we will donate it to others.



YEAR 9 AND 10 VISIT BLETCHLEY PARK

On Wednesday this week, GCSE computer science students were given the opportunity to visit Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of World War II Codebreakers, as well as the birthplace of the modern computer.

After our early start and lengthy coach ride, we arrived at the famous site, prepared for a day of activities that would help strengthen our knowledge and understanding of the codes, as well as ciphers, that were used to conceal secret messages during WWII.



During our guided tour, we learned more in depth about how messages were sent and received. The significance of these ciphers during wartime, with historians estimating that the Codebreakers' efforts shortened the war by up to two years, consequently saving countless lives, of allies and enemies alike. Despite having only 200 workers at the beginning of WWII in 1939, by late 1944 there was a total of nearly 9,000 staff, working in three eight-hour shifts around the clock, deciphering messages that had been encrypted with the German Enigma and Tunny cipher machines (also known as the Lorenz cipher machine), allowing the Allies to predict what Germany's next advancement might be.

We also took part in a practical code breaking session, which involved deciphering messages (encrypted by the Enigma machine) in order to solve a puzzle, and attempting to decode morse code. In addition to being able to see a genuine Enigma machine (an original from WWII!) put to work, we learned more about the immense pressure that Codebreakers were put under during their shifts and the extreme pace that they were required to work at.

As part of our self-guided tour, we visited the museum in B block, where galleries and exhibitions included *The Life and Works of Alan Turing, who was a major Codebreaker involved in breaking the Enigma, and an attendee of Bletchley's 'Government Code & Cipher School' (GC&CS), which has been renamed and is known today as the 'Government Communication Headquarters,' more familiarly referred to as GCHQ.* We also saw the world's largest public display of Enigma machines, and an exhibition of the breaking of the Lorenz machine - Hitler's 'Unbreakable' Cipher Machine. We also took a step inside *The Mansion, the most iconic building on site with fascinating architecture and preserved features, where the first Codebreakers were based before its workforce expanded into newly built huts and blocks, which have been restored and refurbished to what they would have looked like in WWII, with the addition of interactive exhibitions.*

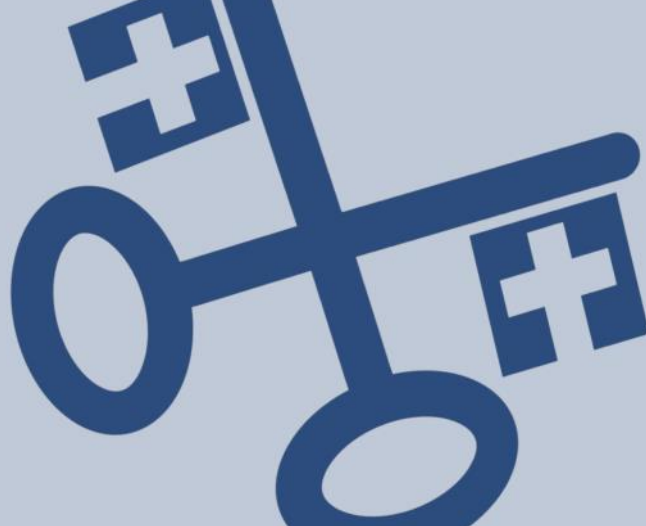
Our trip to Bletchley Park has been a great learning experience, taking us a step back in time, and we look forward to future trips with the Computer Science Department

By Harleen Nahal
Year 10 Computer Science Student



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

- 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
- 01/03/2022 - Sister Act Performances
- 02/03/2022 - Ash Wednesday Eucharist & Half Day Inset
- 02/03/2022 - Y10 Review
- 04/03/2022 - Business Language Champions
- 07/03/2022 - National Careers Week
- 07/03/2022 - 6th Form Elevate
- 07/03/2022 - Y11 Mocks Week
- 09/03/2022 - Y13 Mock Results
- 10/03/2022 - Y10 Parents Evening