

## 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



This week was International Women's Week. Students were all given the opportunity to study the impact of Michelle Obama's speech entitled 'Becoming'. It is a powerful speech that captures the wide range of emotions she had on leaving the office as First Lady.

In this speech, there is a part that resonates with me. I can clearly see the link to what we do every day as teachers and parents.

*'I think it's one of the most useless questions an adult can ask a child – What do you want to be when you grow up? As if growing up is finite. As if at some point you become something and that's the end.'*

Our Girls Empowerment programme has really benefitted many students and it is something we would like to roll out on a grander scale in the future. If there are any parents/carers out there who would be willing to come and present or host workshops with our girls to drive self-belief and instil confidence, we would love to hear from you.

This week was also Careers Week in school and it was fantastic to hear from Year 12 students in particular about their visit to different University Fayres. So many students have come back saying how these visits have raised their ambition and focus. They have felt that the next stage of their journey will be an exciting one – wherever it leads.

Year 11 students have been sitting Mock Examinations this week. I hope that as these continue into next week, the students are maintaining the momentum to continue to revise effectively. After so long without normality, these brilliant students are the first to have a taste of the exam pressure that pre-dated Covid. We wish them all well.

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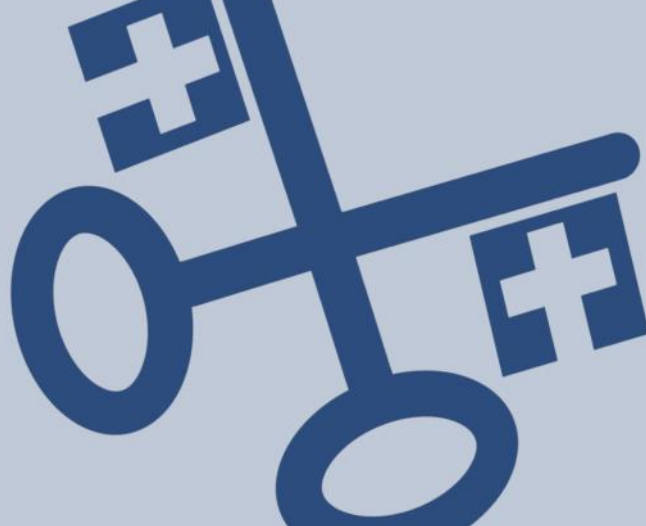
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## ST PETER'S STUDENT REPRESENTS GB

A huge congratulations to Rose Arnott in Year 9 who will be representing Great Britain in swimming at the Maccabiah Games in Israel later this year.

Rose is currently fundraising to help to cover the costs of competing. If you would like to donate, please follow this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rose-arnott>

## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY



International Women's Day is a day to celebrate women from all around the world who have fought for equality and broken barriers. This year's theme is #BreakTheBias. The whole month is dedicated to honoring women, shining a light on their current societal contributions and celebrating the many important roles women have played throughout our history.

We chose to share awareness about International Women's Day because most schools don't celebrate it and express how they feel about the day. So we decided to make a change and show students what International Women's Day is all about. We all chose women that we thought were inspirational to us, for example Kerry Washington and Gunjan Saxena and shared with the whole school about different women and their achievements. You can find our presentation [here](#).

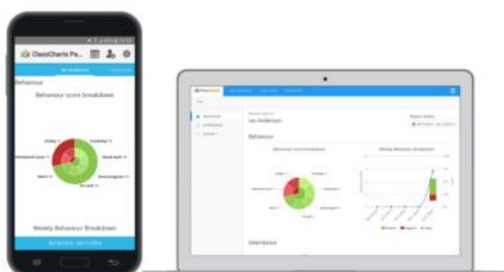
Umika Patel, Sakshi Takyar and Tia Wynter

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

At St Peter's we use an application called Class Charts to help you keep track of your child's achievements, access behaviour reports, attendance and track scheduled detentions.

If you have more than one child at the Academy, you can use the same parent account to view achievement data for all your children. Class Charts for parents can be accessed via the Class Charts website on any web browser from any device, or using your iOS and Android apps.

**[To register complete this form](#)**



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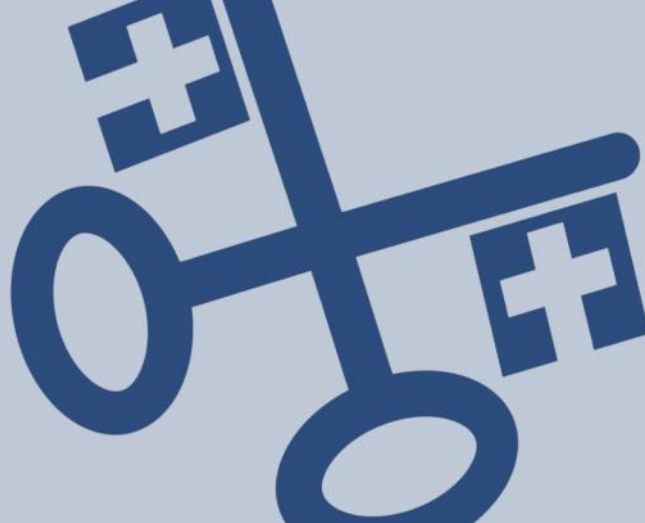
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## NATIONAL THEATRE VISIT JEKYLL AND HYDE

On Thursday 3rd March, students from across Years 9-13 were treated to performances of Evan Placey's re-imagining of the Victorian novella, Jekyll and Hyde. The cast and crew arrived at the crack of dawn ready to begin building a complex and technical set in our Hayward Theatre. Three hours later(!), we were ready for our first performance. The show began at the end of the novella and explored key themes of the text in both the original Victorian time period and in the modern day. Each performance ended with a Q&A with the cast, crew and director.

Students have since shared their thoughts on the play:

'It was really amazing to get to see a live performance of Jekyll and Hyde. The adaptation of the original play was really interesting and I liked how it incorporated modern day as well as the "true to the text" time period. The way in which Lady Hyde was portrayed was really interesting and I found it really enjoyable to have a female lead in a position of power and respect. The lighting and set were amazing and really added to the experience and enhanced the show. I think the light sequences really increased the level of drama and excitement and the set fit perfectly with modern day and past. All the cast were so talented and each of them really helped to bring the play to life. I definitely think it has improved my knowledge and understanding of the context of the play and also in understanding the characters in greater depth. Overall, I really enjoyed it and am really happy I got the opportunity to see the National theatre company in school again, after seeing them perform The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time two years ago. I really hope they will return in the future so I can see more of their work.'

'It was one of the best performances I've ever had the privilege of watching live.'

We are really lucky to be a partner school with the National Theatre who have supported us hugely through the pandemic by sending resources, props and activities for our Drama students to access. We are thankful to the NT and their sponsors whose funding made the performances of Jekyll and Hyde possible.

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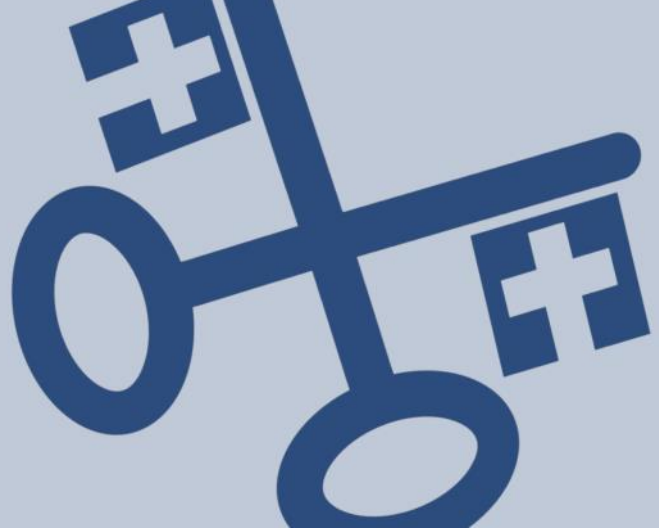
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## SUMMER TERM 2022

- **Term Time:** Monday 25 April 2022 – Friday 27 May 2022
- **Half Term:** Monday 30 May 2022 – Friday 3 June 2022
- **Term Time:** Monday 6 June 2022 – Thursday 21 July 2022
- **Inset Days:** Wednesday 29 June 2022  
(half day following St Peter's Day Eucharist)

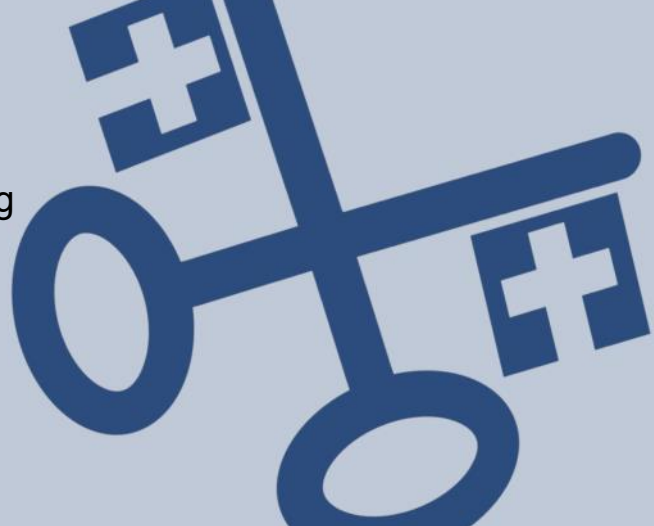


## WOLVES GAMECHANGER PROGRAMME



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

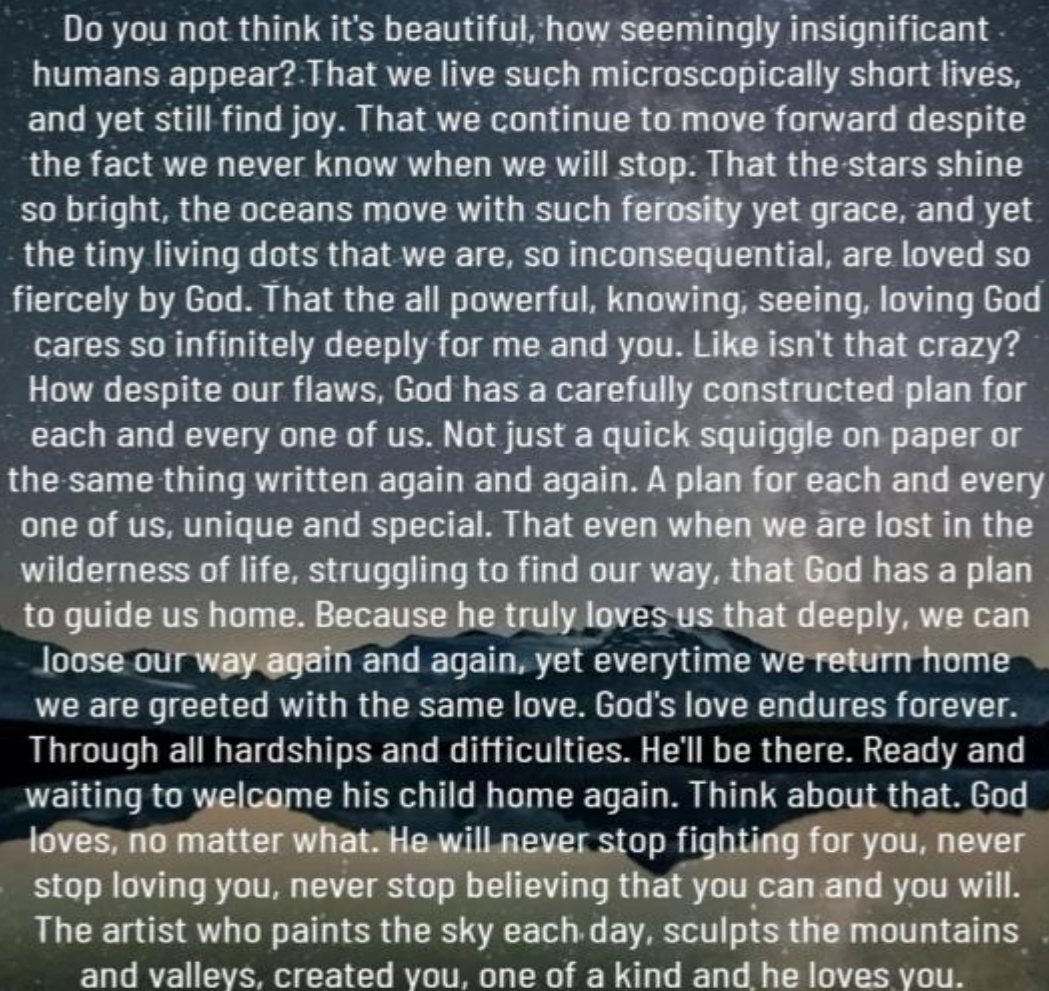
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## AMY'S RANT

*During the Lent season, as a school, we are focussing our thoughts on these words from the Bible:*

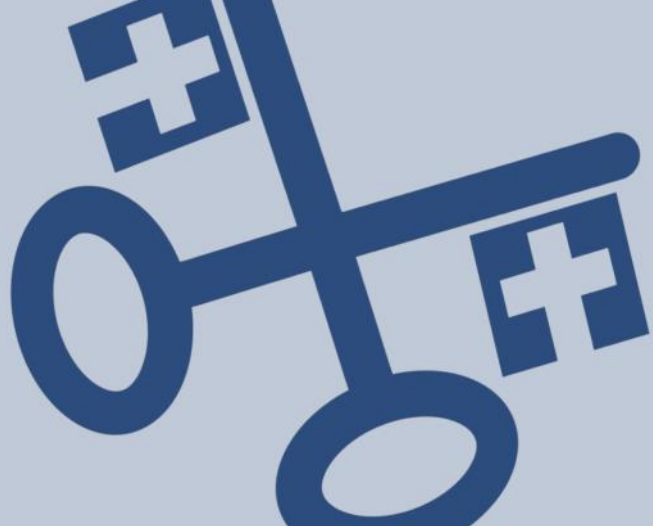
*"What does the Lord require of you? **To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God**" (Micah 6:8). As part of our Ash Wednesday service, Amy Kirkby shared her own reflection on what it means to be humble before God. In her own words 'I was cleaning out my guinea pigs one night and looked up at the stars and these thoughts just came into my head - it's a bit of a rant really, like David does in Psalms about how much God loves us. I mean, 'The all powerful, knowing, loving God cares so infinitely deeply for you and me. Isn't that crazy?'*



Do you not think it's beautiful, how seemingly insignificant humans appear? That we live such microscopically short lives, and yet still find joy. That we continue to move forward despite the fact we never know when we will stop. That the stars shine so bright, the oceans move with such ferocity yet grace, and yet the tiny living dots that we are, so inconsequential, are loved so fiercely by God. That the all powerful, knowing, seeing, loving God cares so infinitely deeply for me and you. Like isn't that crazy? How despite our flaws, God has a carefully constructed plan for each and every one of us. Not just a quick squiggle on paper or the same thing written again and again. A plan for each and every one of us, unique and special. That even when we are lost in the wilderness of life, struggling to find our way, that God has a plan to guide us home. Because he truly loves us that deeply, we can lose our way again and again, yet everytime we return home we are greeted with the same love. God's love endures forever. Through all hardships and difficulties. He'll be there. Ready and waiting to welcome his child home again. Think about that. God loves, no matter what. He will never stop fighting for you, never stop loving you, never stop believing that you can and you will. The artist who paints the sky each day, sculpts the mountains and valleys, created you, one of a kind and he loves you.

## PE KIT REMINDER

PE kit to be worn on days where students are timetabled for PE only



## KEY DATES

- 15/03/2022 - Elevate session Y10
- 23/03/2022 - Y9 Review 2
- 28/03/2022 - Y8 Assessment week
- 29/03/2022 - Y13 EPQ Presentations
- 06/04/2022 - Y11 Review/Mock results
- 07/04/2022 - Easter Eucharist
- 07/04/2022 - Break up for Easter
- 25/04/2022 - Return to school
- 25/04/2022 - Y10 Assessment week
- 27/04/2022 - Junior UKMT Maths Challenge
- 05/05/2022 - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 19/05/2022 - Year 8 Parents' Evening