



Principal's Message:

Unfortunately for our students the much anticipated Culture Day was postponed last minute due to the closure of the Academy to facilitate emergency works to take place. This decision was made to prioritise the safety of our community members, however, I am very conscious of the inconvenience it will have caused many and the lost opportunity for our students to celebrate their culture and explore other cultures. We are now working hard to reorganise the event to take place before the end of the academic year to ensure this fantastic event can be shared by all students.

Earlier this week saw a very busy calendar with the summer concert, educational visits and Amani Simpson attending as an external speaker to talk with the students. These all took place against the backdrop of an Ofsted inspection. Thank you to everyone who supported and informed the inspection of the Academy on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christian Distinctiveness

"Words to Live By" - Solid as a rock!

When Jesus asked his disciples 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Matthew 16:16 Even so, he still denied knowing Jesus.

However, at Pentecost, after Jesus returned to Heaven, sending his Holy Spirit to the believers, there was a change in Peter's conviction. He couldn't help but talk about Jesus! Whatever life threw at Peter, his belief and trust in Jesus was solid as a rock!

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. Psalm 18:2

In celebrating Pentecost and St Peter's day, we were challenged by Peter's passion for the risen Lord Jesus and being open to the Holy Spirit, working in us, as we seek to love God and serve the community. So, what is your foundation for life?

Joe - Chaplain

KEY DATES

JULY 2022

Whole School:

- w/c 4th July — Subject Discovery Week
- 5-6th — Amani Simpson Empowerment Workshops
- 5th July — Summer Concert in school, 7pm
- 6th July — Film Club Trip to Star City
- 8th July — Culture Day
- 18th July — Achievement Assemblies

Year 7:

- w/c 11th July — Year 7 Geography Trip
- w/c 18th July — Year 7 Bikeability

Year 8:

- 13th July — 2nd HPV Vaccination

Sixth Form:

- w/c 18th July — WEX Week

Dates for Next Academic Year:

Please keep an eye on our website for dates for September. There will also be a final end-of-year bulletin which will also feature key dates for next year.

Safeguarding:

You may have seen the tragic news last week of a young man who became another victim of knife crime in the city. This is the second incident in recent weeks. Of course our thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family and friends at this time. I thought it would be pertinent to mention to you all some of the steps that we are taking as a school to keep our students safe from these potential dangers. First of all, we are working with the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership, who are funded by West Midlands Police to reduce youth violence across the city. As a part of this collaborative relationship we had two speakers in school from the 'Precious Lives' project who used their own lived experiences to speak to the children about the risks of carrying knives and being drawn into gang activity. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive, so we will look to ask them to come into school again in the future.

Very recently we have purchased our own knife arch. This is a metal detector which will be on the gate on random mornings to ensure no such items are being brought onto the school site. In the past we have invited the police in to school to use their facilities, but we can now do this on a more consistent basis. Finally, this week, all students have had a session with Amani Simpson. Amani works to empower young people through his own amazing life story. Amani is a film maker, and he has some short films available on his website: <https://www.aviard.co.uk/>

I hope you all have an amazing summer. If you need any support during the holidays please do not hesitate to email me at dsheriff@stepetersacademy.org.uk

Mr Sherriff

Student Spotlight

Jr NBA Champions!

On Tuesday 14th June, our Year 8 basketball team were crowned the West Midlands Jr. NBA Champions.

Our boys and one girl defeated Moseley Park School 44 to 11 in the Semi-Finals and then beat Bishop Challoner School 20 to 11 in the Finals.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) Alfie Mars-ton also finished second place (by only one point) in the HotShot Shooting Competition.

Thank You to Our EDI

Thank you to our student Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) team for their amazing work this year. They have organised activities and fundraisers for:

Black History Month (October 2021)
Chinese New Year (1st February 2022)
International Women's Day (8th March 2022)
World Autism Awareness Day (2nd April 2022)
World Heritage Day (18th April 2022)
UK Mental Health Awareness Week (9th - 15th May 2022)
Christian Aid Week (10th - 16th May 2022)

Well Done to Year 11&13

Last week saw the end of the 2022 GCSE and GCE exam season. We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 and 13 students who, despite great adversity, overcame the challenges of COVID and successfully sat their full suite of examinations. Students conducted themselves sensibly and it was clear that lots of hard work and determination had gone into ensuring they could do their best in the exams. We wish you all the best!

Results days:

A Level: 18th Aug & GCSE: 25th Aug

Academic Update—Reporting

We have been through a process this year of reviewing the information we send to parents regarding their child's academic performance. The intention has been to provide you with relevant and meaningful information regarding your child's progress and achievement. In Key Stage 3 we have moved away from providing target grades and assessment based on GCSE grades. We have instead provided you with a range of typical GCSE outcomes for children of similar ability and an indication of whether or not the teacher believes your child is making progress towards those typical outcomes. Some year groups have already received their end of year reports and the remaining year groups will receive them over the coming weeks leading up to the end of term. It is important to us and to you as parents that we are providing you with helpful information and if you have any comments or feedback regarding this new style of report they would be very welcome - please do contact me by email. tbarnard@stpetersacademy.org.uk

Enrichment—Music Trip to Ingestre Hall

Over 60 musicians and artists enjoyed a creative weekend together at Ingestre Hall on 24th -26th June. Students worked so hard to create performances of new repertoire and new artwork and for the first time in a number of years all musicians were brought together in a huge ensemble – very exciting for students and teachers alike.

A great deal of fun was had both in rehearsals and in the evening entertainment – quizzes, bingo, making outfits out of bin liners and new games involving biscuits!

All the musical items created at Ingestre Hall were performed as part of the Summer Concert which took place on Tuesday 5th July 2022. It was a wonderful event which showcased our incredibly talented students.



WANT TO SPEAK TO OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN?

If you have any questions arising from anything you have read and would like to know more; would like someone to pray for you or if you would like to join us in praying for the school, please get in touch with me, Joe Maggs (school chaplain) jmaggs@stpetersacademy.org.uk and I will contact you for a chat about how that might happen.

Thank you.

Joe

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