

St Peter's Collegiate Academy

Parent Bulletin - October 2022



Principal's Message:

It has been a very purposeful start to the academic year, and I am extremely impressed with the attitude that our students have returned to school with. Last week we hosted our Open Evening at St Peter's and all of the feedback from prospective parents was centred on how impressive our students were and that they were all superb ambassadors for the school. I am incredibly proud of them, as I am sure you are too.

I am also delighted to announce that a contractor, Kier, has been appointed for our rebuilding program. The timescale of the building process and some initial images can be found here: https://stpetersacademy.org.uk/new-build-2025/. Now that a contractor has been appointed, the process will move forward rapidly, and I look forward to sharing more details with you in the future.

Safeguarding:

As we move into the winter months we always like to remind our students of the steps to keep themselves safe whilst travelling to and from school. First of all, road safety. As our students travel from across the city to St Peter's it is vital that they are alert whilst crossing the roads. For example, on the Tettenhall Road we ask that all students use the crossing at St Jude's and Newbridge when looking to get to the bus stop. This is one of the busiest roads in the city, and often lines of sight are obscured by parked cars so using the crossing ensures the safety of the students. With this it is also important that if students are wearing earphones that their music is not too loud that they are unaware of their surroundings.

We love to see our students travelling into school on their bikes. Please ensure that they are wearing a helmet, do not use earphones whilst cycling, have lights on their bikes and wear something bright as well. Cycling into school is an excellent form of exercise and is good for the environment, but let's work together to ensure our students are safe.

KEY DATES Oct / Nov 2022

Whole School:

13th Oct - Sixth Form Open Evening

21st Oct - Break up for Half Term (3:00pm)

31st Oct - Return to School

10th-11th Nov - Six the Musical (13:30pm & 7:30pm)

Year 7:

20th Oct - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 11:

31st Oct - GCSE English Spoken Language Exams Week 1 1st Nov - GCSE English Spoken Language Exams Week 2 3-4th Nov - Shrewsbury Prison History Trip

Sixth Form:

14th Oct - Year 13 Alton Towers Trip 31st Oct - Year 12 Maths and English GCSE Resits 24th Nov - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Christian Distinctiveness:

This week at St Peter's Academy, we launched Operation Christmas Child; some of you may be familiar with this as the Shoebox Appeal.

Every year The Samaritan's Purse, an international relief agency, sets about bringing joy and happiness to thousands of underprivileged children around the world by gifting simple shoeboxes filled with essential items for school and hygiene, as well as fun toys!

The academy will be supporting this appeal and we are tasking each form groups with filling a shoebox that will be sent to a child in need. We believe this is just one of the ways we can serve those less fortunate than ourselves and if we truly are to live out our faith we want to 'love our neighbour as we love ourselves'.

Please support this appeal if you are able to. A donation of £5 per box is invited to help with the cost of transport, distribution and materials used in sharing the Christmas Story in different languages. Of the children who receive the boxes a donation of 20p from each student would be more than enough to cover this.

Scan the QR code to find out what items can be donated as well as the items to avoid.

Thank you in advance for your support of this fantastic appeal. Should you require further information please speak with your child or get in touch with our chaplain Joe: jmaggs@stpetersacademy.org.uk.



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Student Spotlight

Mayor's Visit

Last week, we were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE, and her consort to St Peter's. During her visit, she spent time with our Head Boy and Head Girl and members of our Peer Mentoring Team and our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team, learning all about our ethos, our aspirations and our commitment to celebrating diversity.



An Inspector Calls Performances

On 3rd and 4th October, Central Youth Theatre visited us to deliver An Inspector Calls workshops to the whole of Year 10 and 11. The team performed and analysed key scenes of the play to help to prepare students for their examinations later this year. They even shared their 4-3-3 football formation revision technique which proved a hit with students!



European Day of Languages

Monday 26th September was European Day of Languages. To celebrate, Year 7 brought in some fantastic homemade treats inspired by many different countries and cultures.

There has also been a t-shirt design competition and we will announce the winners soon.

Well done to everyone who participated!



St Peter's New Build Programme

Following the announcement in late 2020 that St Peter's was to be one of the first schools in the country to be part of the new DfE school rebuilding programme; the Academy and Three Spires Trust have worked with contractors to undertake several feasibility studies on our site to determine the location of our new school building. Last week, Kier Construction was appointed by the DfE as the main contractor for our new building and we are delighted to be able to share with you the preferred location of our new building and the first artist impressions and design concepts. For more information, please see the website to find our more about the plans and see artist impressions of the buildings.



Enrichment and Enhancement Opportunities in School

A timetable of sessions, for all year groups, has been put together to support students' academic progress and attainment. Education at St Peter's, however, is not just about exams and exam results. We have always sought to educate the whole child and so we have included a range of non-academic activities. The programme we are providing aims to give students opportunities to learn and explore beyond the classroom, developing new friendships across their year groups.

Our staff are keen to offer enhancement and enrichment activities that students will engage with and enjoy, enabling them to unlock their full potential.

You can find details of the Enhancement and Enrichment Programme on the school website. Be aware that provision is organised by year group. There are sessions available before school, starting at 08:00, at lunchtime and after school. In addition to this, we will be running some virtual sessions.

We do hope that your son/daughter will be able to enjoy the opportunities on offer and we look forward to seeing them all learning, trying out something new and having fun.

Careers

Year 9 Industry Day - 17th November: Details will be released next

Work Experience for Years 10 and 12 will be launched after Half term.

Dates are:

Y10 19th-23rd June

Y12 10th -14th July

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