

## St Peter's Collegiate Academy

Parent Bulletin - November 2022



### Principal's Message:

As always, it has been a busy autumn term. Over the last few weeks we have seen some great examples of the generosity and achievements of students.

Students have filled over 50 shoeboxes full of gifts for Operation Christmas Child as part of the academy's autumn charity mission.

The 'Six' Musical has taken place in school with two sell-out evening performances and two performances for students. If you were fortunate enough to have tickets you will have seen what a terrific job the 'Six' lead students did as well as the band, the technical support, Mrs Lacey, Miss Tildesley and Mrs McEwan. Congratulations and thank you to all involved for creating and giving us this experience.

All Year 9 students took part in a workshop on racism, respect and community engagement led by the Wolves Football Club. Students met players from the First-Team with clips from the event being shown on Sky Sports. Year 11 students have also been to visit Shrewsbury Prison in recent weeks and Mr Morgan commented on the excellent behaviour of the students.

At the time of writing this message the whole school has just returned to lessons after two minutes of silence to remember all those who have lost their lives through war. Each year It is a powerful and memorable experience when 1500 staff and students come together in silence to remember.

## **KEY DATES**

## Nov/Dec 2022

#### Whole School:

w/c 7th Nov - Green Careers Week
10th-11th Nov - Performances of Six the Musical
11th Nov - Last Post for Remembrance Day
16th Nov - BBC 100th Anniversary Tour—Share Your Story Event
18th Nov - Children in Need
23rd Nov - INSET Day
w/c 28th Nov - Scholastic Book Fair
7th Dec - Careers Fair
w/c 12th Dec - Eucharists for all students
13th Dec - BBC 100th Anniversary Tour—Careers Event

Year 7: 6th-7th Dec - Reward trip to see Beauty and the Beast in B'ham

Year 9: w/c 14th Nov - Discovery Week 17th Nov - Industry Day

Year 11: 1st Dec - Year 11 Parents' Eve

Sixth Form: 24th Nov - Year 13 Parents' Eve

Christmas events: 12th Dec - Christmas Concert 14th Dec - Carol Service at St Peter's Church

### Safeguarding:

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that as an academy we are showing our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety which provides resources for all parents and carers.

A letter will be sent home soon with key information about how to access the online service.



## **Christian Distinctiveness:**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the school chapel...

St Peter's students have filled nearly 50 shoeboxes full of gifts and treats as part of the school's autumn charity mission - Operation Christmas Child - organised by the international charity, Samaritan's Purse.

These boxes will be delivered to children, from all over the world, who may never have experienced the joy of receiving a Christmas present.

The students have not only been busy buying and packing their boxes, but also praying for the children who will receive them in December. "It's one way we can show God's love to others," one student said.



# Student Spotlight

### No Room for Racism

As part of our ongoing collaboration with the Wolverhampton Wanderers Foundation, we were delighted to welcome staff from the 'Premier Leagues Inspires' programme to St Peter's to deliver an anti-racism workshop to Year 9 students. The students involved considered the causes and consequences of racism and worked collectively to create potential solutions to tackle the issue head on. The afternoon included a surprise visit from two First-Team players, Toti Gomes and Adama Traoré. The players were keen to talk to the students and hear their views on how to tackle racism within the community and how they can make a positive difference.

### Six the Musical

Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.

"All this time They've been just one word in a stupid rhyme So they picked up a pen and a microphone History's about to get overthrown."

This week our students have been raising the roof with their production of Six the Musical which tells the stories of the six wives of Henry III. The production has been absolutely outstanding! Shrewsbury Prison

In History, we provided our year 11 students with a rare prisoner experience at Shrewsbury Prison. Our students learned about a range of topics including Victorian methods of correction and capital punishment. This relates substantially to their Crime and Punishment paper for GCSE along with providing an excellent opportunity for enrichment and discovery. One student stated that, "Our trip to Shrewsbury Prison has been a great experience", and another stated that, "It was a unique experience where we learned a lot."

### **Careers Update**

Y9 Industry Day will be taking place on Thursday November 17th during Y9 Discovery Week. Click here to access the letter.

Y10 Work Experience has been launched with all students this week. This will take place 19th-23rd June 2023. Click here to see the letter.

Y7 students now have access to both their Careers google classroom and Unifrog, our careers information platform. Please ensure your child has checked their emails and logged in to both of these areas.

Please use the link to Black Country Labour Market Information to have informed discussions with your child about future career opportunities. Click here to access the information file.

## **Punctuality Update**

Lost learning time can significantly impact a child's educational progress so we are currently running a punctuality drive in school to ensure students are in all lessons on time. The large majority of students are on time and prepared for learning but the lateness of some students causes disruption to their own learning and the learning of others. Students have been informed of the new procedures and know of the importance about being punctual.

Since we began the drive two weeks ago, we have seen punctuality improve by 20%. This is fantastic but there is still work to be done to improve further. If your child is repeatedly late to lesson, you will be notified via email on a Friday and they will receive a detention on a Monday after school.

We would like to ask for your support on this matter by speaking to your child about the importance of punctuality.

### In Memoriam - Fred Eland

We recently said our goodbyes to retired History teacher, Fred Eland. Fred was fondly known for his trademark moustache and his 'old fashioned' no nonsense approach to his work. Fred would always call a spade a spade and was respected for his honesty and strength as a reliable member of the team. He always had the students at heart. Students have described him as engaging, fondly remembering his sense of humour, his kindness and quiet thoughtfulness.

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Rest in peace, Fred.