



St Peter's Collegiate Academy

Parent Bulletin- Dec 2022



Principal's message:

Dear students, parents and carers,

We have just reached the end of term, students and staff have left for the holidays and begin a very well-earned break. Christmas has been celebrated this week in our Christmas Concert, Carol Service, and Christmas Services. Unfortunately our plans to hold services in St Jude's Church had to change following problems with their heating system. Music is integral to the celebration of Christmas and our thanks and appreciation go to all the staff and students who organised and participated in these events. We look back over the last fifteen weeks and give thanks for the hard work, the learning, the support and the contribution that all of you, students, staff and parents make to our community.

We wish all of you a peaceful and blessed Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Safeguarding:

At St Peter's, our students' attendance and punctuality is really important to us. Numerous studies show that excellent attendance and punctuality are key ingredients to students fulfilling their potential and reaching their goals. This half term, there has been an increased focus on punctuality and the students have responded brilliantly, with punctuality improved across the school.

In terms of attendance, if your child is not well and is unable to attend please email attendance@stpetersacademy.org.uk. This is the quickest way to report absence to the school. As of January you will no longer be able to leave a message on the school answering service to report absence.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing the students again in January.

Christian distinctiveness:

This week, our students participated in our Christmas services in the theatre which were led by our Chaplain, Joe Maggs and our KS3 Wild Worship group. The services offered a wonderful opportunity for students to get together and reflect on how we have served one another in our school community and wider community this term as well as looking forward to the important Christmas events ahead.

For our weekly student video briefings this term, students have been writing prayers to share with the whole school. Most recently, our Year 7s worked with Mrs Francis to share a special Christmas prayer with you all:

Dear Heavenly Father

As we celebrate Christmas we thank you for the most perfect gift we could ever receive, your precious son Jesus. Help us to draw near to you this season, that we may be a light to others and be there for those in need. We think of those less fortunate and pray your peace will fill their hearts. We are grateful for all our staff and students, and thank you for this time to spend with family and friends. Help us to feel relaxed and refreshed ready for the new year to begin.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

KEY DATES

January 2023

Whole school
3rd Jan –Return to school

Year 7:
13th Jan –Flu vaccinations

Year 8:
13th Jan –Flu vaccinations

Year 9:
13th Jan –Flu vaccinations
19th Jan –Parents' evening

Year 10:
25th Jan –A Christmas Carol workshops (English Lit)

Year 11:
3rd-13th Jan –GCSE mock examinations
16th-17th Jan –Year 11 Performing Arts examination
17th Jan –Mock employer interviews
18th Jan –Geography trip
25th Jan –A Christmas Carol workshops (English Lit)

Sixth Form:
19th Jan –Year 12 National Skills

Events and updates

Careers update

The second half of our Autumn Term has been a busy period for St Peter's Careers. All students were able to participate in a number of activities for National Green Careers Week back in November, this allowed students to explore the many pathways available in sustainable careers from air quality to health and regeneration to law.

The following week our Y9 students took part in Industry Day. Some students went on work placement with their parents and carers while others took part in employer presentations in school and virtually, including Holiday Inn, Willmott Dixon and the NHS.

A number of our Y9,10 and 12 were able to take part in a special SEND Careers Transition Event at Wolverhampton Racecourse which allowed them to speak to providers about future possibilities at the beginning of December.

Wednesday December 7th saw the return of our annual Careers Fair with many Employers, Higher and Further education providers and Training providers attending to offer their advice to our students.

Our Y10 and Y12 students are busily arranging their work placements for the Summer Term.

Next term we look forward to National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week along with a host of other events and opportunities for our students.

St. Peter's Dog Mentor programme

Since the start of term our school dog mentor, Finley, has been very busy!

He has been working with students around feelings and emotions, self confidence, attendance and most recently achievement.

Students have been able to earn 'Time with Finley' through the Class charts Rewards shop and it has been so successful and popular, we have had to pause 'Time with Finley' sessions until after the Christmas holidays; it is absolutely amazing how many students want to spend a lesson with Finley AND the amount of students getting so many achievement points! Well done to all those students who have worked so hard and had time with Finley so far!

Finley wishes you all a Pawsome Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Achievement and Rewards

This has been an incredible term for students who have gained over 70,000 achievement points both in lesson and for participation in extra-curricular clubs and events.

Further to this, on the last day of term, the highest achieving form group in each year group was treated to a tray of cakes and, in January, the two highest achievers in each year group will be treated to a rewards trip to Tree Top Golf in Birmingham as recognition for their hard work

In January, our Head Boy and Head Girl and Peer Mentors have been invited to the Church of England National Conference to represent the school and develop their leadership skills. This is testament to the amazing work they are doing in school.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support with our work in school and our wider community.

St. Peter's is a family and the help and support offered by you all is vital in helping us to ensure your children flourish in all aspects of their lives.

We look forward to working with you all again in 2023 and beyond.

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