



Our Faith Remember the faithful departed



November is the month when we traditionally remember the faithful departed, those we have loved but have died. Beginning with the Feast of All Saints, followed by the Feast of All Souls, we have the opportunity to look for inspiration from those who have gone before us and pray for those for the Holy Souls. In school, we have combined these feasts with special Remembrance Masses held in school. Thanks for Fr Austin, Fr Dominic and Fr Andrew who celebrated these Masses. At the Year 9 and 10 Mass, the raising of Lazarus was the chosen Gospel reading which gave us all a sign that just as Jesus has raised Lazarus from the dead, that too is our faith. A poignant moment was when the school's Bede Roll was read out.

Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Our Catholic Pupil Profile values this half term are being faith-filled and hopeful - most appropriate in this month of remembrance. Amongst all the turbulence occurring in the world today, faith and hope in the power of prayer will be an important focus for us during the weeks to come.

- Human Dignity
- Common Good
- Solidarity
- Subsidiarity
- Participation
- Stewardship
- Preferential Option for the Poor

Christmas Fayre
Come to See Me!
Ho! Ho! Ho!
SANTA'S GROTTO
ENTRANCE £1 ADULTS
RAFFLE
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
GAMES
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
TOYS
CAKES
FOOD
FANCY GOODS

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE. EVERYONE WELCOME!
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
12PM - 3PM AT OLC SCHOOL



Faith is Our Foundation

Year 11 & 13 mock exams

Mrs Ferry, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Dear Lord,

As I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

Amen.



The recent mock exams for Year 11 and 13 have showcased the dedication and effort put forth by our pupils. Not only did they demonstrate commendable academic performance, but their positive behaviour, attitudes, and focus during the examination period were also noteworthy.

Results for the mock exams will be distributed to pupils on the 12th (Year 11) and 13th (Year 13) of December. This timely feedback aims to provide pupils with a clear understanding of their strengths and areas that may need improvement, allowing them to make informed adjustments in their study strategies before the final exams.

Looking ahead, it is crucial for pupils to ensure they have all necessary equipment for upcoming exams and maintain focus throughout the entire examination period. The next set of mock exams are scheduled for February, and teachers will provide the resources necessary for students to prepare effectively.

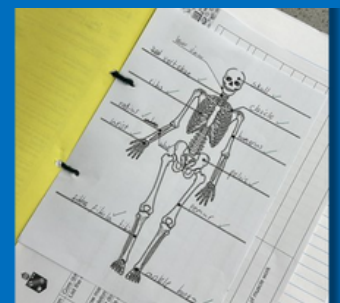
To support their preparation for both the forthcoming mock exams we would suggest the following effective revision techniques include:

- Structured Study Plans:** Create a realistic and structured study plan, allocating time to each subject based on its weight in the exam.
- Active Recall:** Instead of passive reading, pupils could engage in active recall by testing themselves on the material. This could involve creating flashcards, quizzes, or teaching the concepts to someone else.
- Past Papers:** Practise with past exam papers which will allow pupils to familiarise themselves with the exam format.
- Knowledge Dump:** write a topic in the centre of the page. Write down from memory everything you already know. Check your books/revision guides and add new information in a different colour.

In conclusion, the recent mock exams have been a positive reflection of the pupils' dedication and commitment. With timely feedback and a focus on effective revision techniques, students will be well-equipped to face the upcoming challenges and continue their academic journey with success.

W/B	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
6th Nov	96%	94.6%	93.3%	91.6%	96.7%	94.8%	-
23rd Oct	95.5%	91.6%	91.8%	89%	96.3%	95.3%	-

Attendance



Faith-filled & Hopeful

Exciting news for our pupils! We are thrilled to introduce two dynamic enrichment clubs which promise to make after-school hours a knockout experience. First up, our boxing club has packed a punch, providing a high-energy outlet for physical fitness and discipline. Led by experienced coaches, pupils are learning the art of self-defense and build confidence in a supportive environment.

Meanwhile, our fencing club is offering a thrilling blend of strategy and skill. En garde! Pupils are engaging in friendly duels while honing agility and focus. Both clubs have already proven to be a hit, with participants raving about the great fun they've had. If your child is interested in participating please get in touch with Mr Mallon.

We are keen to expand our enrichment programme and asking all parents/carers to complete this short Microsoft Form with any comments or suggestions which will help us meet this aim. Details can be found [here](https://forms.office.com/e/3aY5sqkAq6): <https://forms.office.com/e/3aY5sqkAq6>

New Enrichment Opportunities

Mr Mallon, Associate Assistant Headteacher



Golden Ticket Winners - pizza and film afternoon

Mr Seickell, Lead Tutor Year 10

Our recent Golden Ticket winners in Years 7-10 were rewarded with a 'Film & Pizza Afternoon' to recognise their hard work and positive attitude in school. Pupils enjoyed watching the film 'Wonder' whilst eating both popcorn & pizzas: a great treat had by all!

Golden Tickets were rewarded to those pupils in each year group who had either accumulated the highest number of Blue Cards or Positive Conduct Cards.

To reward other pupils, In the final assemblies before half-term, a Golden Ticket draw was held in which one person's Positive conduct card was drawn out and they were the lucky recipients of a £20 Amazon Voucher. Congratulations to the five winners.

On Friday 10th November, over forty Year 12 pupils gathered for the first official meeting of Go Global! This is a club focused on developing our pupils into well-rounded, global citizens. Each week a session will be on a range of topics from cookery to debate to imparting stories about living abroad and helping to expose pupils to a plethora of world viewpoints and perspectives.

One exciting element of this extra-curricular opportunity is the amazing opportunity to go on a 2-week subsidised trip to Nepal in June 2024. This will further foster our strong links with the FutureSense Foundation- a charity focused on improving health, wellbeing, education and equality in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Pupils will be invited to fill out an application form in the coming weeks and participate in a short interview, to create the 14-pupil team who fly to Nepal in Summer 24. More information will follow soon.

Go Global

Miss Grace,
Sustainability Lead



Solidarity

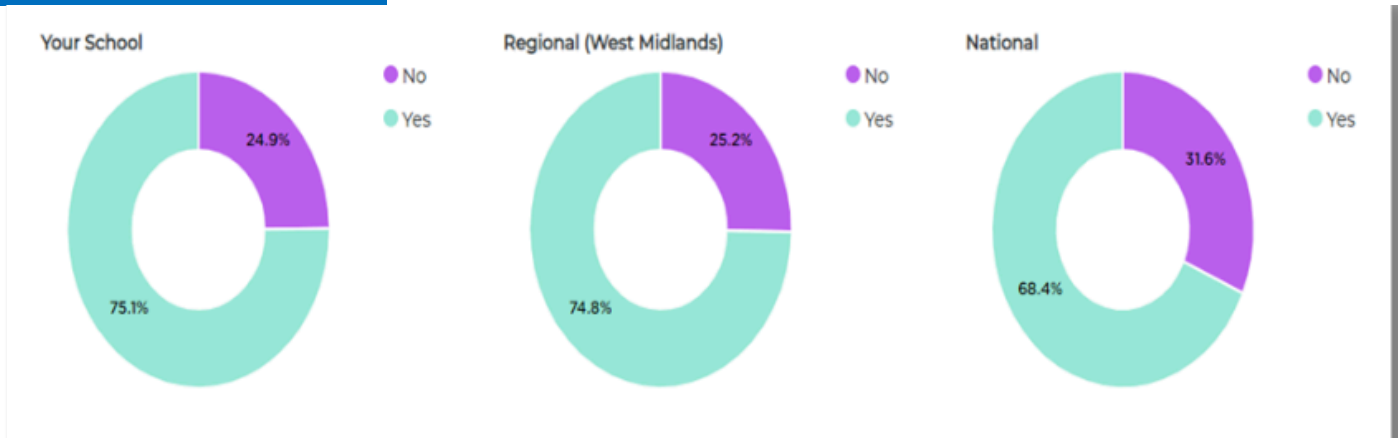
Votes for Schools

Mrs Shelton, Director of Learning PSHE



At St Peter's, we seek to educate the whole person: spiritually, morally, emotionally, psychologically and physically towards Christian maturity. Please follow the link to see the Personal Development curriculum which pupils at St. Peter's follow.

We have had over 900 votes submitted weekly on a wide variety of topics so far this half term, such as 'Do we do enough to challenge bullying?'. We have also voted on 'Is it easy to have conversations about conflict in Israel & Palestine?', in which pupils voted 73%, similar to responses nationally.' In addition we have explored the topic, 'Is it time to call a general election?' Our views also were typical of those locally and nationally with 75.1% of our pupils feeling that a general election was needed in the UK.



During October, Black History Month, we have discussed 'Are Black British women's stories told in our history?' which highlighted that pupils were unaware of many black female voices in our history books. We are delighted to have four pupils who represent our school as Votes for Schools Youth Ambassadors, helping to inform national conversation on key topics such as bullying and climate change. Please feel free to visit the website - www.votesforschools.com - to see what our voters will be debating in the coming school weeks.

St Peter's has been actively hosting various primary school events to enhance our collaborative approach in enriching the curriculum for pupils. Notable events include the Primary MAC Football Tournament on October 6th, won by St Augustine's, and a Gaelic session for St George and St Teresa Year 4 pupils on October 13th. Additionally, on November 13th, St Peter's hosted the Primary MAC Art and DT Event led by Mrs Sanders and Ms Griffin, with seven schools participating. Pupils had the chance to craft Christmas tea light holders and explore colouring skills. Sincere thank you to the following primary schools: St Andrew's, St Augustine's, St Edward's, St George and St Teresa, Guardian Angels, Our Lady of Compassion, and Our Lady of the Wayside. Thank you for sharing your pupils with us

It has been such a delight hosting these events and St Peter's looks forward to hosting further MAC primary events in the coming months.

Primary Schools

Mrs Costello, Director of Learning - Primary Relations

