

St Peter's Catholic School Newsletter

June 2024



Our Faith

There have been a number of key solemnities during the later part of the season of Easter. The birthday of the church, Pentecost, allowed us to reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit and how this spirit works to bind us with the love of the Father through the Son. This is the 'mystery' that is celebrated in the Feast of the Holy Trinity. As St Patrick explained with the shamrock, God in three persons is a hard concept to understand as mere mortals, but it is much easier to appreciate that the good news of the trinity is that it is an invitation that, regardless of our background, our circumstances or how holy we are: we are still invited into this trinity as the love of the father, shown through the son and bound by the spirit. Jesus always promised that he would be with us forever and of course, the solemnity of Corpus Christi was our opportunity to celebrate the precious gift of Holy Communion. Sometimes considered a celebration of the Last Supper in a happy season: the eucharist fulfils Jesus' promise at the Last Supper that this love would be with us for all time. Appropriately, our school time to pray begins with the first verse of the popular hymn "This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness, making you free

to take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me". That burning love, received in Holy Communion, was then celebrated during the Feast of the Sacred Heart – the feast that reminds us of the unending love of our God for us his people.

This half term we focus on the values of being Curious and Active as we consider our mission as Catholics to participate in creating a better world. There will be lots of opportunities for active participation in our school community this half term, one filled with lots of different activities. We are looking forward to our Mission Week during the first week of July where we will be launching a refreshed St Peter's Profile and St Peter's mission. More details to follow.



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

VOTESFORSCHOOLS



BRONZE AWARD



“It is great to see how student voice has led to key changes being implemented across the school on issues students care about.
-SVA Judge”

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Faith is Our Foundation

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Miss Goodman, Teacher of Maths

The year 5 maths challenge final took place on Tuesday 21st May 2024. It was a maths relay where 6 primary schools were fighting to win the trophy. There was a buzzing atmosphere and it was great to see so many of the pupils being competitive. It was extremely close with St Wilfrid's finishing in 3rd place with 160 points, closely followed by St Augustine's in 2nd place with 162 points and St George and Theresa

taking the win with 165 points. Thank you to all the parents who supported and to St Augustine's for hosting the event. Thank you to Miss Goodman, Miss Shaw and Mrs Costello for organising the challenges. We look forward to next year!



Congratulations and thank you to Jane Loughran for her long service as governor here at St Peter's. She celebrates her 25th year as governor and continues to provide instrumental support, advice and expertise in the leadership and continued development of St Peter's. Jane, until recently, was Chair of Governors and is incredibly proud of the whole school community. Jane's six children all attended St Peter's and she proudly retells how well her children did both academically and in their personal development here from Year 7-Year 13. She fondly remembers the provision and experiences they received - particularly the Catholic culture and ethos.

It was such a privilege to recognise her hard work and commitment. We are very lucky to be served by such a dedicated, loyal and supportive volunteer.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank and recognise ALL of our volunteer governors for their support and guidance on our mission to develop great opportunities and life chances for our pupils. Your support and time is invaluable. Thank you.

25 years of Service: Jane Loughran



Attendance



W/B	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
27/05	95.7%	94%	93%	92.1%	Exam	-	Exam
03/06	94%	91.1%	94.3%	91.1%	Exam	-	Exam

Curious

Anti-Bullying Workshop

Mrs Shelton, Director of Learning: PSHE

Diana Award ANTI-BULLYING 101: WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS_ Thursday 18 July, 6.30 PM

The Diana Award have a FREE online, interactive workshop for parents and carers who want to learn more about supporting their child and spotting the signs of bullying behaviour, including LGBTQ+ targeted behaviour.

If you do sign up to the workshop, please put our school name down. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors can use your attendance as an action towards their Diana Award Anti-Bullying Community Badge. Thank you in advance of your support.

Use this link: [SIGN UP HERE](#) or

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FZiZoZbCS8CCAF_SX3sv4g#/registration



Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Anti-Bullying 101 workshop fo...

Join our Anti-Bullying 101 online FREE 1-hour workshop from The Diana Award. This is for parent...



Year 11 pupils and teachers worked hard in the run up to the GCSE examinations, which began earlier than in previous years. It has been great to see Year 11s gathering in the hall each morning to support each other and for them to receive some all-important advice and reassurance before each exam from subject specialists.

Year 11s have benefitted from being able to complete independent revision in school or to go home and revise if they did not have an

afternoon exam. Many Year 11s have left the exam hall feeling positive about the papers sat, showing that their hard work and dedication have paid off.

We look forward to celebrating the success of the Year 11 2024 cohort on GCSE results day: **22nd August 2024**. We hope all the Year 11s have a relaxing summer and wish them all the best for their future, whether that be continuing in St Peter's sixth form or moving onto new places.

Year 11 Examinations

Mrs Ferry, Associate Assistant Headteacher

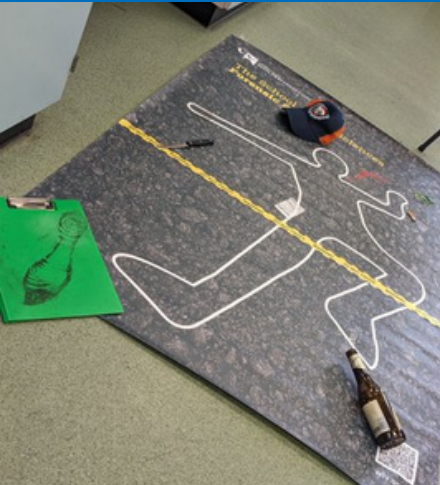


Human Dignity

Year 12 Forensic Science Event

Dr Aslam, Assistant Headteacher

Lecturers from the University of Wolverhampton came and delivered a taste of Crime Scene Investigation to pupils studying Medical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Health and Social Care and Criminology. They spoke about all the different scientific disciplines involved in convicting criminals and pupils had a chance to collect lots of evidence, including fingerprints and DNA. The importance of detailed record keeping and attention to detail was highlighted - many left thinking that maybe this is the career for them!



on the 6th June 2024, we travelled via train to Aston University's cybersecurity event. The trip was aimed at year 12 girls with an interest in computing. The event started with talks from professors of the Computer Science department, explaining the need for women in cybersecurity and the growing number of jobs in relation to the expansion of AI. They explained that people

Cyber-security Event, Aston University

Eve T, Year 13

often crossover from backgrounds with no relation to cyber security or computer science and take business or management positions. The cybersecurity sector not only requires people with technical skills, but also needs people to manage the clients. From there, we began an activity called Capture the Flag, where we had numerous tasks in python, webpages, forensics and analysis and were required to reverse code and traverse pages in order to find the flags and gain points. In return for the points there were three prizes for the top earners in each of the three schools. After a break, the day finished with a member of GCHQ coming in to discuss the defence of the UK's data, and the future of cybersecurity, as well as revealing future opportunities and bursaries to ensure further opportunities in the cybersecurity sector. It was a really valuable day.



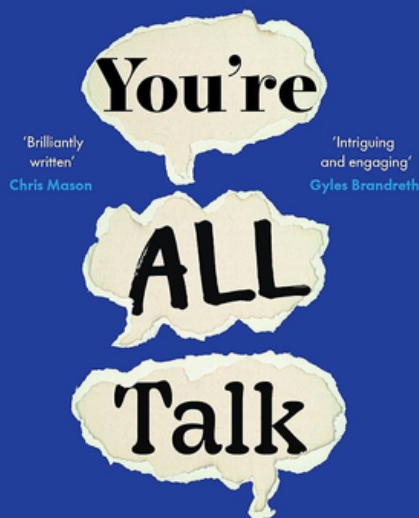
Time	Activity + Location
9:45-10:00	Welcome onto Campus
10:00-10:15	Reception Desk Lower Foyer
10:15-11:00	Registrations & Introductions MB 370; MB372
11:00-11:30	Speakers: Cyber security Experts
11:30-13:30	Lunch (early)
13:30-13:40	Capture The Flag events
13:40-14:00	Break
14:00-14:20	Speaker from the National Cyber Security Centre
14:20-14:30	Prize Giving and Reflections
	Pack down

Wise

What we are reading

Mr Mallon, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Rob Drummond



Why do we have different accents and where do they come from? Why do you say 'tomayto' and I say 'tomahto'? And is one way of speaking better than another? I have just finished 'You're All Talk' by the Professor of linguistics Rob Drummond and loved every moment.

This insightful and engaging book delves into the fascinating ways people use language as a form of identity and navigate through various social situations. Drummond's expertise shines through in his exploration of how our speech patterns, accents, and word choices reflect who we are and how we connect with others.

What makes 'You're All Talk' particularly special is its accessibility. Drummond presents complex ideas in a manner that is easy to understand, making it an excellent read for anyone, regardless of their prior knowledge of the subject. The book is not only informative but also highly entertaining, filled with real-life examples and anecdotes that bring the concepts to life.

Whether you're a pupil or a teacher with an interest in languages, English, psychology, or linguistics, 'You're All Talk' is a must-read. It offers valuable insights that will deepen your understanding of the powerful role language plays in our daily lives and social interactions.

I highly recommend picking up a copy of 'You're All Talk'. It promises to be an enlightening addition to your reading list!

We are so proud of our newly formed Department for Well Being here at St Peter's. We have brought together pupils who are trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors through the Princess Diana Award and our National Votes for Schools Ambassadors. Through a process of application, we are delighted to share with you that Veda R-A (year 7) has been assigned role as Chief Minister of the Department for Well Being, Mason L (year 8) as Deputy Chief Minister and Amara S-H (year 7) as clerk. The Department felt it was incredibly important to ensure

all pupils transitioning from primary school felt supported by pupils at St Peter's and they have done a fantastic job going into a number of our MAC primary feeder schools to share our anti bullying pupil led initiatives, as well as speak to pupils about transition. There have been so many welcoming year 6 and 5 pupils we have met and are very grateful to St Augustine's, Our Lady of the Wayside, St Andrews and Our Lady of Compassion for inviting us to their schools and for the excellent attitudes and engagement of their pupils with our well-being message.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Mrs Shelton, Director of Learning: PSHE



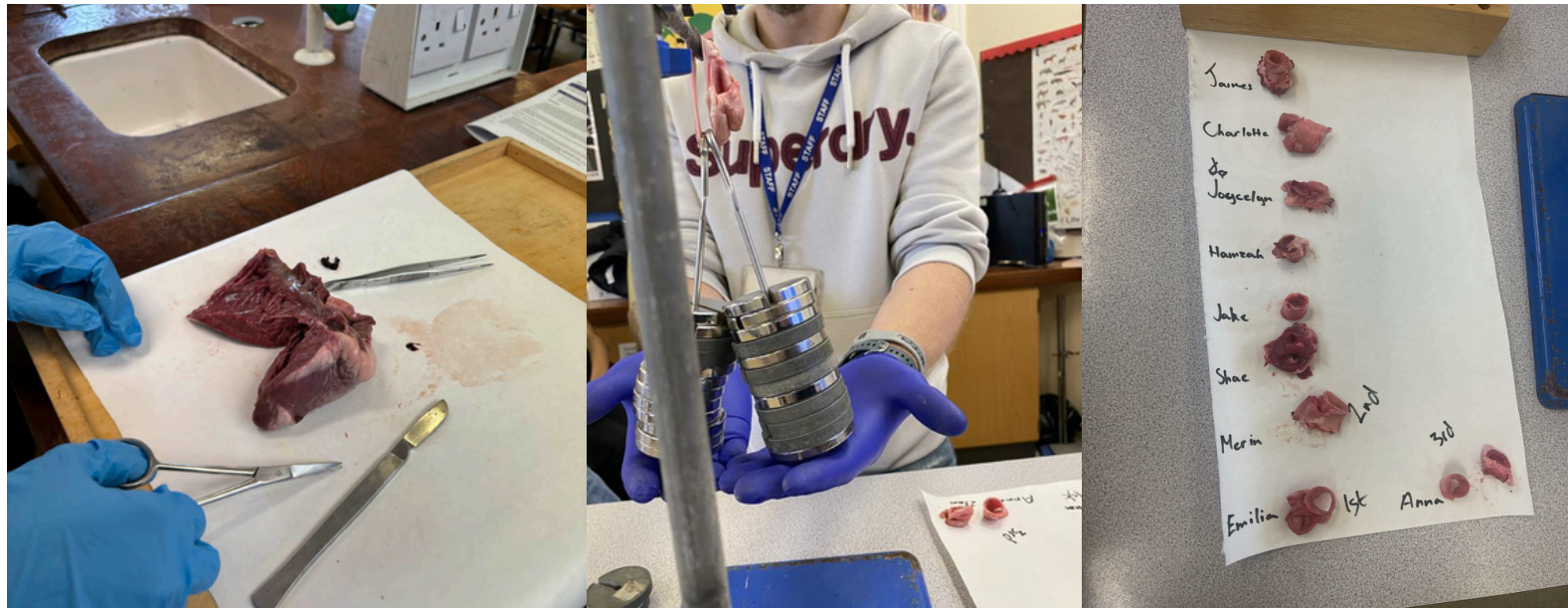
Common Good

'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'

Miss Jordan, Teacher of science

This term, 12E biology pupils undertook an exciting and highly educational heart dissection as part of their AQA Biology curriculum. This hands-on experience allowed pupils to explore the intricate anatomy of the heart, enhancing their understanding of the cardiovascular structure and function. By observing and identifying key components such as the atria, ventricles, and valves, our budding biologists gained invaluable insights into how this vital organ operates. We then had an

inter-class competition to see who could delicately remove the aorta. The winner was Emelia H! We used the aorta that she meticulously cut from the heart to investigate the elasticity of this vessel. Mr Heron kindly helped with this demonstration. 2kg on the aorta and it still DID NOT SNAP! WOW! This practical session not only reinforced 12E's theoretical knowledge but also sparked curiosity and fostered a deeper appreciation for the complexities of human biology. I am proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to learning through such engaging scientific activities.



A big thank you to our pupils who regularly demonstrate the courage and confidence to sing at a range of masses across the school calendar.

Last month, our pupils represented St Peter's, leading the hymns at The Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together with schools across our MAC to celebrate mass, as well as acknowledge the wonderful work of Father Hudson's Care. Our pupils were a credit to the school.

The Good Shepherd Mass, St Chad's Cathedral

Mrs Carroll, Teacher of Music



Active



A huge congratulations to our former pupil, Aoife Mannion for being part of the winning Manchester United team who won the FA Cup in May. We are delighted for you and look forward to supporting your wonderful talents for many years to come.

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 8 student for her remarkable achievement in not only participating in the recent Writing West Midlands event but also being selected as the editor's choice. Please enjoy reading her amazing work below:



Delphi

SOM (Pupil Year 8)

*I know a person called Delphi, and I think she's a pretty girl.
She has sandy locks along with a pair of striking hazel eyes.
She skips a step in her ambling and always does a twirl.*

*I have a friend called Delphi, and I think she has a pretty name.
She was named after Delphiniums – elegant flowers with hues of indigo or azure that matched the colours on her long, flowing dress.*

I watch as she skips a step in her ambling and twirls, her skirt dancing around her, and now my clothes look lame.

*I have a best friend called Delphi, and I know she's a pretty girl.
The amber glow of the sunset reflects in her eyes and dapples onto her sandy locks when we walk along the seaside shore.*

I step into the imprints left behind on the sand from her feet before they wash away, laughing as she skips a step in her ambling and does a twirl.

*I have a classmate called Delphi, and the boys at my school call her a pretty girl.
She stopped wearing her long, flowing dress and opted to wear short skirts.
I watch as she walks with a boy, but she didn't skip her step in her ambling and do a twirl.*

*I thought I had a friend called Delphi, and now everyone thinks she's a pretty girl.
The burning glare from the blinding sun pierces into her heartless eyes and incinerates her dirty blonde hair when she strides with the other pretty girls along the seaside shore.
Her friends let the imprints left behind on the sand from her feet be engulfed by the sickly sea, sniggering with her, and she didn't skip her step in her ambling and do a twirl.*

*I knew a person called Delphi, and I thought she was a pretty girl.
But looks can be deceiving, and her porcelain face easily shadowed her stone heart.
She stopped skipping her step in her ambling and doing a twirl,
I wish she kept skipping her step in her ambling and doing a twirl,
I miss when she skipped her step in her ambling and did a twirl.*



SAVE THE DATE



St. Peter's Catholic School

50th Anniversary Celebration



Saturday

October

26

7.00 PM

THERE WILL BE SCHOOL TOURS
AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY

FORMAL INVITE TO FOLLOW

