St Peter's Catholic School Newsletter

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Our Faith

Faith-Filled
Attentive
Intentionally
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Truthful
Hopeful

Our final month of the academic year has seen the launch of our renewed St Peter's Mission. The Gospels at Sunday Mass have spoken of Jesus calling and sending out the disciples on a mission to spread the good news and this 'Good news' is what fills this final newsletter of the academic year. During our Mission Week, special services reminded all in attendance about the core principles of our faith which is our foundation, and how this faith is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to prove God's love for all eternity and to demonstrate God's love for each us; bringing an inner peace because of the joy that this love brings enabling us to have hope in the future.

To this end our mission is simple but ambitious – to work hard to make the world a better place where Faith is our foundation. To achieve this, we will be focusing on all members of the St Peter's community demonstrating five core values, namely being: Faith-filled, Attentive, Intentionally loving, Truthful and Hopeful and in doing so fulfil the five aspects of the St Peter's Mission, namely to build a world where the following happens: Human Dignity, Take care of the poor, Care for God's creation, a strong sense of Family and Community and where everybody participates.

As we embark on our summer holidays, we hope and pray that all St Peter's staff, students and families go forth and spread the love, peace, joy and hope of Christ wherever they go and in whatever they do.

2024.25	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Dates	4th Sept - 20th Dec	6th Jan - 11th Apr	28th Apr - 18th Jul
Half Term	28th Oct - 1st Nov	17th Feb - 21st Feb	26th May - 30th May
Inset Days	2nd & 3rd Sept, 25th Oct, 29th Nov	24th Feb	21st Jul

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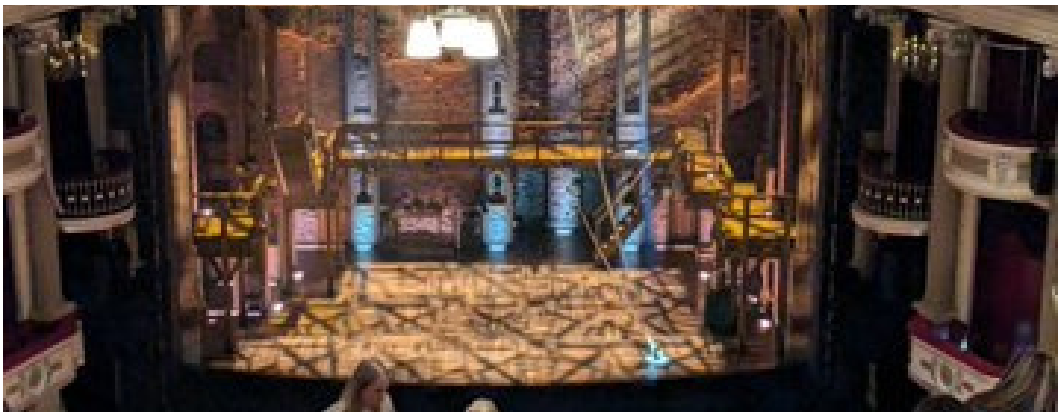
‘Hamilton’ Theatre Trip

Mrs Killworth & Mrs Carroll

On June 2nd and 3rd, our pupils experienced the acclaimed musical 'Hamilton,' and it was nothing short of extraordinary! The energy was palpable as the curtain rose, and our pupils were captivated from the first note. The innovative blend of history and hip-hop not only entertained but also educated, sparking lively discussions and a newfound interest in American history. The performances were stunning, with standout moments that had everyone on the edge of their seats. The trips were a resounding success, providing an unforgettable cultural experience that resonated deeply with our pupils. Many expressed how the show’s themes of ambition, resilience, and the pursuit of legacy inspired them. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to witness such a powerful production and look forward to organising similar enriching experiences in the future. Special thanks to all who made these memorable trips possible!



On the 20th June there was a celebration in the school chapel for seven pupils who were being confirmed, as well as three of whom were also making their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration with Fr Andrew, Mr, Shelton, Miss Gnych, families and friends, and the school choir. The fabulous singing of the choir made it extra special. We all wish the young people every blessing in their lives ahead, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Attendance

W/B	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
8th July	92.3%	91.4%	90.2%	87.1%	-	89.8%	-
1st July	93.9%	89%	89.9%	95.9%	-	97.2%	-

Faith-Filled

Drayton Manor

Mr Mallon, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Our pupils had an unforgettable experience on the end of year rewards trip to Drayton Manor. The event was a celebration of their hard work and achievements throughout the year. Pupils eagerly enjoyed a variety of thrilling rides, from roller coasters to water attractions, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The laughter and excitement were infectious as everyone embraced the fun-filled day. This trip not only rewarded their dedication but also fostered camaraderie and school spirit.

Sports Day

Miss Elton, Director of Learning: PE

Our annual Sports Day was a resounding success, held at Norman Green athletics track. In the morning, pupils showcased their athletic abilities in various track and field events, demonstrating incredible talent and determination. The afternoon was filled with excitement as pupils competed in rounders, football, dodgeball, and netball, allowing everyone to display their sporting prowess. The atmosphere was electric with cheers and support from classmates and teachers alike. It was a brilliant day which highlighted our pupils' dedication to sports and teamwork, making it a memorable event for all involved.

St Peter's Mock Elections

Mrs Lakin

In light of the General Election, this term we hosted our very own St. Peter's mock elections. Key stage three were invited to apply to become party leaders and we were so impressed with the applications! Purple, Blue and Yellow parties worked incredibly hard writing manifestos, campaigning and recording party political broadcasts. On 4th July we set up the dance studio as a polling station and modelled to the pupils how to walk in and vote, so that pupils had a great opportunity to experience democracy in action. It was really exciting to hear the pupils talking so enthusiastically about the pledges and promises of the parties and discussing the political system. Well done to all who took part, in particular to the **Purple Party** who secured the most votes. If this is the quality of politicians for the future, there is a lot to be hopeful for.

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Yr7 Retreat to the Briars Retreat Centre in Matlock, Derbyshire.

Mr Hill, Director of Learning: RE

Year 7 recently had the opportunity to attend a weekend retreat in Derbyshire. The 'Defined' programme encouraged the young people to identify where they belong and recognise that they belong to God, in the Church and to each other, defining their identities in how Christ sees them rather than society. This retreat ran over three days with a different focus on each day:

Day 1 – Where do we belong?

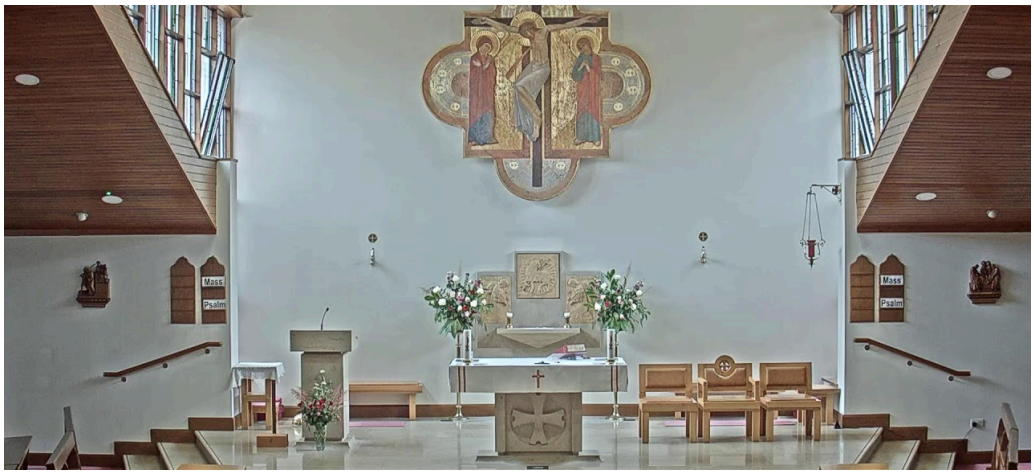
Day 2 – We are individuals who belong together. We don't need to change who we are because we already belong perfectly to God.

Day 3 – We belong to each other and so should support each other in our own uniqueness.

The children enjoyed their free time, lots of outdoor activities and snacks in their rooms (even after lights out!). "God calls each one by name. Everyone's name is sacred. The name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it." (CCC, 2158).

Many thanks to Mr Williams, Mrs Brown and Mr Hill who gave up their weekend to give the children this life affirming opportunity.

Mission Week - Over 600 children joined Fr Dominic, Fr Austin and Fr Andrew for mass in our parish church of St Augustine's to celebrate our mission week. The children reflected upon the year just passing and the year to come at St Peter's. All of the children engaged in their mass in a respectful and reverent manner. Many of the regular, local Solihull congregation at St Augustine's commented how smartly presented and prayerful all of the children were. An accolade to our school community!



Mass at St Augustine's

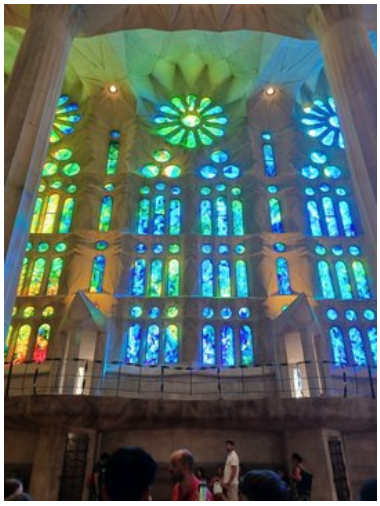
Mr Hill, Director of Learning: RE

Attentive

Time to Shine

Mrs Shelton, Director of Learning: PSHE

Our recent 'Time to Shine' event was a wonderful celebration of our pupils' hard work and achievements. Pupils had the opportunity to demonstrate excellence in their work across various subjects, earning well-deserved recognition. Each pupil received a sticker and a small gift from the school as a token of appreciation for their dedication and effort. It was heart warming to see the pride and joy on the faces of our pupils as their accomplishments were acknowledged. This event truly highlighted the exceptional talents and perseverance of our pupils, making it a memorable and inspiring day for everyone involved.



Barcelona 2024

Mr Stanton, Assistant Headteacher

In June 2024, our Year 9 group visiting Barcelona had a packed itinerary. On the first day, they explored La Boqueria Market, one of Europe's largest food markets, located at Rambla 91. Following the market visit, they strolled along Las Ramblas, enjoying its various attractions such as live performances and the Mosaic de Miró. Lunch was at Restaurante Nervion, where they savoured a variety of tapas.

Day two began with a continental breakfast at the hotel. The group then visited the Barcelona Olympic and Sports Museum to learn about the history of sports and the 1992 Olympics. This was followed by a visit to Poble Espanyol, a replica Spanish village. In the afternoon, they planned to relax at the beach and later explored the Monumental Core of Park Güell. Dinner was scheduled at FrescCo Restaurant.

On the third day, after breakfast, the group headed to Port Aventura, an amusement park offering themed areas and exciting rides. The day ended with another meal at FrescCo and an overnight stay.

Their final day included a guided tour of La Sagrada Familia. The group then had some free time before departing, having thoroughly experienced Barcelona's cultural and historical highlights.

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New Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Mrs Keane, Deputy Headteacher

Transition from primary to secondary can be hugely challenging and overwhelming for pupils but often it is the parents who can be the most anxious and emotional about the big milestone in their son/daughter's lives. We hope that through our Information Evening on Tuesday 9th, we reassured families, made them feel welcome and prepared them for the next phase of their journey as parents and as their son/daughter progresses into secondary school.

Each child on induction day received a free reading book which we have encouraged them to read and enjoy over the summer holidays. Each family received a pack detailing information on form tutors, parent pay, enrichment opportunities, uniform, travel etc. On the evening staff spoke about the importance of partnership and communication and how we are here to support our pupils both academically, pastorally and spiritually.

If anyone needs any further information or support, please don't hesitate in getting in touch. We look forward to welcoming our Year 7s on September 4th and we look forward to celebrating our special mass of celebration with families on the afternoon of Sept 4th.

A group of Year 8 girls recently visited Birmingham City University for an exciting and educational trip focused on Women in Engineering. This initiative aimed to inspire young female pupils by exposing them to various engineering fields and real-world applications of engineering solutions.

During the trip, the girls participated in a hands-on sustainable design task. They were challenged to design a house capable of withstanding flooding. This activity not only stimulated their creativity but also provided practical insights into the challenges engineers face when developing solutions for real-world problems.

The pupils were introduced to a variety of engineering careers, broadening their understanding of the field's diversity and opportunities. Some of the careers highlighted included:

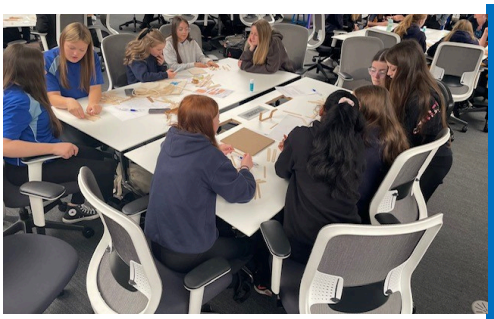
• Manufacturing Engineering: Focusing on the design and operation of integrated systems for the production of high-quality, economically competitive products.

• Jewellery Engineering: Combining art and engineering to create beautiful, functional pieces of jewellery.

• Electrical Engineering: Dealing with the study and application of electricity, electronics, and electromagnetism.

The girls also learned about the impactful work of Birmingham City University tutees who travel to underdeveloped countries to help solve local problems. Recently, these pupils designed and implemented a water barrel that filters water as it is rolled home, a remarkable innovation that addresses both transportation and water purification challenges in a single solution.

This trip not only provided Year 8 girls with an enriching educational experience but also served to inspire the next generation of female engineers. By showcasing the broad range of careers in engineering and the positive impact engineers can have on communities around the world, Birmingham City University is helping to encourage more young women to consider and pursue careers in engineering.



Year 8 Girls Enginnering at BCU

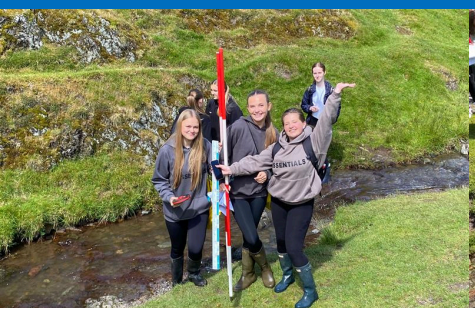
Mrs Sanders, Director of Learning: D&T

Intentionally Loving

Geography Field Trips

Mrs McHale & Mr Mcliddy, Director of Learning: Geography

Year 10 geographers went exploring recently the wonders of Carding Mill Valley and the delights of Birmingham City Centre for their GCSE fieldwork. At Carding Mill Valley they investigated potential flood risk in Church Stretton. In Birmingham they studied the effectiveness of the 'big city' plan in reinvigorating the city centre. Pupils measured river discharge, speed, completed questionnaires, environmental impact assessments and land use surveys. They made an excellent impression on members of the public who commented on their politeness and enthusiasm for their studies.



Year 12 geographers hit Porthcawl in Wales, the Wyre Forest in Bewdley, Birmingham and Solihull to learn about how to collect primary and secondary data for their A-level coursework, worth 20% of their final grade. They investigated coastal erosion, management, and deprivation in Porthcawl , water / carbon cycles in the Wyre Forest , regeneration, and gentrification in Birmingham, changing socio-economic and demographic characteristics between Spark Hill and Hall Green, and to what extent can Solihull be considered a 'clone town'.

During these trips, the pupils participated in numerous geographical tasks such as:

- Conducting questionnaires
- Analysing soil profiles
- Studying sand dune succession
- Assessing coastal management techniques
- Measuring infiltration rates
- Evaluating regeneration projects
- Performing land use surveys

A highlight of the fieldwork was gaining permission to enjoy the panoramic views from Marco Pierre White's restaurant at the top of The Cube building and capturing photos with the Banksy artwork in the Jewellery Quarter.

Fortunately, the weather was favourable throughout the fieldwork, allowing both staff and pupils to enjoy their activities fully. The four days of fieldwork will be instrumental in forming the basis of the pupils' coursework. Congratulations to all the pupils for their exemplary focus and geographical skills!

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CyberKali Girls CTF Event, Aston University

Olivia H (Year 12)

On Monday, we had the great opportunity to attend a CyberKali Girls CTF Event, held at Aston University. The event was designed to help address the gender gap in Computer Science - 80% male and 20% female. The day began with a talk led by the Deputy Director of the Cyber Security Innovation Centre. They gave information regarding the different pathways/careers that computer science can take us (e.g. a data analyst or a game developer) and to really encourage more females in the Cyber Security sector.

We then had a mini, interactive quiz on online safety. This involved choosing secure passwords and ensuring that you do not click on all links as phishing is the most common cyber crime.

After discussing different ways to protect yourself online (e.g. installing an anti-virus software), some pupils from Aston University explained their positive experience of studying the subject and told us that Computer Science doesn't always have to be technical.

For the last part of the day, everyone attempted the 'Capture The Flag' cyber security challenges. This covered all areas of computer science, such as, morse code, using a Caesar cipher, python and many more topics. The amazing day ended with the top four winners from each school receiving a portable charging block, a bluetooth speaker, a smartwatch, or a tablet. We felt very privileged to be able to attend this because it was great fun and informed us on pursuing a career in Cyber Security.

Challenges Abroad, Nepal

Miss Grace & Mr Hill

Fourteen Year 12 pupils, chosen following a series of presentations and interviews, embarked on a global citizenship programme to Nepal for two weeks at the end of June. Our pupils planned and delivered STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) workshops involving classroom activities, practical experiments and outdoor games to Nepalese children at our partner school: Shree Vinayak Secondary School in Changunarayan, Bhaktapur on the rural outskirts of Kathmandu. A busy middle weekend was spent overnight at a jungle retreat in Dhulikel, and on cultural trips to both Buddhist and Hindu temples, and an excursion to central Kathmandu. In additional to the workshops and weekend excursions, pupils also immersed themselves in cultural activities such as pottery, henna decoration, yoga classes, language lessons, and cookery. The pupils built close and fulfilling relationships with the Nepalese hosts and school children and gained invaluable experience of a fascinating country, people, and culture. Pupils surpassed our aims for the trip, to develop skills and become global citizens who exhibit empathy, compassion and understanding. All will carry with them unforgettable memories and important values gained from a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity. Our charity hosts Challenges Abroad and The Future Sense Foundation praised highly and were very thankful of our pupils efforts again this year.

Truthful

Shine Youth

Mrs Wolfe, Deputy SENco

Three pupils from Year 9 (Eva, Jess and Maisy) have been involved in a Youth Voice project, run by Shine Youth, to discuss ideas and potential support for mental health provision for young people in Solihull. Following on from this project the pupils were invited by Lesa Kingham, the Commissioning Manager for Mental Health Commissioning and Transformation in Birmingham and Solihull NHS Trust, to attend the Prevention, Wellbeing and Early Help part of an Ideas Forum in June. Lesa was keen to incorporate the Youth Voice Project findings into the Children and Young People Mental Health Transformation Programme.

The girls contributed confidently to the Dynamic Space discussion around Prevention and Early Help with their views being listened to and recorded on the feedback boards for consideration. They were told by the Lead Commissioning Manager that their Youth Voice Project presentation, that she'd read and been so impressed by, would be added to the outcomes at the conclusion of the meeting today.

After the session, all three girls independently held lengthy conversations with adults in the room who were keen to speak with them.

They should be extremely proud of themselves. Several people commented on what composed, mature young people they are. The girls were the only young people represented at the meeting. It was lovely to hear one of the pupils comment, 'As my views were listened to and shared with the audience, and I began to see how they were received, it really increased my confidence to share more!'

The girls then presented their work to our Senior Leadership Team – which was very warmly received. Well done girls, we are very proud of you!

Save the Date
Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom will be held on Monday 2th September 2024 in the Inspiration Suite at The Village Hotel on Dog Kennel Lane, Solihull.

The event will start at 7.30pm and payment can be made via ParentPay. We look forward to celebrating the successes of the Sixth Form journey with our Year 13 pupils!

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"Talk Like Proper Day, Innit"

Mrs Przyrodzki

On Thursday 23rd May we ran a verbal communication challenge day for our pupils called 'Talk like proper day,innit.'
The day encouraged the pupils' to think about the way in which they communicate with their peers and with their teachers. Pupils were advised that this was nothing to do with accents or talking 'posh' but more to do with the unconscious choices they make when speaking.
The day was a triumph and successfully raised awareness of the way pupils speak. It allowed them to reflect and consider if their verbal skills were clear and effective.

The pupils were given three challenges for the day.

- Use Standard English
- Enunciate well
- Answer questions in full sentences

Our pupils were enthusiastic and engaged – "*yeah*" became "*yes*", and "*gonna*" became "*going to*"; the word "*like*" was omitted from every sentence but some did struggle to remember to pronounce the letter "**t"** in water and bottle! Pupils were given special commendation cards for their efforts in lessons, and these were traded in to me for a blue card and an entry into a prize draw for an Amazon voucher. The winner was drawn and Isabelle H in Yr7 was the winner. Congratulations!
Staff also were asked to engage in the challenge and the pupils were listening! Several members of staff were reflecting on their communication styles over lunch too.
All in all a great day in recognising verbal artistry. We hope to do a similar verbal challenge day in the autumn term – *innit*!

Rail Safety

Mrs Shelton, Director of Learning: PSHE

The personal development team have gained a Bronze Certificate of Achievement with Rail Safe Friendly in recognition of the work we are doing in PSHE to promote rail safety and educating our pupils on how to be rail safe. If you would like to access the rail safety broadcast shared with pupils, please click on the link provided: https://learnliveuk.com/southeastern-rail-safe-friendly-secondary/.
We are also keen to promote parental use of the Switched On Rail Safety website to support conversations at home about safety to and from school https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk/

Sports Achievement

Miss Elton, Director of Learning: PE

We are excited to celebrate the sports achievements of our pupils and invite you to share the successes your son/daughter has experienced in their athletic endeavours. Whether it's a personal best or milestone in their sporting journey, we want to hear about it!

Please take a moment to fill out the Microsoft Form linked below to provide details of your son/daughter's accomplishments. Your input will help us recognise and honour their hard work and dedication in our school community. Thank you for your support and participation.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WsZYFMHDIESQA-R2NHXE9oWK0VX_F3lPl79KWdtXZzRUNTJLRk1KMkZaNjJaRTFPOFlGSEJGRFk0Ny4u

Hopeful

The Maths of Better Decision Making

Mrs McNeil

On Friday 17th May, a group of 13 year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The trip was hosted by the Operational Research society and the AMSP and aimed to give the pupils an idea of what careers they could go into with the advanced study of mathematics. During the careers session the pupils were shown some topics they wouldn't usually see until A-Level Maths or beyond, such as complex numbers and computer programming with trigonometry. The pupils attended two practical sessions where they learnt about the uses of OR and got to meet people who were working in those fields. In the Swedebuild session they used Lego bricks to model building tables and chairs, working out the cheapest, and therefore, optimal combination to build, given limited resources. During the Paper Cups activity the pupils worked as a group on a production line to create and design a cup using origami, testing each element of the process to improve their efficiency.

In the afternoon the pupils were taken on a tour of the Arboretum, where they discussed the memorials dedicated to submariners and the RAF, finishing at the central memorial to all military personnel who have died in conflict. The volunteers at the arboretum spoke about the symbolism present on the memorials, as well as the human stories behind them. The pupils had an enjoyable day and many said they wanted to visit again with their families to explore the many memorials we didn't get the chance to see.

On the 4th of June 2024, a few members of the pupil chaplaincy team were asked to join the Columbans in actively practicing their faith by assisting in distributing the 'Vocations for Justice' newsletter. This initiative aimed to prompt individuals to consider their voting choices in the upcoming general election. Despite not being eligible to vote themselves, the pupils' efforts could influence others' views on voting, encouraging them to prioritise the common good.

Chaplaincy Team

Miss Gnych

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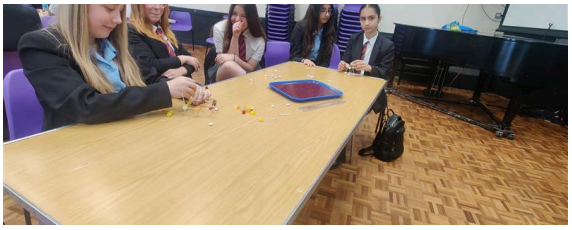
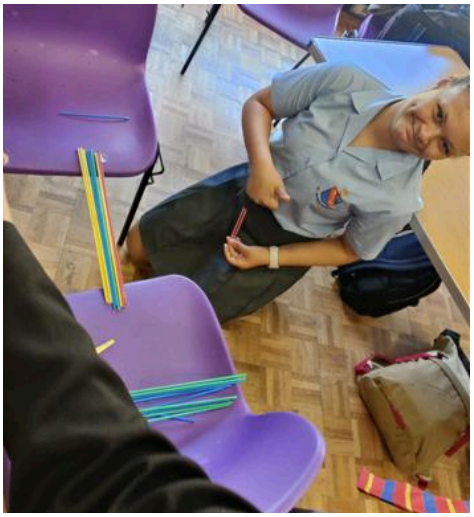
STEM Challenge

Mrs Sanders, Director of Learning: D&T

Pupils spent the morning taking part in three STEM based challenges and pushed themselves to apply their knowledge. They built structures to withstand an earthquake on a jelly-based material, planned a structure to save an egg from a devastating fall and tried to create a bridge to withstand the most weight possible for the longest time. All pupils gave it their best effort and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done ladies.

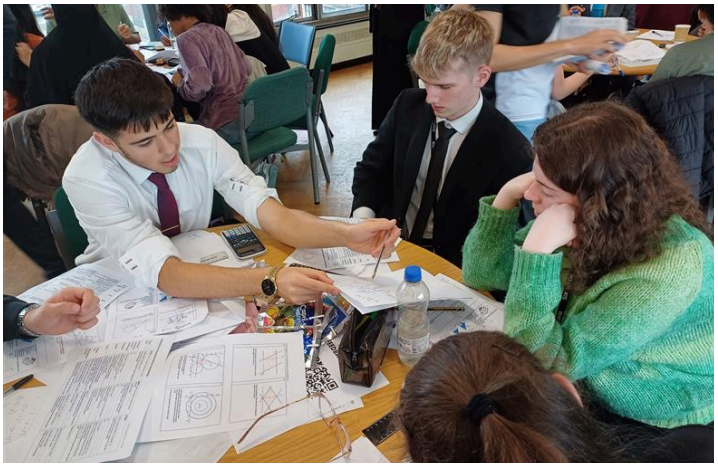




Problem Solving Conference

Mrs McNeil

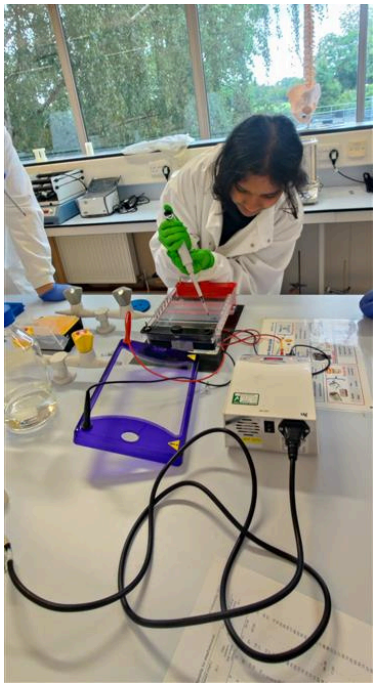
On Tuesday 10th July, year 12 maths pupils were invited to work on their problem-solving skills at the University of Birmingham, at an event hosted by the AMSP. 13 pupils accepted the challenge and had a great day getting stuck, and learning the importance of perseverance! They were introduced to Fermi Estimations and learnt about the university entrance exams they are likely to have to sit next year if they want to study maths, engineering, economics or other subjects at university.



Biomedical Day

Miss Hansrod, Deputy Director of Learning: Science

Pupils were up bright and early on 10th July and travel in order to visit Brunel University for a focussed on biomedical research. They took part in a wide variety of activities showcasing the various health and life science careers involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of dementia. Pupils really threw themselves into this immersive experience and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They learnt a lot about themselves, and the variety of career paths open to them. Well done team!



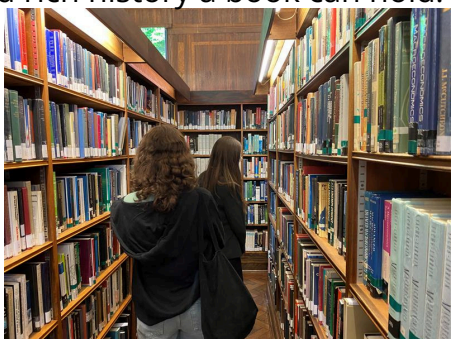
Human Dignity

St Hugh's College, University of Oxford

Mrs Przyrodzki

On Tuesday 18th June, a group of Year 12 pupils visited St Hugh's College in Oxford. The pupils spent the morning listening to an incredibly useful presentation delivered by the college's Outreach Team on the collegiate system, the personal statement, super curricular activities and life at university. It was insightful and informative and our pupils are now armed and ready to make competitive applications to top universities. This was followed by a Q and A with pupil ambassadors who were frank and open in their answers which helped our pupils think a lot about how and where to choose to apply to university. We had a tour of the grounds and facilities and were impressed by the soothing and idyllic setting in which to study.

The afternoon was spent with Prof. David Taylor, who also happens to be an old St. Peter's pupil! He spent time with our pupils sharing his knowledge on some wonderful books St Hugh's have in their archives from the 15th and 16th Centuries. The pupils got to see the Holinshed Chronicles, a first edition Samuel Johnson dictionary (Volume I and II), the most dangerous book from the time of the Civil War - the black book Charles Rex; and the most fascinating, was one of the first bibles translated into English which was commissioned by James I. It was a privilege to be exposed to such history and literature and to watch the pupils' appreciate the value and rich history a book can hold.



We were delighted to attend this year's Physical Fellowship hosted at The Belgrade Theatre by Highly Sprung. The Physical Fellowship is the UK's only young person physical theatre festival and is held in Coventry each year. This year we took sixty pupils to perform their ensemble work at the festival. This was the first time in the history of the festival that a school has taken two groups. The day involved workshops led by professional companies, Motionhouse, Fourth Monkey and infuseDANCE, as well as a masterclass hosted by Highly Sprung, themselves. After a long day of workshops, pupils embarked on a tech run, working alongside professional lighting and sound designers and technicians before finally performing their work to a sold-out audience. Our pupils did fantastically well all day, representing the school and our community perfectly. Well done and a massive thank you to everyone involved.

Highly Sprung Day

Mr Newbold, Director of Learning: Drama

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Phobia Workshop, West Midlands Safari Park

Miss Bali

Our Year 12 Psychology pupils recently enjoyed an educational trip to West Midlands Safari Park. While they had fun on the rides, the highlight of the visit was a specialised session on phobias and their treatments. The pupils delved into various methods of addressing phobias and even got hands-on experience. They bravely practised these techniques by handling stick insects and rats, an exercise aimed at confronting and managing fears. Thankfully, there were no snakes or spiders this year, but who knows what challenges next year might bring! This immersive experience not only enhanced their understanding of phobias but also provided practical skills in overcoming them, making it a memorable and enriching day for all.

Music Exam Results

Mrs Carroll & Miss Gnych

During this academic many of our pupils have worked incredibly hard, alongside their curriculum subjects, to achieve some fantastic music exam results. Their achievements are a testament to their dedication and continued hard work. The performing arts department wishes them every success for the future and hope they continue with their music, as well as thanking them for their musical contributions over the years to school concerts and masses.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have recently passed music examinations:

- Alicia P (Grade 3 Piano)
- Katherine C (Piano Diploma)
- Gabrielle L (Grade 8 Flute)
- Jack A (Grade 6 Musical Theatre Vocals)
- Carys W (Grade 6 Classical Singing)
- Esme L (Grade 4 viola)

If your child is keen to start or continue instrumental lessons, see links below to book spaces for September 2024.

Registration - Solihull Music (speedadmin.dk) (Solihull Music Service: Strings, brass, vocal, guitar, violin, see website for further list of instruments)

St Peters Catholic School — Tetlow Music (Rock School- electric guitar, bass, drums)

Piano, Keyboard, Flute or Recorder Lessons at St Peter's with Miss Gnych (google.com)

Any further questions, please contact Mr Newbold, Director of Learning for Performing Arts newbolds@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

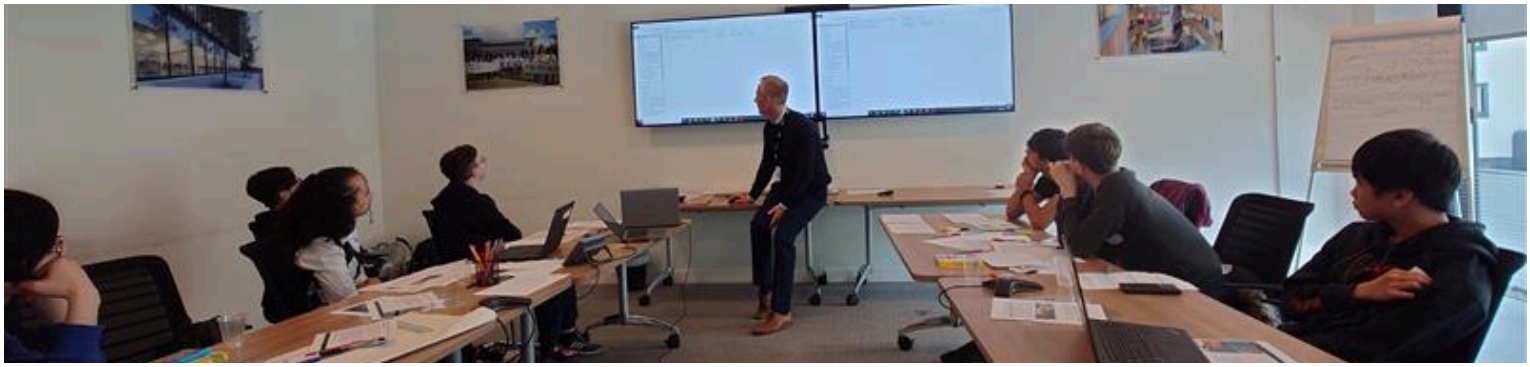
Care for God's Creation

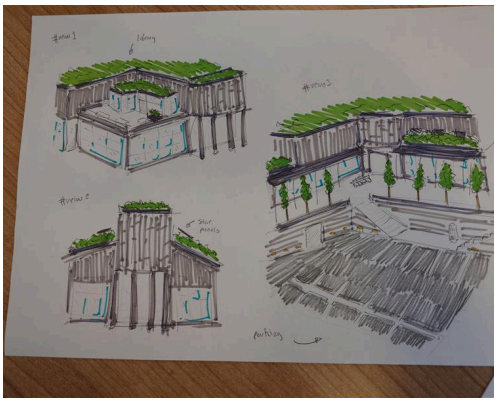
Keir Contsruction

Mrs Przyrdozki

In June, 10 pupils from Year 10 had the chance to spend a day with Kier Construction in Blythe Valley Park. The structure of the day included activities related to various job roles in Kier, a chance to meet and talk to various professionals in the Kier business including: a Quantity Surveyor, Project Manager, Planner, Health and Safety Manager and Design Manager.

The pupils were split into two teams and given a task to develop a mock tender to build their own shopping centre. The pupils presented their ideas at the end of the day. Kier said that they were really impressed by the pupils and their creativity, they worked well together and supported each other with tasks. Throughout the day they also heard from different professionals at Kier in a variety of roles, and the pupils were engaged and asked lots of interesting questions. It was a fantastic day, our pupils had a wonderful time and learnt a lot. St. Peter's are very grateful to the Kier Group for inviting us along for the day.





Work Experience

Mrs Przyrdozki

The week of 1-5th July was a very enlightening one for many of our Year 10 and Year 12 pupils as they forayed into the world of work and completed their work experience week. The pupils did an amazing job of finding placements and many enjoyed the experience of working in offices, outside in the great outdoors, in construction sites and shop environments, to name but a few. Now back in school, it has been great to hear a newfound appreciation for what 'grown ups' do on a daily basis and the effort that goes in to a job and career. Many have narrowed down their pathways and many have realised their calling in life! Not only have the pupils' feedback been positive but several workplaces have emailed in with glowing references about the pupils they looked after. Some pupils have been offered further work opportunities and even a degree apprenticeship which is an incredible opportunity.

Faith is Our Foundation

Year 12 Wellbeing Day

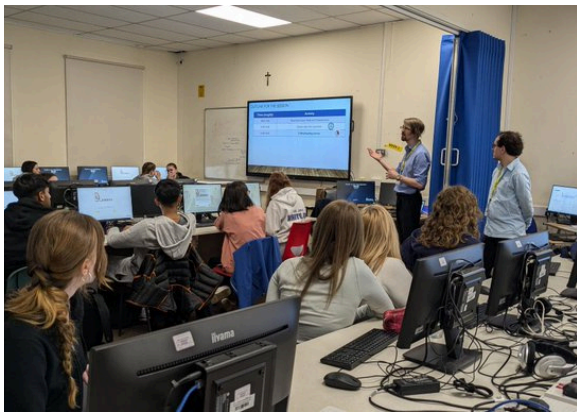
Mrs McHale

On Tuesday, we hosted a wonderful well-being event for Year 12 to celebrate the pupils' hard work and dedication throughout the academic year. Pupils had the opportunity to participate in various activities, including Clubbercise with Mrs. Lakin, Yoga with Judit, Fitness Training with Des from the TDF Lab, football, and board games. Everyone was thoroughly engaged, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere to mark the end of the academic year.

A special shout-out goes to those who joined Des from TDF Lab for an intense fitness training session! We extend our gratitude to Mrs. Lakin, Judit, and Des for taking time out of their busy schedules to provide these enriching experiences for our pupils.

Year 12 psychology and sociology pupils recently participated in an empathy study at the University of Birmingham. The study involved listening to various stories and demonstrating empathy towards the events described. This initiative is part of a broader research project examining how personal demographics influence one's ability to empathize with others' experiences.

The pupils engaged with diverse narratives, which challenged them to consider perspectives different from their own. This hands-on experience aimed to deepen their understanding of empathy and its nuances in human interactions. Dr. Robert Lee, a leading researcher in the field, spearheaded the study. He provided insights into the importance of empathy in psychological and sociological contexts.
At the conclusion of the study, Dr. Lee addressed the pupils, outlining potential career pathways in psychology. He offered valuable advice on pursuing further education and career opportunities in the field. Dr. Lee discussed various psychological careers, highlighting roles in clinical psychology, counselling, and research. This study not only contributed to important research but also provided a meaningful educational experience for the participating pupils.



UoB Empathy Study

Mr Mallon, Associate Assistant Headteacher

Taking Care of the Poor

Year 10 Information Evening

Mrs Ferry, Associate Assistant Headteacher

The Year 10 information evening gave parents and pupils the opportunity to listen to a range of presentations about revision techniques, the importance of good attendance and specific guidance from the English and Maths departments. The hope is that by providing this at the end of Year 10, it will provide a launchpad into a successful Year 11. The event was well attended and hopefully provided useful information. Please check your inbox as the presentation slides and hyperlinks for every GCSE subject have been sent out. The intervention sessions will begin on Monday 9th September so please look out for a letter in the post outlining the intervention timetable and which sessions your child has been invited to. Please encourage attendance at these sessions. As we said on the night, success in Year 11 is very much about a partnership between school, pupils and parents and we look forward to working with you next academic year.

Year 12 Progress Breakfast

Mrs McHale

We are thrilled to recognise the Year 12 pupils who have shown remarkable progress throughout the academic year. Their dedication, perseverance, and hard work have truly paid off, resulting in significant academic achievements. To celebrate their success, these pupils were treated to a special breakfast on Tuesday.

These pupils have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their studies and serve as a shining example of what can be accomplished with hard work and a positive attitude. We are immensely proud of their progress.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 pupils who have made such impressive strides this year. Keep up the fantastic work!

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St. Peter's Catholic School

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday

October 26 7.00 PM

THERE WILL BE SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY

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