



St Peter's Catholic School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very short but productive and busy half term. We have continued to ensure our pupils focus on the key Catholic Virtues of being **Intentional** and **Prophetic**. Next half term, as we enter Lent and prepare for Easter, we ask pupils to be **Compassionate** and **Loving**. Next week, during half term there are two important days in the Catholic liturgical calendar, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, and when we return will talk to pupils about the significance of these two important days.

When we return, Year 11 and Year 13 will start their second round of mock examinations and enter the final preparations for their public examinations. It may seem a long way off until the exam season, however, Easter will arrive quickly and with only a few weeks after until the first exam, pupils must ensure they are fully focused and making the most of every opportunity. Our committed and dedicated staff have provided additional learning opportunities during this half term and will continue to do this post second round of mock examinations. Please encourage your son/daughter to make the most of these additional sessions. Our Sixth Form admissions platform is still open and receiving application for September 2024. Our Year 9 pupils will be confirming their GCSE option choices after half term, if any Year 9 pupils and parents still require clarification regarding the process or more information relating to certain subjects the Senior Leadership Team will be available on Tuesday 20th February from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Our Year 12 parents' evening last night was extremely well attended, thank you to all the parents who supported this event and I hope the information provided was informative and constructive. A real strength of our Sixth Form is not only our experienced staff but the excellent relationships our staff have with the pupils, understanding their needs, their strengths and areas of development.

We have been fortunate to have a number of external speakers this half term supporting our outstanding personal development curriculum and careers provision. These informative talks provide real life perspectives and alternative opinions enabling our pupils to receive a wealth of expert knowledge. Our Votes for Schools and collective worship form time programme discusses current affairs and asks pupils to give their opinions providing real pupil voice opportunities.

Our extra-curricular programme has continued to provide enrichment and opportunities outside of the classroom; visits to the theatre, basketball and poetry in action have all taken place this half term as well as the weekly sporting opportunities. A particular highlight this half term was the school production of 'We Will Rock You'. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, it was so fantastic seeing our pupils using their talents and gifts. The buzz around school will ensure the production next year will be even bigger! A

massive thank you to all the staff involved who have given their time from freely to provide this opportunity for our pupils.

During the half term holiday, we have two trips taking place, Mr Williams will be taking our Sixth Form pupils to Germany and Poland, and I will be taking 44 pupils skiing in Italy. Do keep an eye on the X feed for regular updates.

I do hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th February for the second half term of the Spring term.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Shelton
Headteacher