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ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, I want to take a moment to reflect on yet another successful year of growth and learning for your child and our school community.

I am immensely proud of our pupils' dedication and commitment to their academic studies, and the remarkable way that they have excelled in a wide range of activities and opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. Their hard work and positive attitude really deserve recognition, and now they deserve a well-earned break!

I would also like to extend my warmest gratitude to you for all of your support this year. Thank you.

To stay informed about the latest news and important updates regarding your child's progress in school, such as reports and attendance information, please make sure to download our Parent app.

I hope you and your family can relax and recharge over the holidays and spend some quality time together.

God bless,

Mr S Gabriel
Head teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th September

School reopens for all pupils

Tuesday 12th September

Year 7 Photographs

Thursday 21st September

Open Evening

Friday 8th September

Year 7 GL Assessment

Monday 11th September

Year 7 GL Assessment

Wednesday 11th October

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October

School closes for half term



Can all parents/carers ensure we have your latest contact details. Our main method of contact is through the SIMS Parent app. We need your current telephone number and email address to be able to contact you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

CHESS MATE WITH MANCHESTER GRAMMAR

Every Tuesday Year 10 pupils from Manchester Grammar School have been coming into the library here at St Peter's to play chess and have a chat during lunchtimes with our pupils in years 7 and 8. This highly successful collaboration has seen some strong bonds being formed, as well as some very healthy competition!

Lucy Merlo, Head of Volunteering at MGS, told us: "The students of MGS have really enjoyed their weekly visits to St Peter's. It is fantastic to see the discussion about chess strategy as well as the laughter they share. It is a great partnership between the schools, where friendships have blossomed."

The project will continue to run in September and is open to pupils in all year groups as we move forward. You'll need to sign up with Ms Conerney in the library, though, as places on this popular project are limited!



MULTICULTURAL MARKETPLACE

On May 5th the Learning Resource Centre was transformed into a multicultural marketplace where pupils had the opportunity to both teach and learn about other cultures, as well as sample foods and traditions from across the globe.

We had a Henna stall where pupils were introduced to some of the most beautiful artistry, under the tutelage of our dynamic trio in years 9 and 10: Hafza, Harm and Hadia. They could sample Nigerian food and culture from the ever-excellent Debbie and Sarah who ran the Yaruba stall.

Humphrey in year 7 brought in art and artefacts from Ghana, Sophia in year 8 showed pupils how to make Chinese lanterns, whilst Sheraz and Lillie showcased the best of Irish culture and cuisine alongside Antoni and Ashley, who provided an array of food from Poland. Overall the Learning Resource Centre came alive and was visited by over 280 pupils across the school.

Diversity is one of our key values here at St Peter's and was certainly on display throughout the day. Pupils worked tirelessly the night before, preparing their stalls and activities and did a tremendous job of transforming the space.

Thank you all so much!

MOTHER TONGUE OTHER TONGUE SUCCESS

We are delighted to announce that Ayaan Nadeem Mohammed in Year 8 and Hadia Farukh Mohammed in Year 10 are both winners of the Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition.

This prestigious Queens Award winning competition, now in its eleventh year, seeks to celebrate the many languages spoken in schools across the North West. This year the competition received over 5,000 entries. Pupils were asked to either write an original poem in a language they are learning at school or to think of a poem, song or lullaby in their Mother Tongue and write a commentary explaining what it is about and why it is important to them.

On July 13th Our wonderful winners were invited to a celebration event at Manchester Metropolitan University's Poetry Library where they took part in a



creative writing workshop and were presented with a copy of the eleventh edition of the anthology, which features their original poems, as well as their certificates by poet Malika Booker.



SATURDAY CLUBS

Since January pupils in years 7 to 11 have been attending Saturday Clubs at Manchester Met along with Ms Conerney from the Learning Resource Centre. Each week they have been learning new skills, creating poetry and art work, visiting cultural venues and meeting a range of guest speakers to discuss important issues affecting our world including Racism and Sexism as well as the impact of war and climate change across the globe.

On Saturday July 15th, pupils travelled to London to see their work on display at the beautiful Somerset House, where they also received their awards, together with over 1500 other pupils from clubs across the country.

We are very proud of the maturity and commitment that our pupils have shown to this project and we look forward to continuing to be a part of this initiative in the future. future.

PORTICO SADIE MASSEY KEY STAGE 3 READING AWARD

Reading, as well as making us better writers, reading is essential for developing our empathy and our ability to think critically so we can communicate and make sense of the world.

Year 8 pupil, Harm Arshad's book review of Benjamin Zephaniah's Refugee Boy was chosen from over 5,000 entries by poet Dom Conlon and writer Oliver Sykes to receive the Sadie Massey Key Stage 3 Reading Award.

They were both incredibly impressed with Harm's review and highlighted the way it engaged emotionally with the text, making the connection between the main character's personal experience and the universal experience of migrants starting out on a journey and the challenges they face when arriving in a new country and culture.

Harm read her work to a packed audience at the prestigious Portico Library in Central Manchester, where she collected her award. Already a published writer, who last year was a winner of a number of poetry competitions, Harm is a shining example of our core values here at St Peter's; as well as exemplifying what can be achieved when we apply ourselves.



SPORTS DAY

Our annual sports day went down a storm!

We really were out in all weather conditions. Pupils showed pure grit, determination and resilience.

It was incredible to see the levels of sportsmanship and athleticism on display.

We would like to congratulate everyone for taking part and for making the whole occasion an exciting and thrilling day.





THE ROYAL CARD AND LETTER

Mr Gabriel, on behalf of Governors, staff, pupils and families of St Peter's RC High School, sent a Congratulations Card to King Charles III and Queen Camilla on the occasion of their Coronation.

We were delighted to receive a card and letter from King Charles III and Queen Camilla thanking St Peter's RCHS for our good wishes.



YEAR 7 MASS OF THANKSGIVING

With our school year coming to an end Father Joel gathered the Year 7s to celebrate their year at high school and give thanks for all the blessing we have received.





KS3 PRESENTATION EVENING

On Wednesday 5th July we held our KS3 Presentation Evening. We had a fantastic turnout and together we celebrated the achievements and progress of our pupils.

We would like to say thank you for supporting your child and a huge congratulations to all of our extremely well-deserving pupils.

A special thank you to our guest poet, Arvo Dabiri who is an ex-pupil. Arvo had the audience inspired and engaged when performing an expertly crafted poem.



SPORTING SUCCESS

The Athletics teams have again continued with the fine reputation that the school has built achieving the following successes:

- Y7 Boys and Girls teams Manchester Schools Indoor Champions and Greater Manchester Schools Indoor Champions
- Y8/9 Boys and Girls teams Manchester Schools Indoor Champions
- Y8/9 Girls team Greater Manchester Schools Indoor Champions
- Y10/11 Boys and Girls teams Manchester Schools Indoor Champions
- Y10/11 Boys team Greater Manchester Schools Indoor Champion

Y7 Boys Football team:

- English Schools Cup 5th Round (last 64 in the Country)
- Manchester League and League Cup winners
- Manchester United Emerging Talent Tournament winners
- Manchester Cup runners-up (losing 5-4 in a thrilling final)
- Greater Manchester Cup semi-finalists
- Greater Manchester Catholic Cup semi-finalists
- 4 boys representing Academies

YEAR 10 AND 11 BARCELONA TRIP



The Y10 and 11 GCSE Spanish Pupils had an amazing time in Barcelona which served as culturally enriching and eye opening as well as a fun packed experience which produced unforgettable memories which will last forever. I (Fejiro) was privileged enough to be able to go on this trip and I can testify the whole experience was phenomenal.

I'm extremely thankful that we were able to go on this trip to experience the pinnacle of God's creation. The trip exposed me to a better understanding of the Language which I studied at GCSE as well as my cultural capital. Being thrown into a situation where you are forced to use your Spanish is a situation that strengthened my Spanish for the better and enabled me to hear new words and phrases which I've never learnt before as well as context: A real understanding which truly opened my eyes. The memories made on this trip will stay forever and I wouldn't change a thing. This is one of the ways that a language can open doors for you. The sky is the limit when it comes to a language, and this is just the beginning. I hope one day you experience this for yourself.

LEEP DAY





Pupils took part in another exciting LEEP day last week, taking on a range of different challenges. The day tested their abilities and pupils identified their undiscovered talents. Overall it was a fantastic fun day learning through play.





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