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YEAR 7

A GREAT START



'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we start the second Autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on yet another successful start of the academic year.

We would like to give a special recognition to the new Year 7 pupils, who have seamlessly integrated into our school community. Their effortless transition has truly impressed us.

Pupils have excelled in a wide range of activities and opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom this term. Their hard work and positive attitude really deserve recognition, and now they deserve a well-earned break!

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 and follow our social media accounts.

Year 11 will sit their PPEs this term and we would encourage them to revise.

I hope you and your family had a restful half term.

God bless,

Mr S Gabriel
Head teacher



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We need your current telephone number and email address to be able to contact you.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st November

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Form Tutor

Thursday 9th November

Year 8 HPV Immunisations

Tuesday 14th November

Flu Vaccines for all year groups

Wednesday 15th November

KS4 Presentation Evening

Monday 20th November

PPE exams begin

Tuesday 12th December

Year 8 second Immunisations

Wednesday 13th December

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 22nd December

School closes for half term



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

SCHOOL COUNCIL Q AND A

On Friday 20th October Members of our school council met with labour representative, Irene Robinson. Irene is a former pupil of St Peter's RC High School, who graduated in 2009 with top grades across all of her subjects. Irene went on to study Politics and Philosophy at college and later university, which is where she discovered that she wanted to make a difference to the community she grew up in. She realised that politics impacts everything and she now represents Ancoats and Beswick and has even worked alongside Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, and Lucy Powell, Labour MP for Manchester.



The council certainly put Irene through her paces with a wide range of challenging and poignant questions. She told us that she is a Twilight and Harry Potter fan and that her shero is Emmeline Pankhurst, who championed women's rights at the turn of the last century, resulting in universal suffrage.

A Mancunian through and through, Irene is committed to the Northwest and has no plans to move to London in the near future. However, the best piece of advice she had for our council was this: "have confidence and don't be afraid to speak up if you witness a problem or an issue. Be proactive and get involved, but, above all, don't give up, despite the challenges you may encounter." Sound advice indeed, and we look forward to hearing about the projects our school council have planned for this year.

EYOB QUITE LITERALLY SETS HIS SIGHTS HIGH



During the Autumn half term, year 9 pupil, Eyob Wendwessen, took to the skies. A member of the Royal Air Force Cadets in Belle Vue, Squadron 2468, Eyob was invited to gain some air experience. As he soared above Preston, Eyob took a moment to enjoy the view and a quick selfie.

Reflecting on this amazing opportunity, Eyob told us "the air cadets provide amazing opportunities for young people like myself to access opportunities and experiences that otherwise we wouldn't have"

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, don't forget to come into the library where you can purchase a poppy from Eyob and the rest of the library team.



THINKING OF JOINING A CLUB OR ACTIVITY?

Please see our extra-curricular timetable on page 13.



**SCHOOL
COUNCIL**



CHESS



DEBATE MATE



BOOK CLUB

MATT GOODFELLOW

On Wednesday 20th September Year 7 pupils met with poet and author, Matt Goodfellow. Matt is a former primary school teacher who used to teach at one of our local primary schools, All Saints RC Primary in Gorton.

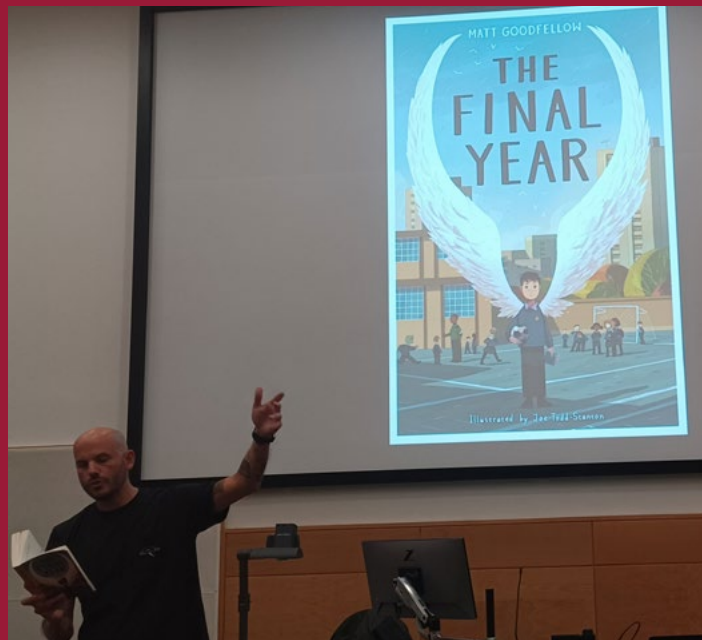
Matt actually grew up wanting to be in a band, but realised his talent lay in poetry and writing. His experience as a primary school teacher leant him plenty of material to draw from. He is now the author of a number of verse novels, which draw on his experiences and the pupils he has met along the way. He advocates for poetry as a space where children can freely articulate themselves, in their own voices, and become proud of their language and culture as a result.

Matt read to the pupils from his latest verse novel, *The Final Year*, which tells the story of Nate who, like our own year 7s, is about to embark on the transition from primary to secondary school. A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it. It certainly struck a chord with our pupils.

Lola Whitehead: "I loved meeting Matt. It's important to actually meet an author, so that you can see they're just normal people like us."

Amy Abrha: "It really helped the book come to life when you hear it being read by the person who wrote it. I could also relate to some of the experiences of the main character".

Obehi Divine Ebhoniye: "I got so emotional when I heard that Matt used to be a teacher at my primary school. It took me back, but made me realise that in life, you have to keep moving forwards and remain positive!"



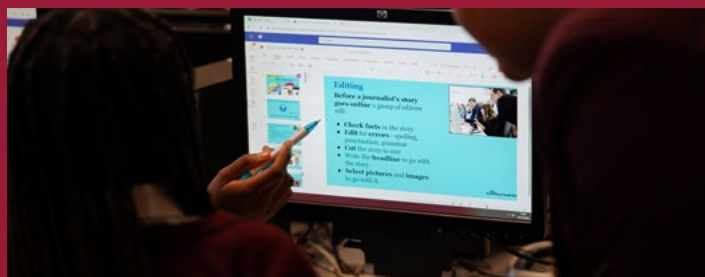
MEDIA WORKSHOP

Year 10 Media Literacy Ambassadors Venture Behind the Headlines.

On October 19th our year 10 pupils took part in a workshop delivered by representatives from the Guardian Foundation. This award-winning programme empowers young people to critically engage with media texts and to question what is truth and, indeed, what is real in the modern media.

The pupils are now in the process of putting together their own workshops and will deliver these to pupils across all year groups to teach their peers about fake news, whilst enhancing their media literacy skills. The confidence and leadership skills the pupils have developed, as well as the knowledge of how the modern media works and the process we have to go through to decode these texts, are all fundamental in being able to navigate our fast-paced digital world; especially when it comes to separating fact from fiction.

In December the pupils will attend a special showcase, along with other schools across the North West, to celebrate their work and achievements. Stay tuned to discover how this project develops.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During October we celebrated Black History Month; we celebrated the achievements of our community, our local community and the wider world.

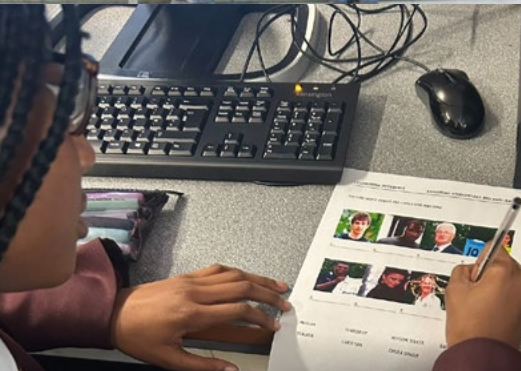
We had a visit from Professor Erinma Bell who delivered a workshop around resolving conflict. Professor Bell has been involved in making improvements in local areas. We also had sessions based on unconscious bias and Micro-aggressions where pupils discussed how making prior judgements can negatively impact others.

We also had many visits into the local community and beyond to learn about the contributions of black people. Year 9 visited the Whitworth Museum to see work from all across the diaspora while pupils across all year groups visited the International Slavery Museum to learn about Africa before the transatlantic slave trade and the impact of the transatlantic slave trade as well as modern day slavery.



Year 11s also attended a lecture on British Black History by Professor David Olusoga at the University of Manchester.

We also had assemblies focused on the theme of Black History Month 2023, saluting our sisters, which celebrates the achievements of black women in the UK.





PROFESSOR ERINMA BELL

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils attended a conflict resolution workshop with Professor Erinma Bell.

Erinma became the first-ever woman to be commemorated with a statue in Manchester town hall after years of tireless campaigning to end gun violence in inner city communities.

Mum-of-eight Erinma, raised at Moss Lane by Nigerian parents, was awarded an MBE in 2010 and has an honorary doctorate from Salford University. She is also the co-founder and chair of CARISMA – Community Alliance for Renewal Inner South Manchester Area. CARISMA has become a front-line community based group, originally set up by the community for the community to offer life-chances for young people in the community by giving them positive alternatives other than street crimes, and gun crimes.

FORM ACTIVITIES

Form 7D have spent their mornings designing their form board. They decided that they want to be known as 7 Divine and their aim is to reach for the stars during their time here at St Peter's.

They all drew round their hands, beautifully decorated them and wrote what their hopes and dreams are for their time at the school.

7D are in Mandela House so they took their inspiration from Nelson Mandela who said, 'It is in your hands to make our world a better place for all.'

7D have had a fantastic start to their time at high school and are striving to be the best version of themselves – reaching for the stars.



BHM WORKSHOPS



Pupils have taken part in an unconscious bias and Microaggression workshop. Pupils reflected upon how we unintentionally label or judge others and how this can negatively impact others.

Pupils also used examples from their own lives to understand how unconscious bias can impact people. Pupils are aware that they need to challenge stereotypes that are common in society.

We are aiming to be a welcoming space for all in our community.



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FAITH IN ACTION BRONZE AWARD

What a fantastic achievement for our Faith in Action group.

In the Year 8 Mass we celebrated achieving the Faith In Action Bronze Award which requires 35 hours of service. Pupils have received a badge and a certificate. Well done to our Year 8 pupils!



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning was a success as always.

Thanks to all staff who donated cakes and cash for this amazing charity. Our Prefects did an excellent job of ensuring all cakes were sold at break.

We have raised over £150 which is brilliant.



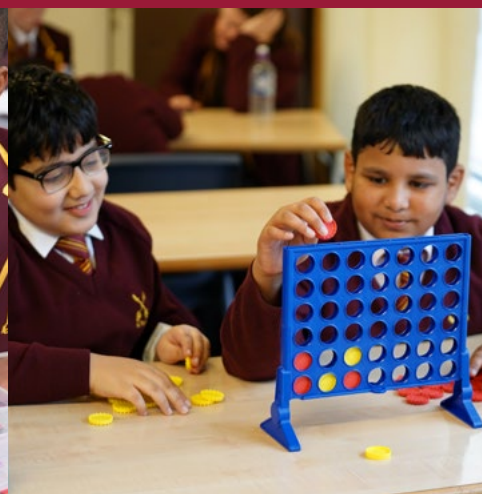
SENIOR PREFECTS

Congratulations to our Senior Prefects for 2023-2024.

These pupils have demonstrated excellent attendance, behaviour and attitude since joining us in Year 7 and are role models in our community.



Year 7 students have adapted remarkably well during the first half term. They are truly enthusiastic and fully embracing the experience of being part of our school community. In addition to their academic achievements, they have also excelled in various extracurricular activities. Many students particularly enjoy spending time in the Year 7 games room and participating in library activities at lunch.



LANGUAGES PROJECT

Y9 - Latin American / Francophone research countries project.

Year 9s have spent the last sessions of half term immersing themselves in a project to research a Latin American or francophone country of their choice. The aim of the project is to deepen their cultural understanding of the country where Spanish or French is spoken.

Pupils worked in small groups and were encouraged to be autonomous with their learning. Presentations delved into the famous landmarks of the country, famous dishes, popular sports, and places of interest to visit. Finally, pupils prepared a speech in the target language to embed the language learned in the classroom. It was fantastic to see how engaged pupils were with this project, not only have they been able to



develop their cultural knowledge, but students also had the opportunity to develop their ICT presentation and group work skills. Well done year 9!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages is a day where all languages in Europe are celebrated, it is celebrated on the 26th of September every year.

Our school assemblies were focused on the European Day Of Languages. Pupils enjoyed participating in Crepe tasting, Language quizzes, Board Games and a Scavenger Hunt.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

Initiate Theatre Group performed 'An Inspector Calls' for our Year 11s in September. This was an interactive performance to bring the book to life and helped our Year 11 pupils understand the plot as well as feel the emotions of the character.

Some of our Year 11 pupils participated in acting out a scene.



SPORTING SUCCESS

ATHLETICS

This term Y10/11 Indoor Athletics teams competed in the Manchester Schools championships at SportsCity. Both teams secured some individual medals contributing to both Boys and Girls teams finishing 3rd overall.

FOOTBALL

The Y7 boys football team played Dean Trust Ardwick in the Manchester league. They put a fantastic performance into win the game 9-1.

The Y8 Boys Football team won their first game of the County Cup beating Elton HS, Bury 6-0. They played Manchester Academy in the Manchester Cup and won the game 4-1 to progress to the next round. They started their English Schools campaign off with an 8-0 demolition of Cheadle Hulme High School.

The KS3 Girls football team had a fantastic start to their league campaign where they were unbeaten, winning 1 game and drawing the other 2.

The Y9 boys football team attended the Manchester United 9-a-side Tournament. They were unlucky to be held to a 1-1 draw against eventual winners Tytherington following a last minute penalty in their penultimate game meaning they finished as runners up.

Their final record was Played 7, Won 4, Drew 2, lost 1.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:10-8:30	Basketball4all PE (SP)	Basketball4all PE (CR/LM)	Basketball4all PE (SR)	Basketball4all PE (CM/SP)	
LUNCH PE ACTIVITIES 1:15-1:45 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 1:30-2:00	Netball Yr 7 PE (LM) Basketball4all All Yrs PE (SP) Mass All Yrs The Chapel Big Question Debate All Yrs C18 (B20)	Eco Schools All Yrs Chapel Classroom Creative Writing Yr 10 D1, D6 BookClub Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 D8, D7 Code Club Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 B10	STEM Club All Yrs B2 Mass All Yrs The Chapel Basketball4all PE (SP) Cheerleading4all PE (CM)	Faith In Action Yr 9 Chapel Classroom Chaplaincy All Yrs The Chapel Humanities Film Club All Yrs C14 Cheerleading4all PE (CM)	Mass All Yrs The Chapel Basketball Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 Girls PE (SR) Rugby Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 Girls PE (AM)
AFTERSCHOOL	School Council Yr 7, Yr 8 & Yr 9 Library 3:20-3:50 Football Yr 7, Yr 8 Boys PE (SP) Basketball Yr 8, Yr 9 PE (NPC) Basketball Yr 7, Yr 8 PE (PV)	Football Yr 9, Yr 10 Boys PE (SP/CR) Basketball Boys U14 PE (NPC) Netball Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 PE (SR/LM) Basketball Boys Yr 8, Yr 9 PE (PV)	Debate Mate Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr 10 Location TBC Basketball Yr 7 Boys PE (PV) BTEC Sport P6 (SR)	Football Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9, Girls PE (KE) Basketball U14 Boys PE (NPC) Basketball Yr 9, Yr 10 Girls PE (PV)	School Council Yr 10, Yr 11 Library 3:20-3:50 Basketball U16 Boys PE (NPC)

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:10-8:30	Basketball4all PE (SP)	Basketball4all PE (CR/LM)	Basketball4all PE (SR/JP) Cheer4all PE (CM)	Basketball4all PE (CM/SP)	
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