

PRAISE AWARDS

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

SCIENCE SHOW

YEAR 5 STUDENTS

CLASS OF 2023

PRESENTATION EVENING

**CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL**



WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you and your family. This term has flown by—it only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to St Peter's!

I have been exceptionally proud of our pupils' achievements, both in and outside of the classroom. The Year 11 students have been working hard, preparing for their mock examinations, which they sat in November and December. I have also been impressed by our Year 7-10 pupils' attitude to learning in the lead up to their end of term assessments, too. It is really encouraging to see their dedication to their studies, which will provide the foundation for their future success.

Outside of the classroom, there have also been a myriad of trips (Hamilton, Cinderella, Whitworth Museum, University of Manchester, Aviva Studios) and extra-curricular activities before, during, and after school. You can read more about this in our newsletter or find out more information about the clubs that your child can join online on our website.

Most parents have downloaded our Parent App, which is the main way of receiving information from school about your child's progress (reports, letters, behaviour, and achievement points). It really is simple and straightforward to download but do contact us if you are having any problems with it.

On a final note, on behalf of our entire St Peter's family, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a wonderful, relaxing break, and may God bless you with good health, wealth, joy, and happiness.

God bless,

Mr S Gabriel
Head teacher



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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th January

School reopens for all pupils

Wednesday 24th January

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th February

School closes for half term

Monday 26th February

School reopens for all pupils

Wednesday 28th February

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 27th March

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th March

School closes Easter half term

Tuesday 15th April

School reopens for all pupils

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

STORY STARTER COMPETITION WINNER AND FINALISTS



We are delighted to announce that Kaitlyn Lee in year 7 is the winner of the Onjali Rauf Story starter competition, where pupils were asked to write a short story using the opening lines provided by the Lion Above the Door author.

The competition was launched by Manchester Libraries as part of their summer transition read initiative and received 100s of entries from schools across Manchester.

Onjali was full of praise for Kaitlyn's work: "Congratulations on writing such an excellent short story! I hope you will continue to read, imagine, write and explore many more adventures and never lose your passion for creating different worlds."

Kaitlyn received a collection of signed books as well as a £40 voucher, which she is going to use to purchase... yes, that's right, more books!

Competition finalists were Rachel Megan Mutah, Sofia Greda and Zunairah Ali. All pupils were presented with their certificates in our Learning Resource centre by Amanda Haran and Mona Pasha of Manchester Libraries.

Head of Year 7 at St Peter's, Mrs Hopkins, had this to say about her budding authors: "huge congratulations to Kaitlyn on this amazing achievement and to all three finalists for their hard work and effort. I look forward to seeing you all go from strength to strength as you continue on your education journey with us. Well done!"

MAGIC WORKSHOP

On November 6th, 32 students from the Student Council attended a workshop with magician Sam Lowe from @GMHigher. Sam, who was a former member of the school council, provided guidance on how to leave a legacy at St Peter's through projects that future students can benefit from.



UNICEF DISCOVER DAY

Our Diversity Council participated in the UNICEF Discover Day at the HideOut Youth Zone on Tuesday 7th November. The purpose of the event was to discuss Manchester's goal of becoming a Child Friendly City. Alongside other schools in Manchester, we were invited to share our perspectives on topics that have an impact on us. Several of our students presented their ideas, and the presence of the Lord Mayor made a strong impression. We are currently working towards achieving the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.



CHESS CHMPIONSHIPS

St Peter's have qualified for the next round of the ECF National Schools Chess Championships. The pupils put in a brilliant performance, drawing at the top of the leader board with Newcastle Upon Lyme School.

Congratulations to them all on a nail biting 60 minutes of continuous online play!

GAMES ART DESIGN AT SODA

In November 15 boys in years 9 and 10 visited the School of Digital Arts at Manchester Metropolitan University to learn about a career as a Digital Games Art Designer and to take part in an interactive games design workshop.

SODA is a new 35-million-pound state of the art building in the centre of the city, which works with Industry leaders in the digital arts including PlayStation and Sony.

Students had the opportunity to use Maya, a 3D computer graphics application that is used to create assets for interactive 3D applications, animated films, TV series, and visual effects and, of course, computer games. Staff held a competition for the best 3D render of their computer game setting, which was won by Scott Raftery in year 9.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to capitalise on their passion for computer games and to see themselves as future games designers in this rapidly growing industry, currently worth over 600 billion!

In January students in years 9, 10 and 11 will return to SODA where they will be taking over the building for a day, as part of the Media Cubs initiative. Students will be offered the opportunity to get to grips with filming, podcasting and digital editing to produce a professional industry standard film about how we can make Manchester safer for young



CAFOD CHARITY EVENT

Our Library team organised a charity event in the library, where they sold refreshments and engaged in various activities. The students managed to collect a total of £200 for the CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our Librarian and all the students who participated in this meaningful initiative.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

YEAR 6 SCIENCE SHOW

We had the privilege of hosting a captivating scientific presentation for Year 5 students.

The young learners were engaged in an interactive session where they gained knowledge about the properties of matter, specifically solids, gases, and liquids. We extend our gratitude to @OfficialUoM for their support in making this event possible.

Year 5 please remember to participate in the competition for a chance to win exciting prizes.





CLASS OF 2023 PRESENTATION EVENING

We take great pride in our Class of 2023. It filled us with joy to gather together and commemorate your achievements.

We extend our best wishes for your future success and happiness. A special expression of gratitude goes to our guest speaker Shamshad Khan.



ROOTS PROGRAMME

We had the privilege of welcoming visitors from Cheadle Hulme School as part of the Roots Programme. The experience day exchange was a great opportunity for our students to connect and share.



ADVERTISING UNLOCKED

Year 11 Business studies took part in the Advertising Unlocked event, visiting TrunkBBI in Manchester. Students heard about all the different jobs within the advertising industry and even created their own product pitches. A great day had by all!



FESTIVE FUN



GREAT GEOGRAPHY BAKE OFF

The Geography Bake Off was truly impressive! Congratulations to all the students (parents/carers) who participated. Mr. Sharp and the Geography team faced a difficult decision and chose winners based on taste, Christmas theme, and representation of geography. The level of effort, presentation, and taste was incredibly remarkable!



SPREADING SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER

Our creative students brought some cheer to our local Tesco by adding a touch of festivity. We would like to express our gratitude for their generous donation of Christmas crackers for the students' Christmas party.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's Christmas Carol Concert. Mr Hogg and his team were exceptional. We would like to express our gratitude to the audience for their support. We hope you had a delightful evening filled with festive cheer.





FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have so much more to share with you from this last week of term. Make sure you follow us on these accounts.



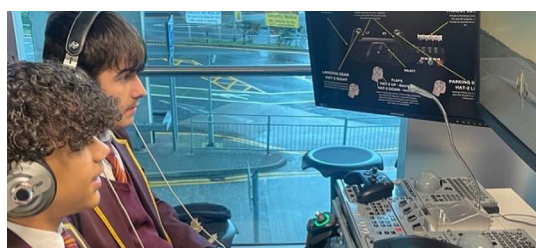
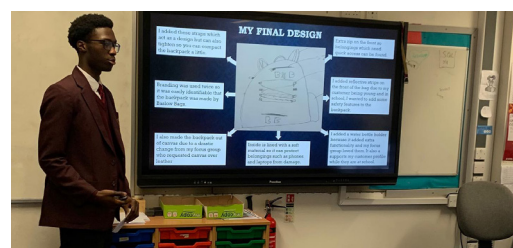
HAMILTON

We had the pleasure of taking the exceptional students in the 1 Club to see the incredible performance of Hamilton at the Palace Theatre.

The 1 Club is a well-deserved reward for students who consistently demonstrate an outstanding attitude towards learning. Congratulations to all the students in the 1 Club, it was a pleasure to enjoy this experience with you.

ENTERPRISE AND MARKETING

Year 11 students have been incredibly productive this term as they have devoted their time and effort to meticulously plan and execute their business pitches for their Enterprise & Marketing course. The students have shown great dedication and enthusiasm as they have seamlessly integrated their theoretical knowledge with practical implementation.



MANCHESTER AIRZONE

Our Travel and Tourism students had an incredible and unforgettable experience at Manchester Airzone. This visit provided them with a hands-on learning opportunity that allowed them to apply the theoretical knowledge gained in their course to real-life situations. By immersing themselves in the world of travel and tourism, the students were able to witness firsthand the various career opportunities that this course offers.



WE WILL REMEMBER

Our Year 10 history students proudly represented our school at Gorton Cemetery in the official community Remembrance service. It's important to show our respect and remember those brave men and women who lost their lives in WW1, WW2 and all conflicts since.

Each class had their own remembrance service in our Chapel with Fr Joel and Mrs White. Students decorated a remembrance tree with family members they miss.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:10-8:30	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	
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AFTERSCHOOL	School Council Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Library 3:20-3:50 Football Year 7, Year 8 Boys PE Basketball Year 8, Year 9 PE Basketball Year 7, Year 8 PE	Football Year 9, Year 10 Boys PE Basketball Boys U14 PE Netball Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 PE Basketball Boys Year 8, Year 9 PE	Debate Mate Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 Basketball Year 7 Boys PE BTEC Sport P6 Debate Mate C8, C16, C17, C18	Football Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Girls PE Basketball U14 Boys PE Basketball Year 9, Year 10 Girls PE	School Council Year 10, Year 11 Library 3:20 - 3:50 Basketball U16 Boys PE

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