

**PRIMARY  
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# **ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

**STEM**

YEAR 7 STEM SHOWS

**FRANCE TRIP**

YEAR 10 & 11 TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM

**MAYOR VISIT**

LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER



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# WELCOME

## Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach Easter, let us take a moment to pause and reflect on the blessings that we have in our lives—the gift of family and friends. But let us also extend our thoughts and prayers to those at home and around the world who are experiencing persecution, war, hardship, or other challenges.

This term has been a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff, and it is with great pride that we celebrate some of their successes within this Newsletter. I do hope you enjoy it.

Academically, our pupils have continued to excel in their studies, demonstrating a commitment to excellence and a passion for learning, which are both important foundations for developing lifelong learners. Our Year 11 pupils have just completed their last set of practice examinations before the real ones begin in May. I have been really impressed by their maturity and the effort they put into these examinations, and we all wish them the best of luck for their examinations.

Within the school, I have been really impressed by our culture of learning within and outside of the classroom, and I would like to encourage parents, carers, family, and friends to continue to support our pupils in developing positive habits for success—such as developing positive study skills techniques, reducing their daily screen time (during school days), taking breaks during studying, and getting plenty of sleep each night.

Beyond academics, this term has also been a time of personal growth and development for our pupils. Through extracurricular activities such as seeing the Hamilton play at the Palace Theatre, going to the battlefields in France with the Year 10/11 trip, or just attending our annual St Peter's Careers Fair, there has been plenty for them to do. Future planned trips and visits include a trip to Rome for year 7 and 8 and a trip to Blackpool for year 10.

Leadership opportunities have also been provided through our Diversity Committee, Debate Mate club, the Chaplaincy Team, or various Sports clubs, where pupils have embraced new challenges, honed their skills, forged lifelong friendships, and created enduring memories. Our pupils, your child, have truly embodied our school values: Achievement, Responsibility, Love and Diversity.

Additionally, St. Peter's continues to be one of the top schools for sport in the country (we were ranked 44th out of over 3000 UK state schools!), and some highlights this term have been the Year 8 boys' football team, who have won the Manchester Cup, the Manchester League, and are on course to compete in the final of the Catholic Cup. We have also had similar success with our Debatemate team. We have just been crowned Regional Champions for the third year in a row!

On a final note, I want to personally thank you for supporting your child's learning journey in our school community, and I wish you and your family a peaceful and restful Easter Holiday.

God bless,

**Mr S Gabriel**  
Head teacher



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Monday 15th April**

School reopens for all pupils

### **Wednesday 8th May**

Year 7 Parents' Evening

### **Friday 3rd May**

Year 11 Exams start

### **Monday 5th May**

Bank Holiday

### **Friday 24th May**

School closes for half term

### **Monday 3rd June**

School reopens for all pupils

### **Friday 21st June**

Staff training - school closed to pupils

### **Friday 5th July**

Year 6 Transition Day

### **Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th July**

Year 9 Immunisations

### **Friday 19th July**

School closes for summer at 1.30pm

### **Tuesday 3rd September**

School reopens for all pupils

# WORLD BOOK DAY

Our students had a fantastic World Book Day celebration on Thursday 7th March, they received free book vouchers during their English classes. The English department deserves recognition for fully embracing the occasion by dressing up in themed costumes.



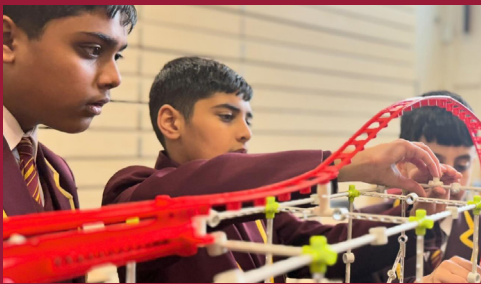
# TEA PARTY

Year 6 students and parents attended an 'Afternoon Tea in the Resource Provision.' Year 7 and 8 students served food and gave a presentation about the school and expectations. This event marked the beginning of the transition process for Year 6 students.



# LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER

We were lucky enough to have the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Yasmine Dar visit our school and talk to our Diversity Council. She is the first Asian female to be Lord Mayor of Manchester and is very inspirational. She spoke about the power of respect, tolerance and love and answered many of our questions - we can't wait to invite her back!



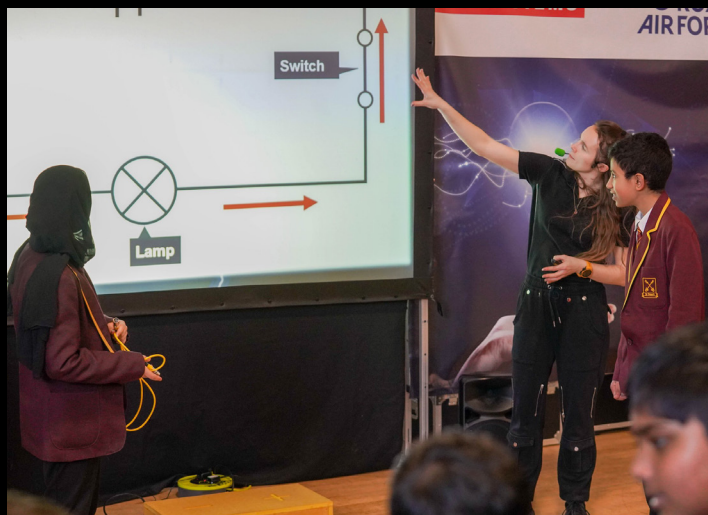
## ROLLERCOASTER CHALLENGE

Year 7 students took part in an interactive workshop led by The EDT UK. The workshop focused on strong structures and bridges. After this, they were given the opportunity to create their own durable buildings. They were then tasked with collaborating and utilising their problem-solving abilities to construct rollercoasters together.

# STEM

The STEM Roadshow, a regular event for students, recently showcased a special program for Year 7 students organised by BAE Systems, RAF, and the Royal Navy. The main focus of the event was on the theme of "Electricity," offering students a valuable chance to delve deeper into various aspects of electricity and expand their knowledge in this specific area.

These interactive learning sessions are always enjoyable and engaging.



# UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD

Our ABL pupils got an amazing opportunity to attend SPEAKING YOUR LANGUAGE workshop at University of Salford. It was such an insightful and valuable event where they learnt the benefits of speaking different languages.



# CAREERS FAIR

This term a Careers Fair was organised for our students, providing them with the opportunity to explore various educational institutions and potential employers.

We extend our gratitude to all the participants who came from different parts of the country. They engaged with our students, guiding them towards considering their future career paths.



# BE IN TO WIN

Congratulations to our attendance prize draw winners. Each year group winner received a £50 voucher.



# CHESTER ZOO

On the 14th of February, Ms Mostyn Miss Gray, and Miss Elkington accompanied 12 year 7 students on a special trip to Chester Zoo. The students actively participated in planning the route around the zoo to ensure they got to see all their favourite animals up close. Every single student displayed remarkable behavior and we all had a truly wonderful day.



# DEBATE MATE REGIONAL CHAMPIONS



## WE ARE REGIONAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE 3RD YEAR IN A ROW!

Congratulations to all involved and well done for such a fantastic achievement. Next stop, London for the National Final!

## FRANCE AND BELGIUM TRIP

On the 11th of March, students on the France and Belgium trip had a full day exploring significant historical sites related to World War I. They visited the trenches at Passchendaele, paid respects at the grave of a young soldier, toured a German cemetery, indulged in some chocolate at a local shop, and took part in the poignant Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. The group also made stops in Arras and the Somme, where they delved into the underground world of the Wellington Quarries, paid tribute at the Thiepval Memorial, and even walked along a section of trench in the Thiepval Woods. This journey provided them with a deeper understanding of the events and sacrifices of WWI.



# GIRL POWER

10 young girls from Year 7 & 8 attended the Inspiher workshop organized by ALSTOM, a rail engineering company. Alstom staff inspired the girls by showcasing different engineering pathways and roles available.

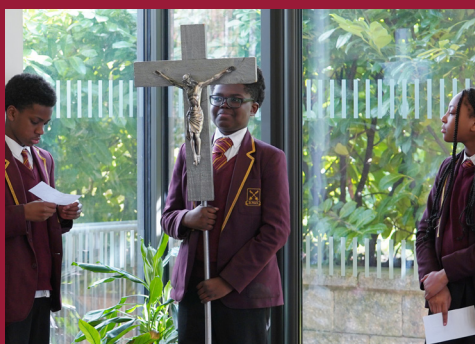


# LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

During an RE Class Mass Fr Joel blessed his new Vestments which will be used during all our school Masses. The four Chasubles cover the Liturgical Year: White; Green; Red and Purple which Fr Joel is wearing. There is also one Alb.

Students from Years 7, 8, and 9 actively engaged in the observance of the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. Each class had fourteen volunteers to read, with one student carrying the Cross.

On the Monday of Holy Week, Fr. Joel and Fr. Kevin, the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart and St. Francis, joined together to conduct the Sacrament of Reconciliation with more than 60 students in the school Chapel. Our staff liturgy was held on Monday, March 25th, to commemorate Holy Week.





## FUN AND EXCITING TIMES WITH OUR PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE FACES?

It's been a wonderful experience to have our Year 5 pupils engaging in lessons and taking part in various activities alongside our dedicated staff and pupils throughout this term. We enjoy welcoming you to our St Peter's family.

Have a great Easter, we look forward to more exciting events next term.



## ROYAL LETTER

We have recently received a heartfelt expression of appreciation from King Charles III, acknowledging the kind and sympathetic messages that were received following the unfortunate passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



## ATTENDANCE AWARD

We are delighted to have earned an FFT National Attendance Award again, recognising the fantastic efforts of the St Peter's community. Thank you to all our students who consistently attend every day, and to their supportive families who value and encourage this engagement with education.



## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are a Rights Respecting School which means we work to ensure our school is a safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured, and they are able to thrive. We work the rights of a child into all we do. We're hoping by the end of next term, we'll be awarded the Silver Award.

The Rights Respecting School award is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. It takes a whole-school approach to child rights education, which can be defined as learning about rights, learning through rights and learning for rights within an overall context of education as a right.



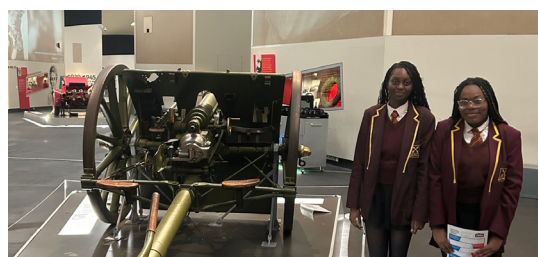
## BEING A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL HAS MANY BENEFITS

- Improved relationships and behaviour (reductions in bullying and exclusions and improved attendance)
- Improved self-esteem and wellbeing
- Improved engagement in learning
- Positive attitudes towards diversity in society and the reduction of prejudice
- Enhanced moral understanding
- It gives staff a toolkit of language to help with difficult conversations
- Children and young people's support for global justice
- Children and young people become more involved in decision-making in schools. Students have a voice!



## IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Our Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum this term. They walked through a timeline of history from the First World War to the present day.



# SPORTING SUCCESS

We are incredibly pleased to have been ranked as the 49th best state school and 131st place overall by @schoolsportmag in 2023. Our dedicated staff, students, and parents deserve all the credit for this remarkable accomplishment.

The Year 7 Boys and Girls athletic teams participated in the Greater Manchester Schools Indoor Athletics Championships at SportsCity. The competition included 12 schools from the region. Both teams performed exceptionally well, with the Boys team taking the top spot (GOLD) and the Girls team achieving second place (Silver). Notably, several individual athletes received medals for their outstanding performances.

The Year 8 Boys Football Team wrapped up the Manchester Premier League title with 2 impressive wins. After a comeback victory to beat Wright Robinson 5-3 to all but secure the league, they backed this up by beating MCA 7-2 to cast any doubt about the title. After Easter they play in the Greater Manchester Catholic Cup semi final and also progress with the County Cup Plate competition with a fixture against Buile Hill. The KS3 Girls basketball team attended the Manchester festival and played some brilliant basketball on their way to 3 wins and 1 loss as they further develop. Finally, the Y7 Boys football team beat close rivals Co-Op Belle Vue 3-2 to qualify for the Manchester League 1/4 finals after securing 2nd place in the league. Thanks for everyone's support of the sport at St. Peter's this term and have a great Easter!



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

| WEEK 1                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                   | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                                            |
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| <b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b><br>8:10-8:30                                                            | <b>Basketball4all</b><br>PE                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Basketball4all</b><br>PE                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Basketball4all</b><br>PE                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Basketball4all</b><br>PE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>LUNCH</b><br><br><b>PE ACTIVITIES 1:15-1:45</b><br><br><b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 1:30-2:00</b> | <b>Mass</b><br>All Years<br>The Chapel<br><b>Big Question Debate</b><br>All Years<br>C18<br><b>Choir</b><br>All Years<br>Music<br><b>Rounders</b><br>Year 7                              | <b>Eco Schools</b><br>All Years<br>Chapel Classroom<br><b>Football</b><br>Year 7<br>PE<br><b>English Film Club</b><br>Year 7-9<br>D6<br><b>BookClub</b><br>Year 7-9<br>D8, D7<br><b>Code Club</b><br>Year 7-9<br>B12<br><b>Rounders</b><br>Year 8 & 9 | <b>STEM Club</b><br>All Years<br>B2<br><b>Mass</b><br>All Years<br>The Chapel<br><b>Cheerleading4all</b><br>PE<br><b>Rugby</b><br>Year 7-9 Girls<br>PE<br><b>Food Club</b><br>Year 9<br>A4 | <b>Faith In Action</b><br>Year 9<br>Chapel Classroom<br><b>Chaplaincy</b><br>All Years<br>The Chapel<br><b>Humanities Film Club</b><br>All Years<br>C14<br><b>Cheerleading4all</b><br>PE<br><b>Rugby</b><br>Year 7-9 Girls<br>PE<br><b>African Drums</b><br>Year 7, Year 8<br>Music<br><b>Culture Club</b><br>C7 | <b>Mass</b><br>All Years<br>The Chapel<br>PE<br><b>Rugby</b><br>Year 7-9 Girls<br>PE                              |
| <b>AFTERSCHOOL</b>                                                                           | <b>School Council</b><br>Year 7-9<br>Library 3:20-3:50<br><b>Football4all</b><br>Year 7, 8 & 9<br><b>Basketball</b><br>Year 8, Year 9<br>PE<br><b>Basketball</b><br>Year 7, Year 8<br>PE | <b>Basketball Boys</b><br>U14<br>PE<br><b>Cricknet4all</b><br>Year 7-9<br>PE<br><b>Basketball Boys</b><br>Year 8-9<br>PE                                                                                                                              | <b>Debate Mate</b><br>Year 7-10<br><b>Basketball</b><br>Year 7 Boys<br>PE<br><b>BTEC Sport P6</b><br>PE<br><b>Boxing4all</b><br>PE                                                         | <b>Basketball</b><br>U14 Boys<br>PE<br><b>Basketball</b><br>Year 9, Year 10 Girls<br>PE                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>School Council</b><br>Year 10, Year 11<br><b>Library</b><br>3:20 - 3:50<br><b>Basketball</b><br>U16 Boys<br>PE |

| WEEK 2                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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