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ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

**PRESENTATION
EVENING**

YEAR 7 - 10 AWARDS

PARTNER PRIMARIES

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 VISITS

RIGHTS RESPECTING

SILVER AWARD WINNER

**SUMMER
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WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the summer holidays, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. We have had another successful year at St Peter's, and this is thanks to our wonderful pupils, families and staff.

Our Year 11 pupils left us in June and they made us all proud with the way they conducted themselves in their examinations. We wish them the best of luck for Results Day on the 22nd August.

On the academic front, our pupils are going from strength to strength. This is also the case with extra-curricular activities outside the classroom. Our pupils have had a number of successes from football to DebateMate.

Please note that we have made some changes to our Uniform Policy and Behaviour Policy. These policies are available on our website and we would encourage you to take a look.

We have had another successful year of raising money for charity. Our recent charity appeal for funds towards Hurricane Beryl has raised almost £1000!

Finally, we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 3rd September. Please check our website and social media over the summer break for important updates.

God bless,

Mr S Gabriel
Head teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd september

School reopens for all pupils

Tuesday 10th September

Year 7 photographs

Thursday 12th September

Year 7 Assessments

Monday 16th - Friday 20th September

Year 7-10 Reading Assessments

Thursday 19th September

Open Evening

Thursday 17th October

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 18th October

School closes for half term

Monday 4th November

School reopens for all pupils

Thursday 7th November

Year 7 Parents; Evening

Thursday 14th November

KS4 Presentation Evening

Friday 20th December

School closes for the Festive Period

Monday 6th January

School reopens for all pupils

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Throughout this academic year, the school council have been working very hard to enhance life for all members of our school community. They have paid particular attention to inclusivity and social justice, developing projects that seek to celebrate the diverse range of cultures across the school as well as raise awareness of issues affecting members of our LGBT community, pupils from low income backgrounds and pupils requiring additional social, emotional and educational support.

Council members worked collaboratively throughout the academic year devising a number of inspiring projects which they had the opportunity to present to members of our senior leadership team.

"I was incredibly impressed with the wide range of ideas and initiatives they have come up with. It is important to provide young people with a forum in which they can voice their opinions and allow us to learn from their fresh perspective about issues affecting young people in our school community." (Mr Gabriel)



AUTHOR DIANA ANYAWAKO DISCUSSES MY LIFE AS A CHAMELEON

On June 12th our year 7s had the chance to meet author Diana Anyawako. Born in Nigeria, Diana moved to Manchester in the 1980s and grew up in Moss Side. She spoke to pupils at length about her Nigerian and Irish heritage, both of which provide the focus for her debut novel, *My Life as a Chameleon*. Diana also provided some highly insightful and useful tips on the writing process as well as the journey writers have to go on to get their work published.

During the Q and A pupils had the opportunity to ask Diana about her life and the inspiration behind her work. Diana told us, "I had such an amazing time meeting the group of Year 7s that attended my Author Talk. They were so engaged and enthusiastic and I felt so inspired by their curiosity, intelligence and humour."



AUTHOR A.M. DASSU ZOOMS INTO THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

On June 19th pupils in year 9 met with author A.M. Dassu over Zoom to discuss her book *Boy Everywhere*, which the pupils have been reading as part of their Key Stage 3 English course. Meeting a real life author certainly helped bring the book to life. Pupils had the opportunity to receive some feedback about their own creative writing from this award-winning author, as well as find out about the process of getting a book from the laptop into print.



MSP CHILDREN OF MANCHESTER SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

The four students from Year 9 who hosted the Manchester Safeguarding Conference at The Bridgewater Hall on Thursday 11 July did an outstanding job. They represented the school with excellence and fulfilled their responsibilities admirably. Their tasks included introducing the primary schools and guest speakers, ensuring the conference ran on schedule, leading the Q & A sessions, and expressing gratitude to the attendees.



THE ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE WORKSHOP

We extend our appreciation to Tom and the educational outreach team at the Royal Exchange Theatre for their enlightening and highly engaging workshop on theatre creation. Their session sparked creativity and inspiration among our students!



MMU SATURDAY CLUB WORKSHOPS

We are immensely proud of our pupils who worked with poet @suandi to create a unique resource as part of the @sussedblackwoman digital archive. You can view their work online by clicking on this link <https://buff.ly/4cfkU6R>



MANDARIN LESSONS

In April we had a second year student from the University of Manchester join us in Languages to offer some taster lessons in Mandarin. The Year 8s learnt about Chinese culture, food and some of the basic phrases. They were also lucky enough to taste some real Chinese sweets!



ROOTS PROGRAMME

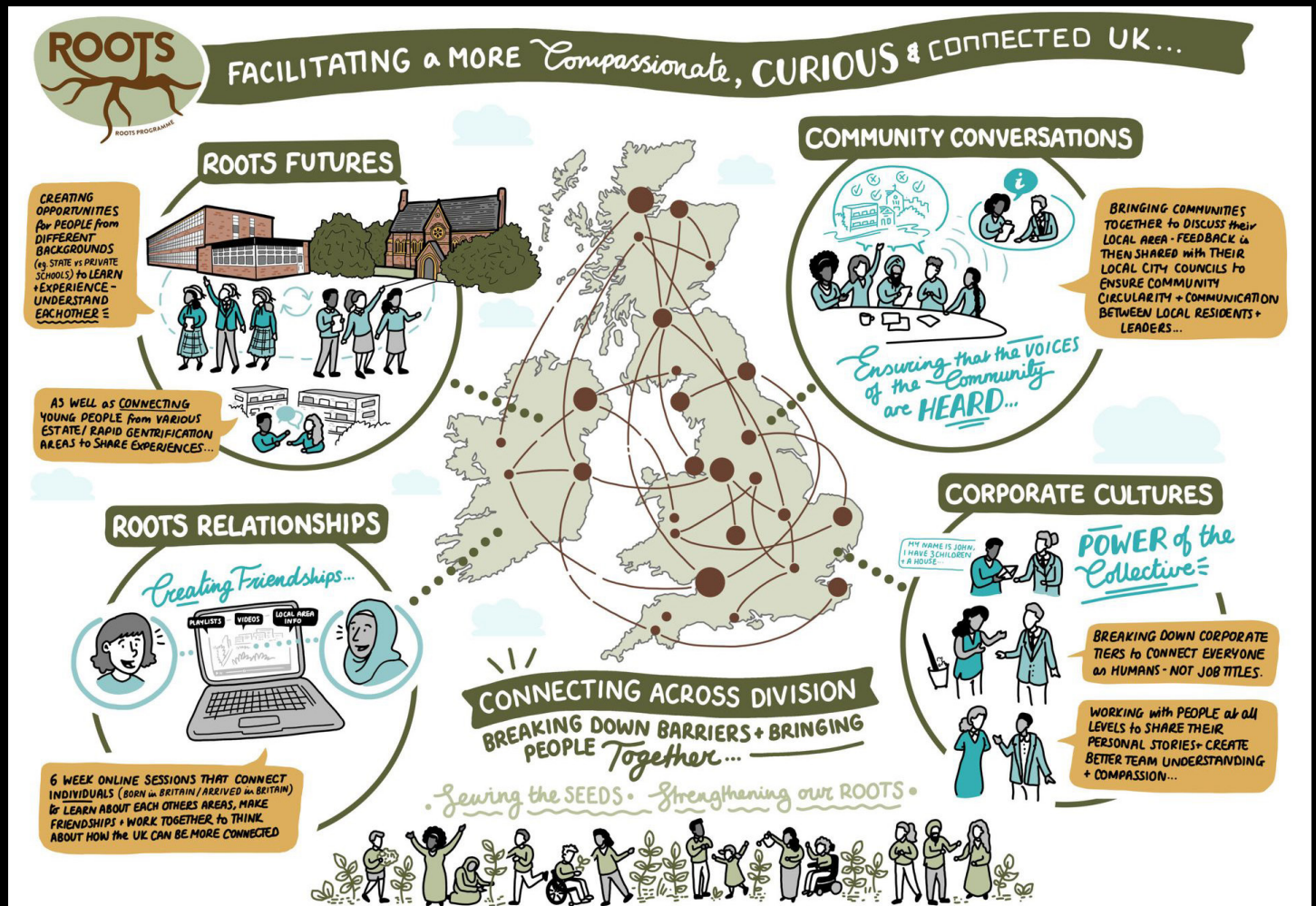
We take great pride in Jorja, our Year 9 student, who is being showcased in the Roots blog.

"Before I had joined Roots I was a quiet person and very closed off to new ideas as I was worried about others and how they would see me as a human being. Through the programme however I have become more open to a wide variety of opportunities that have helped me express my viewpoints on and within society. I realised that everyone is human with emotions and stories that others don't have. I saw that everyone is unique in their own way based on their lifestyle and upbringing.

Now I am more available to new possibilities in my life and I have been shaped into a more understanding and considerate person regardless. The programme had also inspired me to express my opinion to contribute to any changes that need to be done to break stereotypes and shape lives so everyone has an equal chance to be the best they can be. My view on the world has changed as stereotypes that I, and many other people had too, were broken. I know that everything I have learned will shape me into a better person in the world and even if I may not make a BIG change, whatever I do will still be recognised in a positive way.

The programme has helped me build my belief in myself to continue to strive at every chance I get."

Jorja



FACTORY INTERNATIONAL

A huge thank you to Factory International for an amazing event which our staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed! We also thank you for the inspirational projects and workshops that our pupils have had the privilege of participating in throughout the course of this academic year. We have loved watching them all grow in confidence and express themselves freely. A massive shout-out to Reece and Femi for all of their hard work and effort. Our pupils cannot thank you both enough!



THE BIG BANG FAIR

The Big Bang Fair motivates young minds through interactive tasks, experiments, and workshops. A group of 12 Year 9 students engaged with STEM experts, exploring new frontiers. They gained practical knowledge in drones, lasers, robotics and experienced new technologies.

CASTLETON TRIP

Travel and Tourism students visited Castleton in Derbyshire and embraced the cavern to experience what attracts tourists to this little gem.

They studied the price of food, drinks, excursions, accommodation, travel and the job opportunities in this area.





RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are very proud that St Peter's has been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting School Award for all the hard work we have done as a school around supporting pupils' rights. As a Silver Award Rights Respecting School, many students are aware of their rights, they know they are unconditional and universal. Students feel valued, safe, listened to and supported. We give students the opportunities to share opinions and celebrate diversity. We are one of only 3 high schools in Manchester to get this award. Our next goal is to be the first high school in Manchester to achieve the Gold Award!



DEBATE MATE FINALISTS

Our regional winning debate mate pupils took part in the Debate Mate Cup Final in London! Well done to our finalists!

MICHAEL CRICK

Michael Crick, an experienced journalist, inspired our Year 10 and 11 prefects. A Manchester Grammar and Oxford's New College alumnus, he played a crucial role in Channel 4 News' development. His career includes roles as a Political Correspondent, BBC Panorama reporter, and hosting his own report on Mail Plus. He wrote books on notable figures like Nigel Farage and Sir Alex Ferguson.



CHAPLAINCY EVENTS

During the Summer Term, members of the Chaplaincy GIFT Team and the CYMFED Faith In Action Award were involved in many activities expressing their Spirituality and putting their Faith into Action within the community.

During May, the month of Our Lady, a special Para Liturgy for Year 7 was celebrated in Chapel, to crown the Statue of Mary and was led by the Chaplaincy Team. The Rosary in Chapel was led by the pupils during lunchtimes, praying especially for the intentions of St Peter's community. The Silver Award Faith In Action pupils attended the Salford Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Mrs McGarr.

Chaplaincy/Faith In Action pupils shared, with Mrs White and Mr O'Sullivan, the inspiring and uplifting Spiritan Pentecost Retreat with other Just Youth Schools, at Fr Joel's Centre.

Fr Kevin Murphy, Parish Priest Sacred Heart and St Francis invited the pupils to become involved with the

Parish Prayer Garden. This project involves Ms York, Art Department, who has designed templates for the pupils to paint the garden windows. During June a group of Chaplaincy/Faith In Action pupils spent time helping the Parish Gardeners to pot new plants and transfer a delivery of woodchip across the garden. Fr Kevin was delighted with their work.

Mr Collins came into Chapel to work with Chaplaincy/Faith In Action Year 7, teaching them how to use sign language prayerfully. They learned to sign prayers and hymns for Mass. We will continue in the new academic year.

Fr Joel took a group of Year 10 pupils, who are Chaplaincy/Faith in Action Silver/Laudato Si Champions, to a Mini Retreat at Loreto Sixth Form College which was organised for the MANCEP Schools. This spiritually refreshed them before going on Work Experience.

Our pupils regularly voice over Assemblies and Gospel Reflections to be shared with all Tutor Groups.





FUN AND EXCITING TIMES WITH OUR PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

It's been a wonderful
experience to have our Year 5
and 6 students in our school
this term.

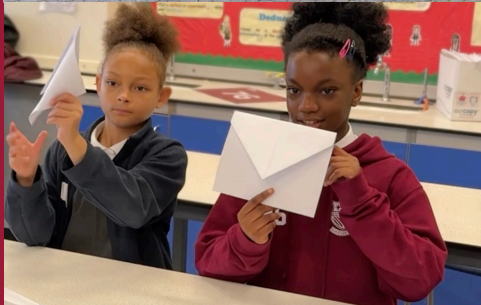
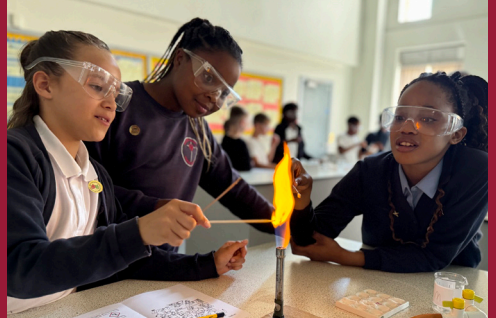
WE HAVE HOSTED:

Year 5 Fun Day

SPP Festival of Sport

Year 6 Taster Day

Year 6 Parents' and Carers'
meetings



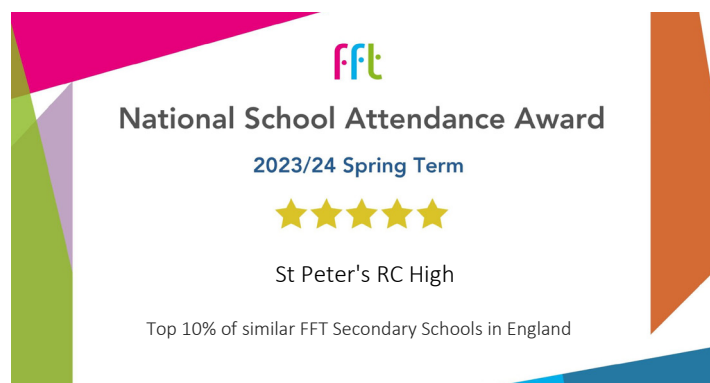
COMPUTING CLASS

We were thrilled to host students from St Francis primary school for a computing session at our school this term.



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.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

13 of our students completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition this term.



SPORTING SUCCESS

St Peters RC High School – A top 50 State School for Sport in the country

Athletics:

Y8/9 Boys team crowned Manchester Schools Champions

Y10 Boys team crowned Manchester Schools Champions

Y8/9 Boys team were also crowned 'Sale Athletics Club Greater Manchester Invitational Champions'

Basketball:

U16 Boys team qualified for the last 16 of the English Schools Competition

U16 Boys Basketball team Manchester Schools Runners-Up

U14 Boys Basketball team Manchester Schools league – Bronze Medalist

Football:

Y8 Boys football team have had an incredible season yet again and remain the stand-out team:

Manchester Cup Champions

Greater Manchester Catholic Cup Finalists

Manchester Premier League winners

Greater Manchester County Plate champions

Manchester United 9-a-side tournament winners

Manchester United emerging talent tournament winners

Y9 Boys football team were crowned Manchester League (Championship) Champions.

Netball:

Y7 Girls – Manchester League Bronze medalist

Y8 Girls – Manchester League Runners-Up

Rugby League:

U14 Girls –National Final Runners- up

U14 Girls – NW England Champions

Y7 & 8 Girls Salford Tournament Winners

Rounders:

Y7 Winners for the Manchester Schools Plate Competition

Y8 Runners up for the Manchester Schools Plate Competition

Outstanding Personal Sporting Achievements:

Nora Kwartemaa (Year 7) - U15 Greater Manchester champion at 75m and 150m (Sale Harriers)

Darren Oshodi and Tade Muriwa (both Y9) represent Manchester Boys.

Ayo Fagbenle and Jasper Mantato (both Y8) represented Manchester Boys and Greater Manchester Boys.





MANCHESTER BOYS

We are immensely proud of our Year 9 students from Manchester Boys who are currently competing nationally.

They recently had the chance to play alongside Wayne Rooney's son, showcasing their skill and commitment with another impressive victory.

Tadi plays for Burnley while Darren plays for Accrington.



PRESENTATION EVENING

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Presentation Evening celebrated
Year 7 to Year 10 successes this
term.

Our guest speaker Marie Molloy
a senior lecturer in American
History, talked about 'The
Success Iceberg' and her journey
to get to where she is today.
Inspiring students to be resilient
and believe in themselves.

Thank you to the parents
and carers who supported
the students in attending this
ceremony.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:10-8:30	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	
LUNCH	Netball Year 7 PE Basketball4all All Years PE Mass All Years The Chapel Big Question Debate All Years C18 Choir All Years Music	Eco Schools All Years Chapel Classroom Indoor Football Year 7 PE Girls Netball Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 PE English Film Club Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 D6 BookClub Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 D8, D7 Code Club Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 B10	STEM Club All Years B2 Mass All Years The Chapel Basketball4all PE Cheerleading4all PE Food Club Year 9 A4	Faith In Action Year 9 Chapel Classroom Chaplaincy All Years The Chapel Humanities Film Club All Years C14 Cheerleading4all PE Indoor Football Year 7 PE African Drums Year 7, Year 8 Music	Mass All Years The Chapel Basketball Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 Girls PE Rugby Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 Girls PE
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