

PRAISE AWARDS

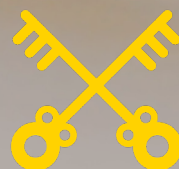
SCIENCE SHOW

YEAR 5 STUDENTS

CLASS OF 2024

PRESENTATION EVENING

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

**CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL**



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St Alban's

St Vincent De Paul

St Gregory's



ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of term, I want to take a moment to send my warmest wishes to you and your family. Next year we will be celebrating our 25-year Jubilee. Please look out for a variety of different events that will be taking place over the course of the year.

Our Year 11 students have been working diligently in preparation for their mock exams, which they sat in November and December. I've also been really impressed by the focus and commitment shown by our Year 7-10 pupils as they approach their end-of-term assessments. It's inspiring to see such dedication to their studies, which will lay the foundation for future success.

Outside of the classroom, there has been an exciting range of trips and activities—whether it's to museums, the airport, the University of Manchester, or Aviva Studios—as well as a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities before, during, and after school. For more details, you can read about these in our newsletter or check out our website for information on the clubs your child can get involved in. We are also proud of all the fundraising activities our students have organised over the last half term. We continue to support our local Charity, Cornerstone, as well as donating funds to St Patrick's Church in Carriacou, Grenada.

Lastly, on behalf of the whole St Peter's family, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you enjoy a well-deserved, relaxing break, and may God bless you with health, happiness, and joy in the year ahead.

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 EduLink Parent app.

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

appsupport@stpetershigh.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th January

School reopens for all pupils

Thursday 16th January

Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening

Thursday 23rd January

The Wizard of Oz - book online

Friday 24th January

The Wizard of Oz - book online

Thursday 13th February

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 14th February

INSET day - school closed to pupils
start of half term holiday

Monday 24th February

School reopens for all pupils

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

FACTORY INTERNATIONAL

Every Friday 41 pupils in years 8 and 9 have been taking part in this project. Thus far the pupils have been exploring the theme of identity and have created zines and have been learning about RAP and Hip-Hop culture as well as having a go at writing their own raps and poems.



MEET THE AUTHOR: DIANA ANYAKWO

On October 9th author of *My Life as a Chameleon*, Diana Anyakwo, delivered a talk to 29 Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils in the library where she discussed her work as a professional writer, the process involved in having a book published and also her life as a teenager growing up in Moss Side.

She also provided feedback on the work produced during the workshop by our pupils and was incredibly impressed with the standard they displayed.



KIMBERLY WHITTAM WORKSHOP

Thank you to Kimberly Whittam and @ManLibraries for a highly engaging workshop. Our Year 7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed reading the *Quiet Storm*.



LITERACY INTERVENTION



Since June 2024 Anna Richardson, History and Heritage MA student at Manchester Metropolitan University, has been working on a one-to-one basis with targeted pupils in year 8 to help them develop their decoding and comprehension skills. These 30-minute sessions have taken place in the library on a one-to-one basis every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

ROOTS IN MANCHESTER



On Wednesday 16th October, 12 pupils in years 8, 9 and 10 attended a full day of workshops and activities at Manchester Metropolitan University.

They learnt about local Black activists, past and present, and co-created artwork, poetry and posters. Their work will now become part of a digital Roots in Manchester: Then and Now exhibition.

Q AND A WITH FASHION DESIGNER GAVIN DOUGLAS

On October 10th as part of the Library's Black History Month programme, Gavin Douglas, a senior lecturer at the Manchester Fashion Institute, provided a talk to year 11 textiles students about the many opportunities opening up in the industry.

Douglas' womenswear brand has been presented across various international catwalk shows and exhibitions including London Fashion Week, Paris Fashion Week, Barbados Fashion Week, Caribbean Fashion Week in Kingston Jamaica.

Gavin's colleague, Gayle Fenny, senior lecturer in Fashion and Business, also talked to pupils about the multitude of courses they can study at university to help them get ahead in this exciting industry.



CHESS MATE

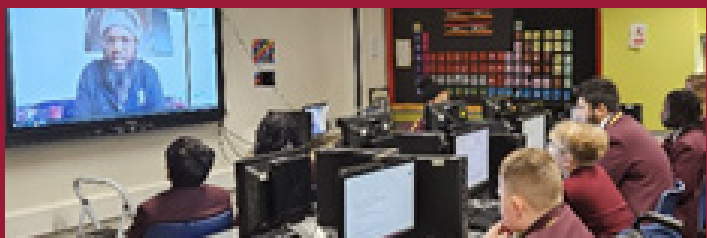
Every Tuesday lunchtime from 1:15pm - 2:50pm, pupils in Year 10 at Manchester Grammar School have been coming into the library to play chess, as well as have an informal chat. On average around 20 of our pupils from years 7 to 11 play each week.

This mentoring programme provides an opportunity to meet pupils from an Independent School, break down stereotypes as well as sharpen chess skills, have fun and increase confidence and social skills. On December 17th, 15 pupils were selected to go over to Manchester Grammar for an afternoon of Chess and Christmas Celebration.

Thank you very much to our friends at @Mgs_1515 for a wonderful Christmas Chess Celebration. We look forward to working with you again in 2025

MEET THE AUTHOR: TENDAI HUCHU

On November 27th, 20 pupils attended an online talk and workshop over lunchtime as part of disability month. Tendai Huchu focussed on the representation of disabled characters in fantasy fiction such as tropes, harmful stereotypes and negative language. He also draws on examples from popular culture. Tendai is the author of the Edinburgh Nights YA Fantasy series whose first book was The Library of the Dead. With five books in the series and book four out very soon, Tendai's books are perfect for those who like their fantasy fiction set in an urban /real world environment with plenty of magic. We have already pre-ordered the fifth book in this fantastic series.



KIMBERLEY WHITTAM WORKSHOP



On December 6th 25 year 7 students attended an online workshop with Kimberley Whittam, author of OUR Year 7 transition text, Quiet Storm, and teacher at Trinity High School.

Kimberley answered questions sent in by our Year 7 students about Quiet Storm and learnt about her journey to become a published author.

There was an interactive workshop element led by Manchester libraries' staff, asking students to reflect on their time in year 7, as well as short library quiz, testing their knowledge of all the many resources and opportunities available in their local libraries.

ROME TRIP

Our students had an amazing time immersing themselves in the wonders of Rome, acquiring valuable insights. It's evident that each individual truly savored this enriching experience!



RESULTS DAY 2024

Results day was a fantastic celebration of St Peter's Year 11 students' achievements. We are incredibly proud of our 'Class of 2024,' who achieved outstanding results, with many earning top grades! Their dedication and commitment led to exam success, equipping them with some of the best results we've seen.

Additionally, we are proud to be among Greater Manchester's top 20 schools for Progress 8 in the 2023/2024 academic year.



SLAVERY MUSEUM

This term students spent the day visiting the Liverpool Slavery Museum. The purpose of the visit was to view the artefacts and the exhibitions to gain an understanding of the Atlantic Slave trade.

This is an annual trip we take students on during the Black History Month.



FAITH IN ACTION

St Peter's Silver Faith in Action students went to St Anthony's Church in Wythenshawe to view the relic of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. Spending time in prayer, before the relic of a remarkable teenager who had a deep love of the Eucharist, was a very moving experience.



THE SPIRITANS 120TH CELEBRATION

On Friday 4th October, Mr Gabriel, Mrs White and Year 11 Senior Prefects joined Fr Joel and fellow Spiritans, including, Superior General Fr Alain Mayama CSSp and Provincial Superior Fr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp at 'The Spiritans 120th Celebration in the British Province', St Brigid's RC Church, Beswick, Manchester. Mr Gabriel addressed the Spiritan Congregation in the afternoon. St Peter's has been associated with the Spiritans Just Youth since 2008.



50 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's Christmas Carol Concert. Mr Cosadinos 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.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

St Peter's has once again achieved reaccreditation for the International School's Award, valid from 1st September 2024 to 31 August 2027. The Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for navigating today's modern world.



International School Award

YEAR 5 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.





CLASS OF 2024 PRESENTATION EVENING

We take great pride in our Class of 2024. 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 speakers'.



BE IN TO WIN

Our Advent calendar offered ample rewards that students had the opportunity to win over the 12 Days of Christmas. Starting from Thursday 5th December, students were eligible to win a prize if they attended school on that particular day. The awards were handed out during the assembly the next day. To qualify for the draw to win the PS5 (disc version) on Friday, December 20th, students needed to be present at school for the entire 12-day period.



ADVERTISING UNLOCKED

On Advertising Unlocked day, Year 11 Business students embarked on an educational excursion to Trunk BBI in Manchester, which offered them a significant opportunity to explore the dynamic world of the professional industry. Trunk BBI, a renowned creative agency known for its innovative marketing solutions, provided students with firsthand insights into the workings of the advertising sector. Such experiences are invaluable for young learners, as they not only enhance academic learning but also inspire future career aspirations.





THE WIZARD OF OZ

Well done to the talented pupils who auditioned for The Wizard of Oz! Our partner primary school students in Year 5 and 6 will be joining our Year 7 students in performing The Wizard of Oz on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January 2025.

Book your tickets using this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-high-school>



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Our students and staff had the pleasure of spending a wonderful afternoon bringing joy and entertainment to the residents at Little Sisters Of The Poor St Joseph's Care Home, located in Manchester. This heartwarming event was filled with various activities and performances to engage and uplift the spirits of the residents.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Students in Year 7 attended a performance of 'A Christmas Carol', which deepened their comprehension of the novel and its transformation into a stage play. We extend our gratitude to Initiate Theatre for bringing this classic story to life and motivating our students to participate in the workshop.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the donations and assistance in assembling gift hampers for our young caregivers and local families. We are also proud to have contributed to Cornerstone Day Centre in Manchester, which aids those who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes.

STEM

On Wednesday 2nd October Year 7 students had the opportunity to engage in a captivating STEM event that centered around the fascinating worlds of Artificial Intelligence and Ozobots.

This educational experience was thoughtfully organised and delivered by the Engineering Development Trust.



SIGNING FOR MASS

Our students showed their gratitude to Mr Collins, who has been coming to the school to teach them sign language for Mass. Our students gave him a Christmas card featuring a collage of pictures of the group signing.



ST PETER'S GOT TALENT





NATIONAL LANGUAGE COMPETITION

Our Year 9 students excelled in a GCHQ code-breaking contest @gchq, with our team ranking 254th out of 2000 national competitors—an outstanding achievement!



UNILEVER WORKSHOP

Our Year 9 students had an incredibly enriching and enjoyable experience at the 'All About Stem' event. They were particularly captivated by the engaging activities and insightful presentations offered during the UniLever workshop. This workshop provided them with a unique opportunity to explore various aspects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a practical and interactive setting. The students were able to participate in hands-on experiments of STEM fields.

ENTERPRISE AND MARKETING

Over the past month, our Year 11 Enterprise students have shown remarkable dedication to their business projects. Through market research and trend analysis, they created unique solutions, enhancing their problem-solving skills. Their data-driven presentations demonstrated the feasibility and impact of their ideas, effectively preparing them for future academic and career opportunities.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Congratulations to the winners of our Black History Month competition! Your creations are truly remarkable.

COMPUTING QUALITY MARK

We're proud to receive the Computing Quality Mark! Awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education recognising our great computing education at St Peter's.



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.



Our pupils have participated in the Manchester Schools and Greater Manchester Schools Indoor Athletics Competitions at Sports City, competing in the under-14 age group. Selected from Years 8 and 9, the boys won first place while the girls secured

second in the Manchester Schools event, where 12 schools competed. In the Greater Manchester Schools competition, with 14 schools participating, both our boys and girls teams achieved first place.

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/JB) Cheer4all PE (CM)	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	Eco Schools All Yrs Chapel Classroom All about me (Art) All Yrs A8 Code Club Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 B10	UK Maths Challenge Club Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 C13 STEM Club All Yrs B2 Basketball4all PE (SP) Cheerleading4all PE (CM) Mass All Yrs The Chapel	Faith In Action Yr 8 Chapel Classroom Schools of Sanctuary All Yrs C8 Chaplaincy All Yrs The Chapel Cheerleading4all PE (CM)	Mass All Yrs The Chapel Diversity Council D3 Members Only Basketball Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 Girls PE (SR) Rugby Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 Girls PE (AM)
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