



WORLD BOOK DAY

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE WIZARD OF OZ

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRODUCTION

TRIPS

BELGIUM AND SEVILLE

'Striving for excellence in all that we do'



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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 reach the end of term, I want to thank you for your continued support and to wish you and your family a joyful and peaceful Easter. This has been a rich and rewarding term. Our Year 11 students have completed their final Pre-Public Examinations and are preparing with real determination and hard work for their summer exams, supported by revision sessions during weekends and holidays. More information will be given out during Year 11 Parents' Evening (Thursday 3rd April) or please visit our website <https://www.stpetershigh.com/parents/exam-information/>

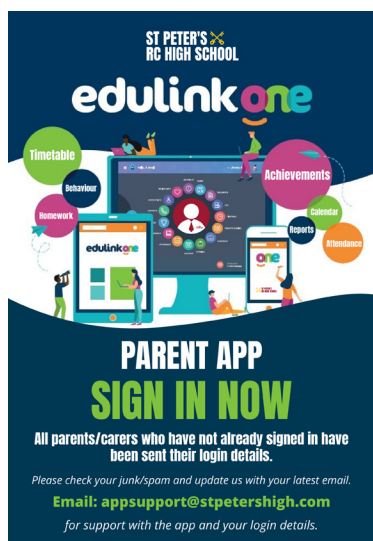
There's been so much to celebrate beyond the classroom—from our wonderful Wizard of Oz production, involving all of Year 7 and 365 Year 5 pupils from our partner primaries, to sporting victories, musical performances, and over 60 clubs engaging hundreds of pupils each week. I am also really proud that nearly 300 pupils are learning to play an instrument at school.

Our Catholic life continues to flourish. A highlight this term is our Easter Mass for Years 7 to 9, where over 600 pupils and staff will gather together in prayer and reflection—our largest celebration yet. We have also continued to support Cornerstone and St Patrick's Church in Carriacou, Grenada through pupil-led fundraising, and we now look ahead to our 25-Year Jubilee Mass in July.

Easter reminds us of hope, renewal and community—values that are lived out daily at St Peter's. On behalf of all of us, I wish you a restful and blessed Easter break.

Warmest wishes,

Mr S Gabriel
Head teacher



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**PARENT APP
SIGN IN NOW**

All parents/carers who have not already signed in have been sent their login details.

Please check your junk/spam and update us with your latest email.
Email: appsupport@stpetershigh.com
for support with the app and your login details.

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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22nd April

School reopens for all pupils

Friday 25th April

International Evening

Monday 28th April

Year 11 Group and Individual Photographs

Thursday 1st May

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd May

School closes for half term

Monday 2nd June

School reopens for all pupils

Thursday 12th June

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 27th June

Year 5 Day & Year 11 Prom

Monday 30th June

Year 6 Parent meetings

Friday 4th June

Year 6 Day

Thursday 10th July

KS3 Presentation Evening

Friday 11th July

25 Year Anniversary Celebration

Friday 18th July

Inclusion Open Morning

Thursday 25th July

School closes for summer at 1.30pm

CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY

On March 6th, members of the Library Team dressed as fictional characters and delivered a series of activities to pupils from across a broad range of year groups.

Year 11 pupils were invited to 'leave their legacy in the library, by writing inspirational messages on postcards and leaving them in the books that have made the greatest impact on them throughout their time at St Peter's.



Key Stage 3 Pupils all received a series of cryptic clues to help them find the golden ticket, which was hidden in a book on our shelves. They were also able to complete a character quiz and take part in a prize draw to receive Amazon book vouchers. The team and I also created a banned books display showcasing the many titles in the library catalogue that pupils in American schools are not allowed to read.



PUPILS PREPARE FOR THE MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

38 pupils in years 8 and 9 have been taking part in the project every Friday morning. They have created zines, poems, raps, photographs and films as well as a tapestry from denim swatches. All of their work will go on display during the Manchester International Festival in July.

Four pupils, Lillie, Michal, Benson and Testimony,

have been selected from our school to take part in the Factory collective. This has seen them attend a meeting at Aviva studios where they have had to work to a budget to decide on fun and creative activities that pupils from schools across Manchester, who have also taken part in the project, can do when they attend their final showcase at Aviva Studios in the summer.



YOUNG CARERS IN ACTION WITH AUTHOR KATE S MARTIN

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.



SATURDAY CLUB

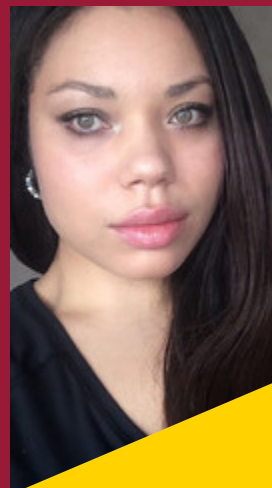
Each Saturday 18 pupils in years 8 to 11 have been attending the Society and Change Saturday clubs at MMU. Over the past two months, pupils have visited cultural venues, met with executives from Greater Manchester Transport and listened to a range of other guest speakers talk about the many issues affecting young people in the world today.

In response, pupils have produced posters, art work and poetry. Their creative outputs will go on display in London in July, as part of a special exhibition at Somerset House. We can't wait!

DANIELLE JAWANDO AUTHOR TALK

On March 4th 30 pupils in years 7 to 10 attended a talk and a workshop from award winning author, Danielle Jawando. Danielle is from Moss Side and attended Loreto High School and later, Loreto Sixth Form College. She spoke to the pupils about growing up in Moss Side and her career as a writer for Coronation Street.

Danielle's novels are set in Manchester and deal with loss, anxiety and the many challenges that teenagers face growing up. Pupils created some extremely moving poetry during her workshop and had the courage to stand up and read it to the rest of the group. Isabelle in Year 9 thought the session was "an amazing experience and I highly recommend Danielle's books". Well done to Isabelle, Shay, Evie, Oba, Musa and Jordan, who will each receive signed copies of Danielle's books for their contributions to the session.



What's Happening in the Library?

STEM

Year 8 Students Explore Robotics at the University of Manchester

Year 8 students recently visited the University of Manchester for an exciting hands-on experience with cognitive robotics. Organized with All About STEM, the trip introduced students to cutting-edge technology, artificial intelligence, and computing.

Students explored how robots learn and interact, sparking curiosity about the future of STEM. "It was inspiring to see them so engaged," said a staff member.

The school thanked All About STEM and the university for this invaluable experience, which encouraged students to explore careers in science and technology.



BBR ROOFING

St Peter's Year 9 football team is kicking off the season in style, thanks to the generous sponsorship of BBR Roofing. The company has provided brand new kits, ensuring the team looks as professional as they play.

We are incredibly grateful to BBR Roofing for their support. The players are thrilled with their new kits and can't wait to represent our school in upcoming matches.

FACTORY INTERNATIONAL

A huge thank you to Factory International and Aviva for hosting our pupils for the Factory schools collective. We enjoyed working with the pupils from other schools and sharing our ideas for what looks set to be an amazing event!



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 large Easter Egg and one lucky winner £75 Nandos card!

OUR NEW YEAR 7

Congratulations to everyone who has secured a place at St Peter's RC High School. We eagerly anticipate your arrival in September.



For further details, please check out the transition section on our website:
<https://www.stpetershigh.com/admissions/year-6-transition-area/>

BE IN TO WIN

DAILY EASTER EGG PRIZE!

YOU WILL BE ENTERED IN THE PRIZE DRAW TO WIN £75 NANDO'S VOUCHER IF YOU ARE IN FOR THE FULL WEEK!

Each day that you attend school you will be entered in a prize draw to win a **BIG EASTER EGG!**

£75 Nandos

Start: 31.03.24 - Finish: 04.04.24

Happy EASTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS

30TH JUNE 2025 PARENTS TRANSITION DAY
4TH JULY 2025 YEAR 6 TASTER DAY

COMPUTING IN THE ENVIRONMENT

7C have been enthusiastically participating in our Computing in the Environment Club this term! As part of the project, they've been planting a variety of seeds and using environmental sensors to monitor soil moisture, temperature, and light levels. This hands-on approach has helped them explore how technology can support sustainable growing practices and environmental awareness.

The students have enjoyed watching their plants begin to grow while logging data and observing how different conditions affect their development. It's been a brilliant blend of science, computing, and nature.

We're all excited to see the results in the summer term, when the flowers are in full bloom and the tomatoes are ready to harvest!

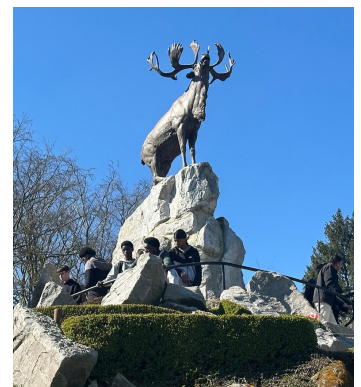


FRANCE AND BELGIUM TRIP

Year 10 History students embarked on a powerful journey through the battlefields of Belgium and France. In Ypres, they explored German and British trenches, visited the Brooding Soldier memorial, and reflected at the Menin Gate's Last Post ceremony.

On the Somme, they descended into the Wellington Quarry tunnels, visited the Newfoundland Memorial Park, and laid a wreath at the Thiepval Memorial, honouring 72,000 missing soldiers. The trip concluded at the Somme Museum in Albert, deepening their understanding of the war's impact.

A truly humbling and unforgettable experience.



SHAKESPEARE

Students got a fresh take on Shakespeare, thanks to an amazing performance by Initiate Theatre! Bringing scenes from Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, and Richard III to life, the actors made the plays feel real, intense, and totally engaging.

Students got to be part of the action! This hands-on experience made Shakespeare more fun and easier to understand.



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

During the Spring Term, Chaplaincy was involved in many events to support the Spiritual Life of St Peter's. In January, Year 8 celebrated a Year Mass to receive their CYMFED Faith In Action Bronze Award.

Sixteen Ash Wednesday Para Liturgies for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were in Chapel, led by Fr Fabias CSSp.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent was attended by over 130 pupils. Fr Joel, Fr Fabias and Fr Geoffrey, all Spiritan Priests, officiated.

Fr Joel and Mrs White are supporting our Parish Priests with their Parish Confirmation Programme, inviting them into school to meet Year 8 Parishioners and share information and forms for Parents.

The Diocese has decided that the Sacrament of Confirmation is to be delivered through the Parish with Year 8 Candidates and Parents.

The Stations of the Cross Reflection during Registration time.

On Friday, 4th April, the whole of Years 7, 8, and 9 attended the Lenten Mass in our sports hall. This was the first time we were able to gather all the students together, along with 3 Spiritans and two parish priests who are all part of the Salford Diocese, including our own Father Joel. Well done to our student readers and to all the students who immersed themselves in the Mass, showing respect and love throughout. A special thanks to our St Peter's Choir, who truly set the tone for the Mass with their beautiful singing.





THE WIZARD OF OZ

We were thrilled to celebrate our 25th Anniversary with our biggest and most exciting production yet! Over 500 students and staff came together to bring The Wizard of Oz to life, featuring performances from more than 300 Year 5 students from our partner schools.



Year 5 and Year 6 students who auditioned for leading roles joined our talented Year 7 and Year 8 cast, while over 80 Year 7 students managed makeup, costumes, lighting, and stage production with guidance from our expert Creative Arts Team.



Audiences were taken on a magical journey as Dorothy, Toto, and their companions followed the yellow brick road, facing the Wicked Witch of the West along the way. With plenty of audience participation, cheers, and boos, the show was a spectacular success!



CATERING AT COLLEGE

Our Year 9 students have been making great strides in developing their independence and life skills through a Level 1 Catering qualification at The Manchester College. This fantastic opportunity allows them to gain hands-on experience in a professional kitchen, preparing them for adulthood while building confidence in a college environment. By engaging in practical learning, they are not only enhancing their culinary skills but also developing teamwork, time management, and problem-solving abilities—essential skills for the future. Well done to all involved!



SSAT AWARDS

Our school has won two SSAT Educational Outcomes awards for 2024!

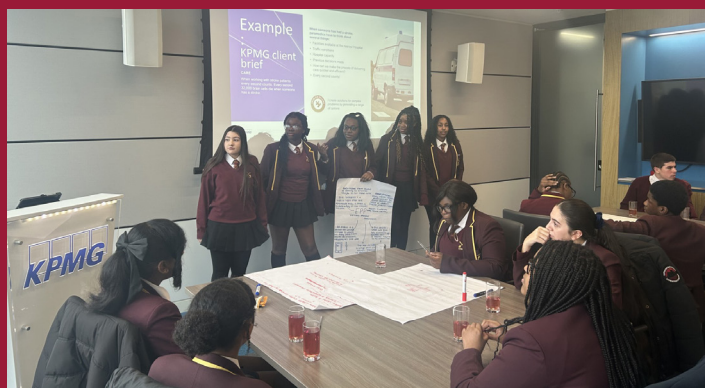
We've been recognised for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for student progress and in the top 20% of non-selective schools for student attainment in the end of KS4 exams.



OPENING DOORS

Year 10 Business students visited KPMG in February as part of the "Opening Doors to Opportunity" programme. The students were tasked with using new technologies to create a solution to a real life case study provided by a KPMG client.

Students then had to present their solutions to a panel of KPMG staff. Our students really enjoyed the experience and delivered confident and well-considered pitches.



MEDICAL MAVERICKS

Our student medics had an incredible time exploring how their bodies work in an inspiring workshop with Medical Mavericks! A fantastic opportunity to help them make informed choices about their careers and lifestyles as they prepare for college.



YEAR 11 PROM COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are delighted to share that the Year 11 Prom Committee has raised an amazing £463.08 through various fundraising activities over the past few months!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who supported us—whether you donated cakes, bought sweet treats, or helped with setting up and running the events. Your generosity and time made all the difference!

Special shoutout to Kelly and Beth, who went above and beyond by baking and beautifully decorating a huge number of cakes for us to sell. We truly appreciate your incredible effort—thank you!

Thanks again for helping us get one step closer to an unforgettable prom night!

— Year 11 Prom Committee



SPORTING SUCCESS

Football Glory for Y9 Boys

The Y9 Boys football team has had a phenomenal season, remaining unbeaten heading into the final two fixtures of the Manchester Schools Premier League. In a thrilling 5-4 victory over local rivals Wright Robinson, they secured a decisive clash against MCA. Rising to the occasion, the boys delivered a commanding 3-0 win to clinch the league title.

Their incredible form continued in the Manchester League final—once again facing Wright Robinson. In a more controlled performance, they emerged 3-2 winners, lifting their second trophy of the season. With two titles already secured, the team now sets its sights on a potential treble, with a Greater Manchester Catholic Cup semi-final showdown against Newman to come after Easter.

U14 Boys Dominate on the Court

The U14 Boys basketball team has also had a season to remember, being crowned League 1 Champions and Manchester Championship Cup winners after a dominant 63-33 win over Our Lady's. Meanwhile, both the Y7 and Y8 Jr NBA teams have progressed to the Regional Knockout rounds and eagerly await confirmation of their next opponents.

Netball Champions

In netball, the Y8 Girls celebrated a fantastic campaign by being crowned Manchester League Champions, showcasing teamwork, skill, and determination throughout the season.

Looking Ahead – Athletics Season

As the Outdoor Athletics season kicks off after Easter, hopes are high. The teams aim to build on their strong performances during the indoor season and make their mark on the track and field.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL
6PM - 9PM

Join us to
celebrate our
International
Performances!

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SUNNY SEVILLE

The Key Stage 4 Travel and Tourism pupils' week in Seville.

Spain provided them with an invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in a vibrant cultural environment. This experience was instrumental in helping them develop crucial employability skills, including communication, adaptability, teamwork, and problem-solving. Seville's rich tapestry of history, art, and tradition offered pupils a firsthand glimpse into a new culture, allowing them to engage with various customs and cuisines while fostering an appreciation for cultural diversity and awareness. They also had the chance to learn and practice basic Spanish, enhancing their linguistic skills.

Interacting with locals and fellow tourists in Seville enabled pupils to refine their interpersonal skills, build connections, and gain insights from people of different backgrounds. This enriching experience has equipped them with essential skills that are highly sought after by employers. By stepping out of their comfort zones and embracing life in a new country, these pupils have laid a strong foundation for future success, with newfound confidence that will benefit them throughout their lives.



PRIMARY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This month, our school proudly hosted the highly anticipated feeder primary schools basketball tournament, bringing together young talent from our primary pupils for an action-packed afternoon of competition and teamwork.

It was fantastic to see so many fresh-faced primary school pupils take to the court, showcasing their enthusiasm and skills while playing in teams. The atmosphere was electric, with students displaying excellent sportsmanship and determination throughout the event.

A special mention goes to our dedicated sports ambassadors, who played a crucial role in facilitating the tournament. From refereeing matches to keeping track of scores, their commitment and leadership ensured the smooth running of the event.

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament! St Brigid's emerged victorious in the cup final, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and skill. Meanwhile, St Mary's took home the plate final after a brilliant display of effort and perseverance.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:10-8:30	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	Basketball4all PE	
LUNCH PE ACTIVITIES 1:15-1:45 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 1:30-2:00	Mass All Years The Chapel Big Question Debate All Years C18 Choir All Years Music Rounders Year 7	Eco Schools All Years Chapel Classroom Football Year 7 PE English Film Club Year 7-9 D6 BookClub Year 7-9 D8, D7 Code Club Year 7-9 B12 Rounders Year 8 & 9	STEM Club All Years B2 Mass All Years The Chapel Cheerleading4all PE Rugby Year 7-9 Girls 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 Rugby Year 7-9 Girls PE African Drums Year 7, Year 8 Music Culture Club C7	Mass All Years The Chapel PE Rugby Year 7-9 Girls PE
AFTERSCHOOL	School Council Year 7-9 Library 3:20-3:50 Football4all Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball Year 8, Year 9 PE Basketball Year 7, Year 8 PE	Basketball Boys U14 PE Cricket4all Year 7-9 PE Basketball Boys Year 8-9 PE	Debate Mate Year 7-10 Basketball Year 7 Boys PE BTEC Sport P6 PE Boxing4all 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

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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