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ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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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. I am extremely proud of all our students for continually working hard and exceeding expectations.

During the next term we have a range of exciting events, including our School of Rock Performance in February. Please look out for more details about this in the new year. We also have our next set of Pre Public Examinations (mock exams) in March for our Y11 students.

Outside of the classroom, there have also been a myriad of trips (An Inspector Calls, Chester Zoo, Manchester Museum, Ainsdale Beach) 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.

Please continue to check our Edulink Parent App where you can view your child's attendance, behaviour and achievements.

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 Gabriel
Head teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th January

School reopens for all pupils

Thursday 15th January

Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February

School of Rock Performance

Thursday 12th February

School closes for half term

Monday 23rd February

School reopens for all pupils

Thursday 26th February

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 2nd April

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 2nd April

School closes Easter half term

Monday 20th April

School reopens for all pupils



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

GRAHAM SHELBY

On October 7th, we were honoured to welcome @instagrahamshelby all the way from Louisville, Kentucky to talk about his award-winning documentary City of Ali.

The film captures how Muhammad Ali's passing in 2016 united the world in celebration of a true icon — a man who stood firm in Power and Pride, echoing this year's Black History Month theme.

Graham shared his journey from speechwriting to filmmaking, gave us insights into Ali's lesser-known stories, and inspired students with his passion and wisdom.

Thank you, @instagrahamshelby, for an unforgettable experience.



AUTHOR VISIT

On 3rd October, we were delighted to welcome author Kimberley Whittam, writer of Quiet Storm — the transition read for our Year 7 pupils. Kimberley delivered a high-energy and engaging workshop to the whole year group. Pupils learned about her journey to becoming a writer and the inspiration behind her fantastic book.

A truly inspiring session that brought reading and storytelling to life!



SENIOR PREFECTS

We are delighted to introduce our Senior Prefects for the 2025–2026 academic year.

These pupils have consistently shown exemplary attendance, behaviour, and attitude since joining us in Year 7, and they are true role models within our school community.

We are proud of their commitment to St Peter's values and look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make this year.



CHRISTMAS CAROL

On Monday 15th December, our Year 7 students will be treated to a live performance of 'A Christmas Carol' during Periods 4 and 5.

This festive adaptation promises to bring the classic tale to life, celebrating the spirit of Christmas and showcasing the talents of the performers.



STUDENT REWARD COMMITTEE

We are delighted to introduce our new Student Reward Committee, a group of exceptional students who have set an impressive standard by achieving the highest achievement points while maintaining zero behaviour points. Their dedication, positive attitude, and commitment to excellence make them outstanding role models within our school community.

These students will now step into leadership roles, working together to further strengthen our reward system. They are enthusiastic about beginning this new chapter and eager to contribute fresh ideas that will help make our system even more consistent, engaging, and effective.

Going forward, each committee member will focus on a specific area of development within the reward system and work collaboratively to enhance it. With their leadership and creativity, we look forward to continued growth and a future where our reward system remains meaningful and motivating for all students.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and excited to see the positive impact they will make.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER EDITH LE RICHE

It is with great sadness that we share the news that our much-loved Family Support Officer, Sister Edith Le Riche, passed away peacefully on 11th December 2025.

Sister Edith dedicated most of her life to serving the local community and worked tirelessly to support families. Many within our school community will remember her kindness, warmth, and the lasting impact she made on the lives of staff, pupils, and parents alike.

Before joining St Peter's 15 years ago, Sister Edith taught at Barlow High School and St Richard's Primary School. During her time at St Peter's, she became a valued and cherished member of staff, working closely with the Chaplaincy, RE Faculty, Pastoral Team, and Senior Leadership Team. She also supported the school for many years as an Exam Invigilator.

Guided by her belief in "loving her neighbour as herself," Sister Edith supported families in numerous ways, including housing guidance, provision of food and essentials, and offering advice and pastoral care. She was also an enthusiastic fundraiser for her Missionary Order and generously supported the RNLI and the Seamen's Mission in Liverpool, personally delivering warm clothing donated by staff and pupils.

Despite being unwell during the past year, Sister Edith continued to visit school to spend time with staff and pupils, often sharing conversations over a hot chocolate. In September 2025, a Mass of Thanksgiving was held at St Mary's, Levenshulme, to celebrate her 25 years of service in Manchester. Shortly afterwards, she returned to her Religious Community in Canterbury.

Sister Edith will be remembered with great affection and gratitude by all who knew her. We ask our school community to keep Sister Edith and her Religious Community in your prayers.





CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTATION EVENING

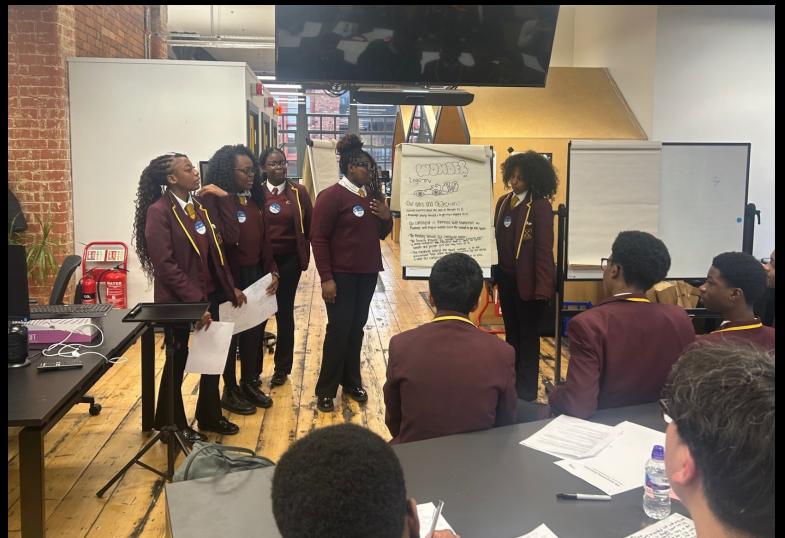
It was a pleasure to welcome students, families and staff to our Class of 2025 Presentation Evening, a wonderful celebration of achievement, commitment and growth.

We were delighted to be joined by our inspiring guest speaker, Kaiyem Cleary from Manchester Basketball, alongside former students who returned to share their experiences and encourage our current cohort. Their words provided motivation and a valuable reminder of the many pathways available to our students.

ADVERTISING UNLOCKED

Our Year 11 Business students recently took part in an exciting and enriching experience at Trunk BBI as part of the Advertising Unlocked Initiative.

Students worked collaboratively in teams to develop and pitch responses to a live brief, giving them valuable first-hand insight into the world of advertising and digital marketing. The experience helped students build confidence, creativity, and an understanding of how businesses communicate effectively with their audiences.



ST PETER'S GOT TALENT



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

On 15th December 2025, a group of our students visited the Little Sisters of the Poor care home, spending the afternoon in festive activities and friendly conversation with residents.

Our students brought smiles and joy, showing kindness and compassion while spreading holiday cheer. The care home staff and residents were delighted by their visit, and we are very proud of our students for making a real difference in the community.



OUR LOCAL FOODBANK

Two of our students delivered the Advent calendars, generously donated by our St Peter's staff and community, to the Manchester South Central Food Bank, hosted by Bridging the Gap.

Over December, we collected food donations for the Foodbank and delivered them on 18th December. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and children who contributed—your generosity is helping those in need this festive season.



AFTERNOON TEA

Year 8 students hosted a Festive Afternoon Tea on 17th December, welcoming grandparents, carers, and the community. Guests enjoyed homemade cakes, warm drinks, and festive music from the school choir.

The event, part of the students' Silver Faith in Action Award, celebrated community, gratitude, and the spirit of Christmas.

The afternoon was a heart-warming celebration of community, gratitude, and the true spirit of Christmas.



A CULTURAL ADVENTURE IN LONDON

Our Creative Arts & Technology students have had an incredible two-day cultural adventure in London!

From world-class galleries and exhibitions to diverse culinary experiences, stunning architectural landmarks, and an unforgettable live theatre performance — they saw their subjects come to life beyond the classroom.

Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and fantastic behaviour made the trip truly memorable.



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

A group of Performing Arts students went to Loreto College to Perform a 30 minute version of Much Ado About Nothing, setting their play in 1940s war time. They created an amazing performance with plenty of comic moments from Dogberry and some very serious moments between Hero and Leonato. Thank you to Mr. Price and all at Manchester college who looked after us for the whole day and well done to the full cast who are clearly on their way to being global stars!



KNIFE CRIME

A talented group of our Y9 and Y10 pupils were invited to perform their powerful Knife Crime piece at the Manchester Youth Justice Team Conference on 19th November.

Performing in front of over 100 youth team leaders and councillors, our students delivered their hard-hitting message with passion and professionalism — earning a standing ovation!

After their hugely successful debut at the Bridgewater Hall in July, they were invited back once again, and their impact continues to grow. Next month, our students will be meeting with key community and council leaders to help shape how Manchester tackles the rise in youth knife crime.

We are incredibly proud of their bravery, talent, and commitment to making a positive change in our city.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are delighted to congratulate the students who won prizes in our 12 Days of Christmas draw! To be eligible, students needed to attend school and maintain a clean behaviour record.

Well done to all the winners — your dedication and positive attitude are truly celebrated.



EXPLORING THE COAST

Our Year 11 Geographers enjoyed a valuable GCSE fieldwork trip to the coast, applying classroom learning to real-world environments. At Ainsdale Beach, students measured sand dunes and observed coastal processes, developing key data collection and analysis skills.

They then visited Southport town centre to investigate the impacts of tourism on the local environment, economy, and community.

The trip provided a memorable opportunity to build fieldwork skills and deepen understanding of coastal landscapes and tourism.



EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY

Our European Languages Day scavenger hunt was a great success, with a number of students taking part and working hard to find the languages hidden around the school. Our winners were Jasmine A-N and Julia R in 7G! Well done!

GCHQ LANGUAGES CHALLENGE

Our Year 9 linguists smashed the week-long GCHQ national languages challenge, ranking 28th in the North West out of 205 teams!

Huge well done to our brilliant students — Year 8, you're up next!



WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT MASS



GREAT GEOGRAPHY BAKE OFF

Our amazing Student Ambassadors had the tough job of judging this year's Geography Bake Off — and what a challenge it was! Every bake looked incredible and tasted delicious.

A huge well done to all our talented students who took part, and a special shoutout to the parents working hard behind the scenes to make it all happen!



CAFOD CHARITY EVENTS

A huge thank you to all our students, form tutors, and parents for your incredible support of our December charity events! From car washes, tug of wars, and "beat the goalie" challenges to sponsored silences and bake sales, your generosity and enthusiasm have been amazing.

Together, we have raised over £2,000 so far, with all funds going to @CAFOD Gaza Appeal to help rebuild homes and lives after the devastating conflict.

We are so grateful to our parents for supporting events, donating, and encouraging our young people to get involved. Thank you for helping us make a real difference!



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

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

Mr Cossadinos 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.





PROM COMMITTEE

The Year 11 Prom Committee successfully raised £375 in aid of their Year 11 Leavers' Prom.

HOOP BUS

In October, St Peter's was thrilled to welcome the Hoop Bus for an action-packed basketball session. Students participated in high-energy activities that promoted teamwork, skill development, and friendly competition, all while having a great time.

Our Careers Advisor, Mr V, also showed off his basketball talents — proving once again that he's not only a coach but a pro player too! The day was a fantastic celebration of sport, enthusiasm, and school spirit, leaving students inspired and energized.



CHESTER ZOO

Twenty aspiring Year 9 Geographers enjoyed an exciting trip to Chester Zoo, where they had the chance to see a wide variety of exotic animals up close.

A special thank you to Lucy from Chester Zoo for leading an inspiring workshop on Climate Change and Sustainability. Students learned about the incredible work being done around the world to tackle climate change and protect our planet's rich biodiversity.



WE WILL REMEMBER

On Remembrance Day, our school community came together to reflect, remember, and show respect for those who gave their lives in service. Our Remembrance Garden was the centre of a moving ceremony, led by our Site Manager, who has served in the armed forces, alongside cadets, senior prefects, and the Chaplaincy Team. Our Year 10 History students also represented St Peter's with pride at the Gorton Memorial Service.

Throughout the week, students engaged in a variety of activities to honour Remembrance Day. Our Crochet Club created beautiful poppies and raised money for charity, while Student Ambassadors sold poppies during break and lunch. Thoughtful assemblies led by the Chaplaincy Team explored the significance of this important day, and every year group took part in reflective services in the chapel.



HAMILTON

Our Year 11 pupils had an exciting opportunity to experience An Inspector Calls brought to life by Initiate Theatre. The performance offered students a deeper understanding of the plot while allowing them to connect with the emotions and perspectives of the characters.

This interactive experience not only enhanced their appreciation of the play but also supported their studies by bringing the text vividly to life. We are grateful to Initiate Theatre for providing such an inspiring and educational session.

DIGITAL SKILLS

Our Year 11 Computer Science students welcomed Ada National College for Digital Skills for an engaging session exploring post-16 pathways, including A Levels, BTECs, and T Levels.

Students took part in interactive activities such as the Crack the Code challenge, discussions around A.I. and ethics, and learning about careers in technology. Thank you to Ada College for an inspiring and informative visit.



PARTNER PRIMARIES

We are delighted to announce the winner of our Open Evening prize draw! A huge thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the competition — your support made the evening a great success.

This term, we were thrilled to welcome our partner primary school for our SPP competitions, giving students the opportunity to showcase their skills and enjoy some friendly competition. Pupils took part in activities including Futsal and Cheerleading, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and school spirit.

SPORTING SUCCESS

We currently await the School Sports Magazine publication of school rankings. St. Peters has frequently been recognized as a top performing school for Sporting success.

A list of the qualifying competitions can be found by following the link:

<https://schoolsportmag.co.uk/top-200-sports-schools-qualifying-competitions-2/>

4 students named in football representative teams: Darren Oshodi and Tade Muriwa (both Y11). Ayo Fagbenle, Wonder Njie, Willem Kirongoza and Jasper Mantato (all Y10) represent Manchester Boys and Greater Manchester Boys.

Multiple boys at football Academies including Manchester United, Burnley, Crewe, Salford, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Everton and Port Vale.

Past student Bendito Mantato (Class of 2024 – left in 2022) represented England at the U17 World Cup in Qatar in November 2025.

Indoor Athletics (Further Indoor Competitions to follow and outdoor competitions after Easter 2026):

Y10/11 Boys Indoor Athletics Team – Manchester Schools Runners-up 2025/2026

Basketball:

- U14 and U16 fixtures ongoing in the English Schools Competition. Further news on qualification will be post-Christmas
- Jr NBA Fixtures upcoming when the Draw has been published

Football:

- Y7 Boys football team have started impressively in their first term:
- Y7 R4 of English Schools
- Y8/10/11 Boys have progressed to the ¼ finals of the Manchester Cup
- Y7/10/11 Boys have progressed to the next round of the GM Catholic Cup
- Y7/8/10/11 Boys have progressed to the next round of the County Cup
- Y7/8 Girls have played competitive fixtures in the Manchester Cup
- KS3 Girls have taken part in the Manchester Schools Girls Festivals

Netball:

- Manchester League fixtures underway for Y7/8/9/11



DAY	CLUBS RUNNING (WEEK 1)
Monday	STEM Club, Chaplaincy Club, Safe Space, Choir, Y10/Y11 Performance Drop-In, Young Carers Social Group, Year 9/10/11 Netball4All, Year 7/8 Football, Year 10 Basketball, KS3 Homework Club
Tuesday	Debatemate, Science Drop-In, MFL Lunch Club (Spanish), Culture Club, KS3 Girls Netball4All, Basketball4All, Year 7-10 Girls Basketball, Eco Committee, Chess Mate with MGS, IDEA Hub Xtra, Computing Intervention
Wednesday	Quiet Reading for Y7, KS3 Photography Club, Geoguessr Club, Worship Team, Year 7-10 Netball Teams (Girls), Year 9 Basketball, KS3 Homework Club, Y8 + Y9 Performing Arts Club
Thursday	Mindfulness Colouring for Y7, Film Club, KS4 Art Intervention, KS4 Textiles Intervention, KS4 Photography Intervention, KS3 History Club, Jazz Band, School Musical (School of Rock), Girls Football4All, Year 9/10 Football, Year 8 Basketball, KS4 Study Room, My Money Matters, Y10-11 Intervention
Friday	Big Sound, School Musical (School of Rock), Y10/Y11 Written Work Drop-In, Yr 11 Business Drop-In, KS4 Study Room, Year 7 Basketball, Cheerleading
Daily / Multi-Day	Crochet Club, Board Games Fun, SEND KS3 Homework Club, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, Games and Giggles, KS3 Astro4All, KS4 Maths Homework Help, KS3 Maths Homework Club

DAY	CLUBS RUNNING (WEEK 2)
Monday	STEM Club, Chaplaincy Club, Safe Space, Choir, Y10/Y11 Performance Drop-In, Young Carers Social Group, KS3 Lunchtime Homework Club, KS3 Astro4All, KS4 Maths Homework Help, KS3 Maths Homework Club, SEND KS3 Homework Club, Crochet Club, Board Games Fun, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, Games and Giggles, Year 7/8 Football, Year 10 Basketball
Tuesday	Debatemate, Mindfulness Colouring (A Chadwick), Science Drop-In, MFL Lunch Club (French), Eco Committee, Chess Mate with MGS, KS3 Girls Netball4All, Basketball4All, Year 7-10 Girls Basketball, IDEA Hub Xtra, Y11 Computing Intervention, KS3 Lunchtime Homework Club, KS3 Astro4All, KS4 Maths Homework Help, KS3 Maths Homework Club, SEND KS3 Homework Club, Crochet Club, Board Games Fun, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, Games and Giggles, Science Drop-In (B6)
Wednesday	Mindfulness Colouring for Y7 (S Saba), MFL Lunch Club (Spanish), KS3 ART Club, KS3 Textiles Club (Week 2), Geoguessr Club, KS4 History Club, Worship Team, Y8 + Y9 Performing Arts Club, Year 9 Basketball, Girls Football4All, KS3 Lunchtime Homework Club, KS3 Astro4All, KS4 Maths Homework Help, KS3 Maths Homework Club, SEND KS3 Homework Club, Crochet Club, Board Games Fun, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, Games and Giggles
Thursday	Year 11 English Drop-In, Mindfulness Colouring (C Chapman), Film Club, KS4 ART Intervention, KS4 Textiles Intervention, KS4 Photography Intervention, Jazz Band, School Musical (School of Rock), Y7 Performing Arts Club, Computing and the Environment, Year 7-10 Girls Football, Year 9/10 Football, Year 8 Basketball, Cheerleading, Basketball4All, KS4 Lunchtime Study Room, KS3 Astro4All, KS4 Maths Homework Help, KS3 Maths Homework Club, SEND KS3 Homework Club, Crochet Club, Board Games Fun, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, Games and Giggles
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Daily / Multi-Day	KS3 Astro4All, KS4 Maths Homework Help, KS3 Maths Homework Club, SEND KS3 Homework Club, Crochet Club, Board Games Fun, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, Games and Giggles

Available Foodbanks:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L3WQBoS4t9uMQDKDANByfa-big7pNDBMD>

Free or cheap places to eat with children over the Christmas holidays:

Supermarkets & Cafés (Great All-Rounders)
 Asda & Morrisons Cafés: Famous for £1 kids' meals or free with adult spend, often running all year, including Christmas.
 M&S Café: Free kids' meal (main, snack, drink) with £5 adult spend in-store.
 Dunelm: Free kids' meal (main, 2 snacks, drink) with £4 adult spend.
 Pub Chains (Reliable Deals)
 Hungry Horse: Kids often eat for £1 with a paying adult, check their specific Christmas deals.
 Sizzling Pubs: Kids' main meal for £1 with an adult main purchase (often 3-7 PM weekdays).
 Beefeater & Brewers Fayre: Kids under 16 eat free breakfast with a paying adult's unlimited cooked breakfast.
 Table Table & Whitbread Inns: Also part of the free breakfast deal.
 Toby Carvery: Kids eat for £1 with an adult main via their app.

Family Restaurants & More

Bella Italia: Kids often eat for £1 (3 courses + drink) with adult main purchase (check specific Christmas hours/days).
 TGI Fridays: Kids eat free for Stripes Rewards members with an adult main.
 The Real Greek: Kids eat free on Sundays (under 12s) with £10 adult spend.
 Dobbies Garden Centres: Kids' lunch often available for around £1 or free.
 YO! Sushi: Check for kids' deals during holidays.
 IKEA: Often has deals on kids' meals.
Tips for Christmas 2025
 Check Websites: Deals change, so always visit the restaurant's website for current Christmas offers before you go.
 Download Apps: Many deals (like Toby Carvery, TGI Fridays) require downloading their app.
 Look for Holiday Specifics: Some £1 deals are weekday-only, but Christmas holidays often extend them.



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2024/25 Academic Year



St Peter's RC High School

Top 10% of all FFT Secondary Schools in England

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