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'Striving for excellence in all that we do'

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the Summer Term, I want to take a moment to reflect on another successful year of growth and learning for both your child and our wider school community. I am immensely proud of our pupils — their dedication to their studies and the way they've embraced opportunities both in and out of the classroom has been truly inspiring.

As you are aware, the school recently had its Ofsted Inspection. The inspection went very well, and we will be able to share the final report with you in the next academic year. The students behaved impeccably during the inspection and we are very proud of how they presented themselves.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in your child's success, and we're deeply grateful. To stay up to date with school news, reports, attendance, and more, please ensure you've downloaded our Parent app EduLink.

Results Day for Year 11 will take place on Thursday 20th August. We are hoping that all our students receive the best results possible and go on to pursue their hopes and dreams.

I hope you and your family enjoy a restful, happy holiday together.

God bless,

Mr S Gabriel
Head teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd September

School reopens for all pupils

Tuesday 8th September

Year 7 Photographs

Thursday 17th September

Open Evening

Friday 23rd October

School closes for half term

A colorful graphic for the EduLinkone Parent App. At the top, it says 'ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL' and 'edulinkone'. Below this, there are icons for 'Timetable', 'Behaviour', 'Homework', 'Achievements', 'Calendar', 'Reports', and 'Attendance'. In the center, there's a smartphone displaying the app interface. At the bottom, it says 'PARENT APP SIGN IN NOW' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'All parents/carers who have not already signed in have been sent their login details.' and 'Please check your junk/spam and update us with your latest email.' The email address 'Email: appsupport@stpetershigh.com' is provided, followed by '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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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

Celebrating Culture, Creativity and Community

Our recent multicultural celebrations brought the school together for a vibrant programme of events showcasing literature, heritage, creativity and community spirit. The week was planned, developed and run by the School Council and Library Team, whose hard work, enthusiasm and attention to detail helped make each event a success.

A highlight of the week was a visit from author Diana Anyakwo, who spoke to pupils from Years 7 to 10 about her work, her experiences as a writer and the inspiration behind her stories. Pupils had the opportunity to hear directly from a published author, ask thoughtful questions and learn more about the writing and publishing process. Diana's warmth, honesty and enthusiasm made the sessions engaging and inspiring, encouraging pupils to recognise the value of their own stories and experiences.

The celebrations continued with our Teach Your Culture stalls, where pupils proudly shared elements of their cultures with the wider school community. The theatre was transformed into a colourful and welcoming space filled with displays, activities, food, music and traditional items. Pupils spoke confidently about their heritage and enjoyed learning from one another. The stalls created a wonderful atmosphere of curiosity, pride and respect, while also raising money for Manchester Young Carers.

The week concluded in style with our Multicultural Fashion Show. Pupils took to the catwalk wearing traditional clothing and outfits celebrating cultures from across the world. The show was full of colour, confidence and energy, with each participant representing their heritage with great pride. We were delighted to welcome judges from the Manchester Fashion Institute, who helped make the event feel even more special.

The fashion show was a joyful celebration of identity and creativity, and the support from the audience created a fantastic atmosphere. Most importantly, the events gave pupils the opportunity to share their cultures, learn from one another and celebrate the diversity that makes our school community so special.

A huge thank you to the School Council, Library Team, pupils, staff and guests whose contributions made the week so memorable and successful.





CURIOUS MINDS

Curious Minds, Critical Thinkers: Year 9 Philosophy Workshops

As part of a collaboration, led by Ms Conerney, final year students at Manchester Metropolitan University studying Philosophy designed and delivered a series of workshops exploring some of life's biggest questions. From what is Philosophy? to discussions around utilitarianism, ethics and ontology, our pupils were challenged to think deeply, articulate ideas and engage with complex concepts in a meaningful way.

These sessions went beyond subject knowledge. They encouraged curiosity, critical thinking and the confidence to question – skills that sit at the heart of a strong education.

Philosophy, at its core, teaches us how to think, rather than what to think. For our Year 9 students this experience not only enriched their learning but also broadened their horizons, introducing them to a subject and ways of thinking they may not have previously considered.

And the result? Thoughtful discussion, genuine engagement and students rising to the challenge – proving that when given the opportunity, they are more than capable of grappling with big ideas.

SHARP PROJECT

Eighteen pupils from Years 8 to 11 have been actively During the Summer Term, all Year 10 Enterprise and Marketing students participated in one of two enriching enrichment opportunities. Students either visited The Sharp Project in Manchester to gain an insight into careers within the digital media sector or attended an in-school workshop delivered by a professional branding consultant.

Both experiences enhanced students' understanding of the principles of effective branding, the importance of enterprise skills in a competitive business environment, and the diverse range of career pathways available within the digital marketing industry. These

opportunities provided valuable real-world context to classroom learning, enabling students to develop a greater appreciation of the skills, knowledge, and attributes required for success in the creative and digital sectors.



SPORTS DAY





FAITH-FILLED PILGRIMAGE

Over the May Bank Holiday weekend, our Year 9 students enjoyed a memorable pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (Holy Island) with the Diocese of Salford.

Known as the "Cradle of Christianity in the North", Lindisfarne provided a unique opportunity for students to deepen their faith through prayer, reflection and time spent with God. Blessed with beautiful weather and stunning scenery, the pilgrimage offered moments of peace, fellowship and spiritual growth in a place of great historical and religious significance.

The visit was a truly enriching experience, leaving students with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation of their faith.



STUDY SKILLS

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been taking part in study skills sessions designed to support independent learning, revision and exam preparation.

The sessions have focused on helping students develop effective study habits, build confidence and strengthen the skills needed to achieve success both in the classroom and beyond. Through practical strategies and guided activities, students have been encouraged to become more independent and reflective learners.

Well done to all of our students for their excellent engagement, enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the sessions.

NEXGEN



SNE STUDIOS
NEXT GEN FILM ACTIVATION





SNE STUDIOS

This year, St Peter's RC High School has been proud to work in partnership with SNE Film Studios to provide students with a unique and highly valuable insight into the professional film industry. Through an eight-week filmmaking programme, students developed practical skills in camera operation, lighting, sound recording, editing, storytelling and script development while working directly alongside industry professionals.

The programme culminated in a prestigious red-carpet premiere at Manchester Central Library, where students had the opportunity to showcase their work to families, friends and members of the wider community. For many students, this was their first experience of seeing professional-quality work they had helped create presented in a public venue. What makes this project particularly significant is that it has opened doors that many of our young people may never previously have considered possible.

Students gained first-hand experience of careers within the creative industries and developed confidence, ambition and professional skills that will support them in future education and employment. Several students have expressed an interest in pursuing careers in film, media and digital production as a direct result of their involvement. After collaborating on a previous film production with SNE, the strength of the partnership, the professionalism of our students and the success of the filmmaking programme resulted in SNE Film Studios selecting St Peter's for a pilot project valued at approximately £11,500 per participating student. This demonstrates the confidence that industry professionals have in our students and the quality of opportunities being provided.

The success of this pilot programme has created a strong foundation for future collaborations. It represents our commitment to raising aspirations, broadening horizons and ensuring that St Peter's students have access to opportunities that inspire them to achieve their full potential.

GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS EXPLORE, INVESTIGATE AND ACHIEVE

It has been another exciting term for Geography at St Peter's, with students across Key Stages 3 and 4 taking part in a range of enriching learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom.

Year 10 Fieldwork at Salford Quays

Year 10 Geographers visited Salford Quays to investigate regeneration through fieldwork, questionnaires and environmental surveys. The day ended with a visit to the Imperial War Museum North, where students explored the impact of war on migration, displacement and globalisation.

Year 9 Visit the University of Manchester

A group of Year 9 students attended the Young People's Humanitarianism Conference at the University of Manchester. Through an interactive disaster management challenge, they worked alongside experts to explore how Geography helps communities respond to real-world emergencies.

Year 7 Geography Researchers

Year 7 students carried out biodiversity fieldwork across the school grounds, analysing their findings and presenting their conclusions. They also uploaded their observations to the international citizen science platform iNaturalist, contributing to global biodiversity research.

GeoSnaps Competition

More than 50 students entered our GeoSnaps photography competition, celebrating the Geography found all around us. Congratulations to our winners: Bana (Year 7), Stephanie (Year 7) and Arushi (Year 8), whose photographs have been turned into a commemorative postcard.

Celebrating Success

Over 40 Key Stage 3 students were recognised as our Outstanding Geographers this term for achieving excellent test results or making exceptional progress. Congratulations to all of our award winners for their hard work and commitment.



PRESENTATION EVENING



SPORTING SUCCESS

It has been a fantastic year for sport at St Peter's, with students achieving outstanding success in athletics and basketball.

Athletics Success

Our Year 7 athletics team impressed at the City-Wide Athletics Competition at Sports City. The girls' team were crowned overall champions, while the boys' team finished 2nd overall. Students also won numerous individual medals across the track and field events. Congratulations to all of our athletes on their fantastic performances.

Junior NBA Success

Our basketball teams also enjoyed an exceptional season. St Peter's was the only school in the North West of England to be represented in both the Year 7 and Year 8 Junior NBA Final 4 tournaments. Our Year 8 team secured an impressive 3rd place, with both teams representing the school with great skill, determination and sportsmanship.



MORE THAN WORDS"

Our Language pupils enjoyed a fantastic and inspiring trip to the Pearson More Than Words event at the iconic Etihad Stadium. The day celebrated the value of language learning and the exciting opportunities it can create. Pupils were inspired by engaging guest speakers, the entertaining Languages Got Talent showcase, and a vibrant Language Fair, where they explored future study, travel, and career pathways.

A huge congratulations to Elise (8G) and Pamilerin (9G), who confidently took to the stage in front of over 500 people to perform a poem in their home languages, Polish and Yoruba, and to Jason (7F), who represented the school brilliantly by taking part in an interview at the end of the day. The experience reminded everyone that languages are so much more than words—they are a way to connect with others, celebrate cultures, build confidence, and open doors to exciting opportunities around the world.

A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT

Huge congratulations to our talented Year 9 historians, whose hard work and creativity have been recognized in a prestigious history competition run in collaboration with the University of Manchester.

After months of researching, planning, writing and producing documentaries, two St Peter's entries were selected as winners by History professors at the University of Manchester: Manchester Football – Jayden & Aaron and Manchester Music – Nicole, Simone & Anabel

As a result of their success, all participating students have been invited to an awards ceremony at the University of Manchester to celebrate their achievements.

We are also delighted to recognize our honorable mentions: Manchester Diversity – Pola, Aneesa, Pamilerin & Kaitlyn, The Art of Manchester – Gianna, Nora, Zainab, Elizabeth, Sophia & Precious and History Today – Danielle, Phoebe & Nicole

We are incredibly proud of all the students involved and grateful to the staff who supported them throughout this fantastic project. Their dedication, teamwork and passion for history have been truly inspiring.

WATCH THE FILM:

<https://youtu.be/yNIE8gxIA5c?si=6t2Yk164pcmLON4F>





Lives Not Knives: A Student Voice Driving Change

One of the most significant and impactful projects undertaken at St Peter's RC High School this year has been the development of Lives Not Knives, a powerful student-led initiative addressing the devastating consequences of knife crime.

The project began as a theatre performance commissioned by the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership. Following extensive research conducted with Year 9 students, a thought-provoking production was developed that explored the realities of youth violence and its impact on individuals, families and communities.

The success of the performance led to funding from community organisations, enabling the project to evolve into a professionally produced short film in partnership with Moving Parts Media. Throughout the process, students worked alongside professional filmmakers and were involved in every stage of production. They interviewed individuals directly affected by knife crime, including victims, families and those with lived experience. These powerful conversations helped students gain a deeper understanding of the long-lasting consequences of violence and the importance of making positive choices. Created by young people, for young people, Lives Not Knives combines real-life testimonies, personal experiences and messages of hope. The film encourages reflection, challenges attitudes towards violence and promotes responsibility, resilience and respect for life.

The film received outstanding feedback at the Manchester Safeguarding Conference and celebrated its Manchester premiere this week to an audience of education, safeguarding and community leaders. The emotional response from viewers highlighted the authenticity and impact of the students' work. The ambition for the project is now even greater. Designed for pupils in Y5 and above, the aim is to ensure that Lives Not Knives is shown in every primary and secondary school across Manchester as a key educational resource supporting knife crime prevention. Discussions are also underway regarding a wider national rollout, with the vision of reaching schools across the United Kingdom. This project represents an exceptional example of pupil leadership, creativity, citizenship and social responsibility. Most importantly, it demonstrates how young people can be powerful agents for change, using their voices to help create safer communities for future generations.

MUSIC TOUR





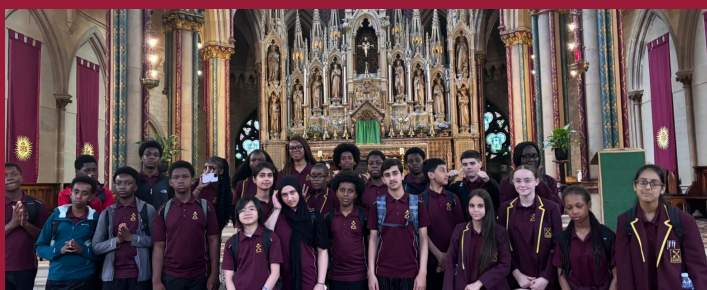
A MUSIC OF SUMMER

It has been an unforgettable term for music at St Peter's, with students showcasing their talent both at home and abroad.

In the penultimate week of the summer term, 43 talented musicians enjoyed an unforgettable four-day music tour to Belgium. The trip included a canal cruise through the picturesque city of Bruges, an inspiring tour and workshop at the renowned Concertgebouw Brugge, and two open-air concerts. Our Steel Pan Group, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Rock Fusion Group and Gospel Choir performed to enthusiastic audiences, representing St Peter's with pride and professionalism.

We are also incredibly proud of our Gospel Choir, who delivered a fantastic performance at the Vocal Showcase held at Victoria Baths as part of a collaboration between One Education and the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM). The evening was a wonderful celebration of music, creativity and talent, with our students performing with confidence, enthusiasm and passion.

Mr Cosadinos would like to thank all of our student musicians for their commitment, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour throughout these events. A special thank you also goes to the staff who supported both the Belgium tour and the Vocal Showcase. Congratulations to everyone involved for representing St Peter's so brilliantly and making these experiences such memorable successes.



SUMMER SOUNDS





To round off the summer term and celebrate another successful year of musical achievement at St Peter's, the Music Department hosted its annual Summer Sounds concert. The evening showcased the ensembles that had recently returned from the Belgium Music Tour, alongside performances from the Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Group, String Sinfonia and four Steel Pan Groups. The concert concluded with a spectacular performance of Viva La Vida by Coldplay, featuring almost 50 students and bringing a fantastic evening of music to a memorable close.

Mr Cosadinos would like to thank all of the students for their hard work, commitment and outstanding performances throughout the year. Special thanks are also extended to our team of instrumental teachers, whose expertise, encouragement and dedication continue to inspire our young musicians and make events such as this possible.





PARTNER PRIMARIES

This term, St Peter's RC High School has been delighted to welcome pupils from our partner primary schools through a range of events designed to support a smooth and exciting transition to secondary school.

Our annual Year 5 Sports Day brought together pupils for a day of fun, teamwork and friendly competition, giving them a chance to experience the welcoming spirit of St Peter's. We were also proud to host our Primary Culture Conference, celebrating diversity, creativity and the rich cultures within our school communities through engaging activities and shared learning.

Our Year 6 Taster Day gave pupils the opportunity to experience lessons, meet staff and explore life at St Peter's, while our Year 6 Transition Meetings provided parents and carers with valuable information and reassurance ahead of September.

These events reflect our commitment to working closely with our partner primary schools and families to ensure every child feels confident, supported and ready for the next stage of their education. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils in September and seeing them flourish as part of the St Peter's family.



PASSION FOR GORTON

We are incredibly proud of all our St Peter's pupils who took part in the Passion for Gorton performance on Good Friday. Their dedication, confidence and enthusiasm shone throughout, making the event a memorable and meaningful occasion for everyone involved.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Father Kevin Murphy for his beautiful guitar accompaniment and heartfelt solo, which added a truly moving and fitting touch to the performance. His contribution helped create a reflective and uplifting atmosphere, making the occasion even more special.

Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school so wonderfully.



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHERS BRING LEARNING TO LIFE



Our Year 10 geographers enjoyed a rewarding field trip, making the most of the sunshine while bringing their classroom learning to life.

During the visit, students carried out questionnaires and surveys and explored regeneration sites they have been studying in class. The experience provided an excellent opportunity to apply their geographical knowledge and develop valuable fieldwork skills in a real-world setting.

The day concluded with a thought-provoking visit to the Imperial War Museum North, where students explored the impact of war on migration, displacement and globalization. This inspiring visit encouraged students to reflect on the wider social and geographical issues that shape our world.

BAKING COMPETITION

As part of this year's inter-house competitions, students took part in a baking challenge, creating and decorating cakes inspired by their house and our school values.

The competition attracted an impressive range of entries, with students demonstrating outstanding creativity, skill and attention to detail. The high standard of the cakes made judging incredibly difficult, and it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and effort from everyone who participated.

Congratulations to Pankhurst, who were crowned the winners of the competition. Well done to all the students who took part and helped make the event such a fantastic celebration of creativity, teamwork and house pride.



BUILDING BRIDGES

Our Chaplaincy Team enjoyed a meaningful visit to Savio House, where they took part in a day of reflection centered on the theme of Building Bridges.

Throughout the day, students explored the importance of kindness, respect and building positive relationships within our school and the wider community. Through a range of engaging activities and discussions, they reflected on how they can strengthen connections with others and live out our shared school values in their daily lives.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone at Savio House for hosting such a memorable and inspiring day. The experience provided our students with valuable opportunities for personal growth, reflection and faith development, and will leave a lasting impact on all who attended.

JEWISH FAITH

As part of their GCSE Religious Education studies, our Year 10 students recently visited Manchester's Menorah Synagogue to explore Jewish worship, beliefs and community life.

Students had the opportunity to meet members of the Progressive Jewish community, tour the synagogue and learn about the importance of the Torah in Jewish faith and practice. They also engaged in thoughtful discussions, asking questions and gaining valuable first-hand insight into Jewish traditions and customs.

A highlight of the visit was learning about the beginning of Shabbat, including the Kiddush blessing and the sharing of bread and wine (or grape juice in our case!). This experience helped students connect their classroom learning with real-world religious practice.





STEM FUTURES

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students recently attended Festival Day at Manchester Metropolitan University, where they took part in a range of hands-on STEM challenges, explored careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and met employers from a variety of industries.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to develop new skills, discover future career pathways, and gain valuable insight into the exciting opportunities available within STEM. It was an inspiring and engaging experience that encouraged pupils to think about their future aspirations.



IN INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

Students enjoyed a fantastic day of inter-house competition, making the most of the warm weather while taking part in a variety of exciting activities.

The competitions were a wonderful opportunity for students to work together, demonstrate their team spirit and represent their houses with enthusiasm and pride. It was fantastic to see such high levels of participation, encouragement and positive sportsmanship throughout the week.



LANGUAGES

Year 9 Modern Foreign Languages students enjoyed an exciting and inspiring day at the University of Manchester as part of the UMILAP program.

The visit began with an engaging talk, highlighting the many benefits of studying languages, before students took part in a German language taster session and enjoyed a guided tour of the university campus. The day concluded with a creative subtitling activity, giving pupils the opportunity to apply their language skills in a fun and practical way.

The experience provided students with a valuable insight into language learning at a higher level, while also offering a glimpse into university life. It was an enjoyable and enriching day that encouraged pupils to think about the opportunities that learning languages can open up in the future.



A WEEK OF CELEBRATION AT ST PETER'S



DIVERSITY COUNCIL VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD

In June, our Diversity Council visited the University of Salford to take part in a cultural zine workshop.

Students explored identity, culture and inclusion through creative writing and art, producing their own zines to celebrate diversity and self-expression. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills and reflect on the importance of belonging and inclusion.



THE LAST WEEK OF TERM!

A Day of Curriculum Exploration and Engagement

The final week of term began with a special Curriculum Engagement Day, where students enjoyed a range of exciting learning experiences that went beyond the national curriculum.

Throughout the day, departments planned creative and interactive activities designed to spark curiosity, encourage collaboration and inspire a love of learning. From practical challenges to thought-provoking projects, students had the opportunity to develop new skills, explore different subjects and experience learning in fresh and engaging ways.

The day showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of both our staff and students, highlighting our commitment to providing a broad and enriching education. We were delighted to see such excellent participation, positive attitudes and a genuine enthusiasm for learning across the school.

A Day of Fun, Fitness and Teamwork

Students enjoyed an action-packed Activities Day, arriving in their PE kits ready to take part in six exciting 45-minute sessions designed to keep everyone active, engaged and working together.

Each form group followed a different timetable, giving every student the opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities. From ballet and inflatable football to escape rooms, Just Dance, Total Wipeout and many more challenges, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The day was filled with laughter, energy and enthusiasm as students embraced new experiences, built confidence and strengthened friendships. Activities Day was a fantastic opportunity for our students to step outside their comfort zones, develop teamwork skills and create lasting memories together.

Celebrating Our St Peter's Values

Wednesday saw students take part in our annual Values Day, celebrating the four values that lie at the heart of our school community: Achievement, Love, Responsibility and Diversity.

Throughout the day, lessons focused on one of these core values, with engaging activities encouraging students to reflect on how they can live out these principles both in school and beyond.

Through discussion, creativity and teamwork, students explored what it means to be part of the St Peter's family, recognising how our values help them develop their individual talents, make positive choices and prepare for life beyond school.

Values Day provided a wonderful opportunity for reflection and celebration, reinforcing the importance of our shared commitment to striving for excellence in all that we do.

KS3 Students Shine at Sports Day

On Thursday, our KS3 students travelled to Belle Vue Speedway Stadium for an exciting Sports Day, proudly representing their houses in a range of athletic and team events.

Students competed in activities including the 600-metre race, javelin, long jump, obstacle races and tug of war, with competitors from every form contributing valuable points towards their house totals. Throughout the day, students encouraged one another, celebrated success and demonstrated outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with pupils showing determination, resilience and respect in every event. Sports Day was a fitting celebration of physical achievement, house spirit and the strong sense of community that makes St Peter's such a special place.

Celebrating House Success

The final day of term concluded with special House Assemblies, celebrating the achievements, dedication and successes of our students throughout the year.

Led by staff from our four houses—Mandela, Malala, Turing and Pankhurst—the assemblies recognised the many accomplishments of students across academic, sporting and enrichment activities. Each house reflected on a successful year while celebrating the teamwork, commitment and enthusiasm shown during Sports Day and throughout the school year.

A highlight of the assemblies was the announcement of the overall House Champions:

House Winners: MANDELA

The celebrations reflected our shared values of Achievement, Love, Responsibility and Diversity, recognising the many ways our students have contributed to the life of the school and supported one another throughout the year.

To round off a fantastic academic year, students finished at 1.30pm to begin a well-deserved summer break.

We are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved this year and wish all members of our St Peter's family a safe, happy and restful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another year of learning, growth and success.



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