

S. Peter's Collegiate School

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-Parent Bulletin-



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It was a very busy week last week at S. Peter's and we achieved a great deal.

Having successfully managed the return of students to school in September we made the decision that it was now an appropriate time to re-instate form times, PSHE and worship as a crucial part of our students' day.

Alongside this we also managed to safely facilitate being able to open up Technology lessons (practicals) for all students, as well as incorporating additional ICT for Sixth Form study and practical Science lessons for Year 10's. These incremental changes were well-planned and I am grateful to the staff and students for their determination to make this work.

This week we commemorated Remembrance Day. It wasn't the normal S. Peter's way of celebrating (due to Covid-19) - but Mr Peacock played a fabulous rendition of the Last Post and all students observed the two minute's silence impeccably.

I am delighted to announce some key appointments within the school that took place in the last week. Congratulations to both Miss Helen Wheatcroft and Mr Rod Walker who have joined the Senior Leaderships team for the remainder of this academic year in the position of Assistant Principal i/c Teaching & Learning. These appointments are crucial to ensuring the quality of what happens in the classroom remain a key priority. I would also like to welcome Miss Tiffany Warburton who joined the Mathematics department last week, we hope she settles well and enjoys her move to S. Peter's.

Mrs Caroline Harding-Jack, who formerly was responsible for Safeguarding across the Thomas Telford group Schools, has joined the Governing Body. Having previously worked alongside Caroline, I am in no doubt that she will provide excellent guidance, support and challenge in her role and I am delighted to have such a well-respected and knowledgeable person in post.

Looking forward can I express my sincere gratitude to all the parents who nominated themselves for the Parents Advisory Council. We received many more nominations than expected and I will be in touch next week to communicate the next steps going forward.

It is now that time of year when it gets much darker and also significantly colder. Can I please ask everyone that if you are biking to and from school to make sure that you have lights and can I encourage all students to wear a coat to school.

Whilst in September, my intention was to ensure a safe return to school for all students following the enforced absence due to the first lockdown. I made this the priority over uniform at that time, due to a recognition of mental health awareness and the financial impact on families due to the Covid-19 virus.

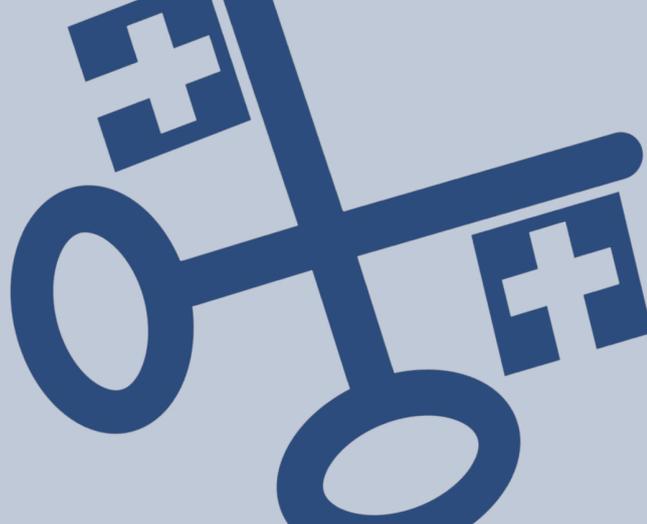
I am now becoming very aware that certain standards of uniform need to be addressed. Can I please remind you, the following items are not to be worn in school - hoodies, trainers and headphones.

During the coming week, numerous checks on uniform will be carried out to ensure that our high standards and expectations are upheld. Please can I ask for your support in this matter.

I look forward to writing with more key developments and positive news next week.

REMINDERS:

- On Wednesday 2nd December the school will be closed to students for a Deep Clean. All staff will be working on being prepared for a consistent approach to on-line and virtual learning on this day
- Have you signed up for our Parent app yet? Email speters@speters.org.uk for more information



SPOTLIGHT ON MFL— Miss Wheatcroft

Key Stage 3: Día de los muertos

We love to incorporate culture into pupils' learning in Modern Languages. Last week, Key Stage 3 classes and Mrs Cox's enrichment club focused on Día de los Muertos. Far from being a Mexican version of Halloween, its roots lie in the country's Aztec roots over 3000 years ago. Pupils are able to relate their learning to history, geography and art, and enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences between Mexican and British culture.

Find out more and practice your Spanish using the lesson resource [here](#)

More links Here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxXQL5qPZZ0>

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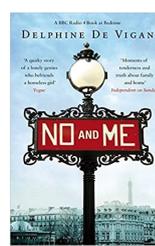
A level French

We have a fantastic A level group this year, which includes students from S. Peter's, St. Edmund's Catholic Academy and The King's Academy.

We are currently studying the topic of marginalisation with a focus on homelessness, which is an issue about which our school cares deeply.

We will begin reading the book *No et Moi (No and Me)* next week, a great short read available in both French and English, which explores the social and economic divide in modern-day Paris.

English: [Click Here](#) French: [Click Here](#)



NEW LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS START

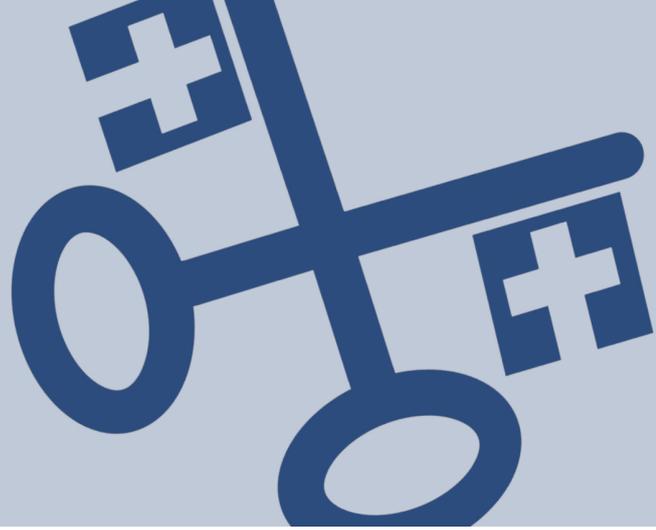
We are thrilled to welcome our Spanish and French language assistants. Despite the changing situation across the world, Eva and Erine travelled from Spain and France to Wolverhampton at the end of August, worked diligently from their new accommodation on videos and display resources during their quarantine period, and are now beginning their exam-group support and intervention sessions.

We are very fortunate to be able to work with our British Council assistants each year and believe that their contribution to the pupils' learning, the Modern Languages department and the school community is extensive. S. Peter's pupils see a young person working outside of their own country, improving their language skills and stepping outside of their comfort zone. This provides a real example of global mobility and how 'just speaking English' is not going to offer them the wealth of opportunities that are available in the wider world, beyond Wolverhampton.

Watch their welcome videos here: [Link 1](#) [Link 2](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 16/11/2020 - ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING
- 16/11/2020–YEAR 12 PARENTS EVENING WEEK
- 23/11/2020–YEAR 8 NATIONAL ENTERPRISE
- 2/12/2020–SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS



BUSINESS LANGUAGE WINNERS (FRENCH)

Back in 2019, a team of six pupils (Lily-May Marston, Evie Hardwick, Aimee Nicklin, Olivia Porter, Harry Sixsmith, Libby Yeomans) from current Year 11 attended a Business Language Champions competition at RAF Cosford.

The aim of the day was to put languages into context within the world of work and the wider world, and the RAF provided the ideal opportunities to explore the vast range of opportunities that are on offer.

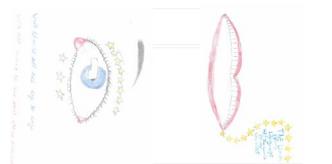
Twelve teams were present, representing schools from across the midlands, all using either French, German or Spanish to complete a number of challenges during the day. These included designing a parachute, writing a desert survival guide, a team building activity, and a Russian taster session, all whilst being observed by RAF staff and event organisers. Pupils also spent time finding out about roles in the RAF which require or promote the acquisition of foreign languages; a tornado navigator, a submarine tracker, an RAF linguist, a community liaison officer and a trainee engineer. Unfortunately we were unable to return for our 24 hours RAF experience, which was to include an overnight stay, due to staffing issues followed by Covid-19 restrictions.

However BLC has kindly offered an Amazon voucher for each pupil, on top of the prizes awarded at the event.

European Day of Languages T-Shirt Winners

During the first half term, Year 7 took part in a number of lessons in the lead up to the European Day of Languages on 26th September. We discussed what a language is, how languages evolve, foreign language music, identity and much more, and ended with a number of pupils submitting excellent T-shirt designs.

The top eight designs were whittled down to three, which will be entered into the Europe-wide competition. Mr Arnold awarded pupils (pictured right) their certificates and prizes this week and his overall winner will win a T-shirt printed with their design.



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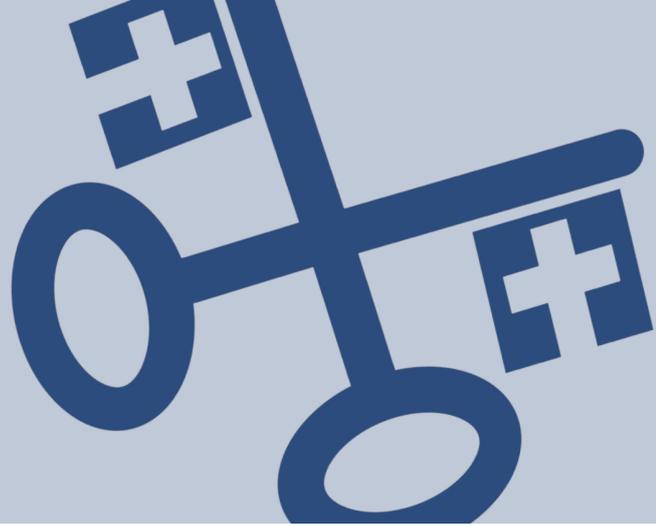
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SIXTH FORM NEWS

In Sixth Form its that time of year where the UCAS application process is on everyone's mind.

Student meetings have already started to take place, with staff advising students on the process and how to improve their applications. A number of students have already sent their applications off with some already receiving offers, which is great news!

With the current restrictions many Universities and Apprenticeship providers are offering virtual tours and events giving young people a taste of what to expect.

In school students now have access to subject specific teaching spaces allowing them to participate in practical studies and use ICT facilities.

Mrs Tranter our Careers lead in school is working with Sixth Form students on the Work Experience programme, which we encourage all of our students to participate in.

And finally, we are delighted this week to be able to announce our new Sixth Form student leadership team.

Our appointments are; Kasharn Samuels (Head Boy), Joshua Smith(Deputy Head Boy), Tolulope Jide-Ojo(Head Girl), Rachel Towner(Deputy Head Girl).

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2020



[WATCH OUR SERVICE HERE](#)

Wednesday marked 102 years since the Armistice was signed at 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918 bringing an end to the First World War. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

The anniversary is used to remember all the people who have died in wars - not just WWI- This includes WWII, the Falklands War, the Gulf War, and conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. The first two-minute silence in Britain was held on 11 November 1919, when King George V asked the public to observe a silence at 11am.

Taking inspiration from the 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, the bright red poppy was chosen as a symbol of hope because it once grew in the fields torn apart by shellfire and tank tracks where many fallen soldiers met their end.

We wear these poppies to remember the 37 million people who died in WWI and the 28 million who died in WWII.

All pupils took part in the two minute silence on Wednesday albeit from the safety of their rooms.

Mr Peacock, Callum Chin-see (Year 10) and Nathaniel Wardroper-Hughes (Year 11) pictured next to the memorial poppy sculpture that the Art department created.

