

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021



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Year of the Word

"In the beginning the Word
already existed; the Word
was with God, and the
Word was God" John 1:1

Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)
[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)
[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church
Olton Friary](#)
[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic
Church](#)



Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,
Monday 6th September seems a long time ago now when I look
back and reflect on this busy seven weeks. This date was, of
course, the day we began to welcome back our pupils to St
Peter's to embark on another exciting year. Your child(ren) have
been brilliant these last 7 weeks: they have worked hard,
engaged in our exciting curriculum, made new friends, tried new
things and they have got involved in our relaunched extra
curricular activities.

Even though we must always be cognisant of the dangers of
Covid, it has been a real pleasure to dispense with the bubbles
and zones and get St Peter's back to some sort of normal. It has
given me real pleasure to see year groups mixing again and for
our whole school community to living out our mission statement,
that faith is our foundation. Sunday's gospel is therefore
particularly fitting as Jesus says, "Go your faith, has saved you." I
hope all our pupils (and staff) enjoy their well-earned half term
break and return on 1st November ready for another exciting
seven weeks.

When we return, we will live out this mission statement as we will
enjoy a series of masses for all year groups to celebrate All Saints
and All Souls Day. Year 13 mocks will commence the following
day; Year 11 will begin their mocks one week later on Monday 8th
November. They will be in our prayers.

Ulaire E. Murphy

Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme

Miss Walsh is asking for donations of 'Good to Grow' vouchers to assist
in the set up of a St Peter's Vegetable Garden.



Faith is our Foundation

Cross Country



Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who competed recently at Langley School in the Solihull Secondary Schools' Cross Country League. Altogether, 30 Year 7, 8 & 9 students represented the school and collectively all gave 100%. Stand-out performances came from Michelle M (5th), Isabel A (8th), Gabriella M (9th) & Orla K (10th) in the Year 7 Girls race. In the boys Year 7 race, Radley H gained a magnificent 2nd place and was well supported by Jack S (4th), Harry B (5th) & Rex K (6th). The boys overall finished 1st in the team results!! This result was replicated by the Year 8/9 boys following excellent runs from Owen O (3rd), William K (5th) & Tom E (8th).

Pictured are our Year 7 runners.

COP26 climate summit

You may already be aware that the UK will be hosting the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021. The Bishops are inviting us to 'to pray that the leaders and negotiators work together for positive outcomes for people and for our common home.' You can also read more about CAFOD's campaign here <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit>

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

COVID-19 Testing

Please continue to test your child using the lateral flow testing kits twice a week during the holidays. However, we must urge that all pupils are tested prior to their return on Monday 1st November. If your child shows any symptoms, please be reminded to take them for a PCR test.

Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams

The Year 11 and Year 13 mocks are due to start after half term. The Year 13 mocks will start on Tuesday 2nd November and the Year 11 mocks will start on Monday 8th November.

To help support students with their revision we recommend they consider the following key strategies:

- Retrieval practice – recalling information from their memory rather than re-reading or highlighting.
- Spaced practice – Revising little and often. This means revision should take place throughout the whole year and not just close to the mock exams.
- Distractions – When they are revising to not have music or the TV on.
- Mobile phones – It is important that when they revise their mobile phone should be in another room.

If you haven't already you may find it useful to watch the "GCSE Success" presentation which can be found here - <https://youtu.be/UqBwOw6MXwo>. Mr Carr has sent the Year 13 PowerPoint out.

Celebrating Success

This week we want to celebrate the success of these pupils, who have shown great attentiveness and discernment.

Year 7 Danny C, Enzo R, Summer L Daniel M Amelia N	 	Year 8 Keane D Jude B Joseph P Aiden W	 	Year 9 Kaitlyn D Caughlan M Laurence T Connie H Grace M
Year 10 Ethan O Jack R Finbar C	 	Year 11 Eloise P Ethan H Nitalie N	 	Star Pupil of the week Keane D
				Form of the week 7 Thomas



Careers Newsletter

Please find out latest edition attached to the email for your perusal.

Visits to our feeder primary schools

Mrs Murphy, Mr Clinton and Miss Hall had the pleasure of visiting four of our feeder primary schools. Last Friday, they visited Our Lady of the Wayside, Monday was the turn of Our Lady of Compassion, Tuesday was the short trip to St Augustine and yesterday (Thursday), they made the journey to Bentley Heath to meet the pupils of St George and St Teresa.

They were ably supported by a band of merry helpers. Thank you to Niamh and Charlotte (OLW), Callum and Isabel (OLC), Grace and Megan (St Augustine's) and Darci and Eva (G&T). These delightful Year 7 pupils gave a personalised and detailed presentation about what life is like at St Peter's and what Year 6 pupils can expect when they move to secondary school. All 8 pupils spent hours preparing their speeches and PowerPoint and did a superb job presenting their views and stories.



Mrs Murphy and Mr Clinton would also like to thank Mr Taylor, Mr Emery, Mrs Foley and Mrs Wright for being so generous with their time and for rearranging their curriculum and timetable to accommodate these talks.

St Peter's has always enjoyed excellent relationships with our feeder primary schools, and we hope this will continue and flourish in the years to come

