

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2022



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Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear parents, carers, pupils and friends of St Peter's,

On Monday, the full programme of examinations begins for both Year 11 and Year 13. We wish them all the very best and we ask you to keep them in your prayers. Year 11 will begin with RE on Monday morning, followed by Sociology or Computer Science in the afternoon and Year 13 will begin with Health and Social Care in the morning and Psychology, Core Maths or BTED Sport after lunch. You can see the schedule on the last page of this newsletter.

I have been so impressed with our pupils' dedication with the hours they have put into their revision. I must also thank all the teachers for the time they have spent preparing resources, running revision sessions (including over Easter) and marking practice papers.

It was lovely to finally have the opportunity to welcome back parents to Year 11's thanksgiving mass last Tuesday. The service was full of nostalgia, pride and emotion. Thank you to Father Austin, always so generous with his time, for celebrating with us. We look forward to Year 13s mass on Tuesday and their final assembly on Friday. It promises to be a productive but poignant week.

We all wish them the best of luck with their revision and have them in our prayers.

Enjoy your sunny Saturday.

Alain E Murphy

Year of the Word



"Here is the light you will
reveal to the nations"
Luke 2:32

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](#)

Maths and Physics Internship

2022 will see another year that St Peter's will run the hugely popular Maths and Physics Internship. This is an opportunity where undergraduates work closely with the Maths and Physics departments to ascertain whether a rewarding career in teaching could be the right path for them. We are delighted every year how many ex pupils come back to complete the Internship which speaks volumes about the quality that St Peter's has to offer its pupils. Although we also hope to inspire undergraduates that aren't St Peter's Alumni to come and complete this opportunity with us. The Internship is paid, and all successful candidates will receive £300 a week, with interviews taking place over the next three weeks. The start date will be the 20th June for three weeks.

The internship is a rewarding opportunity to work closely with the Science and Maths departments within the classroom, and candidates will get out what they put in. Ultimately planning and delivering activities to both Ks3 and Ks4 pupils using some of the endless subject knowledge that all undergraduates have access to whilst reading their respective degrees. This year interns will also be part of a tutor programme for year 10 supporting pupils with misconceptions and helping them build on their areas of developments based on their recent mocks. In this regard Interns will be challenged to think of new and innovative ways to explain difficult concepts to pupils. Interns will also get to support the wider ethos here at St Peter's by supporting the school in its extracurricular activities including careers week at the beginning of July. All successful candidates will complete various training to support them to make the most of this opportunity.

If you are interested in applying for the Internship please follow the link for the expression of interest form on the schools website or contact Anthony Jones on jonesa@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

Catholic Secondary Schools - KS4 Public Speaking Competition

On the 6th May 2022 we went to St Thomas Aquinas Secondary school to perform a three-minute speech on Shakespeare's greatest character.

Group 1 chose Katherine from 'Taming of the Shrew' which was performed by Anastasia D, her speech was written by Joshua, Joe and Finbar (Yr. 10). Group 2 chose Lady Macbeth from 'Macbeth' which was performed by Laura G. Her speech was written by Ava, Oliver and Sam (also yr. 10).

They competed with five other schools. The speech had to include a mixture of logical structure, research, confident presentation and role sustainability. Each group spent around time preparing the speech, perfecting the speech and then performing the speech to fellow students before we were confident enough to confirm it as our final speech.

Group 1 achieved joint first place.

The concept of the speech was to act in the role of your chosen character to persuade the audience that you were the greatest Shakespearean character. We were also asked to use one prop for our performance. Anastasia's group used a Shrew bear while Laura's group made a papier-mâché womb stuffed with red feathers representing blood along with a crown inside. As part of Laura's dramatisation she proceeded to tear it, so the feathers flew out; this was by far the most prestigious prop using in this debate.

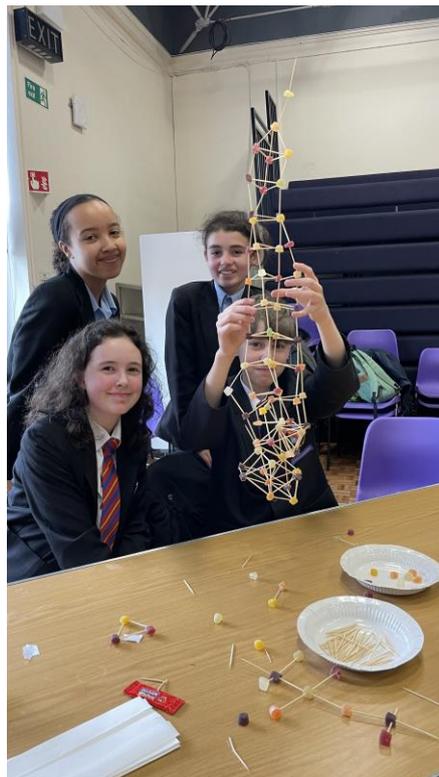
Overall both groups represented the school brilliantly and both should be extremely proud of their contribution to the trophy cabinet.

Written by Josh H



Stem Challenge

On Wednesday, four year 8 students came away triumphant from a STEM Challenge hosted at Archbishop Ilsley School. Competing among six teams they worked together successfully and won three of the four activities. They created the longest marble run, created a beautiful rainbow using their knowledge of density, built paper buildings to carry a weight and created a tower out of sweets and toothpicks that was over 71cm in height. Congratulations to Tyler, Sammy, Casey and Alicia for their superb effort.



Checks

There are many items that are not to be brought into school including anything that could be dangerous or cause harm. Could we remind all families of some items that are not permitted:

- Nuts- or products containing nuts – we are a nut free school to protect those who have critical allergies
- Deodorants – to protect those who are severely asthmatic
- Energy drinks – such as Monster or fizzy pop.
- Abnormal quantities of confectionary

Occasionally, we carry out general checks of pupils' bags. Staff carried out cursory checks this morning as pupils entered. We were very impressed by how organised most pupils were.

Jazz Band

Jazz band is re-starting after school on Tuesdays and will be 3.00pm – 4.00pm.

811 School bus

Grosvenor coaches would like us to pass on their apologies for the 811 bus service at pick up time Wednesday 11th May. The Bus had an incident on the way to Tudor Grange School at 15:18pm and therefore needed to get a replacement bus which unfortunately did not arrive at the school until 15:58pm. By this time most pupils seemed to have made alternative arrangements. Grosvenor Coaches wanted to apologise for any inconvenience and stress this may have caused and aim to improve their response times in the future.

Exam Advice

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/7-things-that-can-go-wrong-in-exams-and-how-to-fix-them/>

Public Exam Timetable – week commencing Monday 16th May

SUMMER 2022 EXAM TIMETABLE WEEK 1

Date	Start	Length	Board	Component Code	Component Title	Level
Mon 16 May	09:00	01:45	EDEXL/GCSE	1RA0 1A	Catholic Christianity	GCSE/9FC
Mon 16 May	09:00	01:30	RSA	583102	HSC U2 Equality Diversity & Rights	CAMX/EC3
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:30	AQA	7181/1	Psychology AS Paper 1	GCE/ASB
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:45	AQA	8192/1	Sociology Paper 1	GCSE/9FC
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:30	OCR	J277/01	Comp Sci: Computer Systems Wrtn	GCSE/9FC
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:40	EDEXL/GCE	8FM0 01	Core Pure Mathematics	GCE/ASB
Mon 16 May	13:00	01:30	EDEXL/KSQ	31524H01	BTEC Sport Anatomy and Physiology	BTNG/B
Tue 17 May	09:00	01:30	AQA	7404/1	Chemistry AS Paper 1	GCE/ASB
Tue 17 May	09:00	01:45	AQA	8461/1H	Biology Paper 1 Tier H	GCSE/9FC
Tue 17 May	09:00	01:15	AQA	8464/B/1H	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1H	GCSE/9DA
Tue 17 May	09:00	01:15	AQA	8464/B/1F	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1F	GCSE/9DA
Wed 18 May	09:00	01:45	AQA	8700/1	English Language Paper 1	GCSE/9FC
Wed 18 May	13:00	00:35	AQA	8668/LF	German Listening Test	GCSE/9FC
Wed 18 May	13:00	00:45	AQA	8668/RF	German Reading Test	GCSE/9FC
Thu 19 May	09:00	01:00	AQA	8145/1B/B	History Paper 1B Option B	GCSE/9FC
Thu 19 May	09:00	02:00	WJEC/GCE	4463U10-1	Medical Science Unit 1: Written	L3/L3
Thu 19 May	09:00	02:00	EDEXL/KSQ	31463H01	BTEC Business Personal and Business Finance	BTNG/B
Thu 19 May	13:00	01:45	AQA	8261/W	Drama Written Paper	GCSE/9FC
Thu 19 May	13:00	01:30	RSA	583103	HSC U3 Health Safety & Security	CAMX/EC3
Fri 20 May	09:00	01:30	AQA	8300/1F	Mathematics Paper 1	GCSE/9FC
Fri 20 May	09:00	01:15	OCR	H173/01	Rel Stud: Philosophy of Religion Wtn	GCE/ASB
Fri 20 May	09:00	01:30	WJEC/GCE	4543UB0-1	Criminology Unit 2: Paper Based	L3/L3
Fri 20 May	13:00	00:45	EDEXL/GCSE	1CNO 1H	Chinese Listening	GCSE/9FC
Fri 20 May	13:00	01:05	EDEXL/GCSE	1CNO 3H	Chinese Reading	GCSE/9FC