

# St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021



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## Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,

Over the last three weeks, I have had the pleasure of enjoying a drink and cake with a group of delightful pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9. These pupils were nominated by their lead tutor due to their excellent attitude to learning, hard work and impressive focus in lessons. It was lovely to meet a range of pupils and share in their success. It was also very interesting to hear their views on a range of topics related to St Peter's. It was a very enjoyable way to end the school week and I am sure their parents are very proud of them.

Year 11s and 13 are now back in timetabled lessons after the rigours of their mocks. I must commend them on their focus and attitude during this intense time. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting guidance to be published about the summer examinations. I have written separately to parents of Year 11s and 13s with some further information.

One final reminder: school is closed on Friday to all pupils to allow for staff training.

Enjoy your weekend.

Pupils who use the 821/822/823 buses operated by Solihull Council should note that they will require the physical bus pass to travel. There will be routine bus pass checks in the morning and afternoon across all services. Where a child has been granted a pass but is awaiting it to arrive, school transport will send an email to the bus provider to notify them.

## COVID-19 Testing

Please continue to test your child using the lateral flow testing kits twice a week. Then report the result to the [NHS](#) and [school](#), using the links provided. If your child shows any symptoms, please be reminded to take them for a PCR test.

## 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](#)



Faith is our Foundation

## Year 9 Assessments

As part of monitoring the pupils' progress, Year 9 assessments will take place week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> November. For English and mathematics, these assessments will take place in the Sports Hall. All other assessments will take place in the pupils' normal classrooms. The only time pupils will be moved into different groups is when pupils are taking their Spanish or French listening assessment as they will need to be separated based on which language they study. Please see the schedule below which will also be shared with pupils. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Chander.

Day	Date	Period	Subject	Length of Paper	Notes	Exam Rm
Monday	29 November 2021	5	English - Romeo and Juliet	45 minutes	Pupils need pen and preferably a highlighter	<b>Sports Hall</b>
Tuesday	30 November 2021	5	Science - Biology	35 minutes	Pupils need pen, pencil, ruler and calculator	<b>Classrooms</b>
Wednesday	01 December 2021	5	History	45 minutes	Pupils need pen and pencil	<b>Classrooms</b>
Thursday	02 December 2021	5	English - Transactional Writing	45 minutes	Pupils need pen and preferably a highlighter	<b>Sports Hall</b>
Friday	03 December 2021	1	Geography	45 minutes	Pupils need pen, pencil, ruler and calculator	<b>Classrooms</b>
Monday	06 December 2021	5	Maths	45 minutes	Pupils need pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.	<b>Sports Hall</b>
Tuesday	07 December 2021	5	Science - Chemistry	35 minutes	Pupils need pen, pencil and ruler	<b>Classrooms</b>
Wednesday	08 December 2021	2	RE	45 minutes	Pupils need pen and pencil	<b>Classrooms</b>
Thursday	09 December 2021	2	Science - Physics	35 minutes	Pupils need pen, pencil, ruler and calculator	<b>Classrooms</b>
Friday	10 December 2021	1	Languages Reading and Writing	40 minutes	Pupils need pen and pencil	<b>Classrooms</b>
Friday	10 December 2021	2	Languages Listening	20 minutes	Pupils will be in classes based on whether they study Spanish or French	<b>Classrooms</b>

## Medication in school

If your child requires medication in school for a pre-existing condition e.g. asthma – inhaler, diabetes – insulin or allergies – epipen/antihistamine, please ensure the correct medication is available and in date at all times.

## Year 11 and 13

Thank you to all the staff and pupils who have been making use of the additional support that has been on offer. Year 13 pupils have been staying behind on a Friday evening for 2 hours of tuition, whilst Year 11 have been coming into school on a Saturday morning for extra tuition in Maths, English and Science. The feedback from these sessions has been excellent and we look forward to continuing to support pupils throughout the rest of the year.

Please note that due to INSET on 26<sup>th</sup> November there has been a slight change to the Year 13 schedule:

Block D session 1: 19<sup>th</sup> November

Block E session 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Block A session 2: 10<sup>th</sup> December

## Armistice Day

It was at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, when the guns finally fell silent on the Western Front of the First World War. At 11am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, all of St Peter's remembered the precious gift of peace and reflected on the bravery and sacrifice of those who died in war. Our school bell played the Last Post, the tune played as countless coffins have been lowered into the ground. It was poignant and moving. Everything stopped for 2 minutes of silence and we thank all members of the community for joining in such a united and solemn sign of respect. We continue to pray for peace in our world and indeed for all victims of war. This has been the theme of the various assemblies held last week as year groups and form groups gathered to explore this theme.

## Aspire Evenings

Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 parents have had the opportunity to meet with form tutors (virtually) as part of our Aspire Evenings. This has been arranged to enable families to have a brief chat discussion on in the year to check on how pupils are working. An interim report detailing Aspire levels is available on the parent portal after some technical problems delayed this. An explanation of what each number means is [here](#).

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Internal pupils have been sent an invitation with a specific time to attend they do not need to apply. External pupils (those currently attending other schools) only need to complete a request form.

## Blood Brothers

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, 100 pupils went to see *Blood Brothers* by Willy Russell at the Birmingham Hippodrome. It's the set text for GCSE and a play a lot of pupils have read in Year 8 English. It was a fantastic production, but the highlight for me was seeing how wonderful our pupils were at the theatre. They were brilliantly behaved and engaged in the show; a credit to the school. I'm very proud to have taken those pupils on that trip. Mrs Rai and Mr Keane

## Careers update

In the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November, pupils across all form groups participated in the **Think Like a Rebel** campaign. During form time, pupils were aspiring to grow their mindsets as young entrepreneurs with sessions such as Grow like a Rebel and Dream like a Rebel. The aim was to highlight how most people are put off starting businesses because they are disadvantaged, low in confidence or have never run a business before. The campaign, empowered pupils to push themselves out of their comfort zone and reflect on what they want to achieve in their lives.



## PIPA trial in association with University of Warwick

The University of Warwick is running the PIPA trial (An online parenting intervention to prevent affective disorders in high-risk adolescents). Please see the attached information if you would like to be involved) If you have any further questions about this, please contact Miss Yañez.

## Celebrating Success

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

### Year 7

Janelle W  
Jacob Y  
Kamil G  
Grace G  
Megan H  
Caelan K  
Amelia N  
Elliot P  
Ruby W



### Year 8

Liam C  
Annie H  
Amelia K  
Peter M



### Year 9

Jacob S  
Riyana N  
Emilia D  
Owen O  
Nicola P

### Star Pupil of the week

Janelle W

### Year 10

Shayne B  
Kate B  
Bradley L  
Ethan O

### Year 11

James K  
Callum M  
Georgia T  
Keira W

### Form of the week

7 John



## Sporting updates

Our Year 7 and 8 footballers got off to a flyer.

What a start it was for our footballers to the league campaign. They played 6 games each and played some wonderful football creating plenty of chances. The girls sit in 2nd place going into the next round of games.



Our year 9's progressed into the quarter final of the Birmingham Cup after a gutsy, 'back to the wall' performance against an excellent Edmund Campion team. Ryan and Will put the boys 2-1 up at half time in a very competitive first half. The boys came under real pressure at the start of the second half but Hayden put us 3-1 up with a great team goal. The boys really dug in and came out 3-2 winners.

Year 7 boys travelled away to Alderbrook School on Tuesday afternoon. It was a cagey first half leaving both teams goalless at half time. After a regroup at half time, Year 7 came out strong in the second half and quickly took charge. Goals started to come with strong performances all over the pitch. The match resulted in a 4-1 win and another 3 points on the board.



Our Year 10 Netball team kickstarted their league matches on Monday 15th with an away game against Arden school. The girls had a tough game against strong competitors. Within the first minute, the girls scored their first point, setting us off to a great start. After the first third, it was St Peter's leading 6 - 4. Within the second third, the girls continued their battle keeping the lead with the score totalling at 12 - 7. The girls ended the match with an impressive victory of 16 - 14. We are very proud of the Year 10 netball team and a massive well done to Neveah who won player of the match.

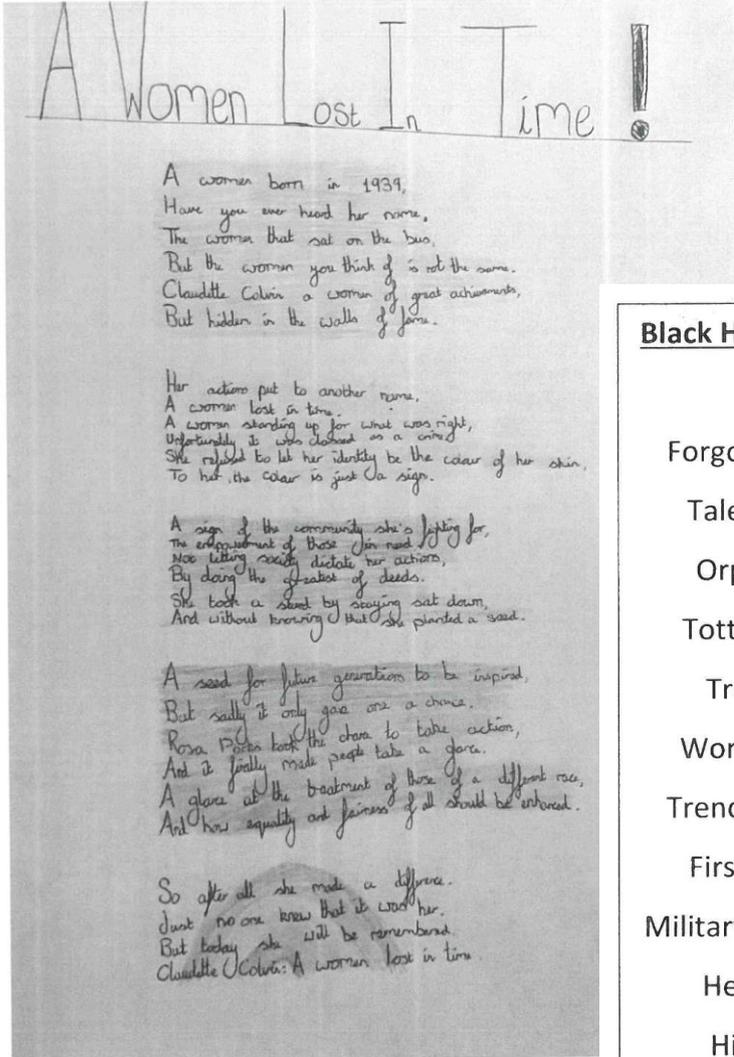
## Black History Month

During October, pupils in all years had the opportunity to learn about people who have played a significant part in history or are still role models today. KS3 pupils were then asked to write a poem celebrating one of their lives. A winner from each year group won a National Book tokens voucher. Congratulations to the winners, who were:

Michael S – Year 7

Daisy B – Year 8

Katie H – Year 9



This was the life of Olaudah Equiano

Taken from his home just as a child  
The dangerous journey, fatal and wild  
Put in chains and made to dance  
Along to the merry tunes of a piano.  
This was the life of Olaudah Equiano.

### Black History Champion

Forgotten footballer  
Talented dribbler  
Orphanage liver  
Tottenham terrier  
Trophy winner  
World war warrior  
Trench time sufferer  
First black officer  
Military cross candidate  
Heritage victim  
History maker  
Who am I?

Housed in a hut, beside a field  
Every day, sugar and cotton he would yield  
Working night and day  
Harvesting cocoa and tobacco  
This was the life of Olaudah Equiano

But then in the distance, a blimp of hope  
No longer could he cope  
He needed his freedom  
A fair life in the name of Americana  
This was the life of Olaudah Equiano

He began to trade  
And 3 years of hope beginning to fade  
He did it  
He was full of gusto  
This was the life of Olaudah Equiano

## Year 9 rewards

The following pupils who have been excellent ambassadors for St Peter's throughout Year 9 so far, met Mrs Murphy for a biscuit and drink during period 5 today: Jacob S, Daisy W, Isabelle D, Nicola P, Aine M, Christofer K, Alfie H, Riyana N, Isla O and Daniel H.