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# Welcome to St Peter's

I am proud to introduce and welcome you to St Peter's Catholic School – it is a thriving and active secondary school and Sixth Form, with a long and well-established reputation.



Many schools can offer high standards, good exam results and aspirations. However, as a Catholic school, we offer all of the above as well as a unique ethos based on strong relationships, emotional, and spiritual health. St Peter's is a family and a community that supports one another through life experiences and academic learning, ensuring that every member feels individually valued.

We have three aims:

- To build the values to live good Christian lives as 'Christ to all';
- To give our students the skills to live in tomorrow's world and make a positive contribution to society;
- To achieve the best possible exam results.

To successfully achieve these aims and maximise all of our students' full potential, we provide first class learning and teaching, and an extensive range of sporting, cultural, spiritual and social extra-curricular activities.

We believe we are an exceptional Catholic school and have high academic standards as our results testify. Our students are wonderful – they are hardworking, well behaved and enjoy spending time with each other and the staff. They challenge us and we challenge them. We work in a positive culture using consistent procedures and excellent systems. We are very proud of the quality of care students receive alongside their academic education and strive to make all students' time at school some of the happiest of their lives.

We are committed to educating the whole person and value each other as unique individuals. We nurture not only minds but also encourage spiritual growth. We seek to develop responsible, caring, dedicated and loving individuals. We also believe that life at school should be so much more. Each year there are significant opportunities to put "faith into action" through community days, retreat programmes, fundraising and service to others.

We want our students to be happy while they are at St Peter's; however, we also want them to be happy in ten and twenty years time because of their journey through St Peter's. We love our school and hope this prospectus will give you a taste of life at St Peter's and that you enjoy your visit to the school.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

God bless.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Toby Miller'.

Toby Miller  
Headteacher

*We aim to provide a happy, caring and safe environment in which students can learn and develop into rounded, responsible and confident members of the community.*





*We are immensely proud of the achievements and successes of all our students and they are proud to call St Peter's their school.*

**Academic excellence...**  
inspiring students to  
achieve their best

The school's aim is to encourage students to respond to inspirational teaching and be challenged to fulfil their personal academic, sporting, artistic and extra-curricular potential.

Experienced and respected members of staff tailor their teaching to cover a broad curriculum through stimulating lessons and a wide range of experiential learning opportunities in and out of the classroom.

The school promotes a 'can do' attitude, which results in a long history of examination and university success. St Peter's is keen to develop a lifelong love of learning and the ability to tackle life's challenges in a resilient and positive way.

The school embraces aspirations and celebrates the achievements of all, irrespective of age, gender or interests through the school reward system, celebration breakfasts, awards assemblies and the annual Presentation Evening.



*At St Peter's, our purpose is to be 'Christ to all'. We nurture independent, resilient, inquisitive and motivated lifelong learners. By being compassionate and generous in spirit, we aim to be a community whose every member feels uniquely valued.*

**Nurturing the spirit...**  
respecting and taking  
care of each other

**A**s a Catholic school, the spiritual life of the students and staff is an absolute priority. Each day, we enter into prayer either in tutor groups or in year group assemblies and encourage maximum participation and community celebration in our times of prayer, masses and liturgies.

In the Gospels we read how Jesus gave the apostle Simon the name Peter and stated that "on this rock I will build my church" - it is upon this solid foundation that the church is built.

In the same way at St Peter's Catholic School, we have chosen six rocks upon which our school is built.

- **Realise your potential** - students should realise the call from God to strive for greatness;
- **Be respectful** - students should be respectful of themselves, others and the world they live in;
- **Be responsible** - students should be accountable for their actions and take responsibility gladly;
- **Be reflective** - students should learn from their mistakes and plan to do better;
- **Be resolute** - students should be firm about doing what is right;
- **Be resilient** - students should stay strong, bounce back and never give up.

Through displaying these six rocks, students will live out the call to be 'Christ to all'.



Our pastoral care begins with the dedicated Form Tutor who will act as the first point of contact and will always be on hand to listen, offer encouragement and support, and take the appropriate action. This care continues through the Heads of Year and is overseen by members of the School Leadership Team.

The four main aims of our pastoral care are as follows:

- To work in partnership with parents to promote the academic, social, moral and spiritual well-being of each of our students;
- To allow students and parents to feel able to raise issues of concern knowing that they will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially;
- To encourage the development of self-discipline, personal integrity and mutual tolerance amongst our students;
- To build relationships of trust with our students and parents.



# Exceptional pastoral care...

caring, supporting  
and valuing individuals

*Students are welcomed into a community that prides itself on its care for each individual.*



*The school encourages a love of learning, individualism, drive and determination to succeed by the provision of consistent support and motivation.*



# Challenging curriculum... celebrating commitment and success

**Years 7, 8 and 9 (Key Stage 3)**

Students follow a stimulating and challenging programme in line with the National Curriculum requirements. In Year 9, students select their final subjects and courses for GCSE.

**Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4)**

Students all follow a core curriculum of GCSEs in English, Maths, Science and RE. They will follow three additional courses of their choice plus Citizenship and a core programme of PE.



The school day begins with registration/assembly at 8.45am. There are three morning lessons separated by a twenty minute break time before lunch commences at 12.25pm. The afternoon session begins at 1.15pm, consisting of two lessons. The day finishes at 3.15pm and students have the option to stay at Homework Club until 4.30pm or participate in one of our many popular extra-curricular activities.

At St Peter's, the House system is an integral part of daily life for the students. The House system helps embed 'The Six Rocks' of our Catholic ethos and are named after inspirational Catholic holy men and women who embody the call of being 'Christ to all': Bakhita, Frassati, John Paul II, Kolbe, Romero, Stein and Teresa. Students are allocated a house on their first induction day in Year 7 and remain with that house until they leave St Peter's.

Putting our ethos into practice, we endeavour to help the students at St Peter's develop and build a strong level of social understanding and involvement in the community. Through an enriched House programme, students vote for their chosen charity and then commit to a variety of fundraising events throughout the year to help support those in need.

*Not only do students acquire knowledge but they also develop an understanding of how they learn and of the community around them. This will equip them with the ability to adapt to the ever-changing needs of life in the modern world.*



**Daily life and  
community spirit...**  
taking care of one another

*The creative and cultural skills are nurtured in an environment in which students are fully able to express themselves.*

# Express yourself...

the desire to succeed,  
the courage to take  
risks and the challenge  
to persevere

**W**e offer a wealth of opportunities – creative, cultural and business enterprise to enrich the learning process. These help students to pursue their passions, raise their aspirations and build their teamwork skills.

Utilising our state of the art theatre, we offer a full programme of musical concerts, drama productions, art exhibitions, public speaking and business enterprise days to showcase the students' talents.





*We encourage participation of all abilities and we celebrate the successes of our students whatever the team or discipline.*



# Developing skills... and individual talents



**S**port is an important aspect of life at St Peter's. We believe that, in addition to the enormous sense of enjoyment and fulfilment sport offers, it helps to build teamwork, self-confidence and leadership skills.

Students regularly participate in sports fixtures throughout the year in rugby, football, netball, cricket, hockey, athletics and rounders. Many of our students excel at sport at local, district, county and national level.

# Outside the classroom...

we provide opportunity and enrichment

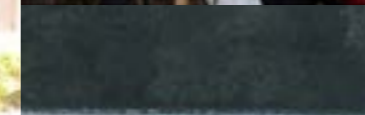


At St Peter's we provide a range of opportunities for students to participate in and continually encourage them to develop their talents, resilience, team work skills and to take risks out of their comfort zones.

All of our students participate in team building events throughout the year and many choose to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to our community-based projects and a number of Sixth Form students visit our link school in Uganda.

We offer an extensive range of visits to enrich the curriculum and to broaden their international horizons. These include visits to museums, art galleries, religious buildings, science centres, enrichment days, PGL courses and further afield visits to the battlefields of Ypres, Rome, Paris, a bi-annual European music trip, annual ski trip to Austria or America, sports tour to Spain, as well as annual language visits and exchanges to France and Spain.

We celebrate our students' achievements outside the classroom in many ways, including school assemblies, celebration breakfasts and year group Mass - and of course the Year 11 and Year 13 prom!



After five exciting years in the main school you will become a Sixth Form student and open the door to the rest of your life – whether that is university, work or a vocation. This is an incredibly exciting time as you hone your skills and talents whilst discovering your potential through new and exciting opportunities.

St Peter's Sixth Form is very different to secondary school – we are confident that you will be motivated to work hard to succeed, adapt quickly to the new working environment and benefit from the pace and focus. We are fully committed to preparing you for the next steps in your education and career, and we are there for you every step of the way.

We are totally dedicated to helping you, as independent and creative learners, achieve the best grades and qualifications possible – our track record is testament to this. We are also completely committed to being a community where you will thrive and push the boundaries of your potential.

Our Catholic ethos is at the heart of our school, which creates a caring community inclusive of all: an environment where you are valued and your achievements celebrated. The daily pastoral care and support you receive, including exam preparation and UCAS applications, is exemplary and staff will take extraordinary steps to help you succeed.

Here at St Peter's, we are very proud of our reputation and many successes but please do not just take our word for it. We would encourage you to visit our Sixth Form at any time, pop into some lessons and speak to our current students and staff who will tell you what a great place it is.



*"St Peter's is a thriving and vibrant community, where everyone gets to know each other and supports one another from the first day."*

*(HOLLY)*

**St Peter's  
Catholic  
School**

**Progression...**  
developing the  
skills to move on



# Why choose St Peter's Sixth Form?



**Our class sizes** are smaller to enable you to benefit from greater interaction with each other and the teacher and exceptional pastoral care.



**Excellent careers and UCAS application support**

**Dedicated and specialist teaching and support staff**



A high percentage of our students secure offers to **Russell Group universities**



**Strong commitment to equality and diversity**



**"A Levels are challenging and without the caring support, I would not have achieved the results I needed and gone to university to study Biology."** (TOM)



**Strong sense of community and long lasting friendships**



**A wide range of A Levels, BTEC and EPQ courses are available**

**Regular vibrant social events including the lively Rag Week and Prom!**



Excellent results:  
**100%** pass rate  
**49%** A\*-A grades  
**79.6%** A\*-B grades



## Join our clubs:

Student-led debate club · Band workshop · Young Enterprise · Teaching Assistant experience · Peer mentoring · Higher education conference · Work experience week · Supporting students at local junior schools · Student/peer coaching · Lecture programme and keynote speakers



**Free Wi-Fi and BYOD**



**90%** of our university applicants claimed places at their chosen university



## Outside the classroom:

art galleries, external course lectures, film studios, media studies and design activities, museums, Safe Drive Stay Alive, theatres and university taster days to name just a few!



**Comprehensive and diverse enrichment programme**



## Trips abroad:

**Art:** Barcelona **Geography:** Iceland  
**History:** Paris  
**MFL:** France, Germany and Spain  
**Music:** Europe  
**Partnership expedition:** Uganda  
**RE:** Auschwitz, Krakow, Lourdes pilgrimage and Rome



**Science:** CERN in Geneva  
**Sport:** Skiing in Austria and USA

## Fantastic facilities...

Gym, Sports Hall, Theatre, Learning Resources Centre, a wide range of PCs and extensive sports fields

**On-site parking**

**"I have never been so well prepared for an exam. My teachers gave up their own time for me, whenever I needed it, and helped me to develop a love for my chosen subjects through their enthusiasm."** (OLIVIA)