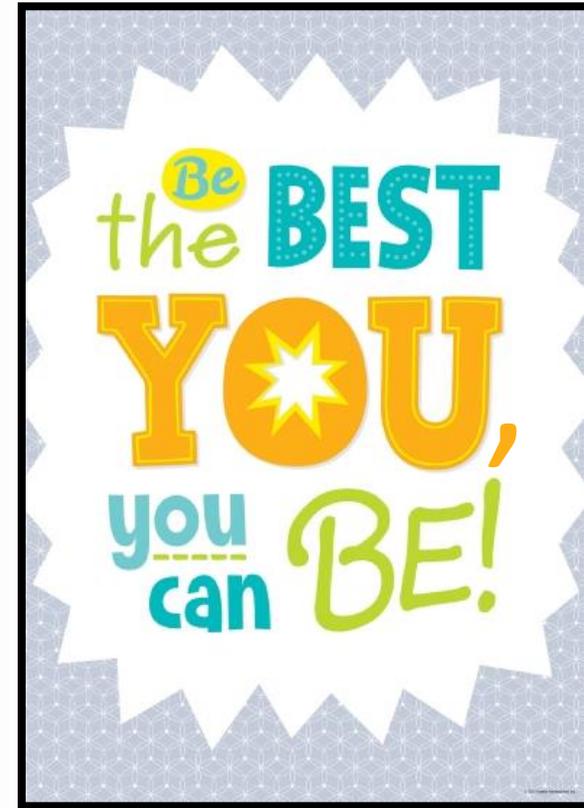


Welcome to Year 8 Partnership Evening 2019



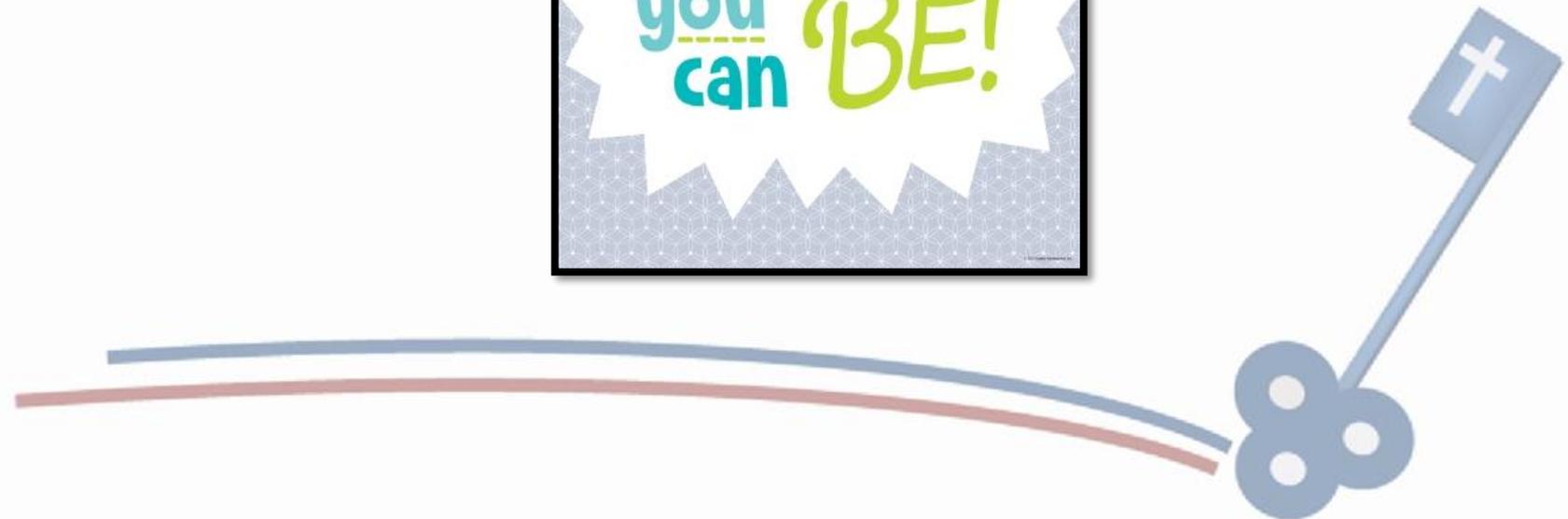
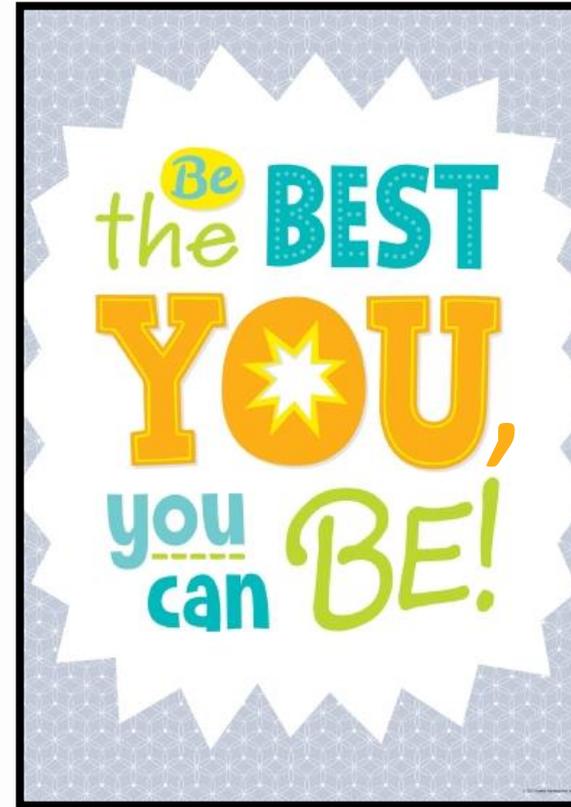
Outline of the evening

1. Vision for the year
2. The school/parent partnership
3. Brilliant basics
4. Top 10 habits for success
5. Mental health
6. Mastery learning and go4schools
7. Homework
8. Stretch and challenge
9. Developing faith
10. Key dates



Message/vision for the year

- 'Be the best you, you can be'
- Embedding resilience & developing challenge
- Consolidation and effort
- Role models



The school/parent partnership

What we will be doing as a school:

- Ensuring students are aware of our high expectations in terms of appearance, behaviour and learning
- Support students to achieve their full potential
- Helping students prepare for exams

What we would ask you to do at home as part of our partnership:

- Support and trust the school
- Ensure students come to school on time, with the right equipment and are ready to learn
- Organisation at home





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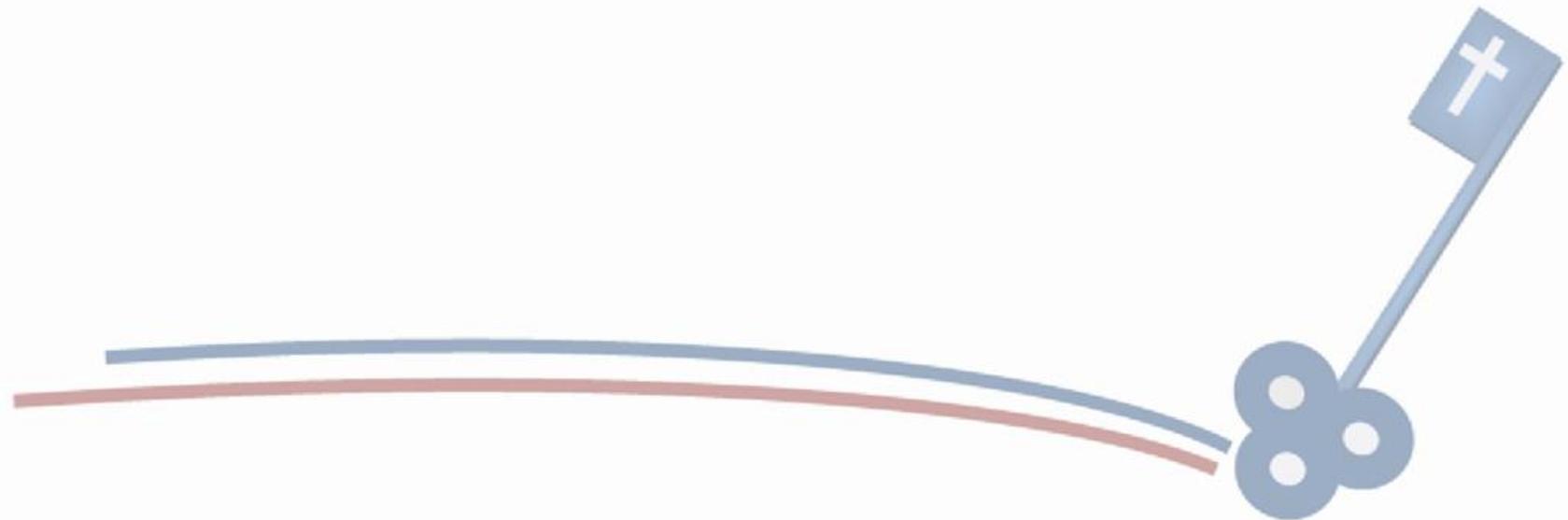
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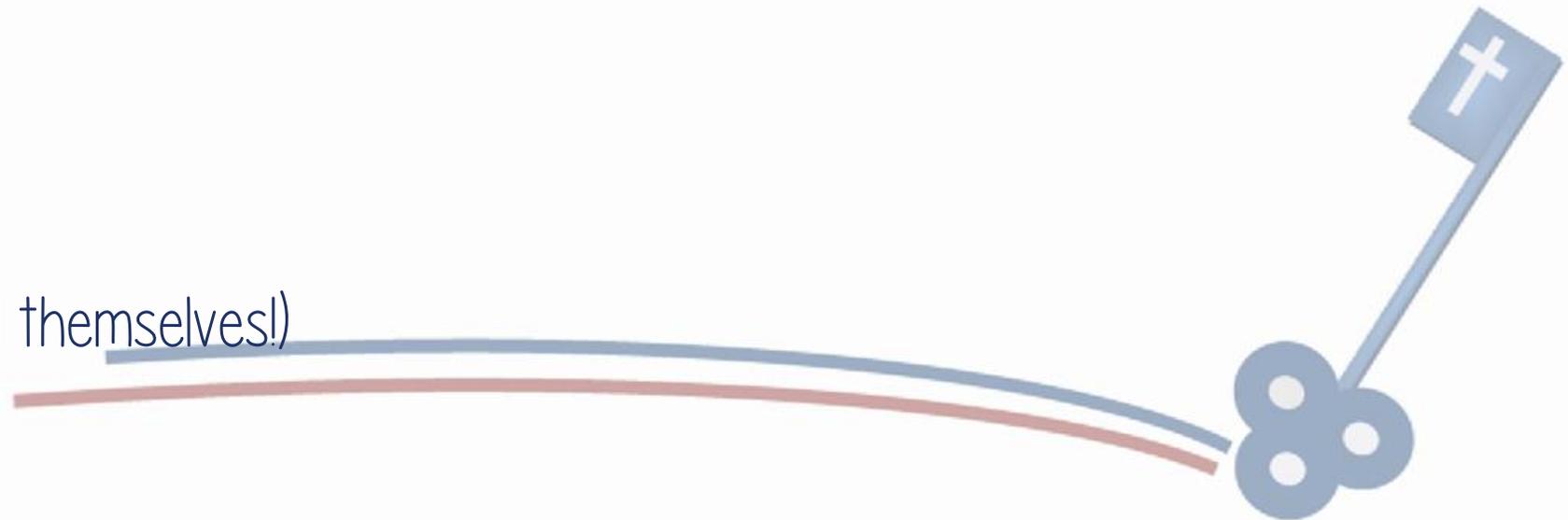
Brilliant basics

- Uniform
- Punctuality and attendance
- Organisation
- Excellent behaviour
- Attitude to learning
- Homework
- Responsibility for learning



10 top habits for success

1. Organisation
2. Attitude
3. Resilience
4. Challenge
5. Co-operation
6. Compassion
7. Self-care
8. Commitment
9. Enthusiasm
10. Trust (in teachers, and themselves!)



Mastery Learning

At St Peter's we believe that all our students can achieve and therefore we take a mastery approach to learning.

The key underlying principle of mastery learning is that given the appropriate time and learning conditions, nearly all students can reach a high level of achievement.

This involves subjects being broken down into small units and students given the time they need to master these fundamental skills.

This deepens their knowledge and understanding, and enables them to make exceptional progress.

It helps to build solid foundations for the new GCSEs and A Levels.



Assessment and Reporting

Exceptional (8-9)

Expected (5-7)

Aspiring(1-4)

- Assessments will continue to focus on skills and on how students are progressing towards the expected standard for their year group.
- No TAGs. All students should reach **at least** the **Expected** standard.
- Departments have subject-specific criteria to help all students understand how to make progress in each skill.



Assessment and Reporting



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This year, we will produce reports for your child. These will be in **December, April and July**.

Each report will contain an **EFFORT** and **HOMEWORK** grade as well as indicate if there are any issues with **handwriting**.

The report will include a **MASTERY** descriptor:

Aspiring, Expected or Exceptional

This descriptor will explain whether your son/daughter has reached the expected level for their year in that subject. Please refer to the assessment grids in your child's book for more information.

Exceptional (8-9)

Expected (5-7)

Aspiring(1-4)

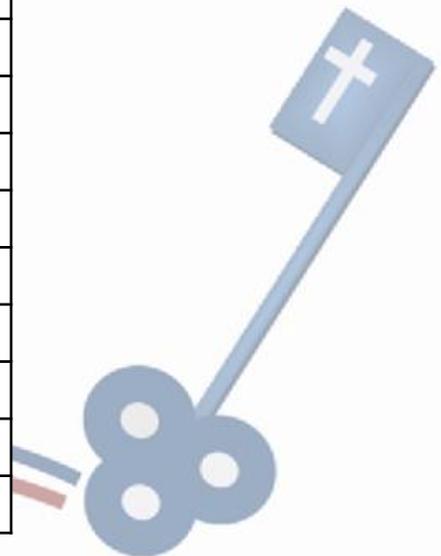


Homework

- There is no timetable for homework this year. All teachers have been given the suggested table below for setting homework.

- Pre-teach
- Consolidation
- Intervention
- Continue
- Projects over time

Per fortnight	Year 8
English	4 x 30 minutes
Maths	4 x 30 minutes
Science	4 x 30 mins
RE	2 x 30 mins
DT	2 x 30 mins
Art	30 mins
Music	30 mins
Drama	30 mins
Computer Science	2 x 30 mins
Geography	2 x 30 mins
History	2 x 30 mins
French/ Spanish	4 x 30 mins
PE	30 mins
Citizenship	30 mins
Reading	30 mins



Stretch and challenge

- Optional takeaway booklet today
- To be used weekly or fortnightly to find ways of engaging your child in the mastery approach at home
- The booklet includes extra reading, activities, events or challenges your child may want to try, or you may want to try with your child.
- If you cannot obtain a copy today, electronic versions will be made available.



Mental health: Top tips for positive mental fitness

1. Eating balanced regular meals, particularly breakfast
2. 8-10 hours sleep a night (the Calm app is brilliant to try)
3. Communication and knowing who to turn to for help
4. Fresh air and exercise — less screen time!
5. Healthy lifestyle, avoiding energy drinks
6. Read a book
7. Find a hobby they love and get involved with that
8. Practising mindfulness
9. Take everything one step at a time
10. Keep a 'gratitude diary' of what they were grateful for that day

St Peters now has a dedicated email address to share any concerns you have about yourself or another student.



listen@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk

You can email us about...	We will respond with...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problems with friends or family• Relationships• Feeling unhappy• Worries about another student• Personal worries or thoughts• Staying safe online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advice• Useful tips or suggestions to help yourself or others• Useful websites to visit• Organisations that can help you• A plan to organise a meeting

We will try to email back as soon as possible (Term time/Mon-Fri only).
If you don't feel comfortable talking get typing as we are ready to listen.



Social media: top tips

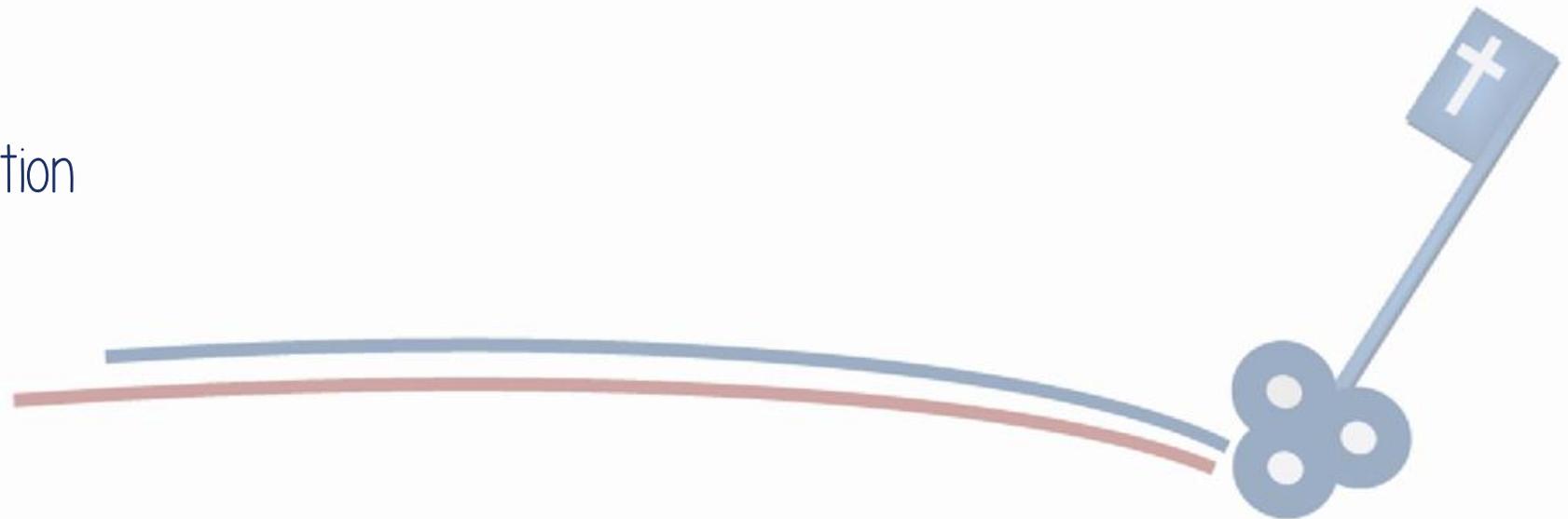
- Checking privacy/location settings of social media — particularly Snapchat and any apps you are unfamiliar with.
- Can you ask your child to explain what each app on their phone is? Are you aware of their ages of consent for these apps?
- Do they only accept their true friends on social media? This is the most powerful tool in avoiding content your child doesn't want to see.

Social media is the most difficult battle to fight in schools as we have no control over this until it is too late. As a family, decide on some ground rules with social media about what is being posted and when.



Developing Faith

- Mass and mass prep
- Year 8 retreat
- Prayer every day at 9 o'clock which is student led
- Reflection day
- Liturgies
- Feast Day
- Friday mass — open invitation
- Chapel
- Kevin



Key Dates

Date	Event
07/10/2019	Year 8 Welcome Mass
23/10/2019	E-Safety day
13/11/2019 – 15/11/2019	St Vincent's retreat
20/11/2019	Synagogue visit
05/12/2019	Parent/Teacher consultation evening
17/03/2020	Citizenship day
01/04/2020	HPV vaccinations
06/05/2020	Study skills revision morning
24/06/2020	Twelfth Night performance and workshop
29/06/2020	Test fortnight begins
06/07/2020 – 07/07/2020	Reflection day/Outdoor learning

