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Welcome to our Sixth Form



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"The students at St Peter's are extremely open and easy to talk to. You really feel like an individual and supported by everyone around you."

At St Peter's Sixth Form we are very clear in what we would like our students to achieve and become.

We want our young people to discover their potential in their studies, develop their relationships with each other and fully engage in a dynamic community. Everything we do works towards this aim. All our students are encouraged to embrace becoming an expert in their subjects and enjoy their learning alongside their peers, with the close support of excellent and caring staff. We are in the business of making sure that every student is able to achieve their best and leave here at the end of Year 13 with the best qualifications possible, making top universities or higher degree apprenticeships an achievable reality for all.

We are in a wonderful location, in a dynamic and flourishing town, close to a multicultural capital that hosts global centres for business and finance. We aim for all our students to be able to compete in the local job market, as well as apply for a job that could be anywhere in the world. Through our broad curriculum, bespoke enrichment programme and exceptional and innovative careers guidance, students at St Peter's are able to be ambitious about their future, whether it is at home or abroad.

At the heart of what shapes our Sixth Form is our Catholic ethos. In a caring and friendly community, new students

settle in quickly and younger students in the school get to walk alongside the Sixth Form through the whole school activities, support networks and fund-raising. The exceptional pastoral care is due to something that we are very proud of and the students enjoy, whether it is the relatively small classes where the interaction between the teacher and students is maximised, or the highly skilled and caring Sixth Form team who support those who need it – the relationship between the staff and students is something that is valued by all.

Our intake is growing year on year and this is very exciting, as we are able to develop the curriculum to cater for a greater range of subjects and expand our facilities to offer a different experience to the main school. We are delighted that many students from other establishments are also joining us, bringing their experiences and valuable contributions.

We are very excited about the future at St Peter's Sixth Form and we are looking forward to you being a part of this journey.

Peter Watson
Head of Sixth Form





Why choose St Peter's?

- Our class sizes are smaller to enable you to benefit from one-to-one support
- Exceptional pastoral care
- Strong commitment to equality and diversity
- Comprehensive enrichment and trips programme
- Over 90% of our university applicants claim places at their chosen university
- We are extremely proud of our exam results – please visit our website for full details
- Fantastic facilities...Gym, Sports Hall, Theatre, Learning Resources Centre, new catering facilities, a wide range of PCs and brand new Macs and extensive sports fields
- 100% BTEC pass rate
- Average grade of Distinction* in BTEC courses
- Ofsted grading for Sixth Form is 'Outstanding'
- On average 33% of our students secure offers to Russell Group universities
- Each year our students secure places at Oxford and Cambridge



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"We have received an immense amount of help in terms of applying to university, choosing courses that suit us best and writing a personal statement."

Our ethos

Our Catholic ethos is at the heart of our school, which creates a caring community inclusive of all. It is an environment where you are valued and your achievements celebrated.

Sixth Form assemblies take place weekly and there are two year group Masses annually, bringing everyone together and fulfilling our Catholic ethos, allowing us to be 'Christ to all'.

We are committed to every student continuing their path as a successful, independent, resilient, lifelong learner who can achieve and discover their potential, and be ready for their next step whether it be university, an apprenticeship, GAP year, etc.



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"A Levels are challenging and without the caring support, I would not have achieved the results I needed and gone to university to study Chemical Engineering."

Your study programme

Our students have an excellent record of success and through our broad curriculum we offer varied pathways for the students to find courses, which help them achieve their aspirations. We will work with you to ensure you choose the right subjects, related to your academic strengths and career path, and continue to advise you to optimise your chances of success.

At St Peter's, students can choose from an extensive range of A Levels, a combination of A Levels and BTECs, and the Extended Project Qualification. Please refer to our website and course booklet for detailed information. In addition to the formal subjects mentioned above, students will study core RE and engage in a wide range of enrichment opportunities.

A Levels

Students starting at St Peter's Sixth Form will choose three subjects to be studied throughout the two years, leading to a final examination at the end of the course. This is in line with the government reform, where A Levels are studied in a linear fashion.

A minority of students may be given the opportunity to start with four A Levels with a view to reducing to three after one or two assessment points throughout Year 12. Linear A Levels do not have modular coursework components except in a small number of practical subjects.



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"The main attraction for me was the small class sizes as it not only creates a better relationship with your peers and teachers, but also allows the teacher to give more individual attention."



Your study programme

BTEC Nationals

BTECs are more practical, work-related courses and are taken either as a Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels) or a Subsidiary Diploma (equivalent to one A Level). Assessments consist of a mixture of coursework and exams. Each course is nationally recognised and offers an excellent route of progression to either higher education, employment or apprenticeships.

Students are offered the opportunity to study all BTEC courses or a combination of BTECs and A Levels. The emphasis is on finding the right course where students will be successful and happy.

Dedicated
and specialist
teaching and
support staff

Excellent
careers
and UCAS
application
support

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



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"Our Sixth Form is centred on each individual student and we all are encouraged to strive for the best grades possible."

Supporting your success

Personal Progress Programme (PPP)

We offer specific and tailored support for all our students. This includes student reviews, half termly reports, a parents' evening and personal tutors.

Personal Tutor

All students are assigned to a tutor group with a personal tutor who will mentor and guide you, monitor your progress and offer support with academic subjects and oversee your personal wellbeing. Tutor group sessions take place daily, offering opportunities for group activities and one-to-one sessions.

Student Reviews and Reports

Students will have a personal review with their tutor during the year. Student reports are issued half termly and give an overview of progress in terms of attendance, effort and attainment against target grades (TAGs). St Peter's uses Go 4 Schools which every parent/carer can access at any time to view their son/daughter's progress.

There is also an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's subject teachers at the Parents' Evening to discuss academic progress. However, we actively encourage parents/carers to contact their tutor, subject teacher or Head of Year with any issues as they arise.



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At St Peter's, we understand that support inside and outside the classroom is essential to your personal development and academic progress.

Supporting your needs



Careers and Information Guidance

Our award-winning Careers Department includes a specialist UCAS advisor and provides an extensive programme of advice, guidance and assistance to students. The range of support available to all our students includes the completion of UCAS applications, personal statements, job applications, references and mock interviews.

A host of external speakers from different industries come in to meet Sixth Formers on a regular basis; students will also attend a higher education convention and university tasters. We also offer all Year 12s the opportunity to complete a week of work experience.



Pastoral Care

We pride ourselves on how well we know our students, whether the entry point has been through our main school or externally. We work hard to build relationships with every student. With the support network at home, we ensure that our students are encouraged to develop their self-discipline and independence in a secure environment.

Financial Help

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial assistance to students to pay for things they need to support their education, such as books, equipment, transport and exams. It is available to students who may have difficulties in completing their courses due to financial considerations or unforeseen circumstances. Please contact our School Business Manager for an application form.



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Our Learning Support Department

Some of the students and families transferring to the Sixth Form are already known to the Learning Support Department and we pride ourselves on the continuity of care and support that they receive. For new students entering Sixth Form, we will contact previous schools to establish if students have already received support and/or exam access arrangements. To ensure we are providing the correct support for our new students, we will offer a quick screening test to identify any areas of need that have not already been determined.

Support for Key Stage 5 includes in-class support for students studying BTEC courses, one-to-one individual support in areas such as organisation, small group study skill sessions, assessment for exam concessions and co-ordination with Surrey Choices Employability to provide work experience and volunteering opportunities for some of our learners with SEN.



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Please contact
our Head of Learning Support
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Anayis

Previous school: Manor House School

Currently studying: Maths, Economics and Psychology

Next step: Marketing a business

I was a new student to the Sixth Form and was very nervous about starting on my first day, having come from another school. However, I developed friendships very quickly due to the warm and caring environment that made me instantly feel at ease. Personally, the size was another contributing factor for why I joined the Sixth Form. I am someone who feels more confident and flourishes in smaller environments, so St Peter's ticked the boxes in that respect.

St Peter's also offers a wide range of enrichment activities such as mindfulness, the Spectrum gym and cooking on a budget. I particularly enjoyed cooking as it has helped me become more aware of food prices and how to manage a budget to eat sufficiently which will be needed for university.

Another component that I think is quite unique is the immense amount of help in terms of applying to university, choosing courses that suit us best and writing a personal statement. We have had a dedicated week to guide us on our future pathways which I found particularly helpful.

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Sam

Previous school: St Peter's Catholic School

Currently studying: History, English Literature and Religious Studies

Next step: University



I chose St Peter's for the supportive and nurturing community which is always there for all students in the best and the worst times. I was fortunate that I could receive quality teaching in any subjects that I wished to pursue.

As well as providing the means for any student to go anywhere they please with their studies, there is also a vibrant community that makes life beyond A Levels at St Peter's one to be envied. Out of the range of sports, languages, practical skills and more that are available in the Enrichment Programme, I chose to take part in the Debate Club this year. This has helped me to build my confidence and to stand up for what I believe in, while showing others it is worth doing so too. I hope to extend this experience in September when I help lead the club.

One of the main highlights of this year was the English Literature trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. Seeing Twelfth Night performed took Shakespeare out of the textbook and onto the stage where he belongs, and also gave me the opportunity to get to know my new classmates even better.



Our enrichment programme

We offer a comprehensive enrichment programme that includes a wide range of sports and a variety of courses to develop your personal skills.

Sport includes: football, netball, rugby, swimming, spin classes and yoga. We also offer free use of the Spectrum, which includes use of the gym, swimming pool, classes and courts.

Courses include:

- Student-led debate club
- Band workshop
- Young Enterprise
- Mindfulness coaching
- Independence skills
- Teaching Assistant experience
- Peer tutoring
- Peer mentoring
- Higher education conference
- Work experience week
- Lecture programme and keynote speakers

Challenges



Duke of Edinburgh

In the Sixth Form, we currently have 29 students taking their Gold Award.

Young people who take on and complete the Gold award stand out from the crowd. People know that to achieve the Gold standard you will have shown enormous dedication to improving yourself, supporting other people and being resilient in the face of physical, mental and emotional challenges. These characteristics are held in high regard by universities and employers, and so Gold DofE is great for your CV.

St Peter's has a thriving Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme and offers the Gold award to the Sixth Formers. The programme is spread over Years I2 and I3 to enable students time to manage the completion of all elements of the award alongside their academic studies. Expeditions are timed for after the key examination periods and are a great way to finish each academic year.

World Challenge Expedition to Sweden

Are you looking to stand out from the crowd and get out of your comfort zone? Then this is the challenge for you!

The journey will be different for everyone. Maybe it will be your first time in the big wide world, slamming on some hiking boots or sleeping in a tent. Maybe you are an adventure buff but you will be handling a new language, cooking for the crew, travelling and growing in confidence with a team. Whatever your motivation, a World Challenge experience is sure to leave you forever changed. St Peter's is taking its first group in 2019 to Sweden and you could be next!



Ciara



Previous school: St Peter's Catholic School

Currently studying: Sociology, Psychology and Health and Social Care

Next step: Social work at university

One reason why I chose St Peter's is due to the community and support that is offered. This is due to the smaller class sizes ensuring that you receive one-to-one support from your subject teachers as well as your form tutor and the pastoral team. From this, you can build a firm relationship with both your peers and members of staff, which allows you to have intellectual conversations with teachers who are passionate and enthusiastic about their subject or have conversations with the pastoral team about how you're feeling and any issues or problems you may be facing.

Since starting Sixth Form I have developed further interests for the subjects that I chose, motivating me to work hard and put in 100% effort all of the time.

I have also made lifelong friends who make my time at Sixth Form thoroughly enjoyable.



Nick



Previous school: St Peter's Catholic School

Currently studying: Geography, Biology and PE

Next step: To attend a high ranking university to study Sport and Exercise Science

St Peter's has been the best choice of my academic life so far and I have been able to develop myself as a person and academically. From day one I knew that St Peter's was the place for me, it has the academic support as well as a sufficient opportunity for peer interaction. For a student that studies Biology I can say that the offer for one-to-one support is unique and always available.

My Sixth Form focusses on every student no matter how different our abilities are and we are all pushed to strive for the best grades possible. Luckily we have fantastic teachers and career support that sees to it personally that we are given the best chance to do well.

Overall, I would recommend this Sixth Form to anyone as it will make you the best you can be.



Activities and trips abroad



At St Peter's we provide a wide range of opportunities for our Sixth Formers to participate in and continually encourage them to develop their talents, resilience, teamwork skills and to take risks out of their comfort zones.

An extensive range of external activities and trips are available to enrich the curriculum, which include:

Art: Barcelona

Business: New York

Geography: Iceland

History: Paris

MFL: France, Germany and Spain

Music: Europe

Partnership expedition: Uganda

RE: Lourdes pilgrimage and Rome

Science: CERN in Geneva

Sport: Skiing in Austria and USA



Empowerment and celebration

Head Students

The Head Students are a team of student leaders who have the responsibility to set the vision for many activities in the Sixth Form and across the school. They will lead the social atmosphere and cohesion of Sixth Form life and promote fundraising for a range of charities throughout the year, with a particular emphasis on the RAG Week in the autumn term.

As part of their role in engaging Student Voice, they will act as a link between the student body and the school in driving standards and necessary change in the Sixth Form, as well as increasing the depth of the relationships between Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

The Head Students will also take a key role in promoting Sixth Form life and recruiting students in the future.

Your Student Voice

The Student Voice is very important to us and meetings are held half termly to allow students to drive change within the school and Sixth Form. These meetings enable ideas, feedback or issues to be raised and listened to, for example, feedback on lessons, enrichment programme, facilities, food provision, etc. Recently, the Student Voice has been instrumental in leading some of the changes to the bespoke catering provision within the Sixth Form, as well as introducing technology to help with information sharing across the school environment.

Presentation and Graduation Evening

In September, we hold our annual Presentation and Graduation Evening at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. You and all your peers will be invited to this prestigious event to celebrate not only academic achievement but to mark the graduation of all our Year 13s.

Life in the Sixth Form

Free Wi-Fi and BYOD

Free on-site parking

Strong sense of community

Long-lasting friendships

Regular vibrant social events including the lively Rag Week

Year 13 Prom

Become a Head Student and be part of a bespoke leadership course

Annual Presentation Evening and Graduation Evening



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Join our clubs: Debating, Drama, Music, Duke of Edinburgh Gold, World Challenge Expedition to Sweden, Mentoring, Rock Band, Public Speaking, SATRO, Student Voice, Surrey Marketing Challenge, Young Enterprise, Youthgather and many more!

Getting to Sixth Form



No matter where you live, travelling to St Peter's is easy whether your transport mode is bike, car, bus or train!

Many of our students travel to St Peter's by bus from a wide area including Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Milford, Ash, Woking, Send, Leatherhead and Ripley.

Stagecoach provides five routes that serve St Peter's directly. You can view the routes and timetables as well as buy passes online by visiting their website at **www.stagecoachbus.com/stpeters** or telephone them on 0345 121 0190. Alternatively, there is a local bus service that you can use.

The local train station, London Road, is approximately a 25 minute walk to St Peter's.



Free on-site parking

Bike sheds are available on-site to lock your bike safely

Annabel

Previous school: St Peter's Catholic School

Currently studying: Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths

Next step: Studying Natural Sciences at university

St Peter's is a great Sixth Form because it offers a wide variety of subjects, all taught in small classes within a good sense of community. The main reason I chose St Peter's was based upon recommendation and speaking to past students about how they had enjoyed their time there. The idea of having smaller classes appealed to me as you can get to know your classmates and teachers better. After looking around the Sixth Form building, I thought it was nice how there is a main social area (known as the Key) along with separate study rooms, providing a good work/social balance.

In my opinion, St Peter's has been incredibly supportive, since the teachers are always willing to give up their time to offer people one-to-one sessions. This really allows the students to become confident in their subjects; I also find this removes some of the pressure of A Levels. To date my time at St Peter's has been a really positive experience. I have a great group of friends and believe there is an effective balance of study and social activities. In particular we have had lots of opportunities to do practical investigations in both Biology and Chemistry which I have found quite interesting. As well as this we have had Freshers' and Christmas parties, as well as a 'Futures Week' where we had the chance to explore post-18 pathways.

One of my highlights of St Peter's so far has been an ice cream van coming to Sixth Form and we were all given free ice cream! As well as 'Doughnut Fridays' – these always seem to go down well!



Applying to St Peter's

Visit us

Whether you are a Year 10 student getting ahead of the game or a Year 11 student considering your options, come to St Peter's and meet us to discuss what we can offer you and see our facilities.

Each year we hold an annual Open Evening and Subject Fayre in September – this is a great opportunity to meet our teaching staff and current Sixth Form students. Please feel free to ask as many questions as you would like, whether it be academic or to discover what life is like at St Peter's.

You are also welcome to attend any of our Open Mornings that take place throughout the academic year where you can see the Sixth Form in action and get a feel for the place. All dates are on our website: www.st-petersschool.co.uk



Please contact our Sixth Form Coordinator,
to book your place

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How to apply



External applicants

We welcome all Year 11 students from other schools to visit our Sixth Form and apply for a place. This year we have received a very high number of applications and we have been able to offer everyone a place.

Please complete the external application form and we will contact you to arrange the next step. Forms can be downloaded from the website. Please contact the Sixth Form team if you have any questions.

Internal applicants

As a current student at St Peter's, there is a place for you in the Sixth Form – all you need to do now is work hard for your GCSEs and get the grades required. Please complete the Sixth Form Subject Choice Form which is available on the Sixth Form website and hand it in to your form tutor.



Your induction programme

Once you have applied to St Peter's Sixth Form then your official induction programme begins!

In January, you will be invited to meet one of our School Leadership Team members to discuss your mock results and your preferred subject choices.

In March, you will receive a letter confirming your subject choices.

In June, after your GCSEs finish, you will have the opportunity to attend our Taster Day and experience three short lessons, check out the facilities and participate in a programme of exciting activities. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for you throughout the day.

Parents will also be invited to a Parents' Information Evening to meet the Headteacher and the Sixth Form staff and be given the opportunity to ask any questions with regard to your September start.

In the first week of September, you will need to come to Sixth Form and officially enrol with us and take your next educational step with St Peter's.



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