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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."

We are incredibly proud of the students in St Peter's Sixth Form and their achievements. As a growing and successful Sixth Form, we have consistently been the highest attaining post-16 provider in the Guildford region. As you explore this prospectus, you will discover that the results speak for themselves and that many of our students have gone on to attend some of the best universities in the country, or achieved their career aspirations in entering the workplace with their dream job.

We pride ourselves on striving for excellence in our learning and the delivery of the curriculum, promoting and encouraging opportunities that are aspirational for all students, and fostering relationships that are inclusive and genuine. We are a Sixth Form in which you will be able to discover your potential.

Our curriculum offers a variety of subjects and we are always available to offer guidance on the best pathway for you to succeed. As you begin to study your three chosen subjects, you will be supported by a brilliant teaching and pastoral team, who will help you in your studies, advise you in your future choices and encourage you through a pivotal time in your life. With recent changes to our Sixth Form building, we have an environment in which you can develop successful study skills, foster good relationships and build life-long memories framed by your achievements.

At the heart of our Sixth Form is a caring and friendly community, in which new students to St Peter's are able to settle in quickly. During your lessons, you will enjoy positive interaction with expert teachers who are passionate about their subjects and will go beyond the extra mile to support and encourage you. Every week, there are enrichment activities designed to help you develop new skills as well as sport, exercise classes and the use of the local gyms and swimming pools. Your form tutor will support and empower you to embrace effective study skills, positive mental fitness, engage in current debate and prepare you well for your future choice of destination after Sixth Form.

We are genuinely excited about your future and look forward to you becoming a valuable part of our community. St Peter's is a place where you can flourish, hone your talents and discover your potential.

Peter Watson
Head of Sixth Form





Why choose St Peter's?

- Our class sizes are smaller to enable you to benefit from greater interaction with each other and the teacher
- 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/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.

Some Year 12 students who wish to progress in to medicine, engineering or aspire to study at Oxbridge, may choose to take four subjects in Maths and the Sciences with Further Maths.

Vocational Courses

BTECs are more practical, work-related courses and are taken either as a Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels) or an Extended Certificate (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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"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."

Supporting your success

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

Student reports are issued regularly 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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"St Peter's has an excellent ethos and is great for making you feel welcome and supported, and I especially know that I have made lifelong friends here."

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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Alex

Previous school: George Abbot

Currently studying: English Literature, History and Economics

Next step: University to study a degree in History

I joined St Peter's Sixth Form from a different secondary school, unsure of what challenges a new environment would bring. These worries were eased right away - the family spirit of the school was instantly demonstrated through the welcoming nature of the other students. Furthermore, the teachers showed their passion by encouraging debates about all the subjects, highlighting their commitment to providing an expansive education.

The goal of being more than just a student is evident throughout Sixth Form life. I found the enrichment activities on Wednesday afternoons paramount to gaining important life skills and strengthening relationships. The shift to post-16 education is the most dynamic change I have encountered throughout my academic career, the extra responsibilities and control I had over my education was daunting. However, the seemingly monumental task was broken down into manageable segments through the strong support network.

St Peter's comprehensive Next Steps Programme is a constant and welcoming presence in the Sixth Form life. The help provided is a springboard for moving on to higher education, from universities to apprenticeships. With help from activities such as writing a personal statement and even a visit to the UCAS fair, the prospect of a new challenge has never been more enticing.



Camron



Previous school: St Peter's since Year 7

Currently studying: Economics, Physics, Maths

Next step: University to study a degree in either Economics or Politics

I have been at St Peter's since Year 7 and always knew that I wanted to go to the Sixth Form here. It was absolutely the right choice, the teaching is consistently at a high standard, for all subjects and with the smaller A Level class sizes, you get personalised feedback and support for your studies.

Beyond lessons, St Peter's offers a range of activities for the weekly enrichment programme as well as a number of other extra-curricular clubs and activities, one example being the Debate Club which I helped to run for the duration of Year 12.

The Sixth Form community is a great one to be a part of and the Sixth Form team are always on hand to help with any problems or concerns that you may have, or just for a chat. This is especially important for making the transition from GCSE to A Level, known to be a huge step up. In addition, all essentials for independent study are made available for us to use, from IT equipment to tea-making facilities.

I would absolutely recommend St Peter's Sixth Form to anyone considering it.



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, yoga and Zumba. 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
- 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

Challenges



Duke of Edinburgh

In the Sixth Form, we currently have 49 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. Please keep an eye out for further details!

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: Auschwitz, Krakow, 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

Linnea

Previous school: St Peter's since Year 7

Currently studying: History, Geography, Biology

Next step: University to study a degree in Geography

I chose to stay at St Peter's as it has a friendly atmosphere, engaging teaching and lots of opportunities for personal development. The sense of community is strong throughout the school, but has increased since entering Sixth Form. The Key (Sixth Form building) creates a space for socialising, but its study area allows for focused study during, before and after school.

The teaching is incredibly supportive both when you are struggling and helping you push your interests further.

I have had a great learning experience as the teachers are always willing to answer questions and there are lots of opportunities to have 1-to-1s if needed. The small class sizes also help to enhance learning as it allows for discussion and fun, active lessons.

The broad range of enrichment activities help you to develop interests outside of studying. By participating in yoga, I have made new friends and always had some down time in the week. The Oxbridge preparation sessions have helped me to articulate my enthusiasm and understand what steps I need to take to be successful. Gold DofE is also offered at Sixth Form which helps to push you out of your comfort zones on many fronts while deepening your friendships as you experience much of it together.

I would definitely recommend Sixth Form as it is nurturing but will push you to your potential!



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.



The information given in this prospectus is intended as a general guide to St Peter's Sixth Form. All the information contained in this prospectus was believed to be correct and accurate at the time of it going to press on 01.07.2020. The prospectus does not form part of a contract. It is therefore important that you check www.st-petersschool.co.uk for updates or contact the Sixth Form using the contact details contained within this document.