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News

St Peter's SIXTH FORM
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Welcome to your first Sixth Form newsletter of the academic year. I would like to start by sharing with you the wonderful news of the arrival of Mrs Rana-Brown's son, Massimo, last week. He arrived safely and both he and Mrs Rana-Brown are doing well.

Back at school, it has been a busy start to the academic year, with Year 12 students adapting to life as Sixth Formers and the Year 13 students getting back into good habits ahead of their mocks after half term. It has been wonderful to welcome so many new students into our Sixth Form community from many different local schools, All new students and Year 13 students have had a 1:1 with a member of the Sixth Form Team. These conversations have been insightful, allowing us to deploy extra support where needed whilst also celebrating the successes that students have had this term.

As if the term hasn't been busy enough already, it has ended on a high with RAG week. We will share more details about the money raised next term, but we are incredibly grateful to you all for your support of the events. The Head Student Team have worked hard to make the week a success and raise as much money as possible for the two incredible charities – Charlie's Promise and Cancer Research UK.

We thank you for your support this term and look forward to continuing to work productively together to help ensure students achieve their full potential whilst us in the Sixth Form.

UCAS

The deadline for applications for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry degrees, as well as any courses at Oxford or Cambridge, passed on Thursday 15th October. This year St Peter's has supported thirty applicants to meet the deadline for these highly competitive applications. This number is made-up of twenty-eight current Year 13s, plus two St Peter's alumni who have chosen to apply during their gap years.

As we go into half term, I am encouraging as many year thirteens as possible to submit their statement draughts ready for the equal consideration deadline after Christmas. I look forward to working with the year group for what promises to be a wide-ranging and extremely ambitious application cycle.





Congratulations!

At our Partnership Evenings in September, we mentioned that a phrase we like to use with the students is **"Don't leave your success to chance – work for it every day"**

To celebrate this, Ms Lim and Mrs Hulse have highlighted some of the many students who embody this philosophy daily, always working hard in the study rooms during their study periods.

Well done to you all! We know you will keep up your hard work!



Year 12	Year 13
Akira W	Sage N
Ellie L	Kaja J
Henny F	Zane M
Huw L	Lily Y
Leo P	Dylan W
Audrey M	Emily E
Rosalie H	Janice K
Quinn O'R	Uma M
Xavier T	Rory B



Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring excellent attendance to Sixth Form. Please remember to use the Sixth Form direct line to report attendance 01483 484993 or email 6thform@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk

Secondly, a few parents have contacted us as their child's attendance appears to be inaccurate when looking on the Arbor app. In Sixth Form, if a teacher is absent then registers don't get completed in the same way which will mean there are missing marks. We review these regularly and update them. If attendance still appears to be inaccurate after a couple of weeks, then please do contact us then.

Enrichment

This half term, students have taken part in a range of activities during enrichment. The activities are categorised according to wellbeing, personal development and service.

Within wellbeing, students have been: crafting, playing board games, taking part in group quizzes, participating in sport (including use of the gym at Guildford Spectrum), yoga and music.

Those doing a personal development activity have been: working towards their early UCAS applications with Miss Noonan, taking part in a leadership programme, completing a self defence course and being an active member of the lifestyle medicine committee. It is fantastic that students are so keen to develop themselves and use enrichment as an opportunity to learn new skills.

Our service activities will begin after half term now that students have been able to apply for their DBS checks.

However, there was one service opportunity in enrichment this week. Students helped to wash cars as part of the fundraising for RAG week. They did this in the rain with commitment and enthusiasm. It was brilliant to see them do their part for the community. Thank you!





Work Experience Week – Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd April 2027

This week, Year 12 have been told about their compulsory week of work experience happening next Spring. This is an invaluable opportunity for students to gain experience of work. Work Experience not only helps to increase the student's understanding of the world of work, but develops their employability skills, helping them to 'stand out' when making applications to university, college or for apprenticeships. It is a good opportunity for students to source their own work experience as increasingly this is becoming how graduates source their jobs after university. According to High Fliers Research, The Graduate Market in 2026, **33% of all graduate vacancies went to the employer's own work experience students**. Therefore, it is imperative that students become familiar with sourcing and completing work experience so when they are at University they are also confident in doing so. Please use half term as an opportunity to encourage your son/daughter to start reaching out to different employers (including any contacts you may have as a family).

Natalie Kenny from BioGrad – written by Zed T

On the 7th October 2026 we had the pleasure of being given a talk by the charismatic Natalie Kenny the founder and CEO of the company BioGrad. BioGrad is a company, which is transforming the landscape of science and healthcare across the UK. They specialise in Cell therapy a medical treatment that transfers living cells into a patient to heal, fight disease, or restore normal body functions.

Dr Kenny spoke to us about her journey to becoming the founder and CEO of her company speaking with a clear passion for science and commitment to inclusivity. She expressed her fondness of apprenticeships informing us on how she believes that they are the most optimal route for scientific career paths, due to the ever-changing nature of science believing universities to teach outdated courses. To help young people Biograd has shown a clear commitment to creating opportunities through providing skills bootcamps that help with employment in the skills sector.

Dr Kenny also spoke about the hardships of being a female in business. Talking about the inequality between men and woman when it came to healthcare and entrepreneurship. Dr Kenny has been able to maintain 100% equity of her company, due to nobody being willing to support her with funding in her company because she is a woman. Dr Kenny expressed her deep frustration with this injustice, further explaining to us how the UK government provided 25billion pounds In funding to male business men and only 4 million to women in business. Even against all these hardships, Dr Kenny still has managed to become incredibly successful being a company worth over 70 billion and having more major achievements one example being the production and distribution first covid test kit in the UK.

Overall, we had an incredibly informative talk about what we can do to maximise our chances at working in scientific fields in the future. We had a great time and were able to ask questions which were enthusiastically and well answered. The one key takeaway for me, and which Dr Kenny strongly encourages is for many of us who can, to explore Apprenticeship options, going into the future.

Thank you Dr Kenny!

It has been a pleasure seeing the students settle into their good study habits and routines over the half term. I have really enjoyed getting to the know them and seeing them enjoy their lessons and everything St. Peter's has to offer.

This half term during tutor time, the students have been reflecting on the learning from the book 'The First 90 Days' by Michael Watkins. This is all about settling into new routines and making the most of every day. The students have also had some input about study techniques in tutor time and support with organising their time.

I'm so grateful to all the students who helped out as tour guides or in departments during Open Evening. We also had many students support RAG Week by helping to wash cars. This is an excellent display of service - thank you!

I'd like to give a shout out to Daniel T who has been selected to represent GBR in the ISU Junior World Cup Shorttrack Speedskating in Bormio Italy in November. We wish him all the very best!

Thank you all for your support





Upcoming dates

Tues 3rd – Fri 6th Nov – Year 13 Mocks 1
Wed 4th Nov – Year 12 study session with Michele Miller
Mon 9th Nov – Reading day for Year 12 (students work from home for the day)
Wed 13th Nov– Inset Day
Mon 23rd Nov – Year 13 Progress Reports
Thur 26th Nov – Year 13 Parents' Evening
Fri 27th Nov – Year 12 Progress reports
Mon 30th Nov – St Francis Day – School Closed
Thur 3rd Dec – Year 12 Parents' Evening
Wed 9th Dec – Year 13 Final RSE Day

Year 13 have had an extremely busy half term preparing for their Mock exams and balancing this preparation alongside learning new content and getting ready for their next steps. The Sixth form team have been so impressed by their grit, determination and positivity as they face these challenges. There is a lovely sense of belonging and community in the year group; the students fully engage in group discussion in tutor time, look out for each other and can be competitive when they need to be! I am looking forward to celebrating their successes after the mock exam period and I know they will continue to go from strength to strength as the academic year progresses. Thank you for everything you are doing at home to continue to encourage your young person to achieve their full academic, personal and spiritual potential.

