

PETERSPEAK

The Newsletter from
St. Peter's Catholic College of Maths & Computing

South Bank, Middlesbrough
'Learning together - Living in Christ'

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Happy New Year

I hope you had a happy and holy Christmas and feel rejuvenated.

We have commenced the New Year in a positive way. Year 11 are undertaking modular exams and studying the final sections of their courses before final summer examinations begin in earnest in fifteen weeks time! Revision classes and personalisation of timetables are underway and some results are already in with great promise for the summer.

School Day

Just before Christmas we changed the timings of the school day due to the wintry weather. By shortening breaktimes slightly, students were able to easily eat lunch and have free time while also being able to leave school earlier to get home. I have asked students to complete a questionnaire, with the permission of the Governors, to find out if they would like to:

- have these winter times of the day all year;
- have these winter times for winter months only;
- have the usual times all year.

School Uniform

I wish to make changes to our uniform for September and I have asked students to complete a questionnaire on this issue also. They will consider this in tutor groups, and we will discuss preferences through the School Council.

I have attached copies of these two questionnaires to this newsletter for your information and convenience should you wish to express your views for consideration. It should be noted that before any changes take effect, they must be agreed by Governors. Majority opinions will be passed to them as soon as possible,

Pope Idol

We are presently holding auditions leading up to our final on Wednesday 16th February 2011 in the school hall in order to choose the two acts who will represent us in the Diocesan competition at Middlesbrough Theatre on Saturday 5th March 2011.

Tickets will be available nearer the time. Good luck to all and thanks to Mrs Jennings, Mrs Cutler, Miss Glanville and their team for organising this event again.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mr G Hanrahan, Behaviour Manager, and Mr K Neasham, SENCO, to our staff; I hope they enjoy their time at St Peter's.

Mrs C Phillips and Mrs L Simpson have taken on the extra responsibility of Child Protection and can be contacted through school.

Mrs L Cutler, School Chaplain, has returned from maternity leave and will work two days a week. Welcome back.

Miss A Glanville and Mr M Fenney have become Associate Members of the Senior Leadership Team. This gives them experience of working at a higher level of management and enhances our Senior Leadership Team's capacity

Attendance

I must draw your attention to our attendance data which is disappointingly below target by 1% for overall attendance and 1.2% for persistent absence. If students do not attend school they fall behind in their studies and underachieve. May I ask for your full co-operation in ensuring your child attends regularly and help us drive up the figures this term.

Sporting

Last November, former student Mark Carney was placed 17th in the World U17 Tumbling Championship in Metz. He also won the British Senior Tumbling Championship 2 weeks later. In May 2011 he will be representing England in the World Senior Tumbling Championship in Bulgaria. We wish him well.

Akeef Hassan recently won his boxing match against Ryton ABC with a unanimous points decision. Well done Akeef.

Evening Gazette Wish 10 Campaign

Thank you to all those who have cut out the tokens and sent them in to school. So far we have collected around 34,000 tokens which is a fantastic achievement. If you still have tokens at home, send them to school urgently as we will be handing them in to the Evening Gazette at the end of the week. Well done to everyone. We look forward to seeing how much money we will get for the school.

Lunchtime Challenge

House based competitions are beginning again to encourage House identity and provide 'fun activities' for lunch breaks. Thank you to Mr Hanrahan, Heads of House and Mrs Cutler for organising these.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 3 rd February 4.40pm – 6.30pm	Y11 Consultation Evening
w/c 7 th February	Y10 Work Experience
Friday 18 th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 28 th February	Back to school
Thursday 31 st March	Y8 Options Evening
Thursday 14 th April	End of Term
Tuesday 3 rd May	Start of Summer Term

Finally, please complete the attached questionnaires and return them to school to your child's Tutor by Friday 11th February 2011.

Kind Regards

Mrs P J Hanrahan
Headteacher