

PETERSPEAK

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

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

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Save St Peter's Catholic College

The appeal adjudicator held a meeting in school on Friday 22nd January. He was very focussed in his work listening to views from all interested parties- the Local Authority, ourselves, the Diocese and Sacred Heart School.

He has since informed us he may be inviting the community to a public meeting to share their opinions. We are hoping you will help us in the fight to save our school.

We CAN still win. More news to follow.

Staffing

It is with great pleasure that I have commenced the role of Acting Headteacher. I have been a member of the Senior Leadership Team at St Peter's for 11 years and I know the school, staff and students well. I will lead with enthusiasm, ensuring that our young people are guided and educated to help them attain their highest achievement.

Contrary to the many rumours amongst the students, there will be no change in uniform and I expect high standards of behaviour at all times

Welcome to New Staff

Mrs Emma Brown has joined the Senior Leadership Team. She is the SENCO with responsibility for the Special Needs Department and Child Protection in school. We also have a new learning Support Assistant to augment our SEN team, Mrs Lisa McEwan. Also joining us are Mrs Tuckett, English and RE teacher, and Miss Dial, Art Teacher; four excellent appointments.

Mrs Cutler, our Chaplain, has commenced her maternity leave. Miss Glanville, Head of RE, has agreed to take on the responsibility for worship in the school including leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in May. I wish them all well in their new roles.

Examinations

During November and December some of our Year 11 Students underwent some GCSE modular examinations and achieved promising results. Throughout this year groups of specified students will be studying courses extra to our normal curriculum to augment their achievements. I thank staff for all their hard work in organising these.

Attendance

Hopefully the snow problems and the swine flu pandemic are behind us now and we can improve our attendance figures. We believe Attendance is a critically important aspect of education and as such, invest a lot of time and resources to improve it. We have multi-agency work supporting this initiative and this term a small panel of Governors will convene to hold meetings with parents whose children are of concern in this area. Please support us in ensuring your child comes to school every day.

Bikes

I have arranged a more secure storage area for students who prefer to bike to school. This will prohibit any other student access to the bikes during the day.

Congratulations to Former Students

Our sincerest congratulations go to Luke Williams, who made his debut for Middlesbrough FC in the New Year, and Jessica Robinson who had a considerable part, which included a solo, in her first professional production – Peter Pan at Sunderland Empire. We are extremely proud of both ex-students.

I would also like to offer our congratulations to Matthew Ingoe, a Year 11 student who recently saved a small boy from serious injury on the main road outside school.

Dates for your Diaries

5 th Feb	Haiti Fundraising Day
1 st – 5 th Feb	Year 10 Work Experience
9 th Feb	Diploma Course Parents' Evening
11 th Feb	Year 11 Consultation Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
12 th Feb	PD Day – School Closed
13 th Feb	Auditions at Gillbrook for 'Imagine TV'.
25 th March	Y8 Options Evening
1 st April	Break up for Easter Holidays
19 th April	Return to school.
21 st April	Year 11 Leavers' Mass
3 rd May	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May	Lourdes Pilgrimage leaves school
23 rd July	Break up for Summer Holidays.

There may be other dates to add later in the term of which you will be informed.

Very best wishes to you all

Mrs P J M Hanrahan
Headteacher