

PETERSPEAK

The Newsletter from
St. Peter's Catholic College of Maths & Computing
South Bank, Middlesbrough
'Learning together - Living in Christ'

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NEW HEADTEACHER FROM JANUARY 2010

I have great pleasure in announcing the Governors appointed Mrs Pam Hanrahan as Acting Headteacher of St Peter's from January 2010 until August 2010.

It is great news that I am able to 'pass on the baton' to one of our own, which means our focus on the students that we know and value continues seamlessly from January.

I will work closely with Mrs Hanrahan until I leave at Christmas, so that she is ready to assume full responsibility for the school in January.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mrs Hanrahan on her appointment. Like me, she will consider it an honour and a privilege to lead such a wonderful school community.

FAREWELLS

I wrote separately to parents a few weeks ago informing them that I will be leaving St Peter's at Christmas after six very happy years to go back to the South of England. I will be sad to leave such a fantastic school; I look forward to seeing parents at the Carol Concert on 10th December 2009 at 7.00pm.

We also will be saying farewell to Mrs Claire Luke (English/Drama); Mr Justin Burns (Art) and Mrs Pam McLaughlin (English) at the end of the term. All three teachers have served St Peter's extremely well and we shall be sorry to say goodbye at the end of term, but we wish them all well in their future careers.

We also will be sending best wishes to Mrs Laura Cutler (Chaplain) who will be taking maternity leave from Christmas, as she is due to give birth to her first child in January.

NEW STAFF

In January, we welcome Mrs Emma Brown as our new SENCo. Mrs Brown has been working in London on a Senior Management Team, with responsibility for SEN and I know she will make an excellent contribution to school improvement at St Peter's.

Governors have recently advertised for two Learning Support Assistants to 'augment' our SEN team and we hope to make these appointments before Christmas.

We will be making appointments in English and Art shortly to commence in January.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

I am pleased to announce that the school collected 255 shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents for Romanian children, which were duly sent off last week. We were not able to beat our record of 450 (set last year) due to the effects of the recession, but our total was a wonderful effort from everyone. The House winners were St Thomas More with a total of 59 boxes. Thank you to everyone and especially Mrs Sandra Gallacher who organised the collection.

PARENTAL FORUM

An excellent and very informative Parental Forum was held recently on the topic of Internet Safety. The forum was expertly led by Mr Huw Gullett, ably assisted by Mr Fenney, Mr Jackson, Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Jennings. Details of our next Parental Forum will be advertised in due course.

PARENTS' DAY – 4th DECEMBER 2009

Our next Parents' Day is on Friday 4th December for Years 7 through to 10. Letters have gone out to parents, giving details of appointments with subject staff. If you have not received information, please contact our front office and ask for Mrs Ithurralde, Assistant Headteacher. Y11 students will be in school as normal.

YEAR 11 TRIAL/MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Our trial examinations for Year 11 commence on 3rd December and will conclude on 11th December 2009. Please ensure that your son/daughter revises thoroughly for these examinations. Timetables have been sent to parents and also to students.

CAROL CONCERT 10th DECEMBER AT 7.00pm

Our annual Carol Concert will take place on 10th December at 7.00pm in the Small Hall. Please come along for what is always a most enjoyable occasion to celebrate the wonderful season of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our traditional Christmas lunch for students will take place on 16th December. This is always an excellent and important occasion where all the students sit down and eat together, celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Former student Danny Phillips, who won 2 major boxing matches in America recently against the reigning US Champ, Duran Caffero, and the American number two, Adrian Martinez. Danny aims to fight in the Commonwealth Games and to achieve a gold medal at the 2012 Olympics.

Former student Luke Williams who, at the age of 17, has gained promotion from the Middlesbrough Football Academy to the Reserve Team. Watch this space for his call-up to the first team, hopefully, at some point in the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd December	School Photographs
3 rd December	Y11 Trial Examinations begin
4 th December	Y7 to Y10 Parents' Day
9 th December	PSE Day 3
10 th December	Carol Concert at 7.00pm
16 th December	Christmas Lunch
18 th December	End of Term
4 th January 2010	Start of Spring Term