



Saying Goodbye

Yesterday afternoon we had our first end-of-year event when Year 11 had their Leavers' Mass. This was earlier than usual as we had to find a time that didn't clash with an exam. It was a lovely service, celebrated by Father John Warrington, at which we had time to pause and reflect on the last five years, especially the students who have been at the school for the whole period. The students will be formally marking the end of their time at school with their prom on 25 June. Next week it will be the turn of our Sixth Form students who are leaving to have their service and they too will conclude the exam period with a prom on 18 June.

National Challenge Next Steps

Our status as a National Challenge school is for three years and so we have one more year to go. This year's target is for 34% of Year 11 students to achieve 5 or more GCSE passes at grade C or above. We know that this remains a very challenging target as two of the students who were sure to achieve this level left during Year 10. Nonetheless, we have persevered with the remaining students and repeated all the intervention and support initiatives that we had introduced last year.

We now need to turn our attention to the current Year 10. We have spent the last few weeks discussing which approaches to repeat and when, and intend to start some intensive work with this group of students from the beginning of June. This will include identifying a target group to receive intensive support and finding mentors for at least these students but possibly more. This year we are going to invite the parents of the target group to an introductory evening at which we will explain what the year ahead holds for the students.

The target for 2011 is again 34% and if this is achieved it will be a better measure of value added than in either of the previous two years. More information about our new National Challenge year will be in future newsletters.

Black Cardigans

Despite frequently reminding the students about the uniform rules we are still finding that several girls are wearing black cardigans. Asking them to take them off and letting them put them into their bags has not been working so we will now be confiscating these items. Parents' support with this is requested.

Sean Hayes

Learning Spaces Showcase

This exhibition is now up and running and we have had a lot of interest from other schools and the local press. The Evening Telegraph were in yesterday taking photographs and interviewing students, one of whom has written about this experience:

"I had to talk to a reporter, and so did Vicky and Bradley, about the new technology in the Atrium. There is a lot of technology to talk about to the reporter. We had to say the ones we liked best. It was hard to choose the best one because they were all really good. They can all help you learn a lot in different subjects. The laptop with the microscope attached will help in Science because it will help you see skin particles. The reporter asked what would help us learn more in school."

Cherise Betts

Achievement in Classics

This week we are celebrating the achievement of students in the Classics department.

Students of the Month:

Progress

Year 9 Lisamarie Jones
Year 10 Katherine Ager
Year 11 Carl Mould
Year 12 Stefan Salerno, Michael Wiles
Year 13 Chris White

Achievement

Year 9 Jordan McCormack
Year 10 Holly Hung
Year 11 Chelsea Satchwell
Year 12 Charlotte Whitwood, Ruksar Azam
Year 13 Mariana Mancellos

Congratulations and well done to

Mr Boyle



Summer Showcase Tickets on sale

Tickets for the Summer Showcase (Thursday 15 July) are now on sale from Student Services at break and lunch times. This concert is looking to be a fantastic event with a singing group of over fifty for some of the songs! Those students who went on the Drama trip to see *Wicked* last week may be interested to know that some of the songs that will be performed are from that show. Several songs featured in the TV show *Glee* will be performed as well as a range of music from other shows such as *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Les Miserables*, *Chicago*, *Billy Elliot*, *Oliver* and *Guys and Dolls*. The staff choir will also be performing some of the hits from *Mama Mia* and we will be joined by the choir from *St Thomas More*! Tickets for adults are £3 and for students £1.

Wicked!!

On Wednesday 12 May, students from Years 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form went to see *Wicked* at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London. When we arrived everyone was extremely excited as we had been waiting for this day for nearly 2 months. Soon we all took our seats at the front and the show came to life, with a bang! Starring among the cast was Rachel Tucker, from *I'd Do Anything*, and Lee Mead, from *Any Dream Will Do*. The smash hit musical was AMAZING. We would like to thank all the staff who organised the trip and for making it an enjoyable one. It was truly WICKED!

Maria Miranda LOCK

Election Results

Sixth Form students had the opportunity to experience a real life election system on Polling Day, Thurs 6 May. All students were given a vote and they took it in turns choosing which party they would vote for in a mock polling station. Students were given ballot papers, which they marked and then posted in the ballot box.

The votes were tallied and the results were:

Labour 42%
Liberal Democrats 22%
Undecided 16%
Conservatives 8%
British National Party 7%
Green Party 6%



PETERBOROUGH FM GOES LIVE ON 87.7 FM from 29 May - 25 June 2010

With many students from our GCSE Media Studies group already training to become the DJs and sound engineers of the future... please reset your radio to 87.7 FM from 29 May and support our local youth run radio station.

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Some Reminders

After next week we have the summer half term holiday, returning to school on Monday 7 June which will be Week 1. Some of the key dates for the remainder of the term are:

Tuesday 15 June	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Tues/Wed 23/24 June	Year 12 Induction
Tuesday 29 June	Feast of St Peter & Paul
Wednesday 30 June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7 July	Year 6 Induction
Thursday 22 July	Sports Day
Friday 23 July	St John Fisher Day