



## Facebook

I have recently reminded students in years 10 and above about the dangers associated with some websites, such as Facebook. There are two particular issues. The first is that someone that students 'meet' on such websites might not be what they say they are – they may say they are a 14 year old boy when they are a 39 year old man, for example. The second issue is when the conversation starts to go in a direction which is different to one that would happen face to face, such as becoming very intimate. The police tell me that this has happened recently to students in Peterborough and asked me to warn all students to be careful.

In both of the above cases it is really important that personal details are not given out – no phone numbers or addresses and no details about where students will be at certain times. This is often-repeated advice but it does no harm to say it again. I did not speak to Years 7-9 but they too could take note of these points and parents may wish to discuss the issues with your children. If the usual precautions are taken there should be nothing to be concerned about.

## Holidays

I feel it is time to mention again the issue of parents taking students out of school during term time. This is because I have received several requests in the last month for students to miss the last week or two of term to go on holiday. This is not a reason to not be in school and all these requests are being turned down. We still have a long summer holiday in this country, the dates of which are given out at least a year ahead, so there should be no need for these requests. I would appreciate parents' support with this: there is hard evidence that the lower students attendance at school the lower their final exam grades.

## Peterborough Children's Services

You may have read in the press last weekend about an issue that occurred last December when a number of referrals to Social Services were not processed promptly. Swift action was taken to put the situation right and Ofsted have now checked that all the correct procedures are in place and operating well. Social Services receive around 200 referrals a week in Peterborough and some of these are from our school. I would like to reassure you that none of the cases that were held up involved our students.

I wish you all a very good half term break.

*Sean Hayes*

## New Cashless Catering System

We are pleased to announce that we are installing a new cashless catering system at the School. The system will be installed after half term and will go live at the end of June. The cashless catering system will bring a number of benefits to staff and students including:

- Reduced queuing times, allowing everyone to use the facilities
- Convenient way for parents to pay for meals
- Students entitled to Free School Meals will remain anonymous
- Discourages the misuse of dinner money through spending in shops outside of the school grounds
- Alleviates many of the associated problems with the use of cash in schools i.e. loss, theft and bullying
- Student food allergies can be programmed into the system and a warning will then be displayed at the till

More information about the new system will be sent to parents shortly.



## Achievement in Drama

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

### Progress

Year 7	Andrew Bellars, Danae Larham
Year 8	Kaiz Hussain, Kierran Porter
Year 9	Afsha Hussain, Elsaïda Memaj
Year 10	Sonny O'Rourke, Iziah Robinson
Year 11	Mohammed Shahbaz
Year 12	Shannon Walker
Year 13	Hannah Bolton

### Achievement

Year 7	Hassan Nawaz, Marcelina Klupiec
Year 8	Ellen James, Mahaliah Meriales
Year 9	Charlotte Phillips Clarke, Lisamarie Jones
Year 10	Sabrina Marzano, Kirsty MacIntosh
Year 11	Hannah Bidwell
Year 12	Shaunagh McClean
Year 13	Joe Hostead

Congratulations and well done to all.





## Festival of Flowers and Floral Carpet at Our Lady of Lourdes, Dogsthorpe

This weekend, 29 and 30 May, sees the Festival of Flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes in Dogsthorpe. All are welcome to view the marvellous displays, including some by our younger students who are busy making miniature gardens as part of the display.

**Have you ever been Jealous?  
Have you ever been Hurt?  
Have you ever been Betrayed?**

## Othello Auditions

**Monday 14 June 3.30 - 5.00 pm  
in the Drama Studio**

**To be performed at The Key  
Theatre in October as part of the  
Shakespeare for Schools Festival**

Please speak to the Drama Department  
for more information and for audition  
speeches

## Cricket News

The under 13s and under 15s have been involved in cricket fixtures this half term. The under 15s have had 2 exciting games recently, beating Orton Longueville and drawing with Hampton. Sonny O'Rourke also batted the entire innings making 48 runs in a narrow defeat to Jack Hunt. Well done!



## Sadie Hutchings (aka Rapperwoman)

Chorus

**I just try to be the best I can,  
So I choose lessons to fit my  
plan,  
But sometimes it goes terribly  
wrong,  
I know though, I have to stay  
strong.**

I've been told 'a rolling stone gathers no moss',  
So this can help me to be the boss,  
Take responsibility for my own actions.  
So I can get the right reactions. Chorus

Maths, Science, English, Art,  
This gave me the best start.  
For the big, wide world  
that is still ahead  
It's very hard it has been said. Chorus

At home I'm asked what have you learnt, from what  
you've been taught?  
Sometimes it's not a lot, so I feel very distraught,  
But I have my dream stuck in sight,  
To make sure that I get it, I'm willing to put up a fight.  
Chorus

I've been told 'those who fail to prepare, prepare to  
fail',  
So I'm not ready to bail,  
Out of what I know, I can achieve and do,  
My teachers say they expect that too. Chorus

Now I'm starting to feel more alive,  
As I have to learn to survive,  
Money I need, which I need to earn  
So a big wake up call 'hey you, yes you, you need  
to learn!'. Chorus

I will be starting my exams very soon,  
Which sounds very gloomy  
But I know it's something that has to be done  
And I can't mess about like it's all just fun. Chorus

My future's coming near  
Nothing to fear,  
Except what is wrote  
On my very final school note. Chorus

*Sadie was inspired to write this piece  
after the recent visit to the school by the  
author Donovan Christopher*