



Celebration of Achievement Evening

We had a splendid evening on Tuesday when we presented awards to students from across the school. Sadly our Guest of Honour, MP Fiona Onasanya, was unable to attend due to urgent business in the House of Commons, but I was grateful to Tony Walsh for standing in for her. Mr Walsh had come to present a new trophy, a silver salver which has been presented to the school by the Catenian Association.

The Catenian Association has been operating in the county for over a hundred years, and is a network of Catholic professionals who meet socially to forge links. Most groups also raise funds for charity and the national association has a bursary fund which gives grants to students aged 16+ to help support charitable and volunteering work that they might undertake. Further information about the bursary fund may be found at <https://www.catenianbursary.com>. We are very grateful for the donation of the new trophy which is to be awarded for service to the school. Congratulations to the first recipient, Urte Cibityte.

Thank you to Mr Reilly and the Admin Team for organising the evening, and to everyone else who played a part, including our excellent musicians.

And congratulations to all of the students who collected awards and prizes. Pictures from the event will be posted in the Gallery on our website.

School Leadership

This was my last Celebration of Achievement evening as I am due to retire next Easter. I therefore used the opportunity to share some thoughts about how the school has changed since I arrived in the summer of 2008. One of the main improvements I focussed on was the considerable range of opportunities we now provide for our students beyond the classroom: Army Cadets, Learning Leaders, Our Heroes programme, Student leadership and chaplaincy roles for all ages, The Brilliant Club and Children's University, Debating Club and Public Speaking, Mock Bar trials, Visits for Year 9 students to university, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and the National Citizen Service; and an endless list of other activities that take place throughout the year, organised and run by students and staff – such as the recent Great Get Together and the World Cup competition. And this is only a sample.

Governors have started the process to appoint my successor and hope to be able to make an announcement next term. Meanwhile it is very much business as usual.

Sean Hayes

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

We have Mass this morning to celebrate today's Feast Day when we honour the martyrdom in Rome of these two apostles. A very appropriate occasion for us, being in a city that is named after St Peter.



Next Week

We welcome our new Year 7 students on Wednesday and look forward to meeting their parents in the evening. We are now oversubscribed and currently have almost 40 names on the waiting list, a further indication of the popularity of the school.

We also have our Celebration Assemblies each morning, when we will present this term's attendance and form awards. This has been brought forward slightly this year because of the number of trips that are taking place the following two weeks.

The Five Rs - Responsibility

Next week we will continue to reward students with merits for being responsible in and out of lessons.



To help you do this consider these few tips:

- I have my equipment
- I work in a team and help others
- I think ahead and avoid distractions
- I clear up after myself and others
- I take responsibility for my actions and the effect I have on my friends



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Years 10 and 12 Visit to the Careers Show

Last week all year 12 students, with a selected group of year 10 students, visited the Skills Service careers Show at the Peterborough Arena. This provided an opportunity for students to find out about different post-16 and post-18 options. There were different zones linked to different careers and representatives from hundreds of different businesses. Our year 12 students were particularly interested in the section on Higher Education and also finding out about apprenticeship opportunities from different employers. Our year 10 students enjoyed the opportunity to explore different areas of work and understand the many possibilities open to them. All students returned to school a little more educated about careers and with large goodie bags. Rachel Pickering, our NEACO partner, delivered a follow up assembly to students this week, giving them ideas as to how to follow up the information they had discovered. Thank you to Mrs Ahmed for her help organising this.

Year 8 Geography Field Work, Hunstanton

Last week nearly 100 Year 8 students descended on the North Norfolk Coast to complete Geography fieldwork. As usual the day began near Thornham, with students walking from the village, over the salt marshes to the beach. Students were able to examine different coastal features and look at the different ways in which coastal defences are managed. Students then walked along the coastal path towards Holme and then onto the beach for the final stretch to Old Hunstanton. It was a hot day and students were delighted to get to the beach. Some couldn't resist the opportunity to dip their toes in the chilly North Sea.

Reading Buddies

Throughout this year, a group of year 7 students have been coming to the study centre twice a week with a buddy to read together. The students have been very committed and we are delighted with their progress. Congratulations to the following students:

Readers: Adham Zaroob, Ruqayyah Akhtar, Eveline Balseryte, Amin Aouad, Martin Facuna, Farhan Hussain, Wiktor Mankiewicz, Hamid Naveed, Denis Horvath, Jiri Jassa, Dhira Lane, David Rafael, Zahraa Ishfaq, Emilija Jankoviciute, Xavier Lysik, Agnieszka Spsychalska, Samuel Bimbo, Justin Cortez, Kelwin Pereira, Greta Pinkeviciute

Buddies: Alasdair Ager, Basera Nasser, Ismaeel Khan, Mariza Barreto Da costa Soares, Misbah Hussain, Axa Hayat, Renita Pereira, Saniana Afzal, Farah Qamar, Bartlomiej Iuszczynski, Jacky McAlinden, Vanessa Abankwa, Razvan Cercel, Viorel Cercel



Peterborough Pupil Referral Service proudly present the second Citywide Safer Together Event

Tuesday 17th July 6.00 - 8.00pm

This event offers a unique opportunity for parents, carers and professionals to meet people working together within your community to keep your children safe. Targeted at activities relevant to secondary age pupils, there will be a mix of stands to visit, staff to speak to and workshops which will explore topics in more detail. Workshops will run for 30 - 40 minutes starting at 6.15pm and include:

- Educate against Hate : Preventing radicalisation
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- E Safety : On Line Safety, know your friends
- Drug Awareness
- Beating Bullying
- Preventing Knife crime

There will also be the opportunity to speak to other professionals about: National Citizen Service, Drugs, Health and Wellbeing, Fire Prevention, Home Security, Behaviour Support Service, Tricky Times project / HMP Whitemoor, Community Connectors, Local Safeguarding Children Board, Solutions 4 Health

Light refreshments and limited parking available

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Year 8:
25 June - 6 July**