



Good Relationships

On Tuesday this week I attended the monthly meeting of the city's secondary headteachers. It always encourages me that we have such a good working relationship with our neighbours. In many ways we are in competition with each other, for both students and exam results, but we have managed in Peterborough to look beyond this and built healthy working patterns that enable us to support each other. Our school works particularly closely with Nene Park Academy and Jack Hunt School, with the three headteachers meeting each term to discuss how we can support each other. But this does not stop us having links with the other schools, and our Sixth Form continues to run in conjunction with King's School's.

There is much fracturing of our education system nationally, especially with the reduction in the role of local authorities, so it is good that we are managing to buck the trend in Peterborough.

We also continue to work closely with the other diocesan schools, and the headteachers of the schools in our corner of the diocese are meeting later this month.

Cold Weather Procedure

As we move into winter I would like to remind everyone of the procedure in the event of very bad weather. There are two main points:

1. If we are unable to open the school in the morning we will send text/email messages to parents and staff. We will also post a notice on the school website.
2. If school has started as usual but the weather then deteriorates, we will **not** close early.

It follows that we do need correct contact details for parents. We check these regularly but if anything has changed please let us know.

Please also try to avoid ringing the school to ask if we are open or closed. This blocks the phone lines and might prevent more urgent messages from getting through.

Admission Consultation

Each year there is a consultation process concerning school admission procedures for the following year. The current consultation in Peterborough includes our own admission arrangements which will be changing for the first time in a few years. This is because of a move by the Catholic Education Service to bring all Catholic school admission policies into line.

The local authority have asked me to draw parents attention to the consultation, to which you may respond if you wish. The full details can be found on the city council website at:

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/consultation/school-admission-arrangements-2019-2020-annual-consultation/>

The Consultation ends on 15 December.

Sean Hayes

Cambridge House Council

Within the last two months, Mrs Helcoop has put together a new house council.

House Leader – Bruno Walewski C6

Chaplaincy Ambassador – Elizabeth Desborough C2

Sports Ambassador – Devshi Karavadra C8

Anti-Bullying Ambassador – Vanessa Abankwa

Charity Ambassador – Mustafa Javed

House Ambassadors: (School Council) Eromu Ehwerhemuepha C4, Ashley Knight C1, Shannon Hall C1, Maria Hersh C2, Bismillah Alam C3 (Publicist), Princess Lawal-Beulah C3

Three people applied for the Sports Ambassador role, which then meant the job had to be taken to interviews.

"It was an extremely difficult battle and a tight decision", Mrs Helcoop said.

Congratulations to Devshi Karavadra in C8 who was given the role and we welcome him to the team.

In the same way, the role for house leader had to be turned over to interview. Just to stress how important this was, Mrs Helcoop took 3 days to decide. Bruno Walewski from C6 was successfully appointed to this key position. Congratulations to Bruno and the Team! Bismillah Alam (C3) Cambridge Publicist



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**Year 9
Academic Tutoring
13 November to
24 November**

Football News

The Under 16 football team had a fantastic result against COPA securing a resounding 7-0 victory. The boys played some scintillating football whilst keeping the back door firmly shut. Dario Balde, Thierry Marques, Tiago Jalo were amongst the scorers.

Last week a group of Year 10 students started a phase 2 Rugby project with Northampton Saints. The group were involved in many different Rugby style games with coaches from Northampton Saints, which will eventually lead to different sports leadership opportunities and a Rugby project within the school.

Finally, sports clubs are still seeing record numbers in attendance – before the half term break we were reaching over 200 per week which is a great effort! Next week sees a slight change to our lunchtime clubs as we will be hosting the house basketball competitions in the Sports Hall every day at lunchtime. Monday starts with Year 7, Tuesday Year 8, Wednesday Year 9, Thursday Year 10 and Friday Year 11 / KS5. Boys and girls teams will be competing, so get your name down on the house team sheets to compete against the other houses and earn crucial extra points for your house.

Year 9 Netball

On a fresh and sunny Tuesday evening the Year 9 girls played Nene Park Academy at St John Fisher. Nene Park Academy had some good players and a particularly strong goal attack. St John Fisher had a shaky start as they struggled to convert their efforts down the court in the shooting circle. At half time we were 2-6 down. The girls found their rhythm in the second half and after some well worked passing around the circle they were level. They quickly extended their lead and won 15-8. All girls played exceptionally well and demonstrated resilience and the ability to maintain their composure when under pressure. Player of the match was Elicia D'Ambrosio as voted by Nene Park Academy.

Peterborough Inter-Faiths Council

Invites all to join in our United Nations
Children's Day Celebrations 2017

*Praying Together for Peace and
Compassion*

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Thursday 16 November at 7 pm

ADMISSION FREE

The service will be followed by refreshments.

***There will be a retiring collection for The
Rohingya Refugee Crisis***

Residential Humanities Visit North Wales: 9 July – 13 July 2018

I am happy to report the continued popularity of the visit to North Wales led by the Geography and History Departments. All 40 places on this visit in 2018 have now been taken and there is also a small reserve list.

Both accommodation and transport have been booked for the visit and I would now like to take the opportunity to pass on the payment schedule for those attending.

(The due dates are the latest possible payment date and payments can be made earlier)

Payment	Type	Payment Due Date
Deposit	£50	20.10.17
Term 2	£50	19.12.17
Term 3	£50	09.02.18
Term 4	£50	29.03.18
Outstanding Balance	£50	25.05.18

As residential visits at this time of year are obviously extremely popular, it is essential that payments are made to schedule in order that we do not lose our bookings.
Dr Bottrill, Humanities Faculty Leader

SJF House Competitions

“have life and have it abundantly”

John 10:10

Well done to Mr Kirwan and W6 for winning the Bench Ball competition. They played as a team really well.
Congratulations.



Thank you to everybody that made a pumpkin carving entry, Rochester won and provided some excellent entries.



Next week is the Limbo finals
Let's see how low you can go at lunch time
on Wednesday, 15 November!