

# P&P Update

Autumn Edition 2023

A BACK TO SCHOOL  
MESSAGE FROM  
*the Principal*

OUR STANDARDS AND  
EXPECTATIONS FOR THE  
YEAR AHEAD

CLASS OF 2023  
EXAM RESULTS AND  
LOTS LOTS *more...*

OPENING EVENING  
WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER  
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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



# BACK TO SCHOOL

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**I wish the biggest and warmest welcome to all our new and returning students, families, and staff as we enter the new 2023/24 school year at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School together.**

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and have had the opportunity to spend time with each other, your loved ones, and friends and have enjoyed some much deserved rest and relaxation, before we commence the next stage of your child's educational journey.

This term we'll be focussing on supporting our new year 7 students as they settle into secondary school life, our year 8 students as they navigate school outside of last year's learning zone, our year 9 students as they start to think about their Key Stage 4 options, our year 10 students as they begin their Key Stage 4 studies, and our Year 11s as they enter their GCSE year.

Speaking of GCSEs, we were delighted to celebrate an excellent round of results with our Class of 2023 school leavers on the 24th August, and we hope their success stories serve to inspire this year's GCSE students to work hard, commit to their revision, and do all they can to achieve their full potential in their final exams.

With an increased collective effort in mind, I'm asking our students and families, through this edition of our school newsletter, to re-familiarise themselves with our school expectations around uniform, attendance and behaviour.

What may seem insignificant to some, can have enormous repercussions around school for others, and we want to take every opportunity to ensure the impact that is felt is a positive one, and that we continue to work together to maintain the high standards reinforced at the end of the last school year.

At the end of this year, I would love to see a record number of students being recognised for their achievements at our year group presentation evenings, and rewarded for their excellent attendance and compliance with school standards through reward trips and activities at the end of term.

As always, I truly appreciate all your support in helping each and every student make the best start possible to the new school term and become the best that they can be in the long run.



**Mrs Danielle Scott**

Principal, Sts Peter & Paul Catholic High School



# P±P ALUMNI UPDATE

Keep a look out for Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Chef de Partie Lucy Mae Darcy on BBC 2 on Tuesday 5th September.

**Congratulations to former P±P student and current St Helens rugby player, and England international, Faye Gaskin, for her role in a historic win over Leeds at the first women's Challenge Cup final to be played at Wembley.**

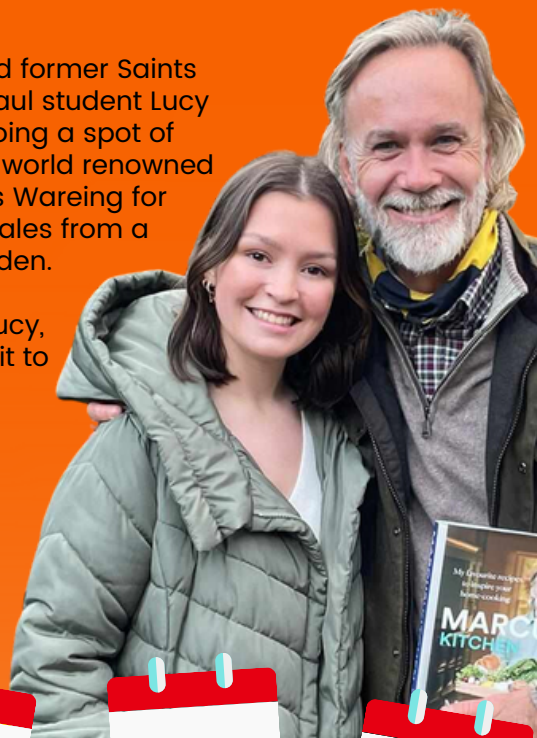
Scrum half Faye kicked the winning drop goal in the semi-final, coming back after two years of injury, to secure Saints Women a place in the final, where they ultimately beat Leeds 22-8.

What an achievement Faye! We're so proud of you and the entire team and thank you all for being such amazing role models to our students.



Ritz chef and former Saints Peter and Paul student Lucy has been doing a spot of filming with world renowned chef Marcus Wareing for series 2 of Tales from a Kitchen Garden.

Well done Lucy, we can't wait to watch.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### SEPTEMBER

4th | INSET DAY

5th | Years 7 & 11 return to school  
In lines for 8:40am

6th | Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school  
In lines for 8:40am

TBC | Year 7 welcome event

27th | Open evening

### OCTOBER

27th | Break up at 2:55pm

29th | Clocks go back

### NOVEMBER

6th | INSET DAY

TBC | Year 11 mocks

TBC | Class of 2023  
Presentation Evening



SCAN  
ME!



Take a look at our school calendar on our website  
<https://www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/calendar>



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TAKE A LOOK.  
BE INSPIRED.  
**BE P±P.**





# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

**Our class of 2023 took part in celebrations as they collected their highly anticipated GCSE and BTEC results on Thursday 24th August**

Staff and family members joined the students in their excitement as they opened up yet another round of excellent results.

These results now mean that many students have secured a place to study their chosen subjects at local sixth form and higher education colleges, with others being able to commence vocational apprenticeship training with local, national, and global companies.

Principal Danielle Scott said: "We are thrilled and so very proud that the hard work and dedication of our students throughout their secondary school journey has been rewarded.

"This extraordinary cohort of students have shown a unique and exemplary commitment to their learning, despite multiple challenges they have faced in their school career, and I am so pleased that their fantastic results reflect this.

"I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to the wonderful team at school for their expertise in teaching and mentoring, and to our parents and carers for their never-ending support and guidance over the years.

"This partnership between home and school has ensured so many of our students could aspire to, and surpass, the final target grades predicted for them.

"We wish each and every student the very best of luck as they take their next steps in education or employment, and we thank them all for the wonderful memories they leave us with."





# WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

## Meet just some of our high achieving students



GCSE student Anyas, was our highest achiever for 2023 collecting an envelope of 9s, 8s, and 7s. Joining Cronton Sixth Form College to study Government and Politics, English Language, and Sociology at A-Level, she said, "I'm really happy with my results. I was expecting to do well, but not this well. I've learned so much at Saints Peter and Paul, and I want to thank all my amazing teachers for all the amazing opportunities they've given me while I was there".



Former St Michael's Primary School pupil Ellis has truly made the most of his time with us, walking away with top GCSE grades of 9s, 8s, 7s and 6s plus a distinction star in BTEC Business Studies this morning.

Ellis is heading to Cronton Sixth Form College to study A-level Maths and Physics from September, and said "If I can give one bit of advice to next year's Year 11s, I would say don't stress, and put the work in because it will all pay off in the end."



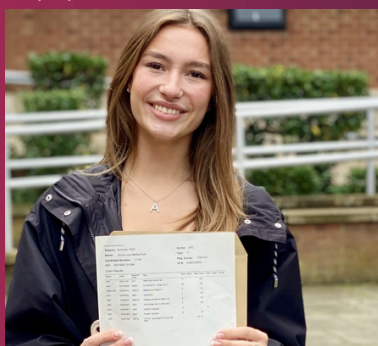
Sham achieved 8s, 7s and 6s and a distinction in Creative iMedia. She said "I am absolutely delighted with my results. I was a bit worried about them, as I missed a lot of time due to illness just before my exams, but I've done better than I was expecting, so I'm really really happy."

With plans to become a cybersecurity specialist in the future, she will now continue her studies at Carmel College doing maths, further maths, computer science, and physics.



An active member of the P+P community, Hadyn's hard work and dedication has been rewarded with a set of fantastic results, including distinction grades in PE and Drama. Hadyn said "I'm really happy with my results, and have done better than I thought I would. I'm heading off to enrol in college this afternoon, I can't wait."

Joining us from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary in year 7, he is looking forward to studying drama at Cronton Sixth Form College from September.



Another former Saint Michael's Primary pupil, Anna Mc, collected grades of 8s, 7s, and 6s in her GCSE results, plus a distinction star in Health and Social Care.

She said "All I wanted to do was pass my exams, so to come away with results like this is unbelievable. I'm very happy and so excited to start college now."

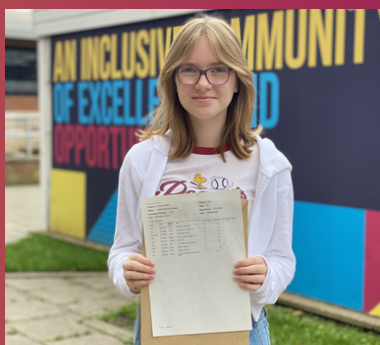
Keeping her options open, Anna is now off to study a variety of A-levels including English Literature, Criminology, and Textiles at Cronton Sixth Form College.



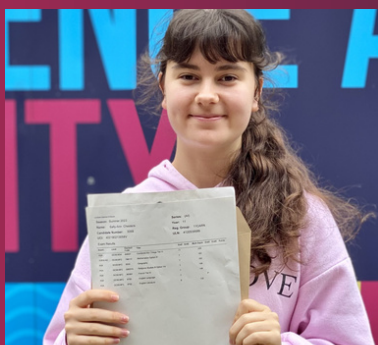
Andrzej S who achieved a fantastic set of top grades of 9s, 8s, 7s and 6s, and distinction stars in BTEC Business Studies and Creative iMedia.

Andrzej said, "I'm so happy with my double 9s for science, and I was surprised with an 8 in maths too which is great. All the extra revision sessions we did between our mocks and exams made a huge difference to my final grades."

The former St Ambrose Catholic Academy pupil is planning to study Business, Economics and Computer Science A-levels at Cronton Sixth Form College.



Katie K. opened up her results envelope to find 8s, 7s and 6s galore, along with a distinction in Health and Social Care. Fascinated by what makes people tick, the former St John Fisher Catholic Primary pupil is now heading to Cronton Sixth Form College to study Psychology, History, and Philosophy and Religion at A-Level.



A huge well done to Sally Ann, a former pupil of Cronton CE Primary, who is now off to study A-levels in Media and Business at Cronton Sixth Form College after collecting a raft of GCSE grade 8s and 7s in her results envelope, as well as a distinction star in BTEC Business Studies.



With 9s, 8s, and 7s across the board, and a distinction star in Animal Care, Katie B. is another of our highest achievers of the Class of 2023. Katie said "I'm so made up with my results, I can't stop smiling. I want to do French at university and to get a 9 in French at GCSE is a great start." Joining Cronton Sixth Form College in September, Katie, a former Oakfield Primary School pupil, will be studying French, Criminology and Business at A-Level.



# MEET THE TEAM

## Meet our new Chaplaincy Co-ordinator and RE Teacher, Miss Smith



Miss Smith joined the P+P team towards the end of last year, and has quickly become a friendly and popular face in our corridors.

Here she tells us more about her background, her role and her vision for chaplaincy within our school over the next year:

"I've always wanted to be an RE teacher and I studied Secondary Religious Education at university. I originally taught in Lancaster, did two years travelling doing volunteer teaching abroad. Here are some pictures from my time away..."



"Having a chaplain is really important. The faith of the school is the heart of the school, so if you have someone there for the students to help drive that faith and ethos forward, it's really important for students, their parents, and staff."

"I'm really passionate about making faith fun, making Christianity relatable, and something that kids can see as relevant to their life. I don't want children to switch off and think it's boring and outdated and doesn't apply to them. That's why I love the John 10:10 verse, and use it to shape what I do. I want to inject that life, fun and excitement into the faith of the school."

"I love working with the school mission team. They are really amazing and work with the Chaplaincy around things like trips, co-curricular clubs and Feastfest, which is one of the best days in the school year. We want the chaplaincy to open up as a space, to be somewhere the students can come to ask for help and feel safe, as well as somewhere they can have fun and meet with other people"

"I love it here, the school is so friendly. The staff are really friendly, the kids are great. I really love it"

I have come  
that they may  
have life,  
and have it  
to the full

John 10:10

### OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

FATHER,

WE **THANK YOU** FOR BRINGING US SAFELY TO A  
NEW SCHOOL DAY, WE SHARE AS **ONE FAMILY**.

**MAY LOVE GROW STRONG** WITHIN THESE WALLS  
AND OPEN OUR HEARTS TO **LET JOY AND  
FRIENDSHIP FLOURISH**.

FILL US WITH THE COURAGE OF ST PETER AND  
THE WISDOM OF ST PAUL, TO **HELP US TO GROW**  
INTO THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE,  
**ALIVE WITH YOUR LOVE**.

AMEN





# OUR VALUES CHARTER

**Our vision as a school is to be an 'Inclusive Community of Excellence and Opportunity'.**

To help us achieve this vision, we are guided by a set of values:

- Compassion
- Respect
- Aspiration

These values are at the heart of every decision we make as a school and as individuals.

As part of our school community, we expect our students to adopt these values and hold themselves accountable for their behaviour by building their actions and responses around these core principles.

Here we explain what each value means to us, and how students and staff can demonstrate them through their behaviour inside and outside of school...



## COMPASSION

### BEING THAT SOMETHING OTHER

- Be kind in everything I do
- Have positive relationships
- Share positive language
- Give service to our community
- Contribute to enrichment opportunities
- Learn from mistakes and make better choices
- Forgive, apologise and move forward

## RESPECT

### OURSELVES EACH OTHER THE ENVIRONMENT

#### Respect ourselves

- Follow our school rules
- Wear full school uniform and bring equipment for learning
- Attend school each day and be on time

#### Respect each other

- Show good manners, listen and respect the opinion of others
- Celebrate & praise the efforts of ourselves & others
- Respect the right of others to be safe
- Respect our differences and celebrate individuality

#### Respect the environment

- Use the bins to dispose of litter
- Take care of communal areas, dining rooms and toilets
- Help to keep the classrooms tidy

## ASPIRATION

### BEING THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES EVERY DAY

**A**sk and respond to questions  
**S**peak and listen  
**P**repared and punctual  
**I**ndependent  
**R**esilient and never give up  
**E**valuate and improve my learning



# OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have high standards for our school uniform.  
We expect students to be smart, neat and ready to learn at all times.

## "PUPILS WEAR THEIR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE"

Ofsted, July 2022



### TIES

Year group ties from September 2023

- Year 7 – Maroon with blue stripe
- Year 8 – Maroon
- Year 9 – Maroon with silver stripe
- Year 10 – Blue
- Year 11 – Blue with maroon stripe

### SHOES



- All shoes must be plain black and should be able to be polished
- The sole of the shoe must be plain black
- Trainer style or canvas shoes are not allowed
- No logo or embellishments



A light blue shirt & branded tie

Optional navy-blue V-neck plain jumper (no logo)

A navy-blue blazer embroidered with our school logo

Kilt-style skirt

Dark grey formal trousers

Navy blue long socks if wearing skirt

Black socks if wearing trousers

## BOYS' PE KIT

Rugby/Game Shirt



Lyon short

School Socks

Trainers

Football/Rugby Boots

## GIRLS' PE KIT

Apex T-shirt



Lyon Short or navy leggings

School Socks

Trainers



# SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

It is your child's responsibility to bring and look after the equipment they need to carry out tasks in class.

We expect all students to be prepared and ready to learn at all times.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED...



### A suitable school bag

Your school bag should be large enough to fit an A4 folder in

### A basic stationery set as a minimum...

- 1x pencil case
- 1x HB pencil
- 1x eraser
- 2x black biros
- 1x green biro
- 1x 15cm ruler
- 1x scientific calculator

## BUY A P+P STUDY STARTER PACK

**£5**

via ParentPay

Easy and affordable our school study starter pack can be purchased for £5 via ParentPay throughout each term, ensuring your child has access to a basic set of school equipment.



## SUPPORTING YOU TO SUPPORT OUR STANDARDS



From September, students with incorrect or missing items of uniform will be asked to visit our One Stop Shop to borrow the things they need to meet our school standards.

The One Stop Shop will initially work like a swap shop. Students identified as having inappropriate dress will be given a guidance, and will be directed to the shop, located in the hub, to retrieve items like ties, blazers and shoes.

Students will be expected to return borrowed items at the end of the school day and the shop team will keep track of items out on loan around the school.

If you have preloved uniform or PE kits that you would like to donate to the school, please leave clean and reusable items in the donation bin at our reception.

# Attendance

## ARE YOU IN? MATTERS

There is evidence to show that the better your child's attendance, the higher their grades will be at the end of Year 11.

This year we're asking all our students to pledge their commitment to achieving over 97% attendance over the school year, by asking 'are you in?'

## OUR SCHOOL DAY & END OF DAY 'CATCH UP'

Students who have followed school expectations and who are punctual will be dismissed from last lesson at 2.50pm every day.

This year we are introducing student 'Catch up' at the end of the day as an immediate consequence for not meeting our school expectations.

Students who meet the following criteria in a school day will be kept behind until the end of the school day at 3.05pm:

- Late for school (arrive to registration after 8.45am)
- Arrive late for 2 or more lessons in the school day or
- Receive two behaviour logs for not meeting school standards

Students who do not complete their 'catch up' session will receive an extended detention as a consequence.

An automatic message will be triggered via Class Charts if your son/daughter is required to stay until the end of the school day at 3.05pm.

YEARS 7, 9 & 10		YEARS 8 & 11	
LINES	8.35-8.40	LINES	8.35-8.40
FORM TIME	8.45-9.05	FORM TIME	8.45-9.05
P1	9.05-10.05	P1	9.05-10.05
P2	10.05-11.05	P2	10.05-11.05
BREAK	11.05-11.20	BREAK	11.05-11.20
P3	11.20-12.20	P3	11.20-12.20
LUNCH	12.20-12.50	P4	12.20-1.20
P4	12.50-1.50	LUNCH	1.20-1.50
P5	1.50-2.50	P5	1.50-2.50
CATCH UP	2.50-3.05	CATCH UP	2.50-3.05

Not  
8:45am  
or later

Attendance at 97% or above qualifies for rewards each half term and end of term reward activities

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

over your  
school life it's  
like missing  
2.5 years of  
education

At the end of last term, students with over 97% attendance were rewarded with school trips to the ice rink and cinema



For children and families with medical conditions attendance at school can often be a source of worry.

If you haven't already, please contact your child's progress leader to discuss how we can best support their education and learning.

### We ask for the support of our parents/carers in supporting good attendance by:

- Promote positive and healthy attendance patterns with your child and set good bedtime and morning routines.
- Ensure your child attends every day, on time and equipped and ready to learn.
- Ensure school has at least 3 up to date addresses and contact numbers.
- Contact School on the first day of absence by 08.30am to provide a reason for absence.
- Contact the school each day of absence until your child returns.
- If contact is not made the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. The school is responsible for deciding if the absence is acceptable or not.
- Provide medical evidence for any absence exceeding 5 days (10 sessions) or more.
- Ensure medical appointments are made outside of school time. If this is not possible, your child needs to be in school prior to and after the appointment. We will need medical evidence upon their return.
- Holiday requests during term time will not be authorised due to the significant impact on progress. Parents/carers who take their children out of school for a holiday may be issued with a Penalty Notice.
- Contact school if you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to attend school.
- Work with the school and any other agencies of support to resolve any difficulties which may affect regular school attendance.

# SO... ARE YOU IN?



# SAFEGUARDING

# STAYING SAFE THIS TERM

Our school safeguarding team are here to help every student feel safe and supported in the school environment.



The clocks go back on 29th October. Make sure your child knows how to stay safe and seen when walking or riding their bike in the dark.



Mr Forber  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Forber  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Nightingale  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Woan  
Assistant Vice Principal

Mrs Cunningham  
Lead Mentor

Mrs Scott  
Principal

Mr Caine  
Assistant Principal

## HAVE YOU GOT A 'PLAN B'?

Coming up with a 'Plan B' with your child is a great way to help them prepare for when their usual method of transport is unavailable.

- If they miss the bus, do they know an alternative bus they can take?
- Their regular lift hasn't turned up! Is getting a taxi an option?
- Running late after school. Which number can they call to arrange for someone to collect them?

Please remind your child that if they have no way of getting home safely, they should always approach reception and we will always help them!

Getting to and from school can be one of the biggest challenges for our Year 7 students as they navigate high school.



## VISIT THE WELLBEING PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE

[http://](http://www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/wellbeing)



If you or a family member are finding things difficult over the summer break, our website has lots of information about the different types of support available in the local area.

[www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/wellbeing](http://www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/wellbeing)

From cost of living advice to mental health support, take a look at the services in Halton and the UK who can help.

REPORT BULLYING  
IN CONFIDENCE



FOR WELLBEING SUPPORT  
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL VISIT...



If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Officers by emailing [safeguarding@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk)



We will be switching from Edulink to ClassCharts from 4th September 2023 to further improve communication between our school and your home.

Thank you to all of you who have downloaded or accessed ClassCharts already. We really appreciate your support as we make the switch, and this will go a long way in ensuring as seamless a transfer as possible.

**If you haven't accessed ClassCharts yet, please complete these three easy steps:**

**GET  
READY  
FOR  
CLASSCHARTS**



Download the ClassCharts app or visit [classcharts.com](https://classcharts.com)



Check your email inbox (or junk folder) for your log in details,



Log in to your parent account before the 4th September.

**If you would like to update your contact details or find out more about Class Charts, please email [admin@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk)**

# HALF TERM HEROES

Our Half Term Hero award recognises and celebrates the extraordinary members of the P + P team who help to drive positive change, raise standards, find new and better ways of working to support our students in achieving more than they thought possible.



## NOMINATE YOUR HALF TERM HERO

**Our nomination form is open every day of the school year.**

Every member of our team can be nominated, as each and every one of them plays an important role in the delivery of quality teaching and support, whether or not their role involves direct contact with students or parents.

**Scan here  
to nominate**



If you've received exceptional support, care, or service from a member of our staff, you can nominate them as a Half Term Hero by visiting our school website or scanning here.

## NEXT EDITION *Winter 2023*

Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in producing this edition, if you would like to contribute to future editions please contact: [jenningsc@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk](mailto:jenningsc@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk)  
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