

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## MINI NEWSLETTER



20 September '11

Dear Parents

I am sure you are aware that our Governing Body plays a vital role in both the strategic and everyday running of St Peters. They are a very hard working group of people who know the school extremely well. One of our Parent Governors, Helen Hunt, is up for re-election for a second term. Helen is prepared to serve a second term and she also commits an enormous amount of time as Treasurer of our PFA. If any parent would like to stand against Helen in an election for Governor please forward your nomination together with a proposer and a seconder from the existing parent body. Your nomination should also include a maximum of 200 words pen portrait of yourself. If we do have other nominations an election involving Helen and the other nominees will take place and you will receive appropriate ballot forms. Any parent who wishes to put themselves forward for election should have their application as outlined into Marilyn Whittle, Clerk to the Governors at the school no later than noon on Friday 30th September 2011. If there is to be an election it will take place on Tuesday 4th October and the successful candidate will attend their first Governors meeting on Wednesday 12th October.

If you are interested and want to know more about what being a Governor entails please contact our Chair of Governors, Jim Stenson, on [jstenson@st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:jstenson@st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk).

### **BUILDING FUND**

In the letter from the Chairman you recently received he commented on the necessity of our building fund. He also included a direct debit order form which you could consider using to contribute to the building fund. Attached to the newsletter is an envelope for this terms building fund. I remind you that we ask for you to consider donating £10 per child to a maximum of

£20 per family for the building fund each term if you are financially able. However I stress that this is voluntary and any contribution will be gratefully received. If you wish to direct debit a contribution simply return the form and write on the envelope 'direct debit'. It is essential that each envelope be returned to the school to avoid any misuse of the system and I would ask that all envelopes be returned whether they contain a donation or not no later than Tuesday 27th September 2011.

I hope your sons and daughters have told you that significant work was once again carried out during the summer to keep the site looking as good as possible. We feel it is important that our young people have a good environment in which to work and I am delighted to say they respond to that by ensuring there is next to no vandalism or unnecessary damage caused to the site. It does however cost a significant amount of money to keep it at such a level and hence the building fund is extremely valuable in terms of maintaining the fabric of the building.

Yours sincerely

Lawrence Montagu  
Headteacher

Congratulations to two of our young tennis players.

- Ella Mora won the County Championship over the summer and is playing exceptionally well.
- Ollie Palmer came 3rd in a national top players competition and was only beaten in a tie-break by the eventual winner. Yet another excellent performance.



Congratulations to Ffion Ingram who over the summer holiday became an invaluable asset to Gloucester City Council as part of a decision making panel. I have had a letter of commendation from the Cabinet Member for Services and Neighbourhoods for the work Ffion did and I congratulate her on representing herself, her family and her school in such an exemplary manner.

## Extended School

I remind you that we have a full range of Extended School activities running on a Thursday evening. If you wish to see what is available please go onto the school website where a full list of our courses is advertised.



## Parking

The Chairman in his letter mentioned the difficulties we face with the local community because of parents not adhering to my request concerning collecting students at the end of school. I once again implore you to take the advice we offer and avoid a possible tragedy. The safest way is to inform your son or daughter to remain on premises and go to the car park at 3:55pm when the bus bay will be empty and you can pull in and collect without any difficulty. I am constantly stressing that for the sake of 15 minutes the risk of serious injury or worse to your family or to other students is simply not worth taking. Between 3:35pm and 3:50pm Stroud Road is immensely busy with many cyclists, pedestrians and a high number of buses coming and going. To add to this congestion for the sake of 15 minutes is to my mind unacceptable and I would ask you to think seriously about what time and where you collect your child from at the end of the school day.

## Insurance

I remind you that full supervision is available for your sons and daughters from 8:45am until 4:00pm each school day. Outside those times obviously staff will help students if they have a difficulty, but the supervision is not as thorough as during our core time. If therefore your sons and daughters are on premises prior to full supervision commencing or after it finishes unless they are involved in an activity with a member of staff they are on premises at your risk.

At this time of the year I must legally advise you that your child is only covered against accidents if the school is negligent in any way. It is therefore essential that you have private insurance against accidents for accidental injury or injury that was caused without negligence being involved. It is your decision whether or not you take out this insurance but my strong advice is that you consider speaking to your insurers or a broker about the cost. If, God forbid, there is a serious accident and the only way you can get financial support is to prove that the school has been negligent it is a costly and longwinded business. It is therefore essential that you consider what is in your families best interests in terms of insurance against accidents for your children.

## First Masses of the Year

The first Masses of the year will take place on Thursday 22nd September. We will have 3 masses during the morning and your sons and daughters will tell you what time they are attending mass. If any of you would like to attend you will be very welcome and simply arrive in reception 10 minutes before the mass is due to start.

My thanks to all of you who obviously went to so much trouble to ensure your sons and daughters were in the correct uniform for the start of term. They looked fantastic at the first assemblies. I fully appreciate the financial burdens of ensuring they look so good and I am grateful for your support and also for the sensible manner, once again, in which the students switched from summer to winter uniform.

## St Peters Careers

The recently developed St Peters Careers Blog is a great way in which the Careers department can communicate career news, local job and apprenticeship opportunities to students and parents. It contains useful links to really useful careers websites and is available to both and parents and students at [www.stpeterscareers.wordpress.com](http://www.stpeterscareers.wordpress.com)

Please take a look. We would be interested to hear your comments and feedback and would welcome news items about forthcoming local vacancies which may be relevant to our sixth form students.

*positivecaring*  
programme

Learning, development  
and support for  
Gloucestershire's carers

### Do you look after a child with a disability?

Free local sessions can help you to help them.

Positive Caring is a free programme of 7 sessions  
for parents and carers of children with disabilities

Topics include: health and well-being, how to access services,  
emotions and stress, practicalities of caring,  
finance and resources and how we juggle  
caring with other demands.



The Programme will run at  
Floor 2 Messenger House, 35 St Michaels Square  
Gloucester GL1 1HX

From 9.30-12.30 on Friday mornings

Oct 7th	Caring for a Child with a Disability	Oct 14th	Being a Carer
Oct 21st	Day-to-day Caring	Nov 4th	Looking after Yourself
Nov 11th	Caring in Partnership	Nov 18th	Caring and Resources
Nov 25th	Next Steps		

Please contact Chris Cam on 01452 500885 / 426254  
to find out more or book a place



## GCSE MATHS & ENGLISH NOVEMBER RE-SITS

The deadline for entries for the **November**  
re-sits is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011.



## JANUARY 2012 RE-SITS

The last date for entries for the **January**  
**2012** re-sits is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Please come to the Exams Office to  
register for your exam  
NO entry will be made without full  
payment

# GREASE

COMING SOON....

## GREASE OCTOBER 2011

Senior Drama Production November 2011

Junior Production May 2012



## News from the Libraries

This is a big plea to parents to send any school library books back. There are still a large number outstanding from last summer. Many of these books, which must be tucked into bookshelves or lurking under beds, are in great demand at school. So please have a good look at home.

### Visiting Author

This year we have a great programme of library activities and visiting authors, starting with the visit of Chris d'Lacey in November. Chris, who is the



author of *Fly, Cherokee, fly*, a classic story about caring for an injured racing pigeon, and also a famous series of dragon books, will be spending the day with us and talking to all our Year 7 students.



## GLOUCESTER MINIBUSES

St Oswald's - Highnam - Newent - Hartpury College - Maisemore - Bristol Road - St Peters High School  
Monday to Fridays - TERM TIME ONLY - Except Bank Holidays  
**THIS IS A PUBLIC SERVICE AND IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Service No 520	AM	PM
St Oswalds' Park & Ride	0717	1703
Over Causeway	0720	1700
Highnam, Pipers Grove	0730	1650
Rudford, Barbers Bridge	0735	1645
Highleadon, Petrol Garage	0737	1643
Newent, Gloucester Street	0742	1638
Newent, Library	0745	1635
Highleadon, Petrol Garage	0750	1630
Highleadon, Park Road	0753	1627
Corsend Road/ A417	0800	1620
Hartpury, Over Old Road	0801	1619
Hartpury College/ A417	0803	1617
Maisemore, White Hart Inn	0806	1614
Over Causeway, Westgate Parade	0811	1609
Kimbrose Triangle	0815	1605
Southgate Street, Trier Way	0820	1600
Bristol Road, Alma Place	0823	1557
Tuffley Avenue, Wilton Road	0828	1552
Stroud Road, St Barnabas	0832	1548
St Peters High School	0835	1545

NB The bus will stop at all bus stops on route when requested above times are time points.

### Service 520 Route

From St Oswald's Over Causeway A40, Oakridge, B4215 Newent Road, Gloucester Street Newent, High Street Newent, B4215 Newent Road, Park Road Highleadon, Corsend Road, A417 Hartpury, A417 Hartpury College, A417 Maisemore, Over Causeway, The Quay, Kimbrose Triangle, Southgate Street, Bristol Road, Tuffley Avenue, Stroud Road, St Peters High School.

This Service will operate as per St Peters High School Day Terms. Copies of term dates can be obtained from the school direct or can be viewed on their website.

This service is operated by Gloucester Minibuses. Information on this route and other services operated by us can be obtained from calling 01452 730444 or writing to the Transport Manager, Gloucester Minibuses, St Oswald's Park, Gavel Way, Gloucester. GL1 2UE

St Oswald's Park, Gavel Way, Gloucester GL1 2UE 01452 730444  
Proprietor:- Julie Smee  
VAT No:- 924605725

## Fanning the Flame...

Six St Peter's students represented the school at this year's annual Fanning the Flame Catholic camp. The mission, now in it's seventeenth year, attracts young people

aged 10-25 from all over the country. The St Peter's students spent a week in the Herefordshire countryside learning how to grow in their faith and to "fan into a flame" the gifts and talents that they have. They designed their own T-shirts, took part in drama and music activities and helped prepare the daily Mass. A highlight was the evening Reconciliation service in the open air. Even some rain towards the end of the week did not dampen the enthusiasm of the campers and they returned home rested, renewed and having made new friends. It is hoped that next year, St Peter's may be able to fill a minibus of students to take to the Summer camp.





# PFA 2011 - 2012



## Be part of it!

**St Peter's PFA raises money for your child's education that is simply not available from any other source.**

In addition to funding the minibuses, recent projects include lifelike "babies" for Health and Social Care, Missals and mass sheets for Chaplaincy, hockey kit, a defibrillator, a dishwasher for Food Tech, and fridges for the canteen.

So do come along to our fun events programme this year – and we'd especially love to see you at the AGM, where you can get an insight into how we operate, and maybe even sign up to the Committee. Some great people are waiting to welcome you on board!

### St Peter's Lotto

If you fancy a flutter while you support your school, join the St Peter's Lotto. Four times a year, you could win cash prizes from £25 to £125, all for just £2.00 per month.

### Dates for your diary

- 🔊 **Car Boot** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00 – 4.00pm: £5.00 car, £10 van.
- 🔊 **AGM** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm, Boardroom in Rosemary Steele Training Centre, bottom of site.
- 🔊 **Fireworks**, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, from 6.00pm. Run your own stall, from cakes to bric-a-brac, for £5.00 parents, £15.00 commercial.
- 🔊 **Christmas Ceilidh**, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm – 10.00pm
- 🔊 **Quiz Night**, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 7.00pm – 10.00pm
- 🔊 **Easter Bingo**, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.00pm – 10.00pm
- 🔊 **Summer Fete and Festival of Sport**, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Further opportunities for you to run your own stall!

*More information about later events to come.*

**Please complete and send in to Reception, marked PFA. Thank you – and hope to see you at the AGM!**

Name ..... Phone ..... Email .....

Child name ..... In Year .....

Please tick: I would like to –

- 🔊 Join St Peter's Lotto
- 🔊 Run my own stall at the Fireworks
- 🔊 Sign up to help whenever I can

# St Peter's High School

## EXTENDED SCHOOL COURSES



Phone: 01452 509280/Email: [extendedschool@st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:extendedschool@st-petershigh.gloucs.sch.uk)

### EXAMINATION COURSES

#### GCSE Maths (Yr 11 - adult)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday	1 Year	£100 ♦ (St Peter's students) £200 ♦ (External applicants)
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#### AQA Certificate in English Lang (Yr 11 - adult)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tuesday	1 Year See over for more details	£75 ♦ (St Peter's students) £150 ♦ (External applicants)
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#### GCSE Photography (Year 9 - adult)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Thursday	1 Year	£100 ♦ (St Peter's students) £200 ♦ (External applicants)
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#### Adult Literacy (Family, Yr 8 - adult)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday	Self paced course, test when you're ready	FREE COURSE (exam fee £30)
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#### Adult Numeracy (Family, Yr 8 - adult)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday	Self paced course, test when you're ready	FREE COURSE (exam fee £30)
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#### Basic ICT: Functional skills qualification (Level 1)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday	Self paced course, test when you're ready	FREE COURSE (exam fee £30)
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#### Microsoft Office 2010 Introduction

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tuesday November 8th	Introduction to Office 2010	£20
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#### Microsoft Office Excel 2010

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday 10th, 17th, 24th November	Course for beginners and intermediates	£40
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### VOCATIONAL COURSES

#### English as an Additional Language - (Yr 11 - adult)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Wednesday	5 weeks	FREE
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#### Print Making

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday	10 weeks	£60
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### SPORT & FITNESS COURSES

#### Ladies Fitness

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Thursday	10 weeks	£40
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♦This price includes the cost of the examination. All course fees are non-refundable.

### Sign-Up Form

Full Name [printed]: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical details: \_\_\_\_\_

Course(s) Applied for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to: **St Peter's High School**

#### CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

**Friday 23rd September 2011**

Courses begin w/c 26th September

Please return this form and payment to: Extended School,  
St Peter's High School, Stroud Road, Gloucester. GL4 0DD

**P.T.O.**

## **AQA CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE - FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Part of the English Baccalaureate and an alternative to GCSE. A university recognised qualification in English. English Literature available in Year 2.**

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **Qualification Courses:**

In order to qualify for exam entry you MUST:

1. Meet all deadlines for work & coursework
2. Attendance must be minimum of 90%
3. All work must be of a sufficient standard and satisfy the tutor's requirements.
4. For GCSE Photography: ALL exam sessions must be attended.

#### **All Courses:**

Courses may be cancelled if insufficient numbers apply by the deadline stated.