

St Peter's School YORK



Welcome

Life has never been so full of opportunities, with challenge and change ever-present and our aim is to develop confident, rounded young men and women who make the most of their abilities in preparation for a successful, fulfilled life.

Founded in AD627, St Peter's is the fourth oldest school in the world and one of the country's leading schools. Our academic results are outstanding but we believe that independent thinking and a love of learning are just as important as excellent grades. Here there is a real focus on developing intellectual curiosity in the classroom and beyond, with pupils and staff being members of a vibrant, learning community.

The achievement of academic potential is central, but an education based only on qualifications is limited and, frankly, rather dull. School days should be full of fun, adventure, challenge and new experiences. We offer a huge range of sporting, artistic and cultural opportunities because we want our pupils to establish interests that stay with them for life, as well as learning the skills that will make them stand out in a fast- changing world. There is something for everyone at St Peter's, with high levels of participation offering opportunity for the specialist as well as the all-rounder.

Peterites are confident but also grounded and it is their enthusiasm that brings a spark and enjoyment to each day. We offer co-education from 2 to 18, and throughout the School, offer a tailor-made experience for each age group while giving access to the facilities of the whole school and a strong sense of belonging. We are also proud to be the Choir School for York Minster, responsible for educating York Minster's choristers. All pupils are cared for as individuals and links between home and school are a source of pride which continues long after school days are over through our active alumni organisation, the Old Peterites.

Our beautiful campus brings the calm which comes from a countryside setting while we are just a few minutes from the heart of York, one of the nation's greatest and most beautiful cities. Together this gives a strong sense of being part of a modern, dynamic community where we walk, as our motto says, 'over ancient ways' and ensure that each generation is equipped with the keys for life.

Do come and visit - you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Jeremy Walker Head Master of



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Head Master of St Peter's School

Our campus oasis in the heart of York

York is internationally regarded as one of Europe's most beautiful and attractive cities. Within the ancient city walls, history and heritage are at every turn, but York can also claim to be a modern and vibrant destination, with something to offer everyone.

Life in York includes a tremendous range of cultural opportunities, independent shops and big-name brands, a thriving artisan food scene and green spaces, all within one of the UK's safest and most peaceful cities.

Festivals throughout the year bring some of the country's best theatre, cinema, cuisine, literature and more to the city, ensuring that pupils and families always have something new and exciting to explore. With the beautiful landscape of the Yorkshire Dales nearby, the dramatic scenery of the Yorkshire Coast a short drive away and major cities like Leeds, Manchester and even London within two hours' train journey, York is an ideal location to access all the UK has to offer.





Our facilities

With 50 green acres in the heart of York, St Peter's School offers an unrivalled learning environment with plenty of space for our pupils to learn, grow and thrive.

All children aged 2-18 have access to outstanding facilities, such as industry recognised sports pitches, fully-equipped science labs, an expansive art studio with its own exhibition gallery, drama studios and the largest music department in the North.

We continue to improve our campus, and have plans to update facilities over the upcoming years, including a brand new Sixth Form Centre, new dining rooms, and a new Health and Mental Health Hub.



Private Art Gallery For student exhibitions





Boat House

investment

Award-winning

25M Swimming Pool and lessons from 4+

OPENING BY 2027

Brand new Sixth Form Centre

Our campus and facilities



- 1 Main Building
- 2 Head Master's Office
- 3 Memorial Hall
- 4 Chapel
- 5 Library
- 6 Music School
- 7 Drama Department
- 8 Pascal Building (Maths & Modern Languages)
- 9 Pavilion (P Block)
- 10 Science Block (Chemistry)
- 11 Science Block (Physics / Design & Technology)
- 12 C Block (Art & Biology)
- 13 Clifton & The Grove
- 14 Queens Building
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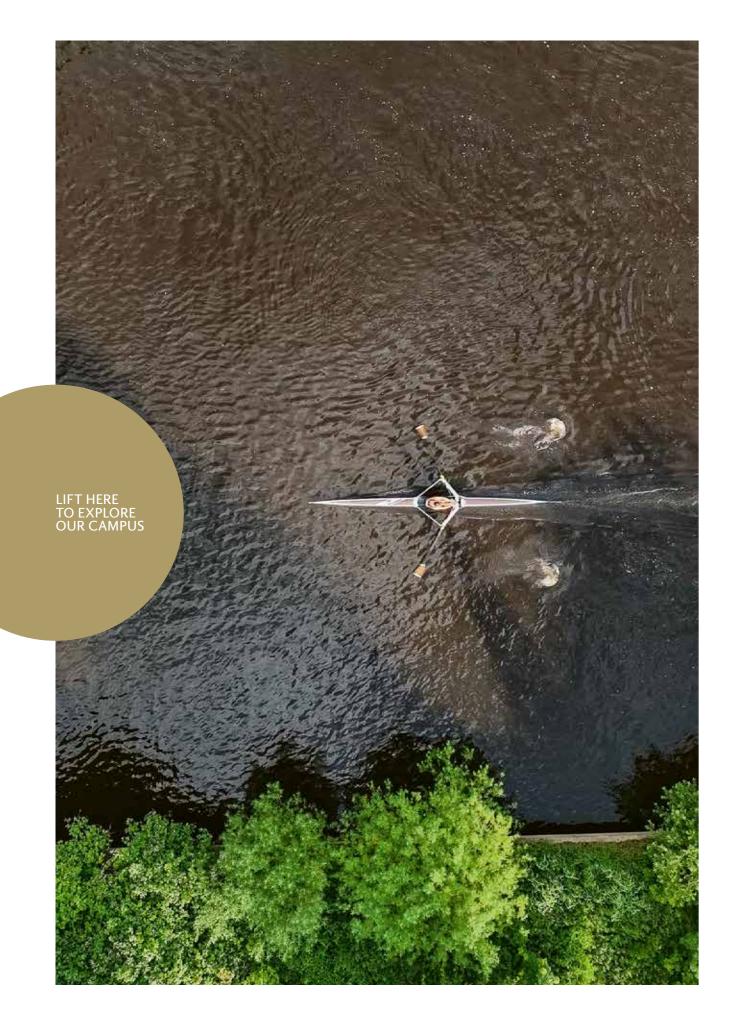
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Yorkshire's dramatic coastline and picturesque moorland is only a short journey from the city





Our leadership team



Mr Jeremy Walker Head Master

Jeremy says, "School should be full of fun, challenge and opportunity. St Peter's offers an outstanding education where you develop skills, values and interests in and out of the classroom. Excellence abounds and high levels of participation in all areas ensures a strong sense of community and preparation for life as a successful, fulfilled adult."

Jeremy is married to Harriet, and they have two children. His interests include sport (watching and playing) and music, building on his time as a chorister and trombonist at school. Theatre, opera and art galleries are amongst his favourite recreations and when not enjoying all that Yorkshire has to offer, he can be found with family in Dorset, Cornwall and Greece.



Mr Phil Hardy Head of St Peter's 8-13

Phil qualified from Northumbria University as a Sports Psychologist and worked in Newcastle and the University of Alberta in Canada, before settling in Education. He is passionate about how children learn and thoroughly enjoys leading a school that is nurturing, exciting and – most of all – great fun.

From a very early age, sport was a significant part of his life, playing football, rugby, tennis and golf to name a few. Hockey, however, became his greatest love, and he played for his county, district and for England. Since hanging up his boots he enjoys playing golf, tennis and coaching hockey.

Phil is married to Christa, a Management Consultant, and has a son who attends St Peter's School. His other interests include playing the guitar (badly), family time, theatre, reading, watching Newcastle United and travelling.

Phil has worked for the Independent Sector at a National Level as a member of the Education Committee, Strategy Committee, IAPS Council and he is the IAPS National Advisor for 2-8 age range where he enjoys supporting and helping other schools.

As a former member of the England hockey team, Phil coaches boys' and girls' hockey at the school and supports the strategic leadership of sport at the school.

Jeremy has been Head Master since January 2019 and his role encompasses leadership of all of St Peter's with a day to day focus on St Peter's Senior School. Jeremy spent his school days as a full boarder and was educated at Sherborne School and Oxford University. Previous roles have included Principal of King's School Rochester, Headmaster of Berkhamsted Sixth and Housemaster and Head of RS and Theory of Knowledge at Ardingly College.



Mrs Antonia Clarke Head of St Peter's 2-8

Antonia took up the role as Head of St Peter's 2-8 in 2023, having been the Deputy Head for the past eight years. A teacher for 30 years both in the state and independent sector, prior to coming to St Peter's she was Head of Pre-Prep at Cundall Manor School. With an interest in children and young people's mental health and wellbeing Antonia completed a Masters in School Leadership of Mental Health in 2021 before taking on the role of Mental Health Lead 2-18. Other interests lie in educational research, particularly using metacognition to empower children to be proactive and engaged learners.

Antonia is married to Sid and has three grown up children. When not at school she likes to travel far afield and explore the world with adventures often involving scuba diving. At home, her interests include cooking, spending time with family and friends and enjoying the beautiful Yorkshire countryside.





Over ancient ways

St Peter's offers a lively and forward-thinking education in the heart of York. As the fourth oldest school in the world, we have almost 1,400 unbroken years of preparing children's minds for action.

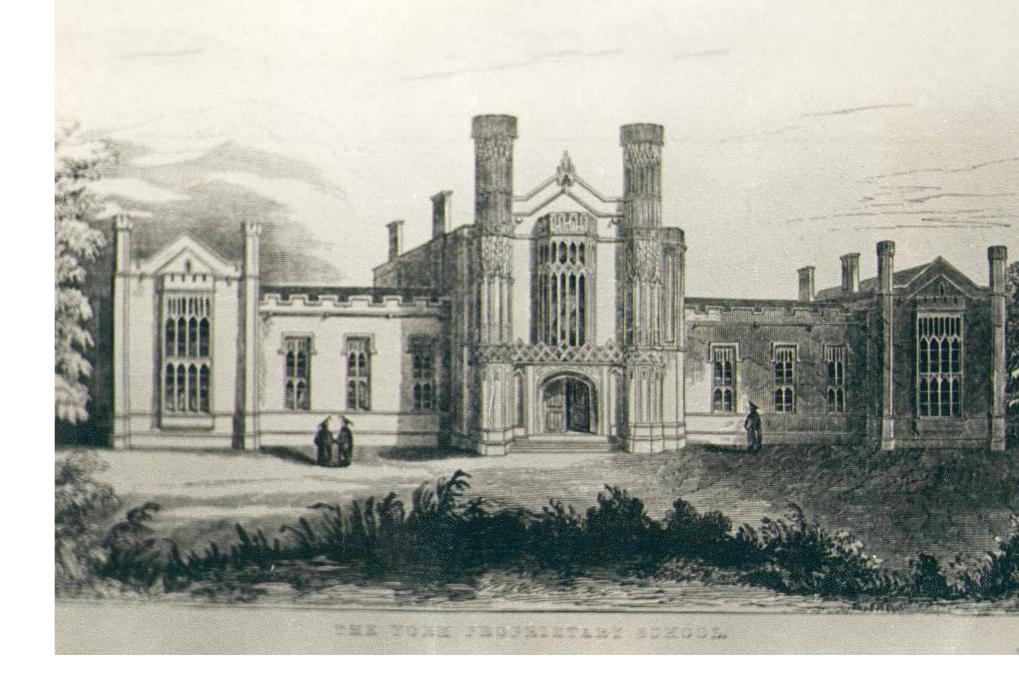
One of the greatest figures in York's history, St Paulinus, founded a monastery in AD627 which was the origin of St Peter's and York Minster. Over the next century, the school evolved to incorporate a highly esteemed library, which would attract visitors from across Europe, an appeal strengthened by the appointment of York's great scholar, Alcuin, as Head Master in AD778. Pupils studied subjects including Latin, Arithmetic and Natural History, beginning a tradition of a varied and wellrounded curriculum that continues to this day.

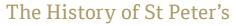
Throughout the years our pupils have gone on to become internationally regarded musicians, sportspeople, poets, politicians, academics and actors, as well as becoming distinguished and significant contributors to the wider York community. St Peter's took up its current 50-acre site on the banks of the Ouse in 1838. At the beginning of the 20th century, St Olave's Prep School joined the school family.

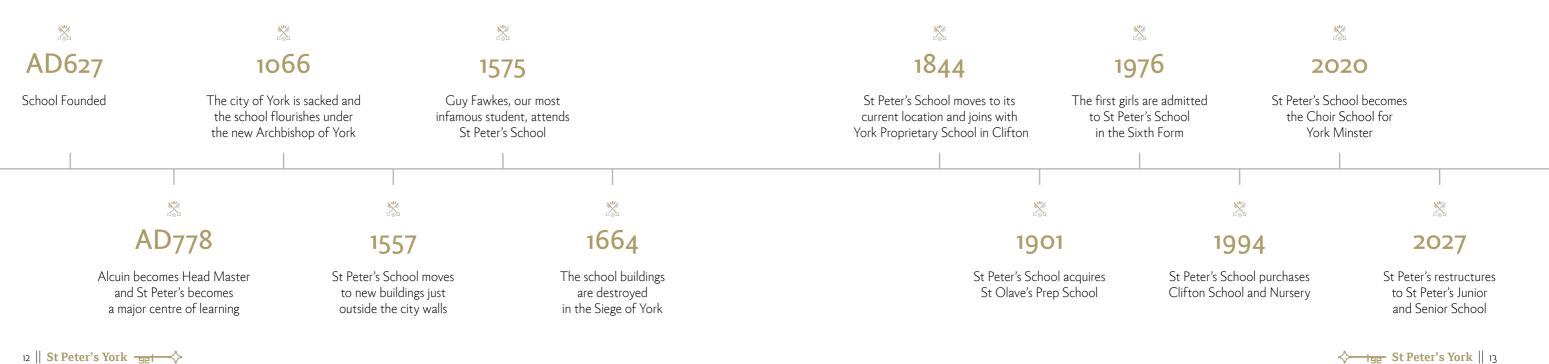
In the 1990s, the addition of Clifton School and Nursery allowed us to offer outstanding education and opportunity for boys and girls.

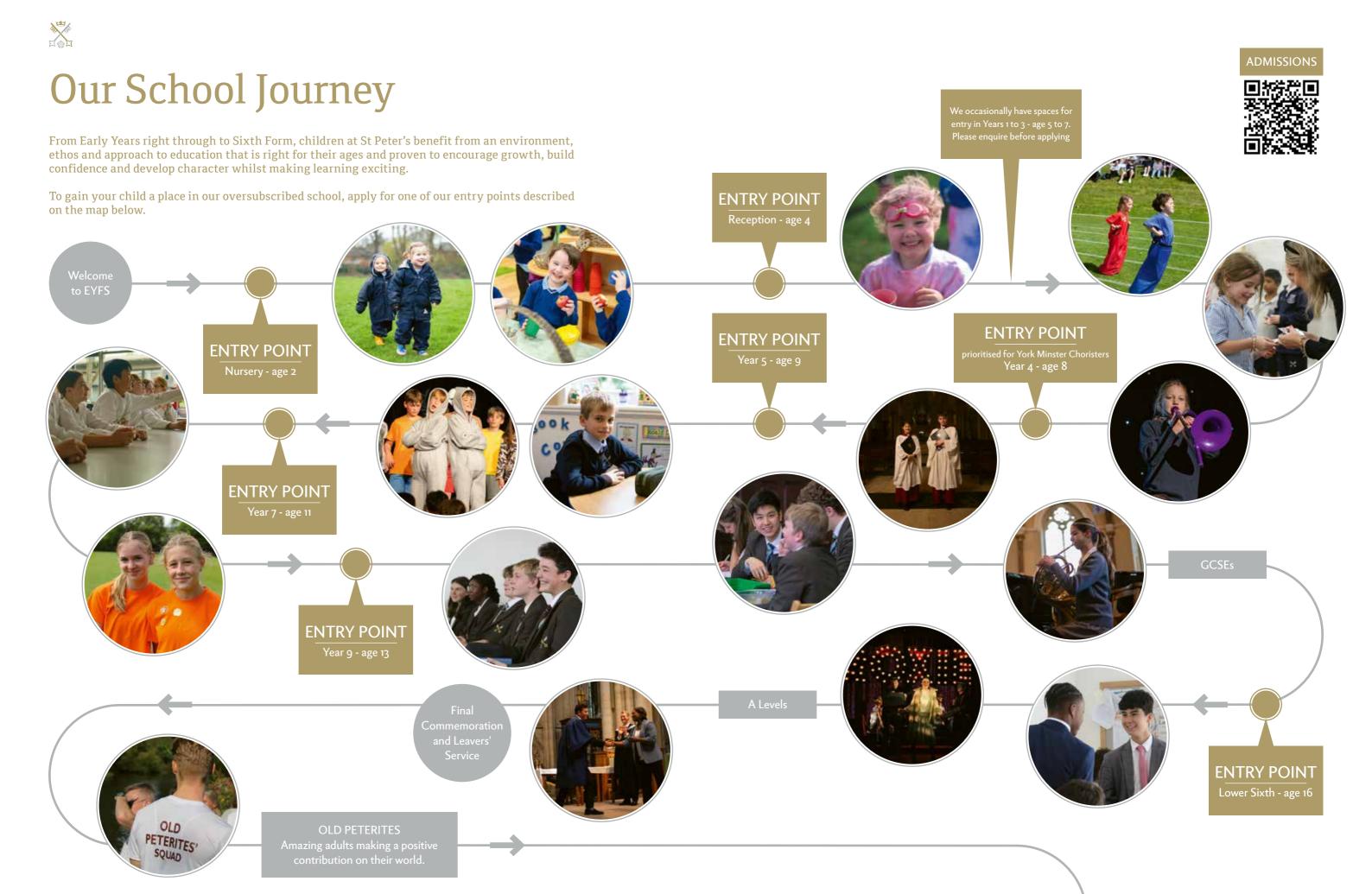
We are excited to be planning another important transition for the school. We view the school as one coherent learning journey from Nursery to Sixth Form, with certain parts of campus dedicated to specific year groups and facilities shared across all ages. By 2027, we will be moving to two parts rather than the current three – St Peter's Senior School and St Peter's Junior School.

This change will enable us to continue to provide the highest quality of education across each year group and to each individual pupil as they move through the school. In making this change we will ensure that we retain all that makes St Peter's special, and that we hold on to our spirit through our most important traditions whilst improving the offering of the school to future generations.









Keys for Life

Our aim is to prepare pupils to be successful and fulfilled in their adult lives, to be leaders with humility and to make a positive impact on their world.

We define this as being able to make the most of their academic and personal potential, to have positive relationships in all aspects of their lives and to make an impact in their immediate communities and the wider world for the common good.

We achieve this through our Four Keys: Qualifications, Skills, Interests and Values. Together, these keys prepare our pupils for life beyond school, challenging them to maximise their potential.







Qualifications

In addition to excellent results achieved in academic examinations, we offer extra qualifications in music, drama and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Skills

We are committed to offering our pupils a wide co-curricular programme to develop those skills not always attained in the classroom.

Interests

We nurture passions, individual interests and curiosity of pupils through the academic curriculum and co-curricular programme.

Values

The values developed at St Peter's enable our pupils to make complex, moral decisions and give them the courage to carry them out.





Love of Learning

St Peter's School has a well-deserved reputation for academic excellence, but excellent academic results don't just happen. They come from a carefully structured curriculum, inspirational teaching and a school culture that values effort and hard work as much as it does creativity and enjoyment.







Flow of education

Our academic approach is tailored to the age of the children, to inspire them with a lifelong love of learning. Thematic learning is used for the youngest children to link subjects seamlessly and encourage them to learn through challenge, creativity and exploration. This might be in the classroom, the playground, at Forest School, on trips or on the sports field, allowing them to learn at their own pace and in a style which suits them, whilst having fun.

As children progress through the school, they will have the opportunity to learn though enquiry and project learning. Teachers work as a team to encourage children to bring their own initiative to solve problems and bring fresh perspectives to their work. With access to specialist facilities, the eco garden, the library, playgrounds and sports pitches, the learning environment is varied, giving plenty of space for children to be children.

Pupils are well prepared for GCSEs and A Levels. The curriculum is enhanced with in depth studies, trips, competitions and activities.

Our wide-ranging Sixth Form programme comprises the very best A Level and Pre-U courses for Higher Education. We are proud, not only of the high proportion of our pupils accepted by their first choice university, but of the range of courses, events and bespoke opportunities created by our Careers Department. An exciting variety of pathways are followed by our pupils with each having the support and experience to choose what is right for them.





Academic Extension

A programme of world-renowned visiting speakers and researchers, addressing topics ranging from astronomy to medieval mysticism, fosters curiosity, critical thinking and a thirst for knowledge that stretches beyond any syllabus. We share access to our speakers through our free Public Lecture programme and work in partnership with organisations such as the Institute of Physics, the University of York, the York Literature Festival and the York Festival of Ideas, forming part of our city and region's flourishing cultural and intellectual scene.

Throughout the older year groups we also offer the Lessons for Life programme, where pupils learn valuable knowledge outside of the curriculum, such as how to look after their finances, and the legal system.

For academically gifted children, there are many opportunities for academic extension within local and national competitions, extra-curricular activities and learning beyond their year group level.

The ISSP

St Peter's is proud to be a member of the York Independent State School Partnership, an exemplar of its kind which benefits schoolchildren throughout the city through shared knowledge across all schools.

During every child's time at St Peter's, we are building enthusiasm and experience to form a strong basis for further study, a broad view and a lifelong love of learning.





Honing their Skills

Participation in opportunities outside of the classroom are in abundance and encouraged. There are many ways in which pupils can build upon the skills that they develop in the classroom to become the well-rounded members of the community we hope they will be.







Music

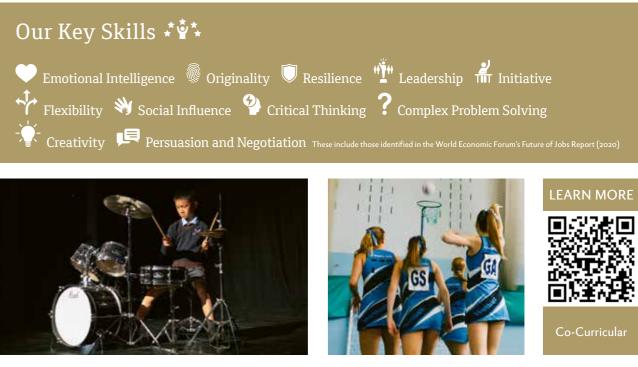
If a pupil has a talent or love of an instrument, singing or production, they can find the place to express it at St Peter's. Whether it's taking part in Young Voices with thousands of others in the Sheffield Arena, reaching the final of the National Choral Competition, arranging harmonies in barbershop or joining in the school choirs and ensembles; participation at all levels is encouraged and talent is nurtured.

Drama

Another area to develop skills is through drama, where pupils can learn emotional intelligence, leadership and social influence amongst other skills. Dramatic performances take place at all ages in the school and pupils are inspired by theatre visits, festivals and visiting performers. Annual whole school performances are not to be missed with casts and crews of hundreds.

Art

Our pupils enjoy a wide variety of opportunities in Art and Design beyond the classroom. The Art Department is open to all pupils on weekdays, and most Sundays. Pupils can take advantage of the outstanding facilities; including large drawing and painting studios, printmaking facilities, photographic darkroom, ceramics studio, life drawing lessons, an extensive art library and computer suite, and our own exhibition space; The Whitestone Gallery.





Design and Technology

Our DT department have an incredible programme to develop the skills of future product designers and engineers. Pupils use critical thinking and complex problem solving to design and produce excellent work at a very early age. Using equipment such as 3D printers, lathes and sewing machines, opportunities are endless. The department also has an impressive record for successful Arkwright scholars.

Sport

Sport and Physical Education is embedded into life at St Peter's, encouraging active and healthy lives from the youngest to the oldest pupils. It is all about participation and everyone is encouraged to do their best, whether that is at an elite level or to have fun and improve their skills. In recent years, our pupils have won trophies at a national level in rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis and netball.

Just as importantly, there is a team for everyone to join in and play competitively at a level which is right for them to enjoy. Sport allows our pupils to develop essential skills in leadership, resilience and teamwork, which are essential for their lives beyond school.

With a stunning selection of pitches, indoor sports halls, swimming pool, boathouse and gym, there is no shortage of sporting opportunities, encouraged by enthusiastic specialist teachers.



Lives full of interest

The interests developed at St Peter's stay with our pupils for life and we know that interesting people enrich workplaces, friendships and communities.







Activities for everyone

Interests are an incredible opportunity to further develop pupil's skills and qualifications.

Pupils can get creative in film making, drama or art; hone their leadership skills running radio stations, magazines or debates; or develop resilience through the CCF or Duke of Edinburgh programs. With over 80 activities to choose from, there is something for everyone.

From an early age, pupils are encouraged to find their passion through their lessons, and getting involved in our full extracurricular programme, which expands as they move through the school.

We have clubs to engage every growing mind, giving different personalities a space to thrive during or after school. Examples range from Book Club to Yoga, and more are added every term.

Some examples of clubs from recent years include:

Animal Projects Club, Art, Badminton, Bassoon Group, Beginners' Theory, Body Con, Book Club, Boys' Barbershop, Boys' Choir, Brass Ensemble, Breakfast Strings, CCF, Cello Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Chapel Choirs, Chess Club, Chess Coaching, Clarinet Choir, Clarinet Group, Community Action, Computer Club, Construction, Cookery Club, Cricket Club, Cricket Nets, Cross Country, Cross Training, Cross Keys, Debating, Decorated Textiles, Double Bass Ensemble, Drama Club, Drama Production, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Early Morning Swim, Eco Club, Fencing, Film Club, Fitness, Flute Group, Football, Geology and Fossils Club, German Club, Girls' Barbershop, Girls' Cricket, Music Theory, Guitar Group, Gym, Happiness Club, Hockey Club, International Movie Club, Italian, J1 Tennis, Jazz Band, Junior Art Club, Junior Dukes, Junior Science Club, Just Draw, Karate, Keystone Magazine, Knitting Club, LAMDA, Lego Masters, Little Big Band, Mindfulness, Netball, Percussion Group, Piano Trio, Quiz Club, Radio 627, Recorder Consort, Rock Band, Rowing, Rugby 7s, Running, Saxophone Quartet, School Choir, Science Club, Squash, Story Club, Street Dance, Skiing, String Group, String Orchestra, String Quartet, Strings Ensemble, Swim Squad, Swing Band, Tag Rugby, The Sound Crowd, Trampoline, Ukelele, Water Polo, Wind Band, Yoga, Yoga Bunnies, Zen Warriors.





Duke of Edinburgh and Junior Dukes

Working towards a DofE Award can be a life-changing experience. Pupils discover new interests and talents, have fun, and develop essential skills for life, such as problem solving and initiative.

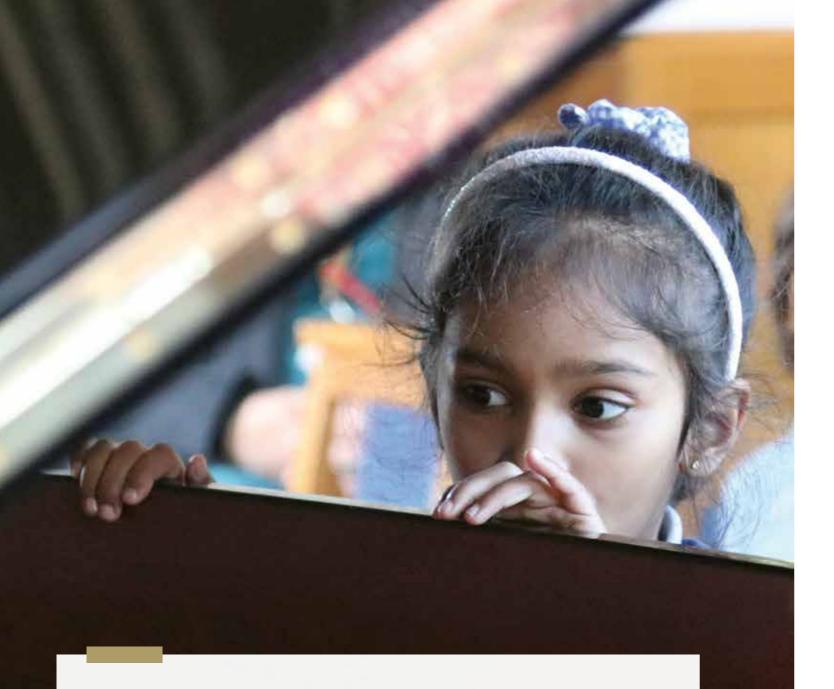
Junior Dukes

Junior Dukes is a programme run for younger children, who can receive recognition for developing and mastering new passions, interests or talents. In recent years we have seen awards for a wide range of activities, including sewing, litter picking and first aid.

CCF

The Combined Cadet Force, available in the Senior School, is an educational partnership between the school and the Ministry of Defence, which provides pupils with the opportunity to develop personal responsibility, initiative, teamwork and leadership through a broad range of challenging and exciting military-style activities.





Well rounded individuals

Throughout the school, as children grow, we create spaces that give opportunity for expression and the exploration of differences, which enables them to develop the 7 key values that we encourage within our pupils.







Pastoral Care

We encourage self-reflection and allow all personalities to flourish within the warmth of a supportive community. We are proud of our strong pastoral teams – our chaplaincy, Mental Health Team, medical centre, matrons, teachers and House parents – who work to ensure that the whole child is seen, understood and given the opportunities they need to develop.

School Gatherings

The Chapel is the heart of our school community. Pupils gather regularly in the Chapel to reflect and pray, creating a welcome period of calm in their busy lives at school.

Regular assemblies also allow children to explore their values, as we focus on mental health and bullying, giving back to the community and learning to build resilience, among many other themes.

The House System

Our House system, which operates across the school, encourages children to support and co-operate with each other, build their compassion, trust, and friendships as they represent their House in competitions, and take on leadership roles.

Wellness

In today's fast paced world, the importance of mental health and wellbeing cannot be overstated, especially among young individuals navigating through the challenges of academia, social dynamics, and personal growth.

At St Peters, not only do we focus on academic excellence, but we also place significant emphasis on nurturing the mental health and wellbeing of all students, from ages 2 to 18. Across the school there are dedicated, age-appropriate spaces for mental health, where children can go to speak to someone, or just find a moment of calm.





Our Seven Key Values 💔

Friendship

Trust

🤯 Wisdom

Compassion

Endurance

👐 Humility

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Pastoral Care







Boarding at St Peter's

Fully immersed in the life of the school and supported by a team of boarding specialists, boarders at St Peter's grow quickly in independence, empathy and influence.

The Houses

We welcome boarders from the age of 11. We have four senior boarding Houses, two for girls and two for boys, which are split by Years 7 - 11 and Sixth Form. Dronfield and The Rise are the names of the girl's houses, and The Manor and Linton are for the boys.

Facilities

With access to our gym, swimming pool, playing fields and other facilities, as well as all the cultural and social opportunities of the historic city of York, our boarders lead healthy, active, connected lives, setting a pattern for the future.

Activities

Each House has its own special character and a family atmosphere, which is cherished. Evening movie nights are popular; in the summer months pupils enjoy the beautiful, peaceful and spacious gardens of each house. There are organised weekend trips or more casual outings into town. Sunday Brunch is a much anticipated and indulged highlight of every boarder's week.

Boarding Life

On a practical level, our boarders are cared for by chefs, matrons and cleaning staff, allowing them to concentrate fully on their academic and co-curricular passions. We believe that boarding not only helps children to develop an engaged approach to the world, but also supports high-quality family life.

Boarding works differently for every family, and our House parents excel at getting to understand not only each child, but each family. Parents are always welcome to visit as often as they wish and have frequent communication, by phone, email or in person.

Our Houseparents work with parents as a team to ensure each child has the support, encouragement, challenge and opportunity they need to be all they can be in life.

International Boarding

Pupils join us from over 15 different countries, within boarding, and we encourage diversity across the school. We welcome applications from all countries as long as English is spoken fluently.

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT INTERNATIONAL BOARDING



WATCH OUR DAY IN THE LIFE BOARDING VIDEO





Help with Fees and Music Scholarships

Help With Fees

We are proud that we are able to support children who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend our schools. Bursaries are means tested awards that can help to pay some or all of the school fees for children who demonstrate potential to thrive in our School. They are usually available for entry at Year 7 or at Year 9 or Lower Sixth (Year 12).

A Bursary differs from a Scholarship because it is means tested. To find out more, please follow the QR code below. All Bursary enquiries are kept confidential.

Music Scholarships

St Peter's strong reputation for music is well-known. Scholarship awards are available to young instrumentalists and singers who can offer a broad range of skills to the Music School.

Honorary Scholarships

St Peter's awards scholarships in recognition of academic achievement, although these are purely honorary and do not include any reduction in school fees.

York Minster Choristers

School fees for York Minster choristers are significantly subsidised by the York Minster for the duration of the choristership. These are awarded following an audition in addition to fulfilling the entrance criteria into Year 4. Additional means-tested bursaries are available to ensure that choristerships are open to all children.

Ginetta Scholarship

This annual Sixth Form scholarship is available to applicants who are bright and ambitious, with a demonstrable interest in engineering, design and technology. Applicants should take Design Technology as an A Level, alongside other STEM subjects such as Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science.

We actively encourage and prioritise applications from pupils who might not otherwise be able to afford an independent school education. This scholarship not only gives full access to a means-tested 100% scholarship for an outstanding all-round education in the Sixth Form at St Peter's, but also a unique work experience and insight into Ginetta. Taking the lead in British race car manufacturing, Ginetta is putting the UK at the heart of world-class motorsport, selling cars across the world and training the brightest stars in motorsport.

Admissions:

Admissions Team 01904 527429 admissions@stpetersyork.org.uk

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HELP WITH FEES





MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS



YORK MINSTER CHORISTERS

GINETTA SCHOLARSHIP



How to Apply

Most of our year groups are oversubscribed, so it is important to contact us as early as possible. We welcome enquiries at any stage, and applications should ideally be submitted a year in advance.



Visit Us

Before applying, we warmly invite you to join us for one of our Open Events or arrange a visit to explore the School and discover what it means to be part of the St Peter's School community. We encourage you to visit as much as you like so you can get to know us and be confident in your decision.

Applying

If you are ready to apply, please complete our online application form. Upon receipt of your application, a member of the admissions team will be in touch to guide you through the process.

The best points of entry are as follows:

Nursery (Acorns and Conkers)	Year 5
Reception	Year 7
Year 1	Year g
Year 4 (with places prioritised	Year 12 (Sixth Form entry)
for York Minster Chorister applications)	

Entrance Assessments

Assessments vary depending on the entry Year group.

Offer Of A Place

We aim to make most offers between January and March, with Sixth Form offered before the Christmas break. Should a year group be oversubscribed, pupils will be offered a place on our waiting list from which offers can be made at any time up to the beginning of the new school year subject to availability.

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