

# SECONDARY PROSPECTUS

*Becoming the best we can be*



ST PETER'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## WE ARE PROUD OF ST PETER'S



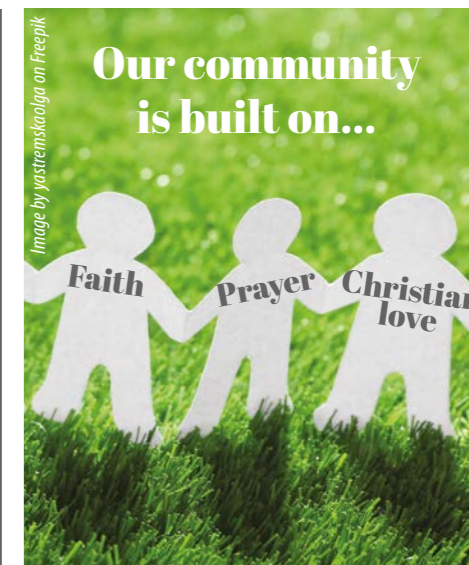
### OUR STUDENTS

Our starting point for success comes from our Faith and the need to remember that we are always in God's presence. Our staff and students focus on constantly improving and refining the skills used in the classroom, so we all can become the best we can be. We provide opportunities for each student to develop self-respect and self-confidence, creativity and responsibility, initiative and leadership. Being ambitious to achieve the best for each student academically, socially and



### OUR STAFF

spiritually. We learn from and through people, so human relationships are at the core of our success. Education is not about data but about people. Education is fundamentally about the art of teaching and the science of learning. In short, we 'love to learn and learn to love'.



### OUR COMMUNITY



Image St Peter's School

We have a unique sense of community and care for individuals, where each student is known as a child of God. We seek to develop and strengthen the Christian faith and practice, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Inspiring a spirit of service to the family, the Church, the community, and the World at large. We have opportunities to serve those less fortunate at home and abroad through our charity work and our partnership with a South African school.

Our intellectual rigour and great academic progress for all students, whatever their starting point, underpins continually improved outcomes for our young people at every level. St Peter's progress measures for all students are consistently well above the national average.

Our curriculum provides excellence in the basics and a wider curriculum enables everyone to shine –

developing a passion for learning and a spirit of enquiry and discovery in each student. Our extra-curricular opportunities are fulfilling and enriching, from electric car racing to Bar Mock and Young Enterprise, to our renowned school show, providing a well-rounded education.

*With Christ as our Guide  
Learning together  
Loving God and each other  
Becoming the best we can be*  
St Peter's School Mission Statement

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**The learning environment is perfect for all abilities. The teachers and teaching assistants all help improve your ability, knowledge and skills. Overall, St Peter's is a fantastic school, with great morals, friendly staff and is a great place to learn. I am really enjoying my time here!**

*St Peter's Year 8 student*





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## ST PETER'S - VALUES & VISION

St Peter's School is proud of its history and its heart. We are a Voluntary Academy run under the joint trusteeship of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth\* and the De La Salle Brothers, a worldwide Religious Order devoted to education. St John Baptist de La Salle founded the religious order

in the 17th Century and he became the patron saint of educators.

The De La Salle Order is now a worldwide organisation running schools, colleges and universities across the world with around 1,000,000 students in over 80 countries.

De La Salle encouraged his students and teachers to remember during the school day

that they were in the holy presence of God. We follow that tradition and pray, Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

We work tirelessly to provide a safe, supportive and spiritual environment. St Peter's is open to students from all Christian denominations, from all religions and those of no faith, within the confines of our admission policy.

The primary purpose of St Peter's is to give a Christian education to all our students.



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**St Peter's is proud of its sense of community and this starts right from the word go in Year 7 tutor groups. Tutors take an active role in ensuring happiness, engagement and a genuine sense of belonging. Whether you're as quiet as a cloud or an accomplished gas-bag, we'll provide opportunities for you to make the most of your potential at St Peter's. That's true not just for academic learning, but for our spiritual and social sides too. We are all here to become the best we can be.**

*Joe Lacey  
Tutor and KS3 English Lead*

*\*St Peter's is a Catholic school in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church & Canon Law, & in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Portsmouth; religious education is in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, discipline & general & particular norms of the Catholic Church & religious worship is in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline & liturgical norms of the Catholic Church.*

## ST PETER'S - BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Founded in 1936, St Peter's School has a strong tradition of academic achievement coupled with sporting and artistic success for its students. In recent years we have focused on the development of the art of teaching and the science of learning, engaging teachers and students to become the very best they can be. Consequently, our examination results have consistently improved, and our value added measure (from KS2 to KS4) shows a significant and impressive increase. Students of all abilities make great progress and are able to access engaging and appropriate pathways following their public examinations – we have seen a substantial rise in students gaining places at Oxbridge and other Russell Group Universities.

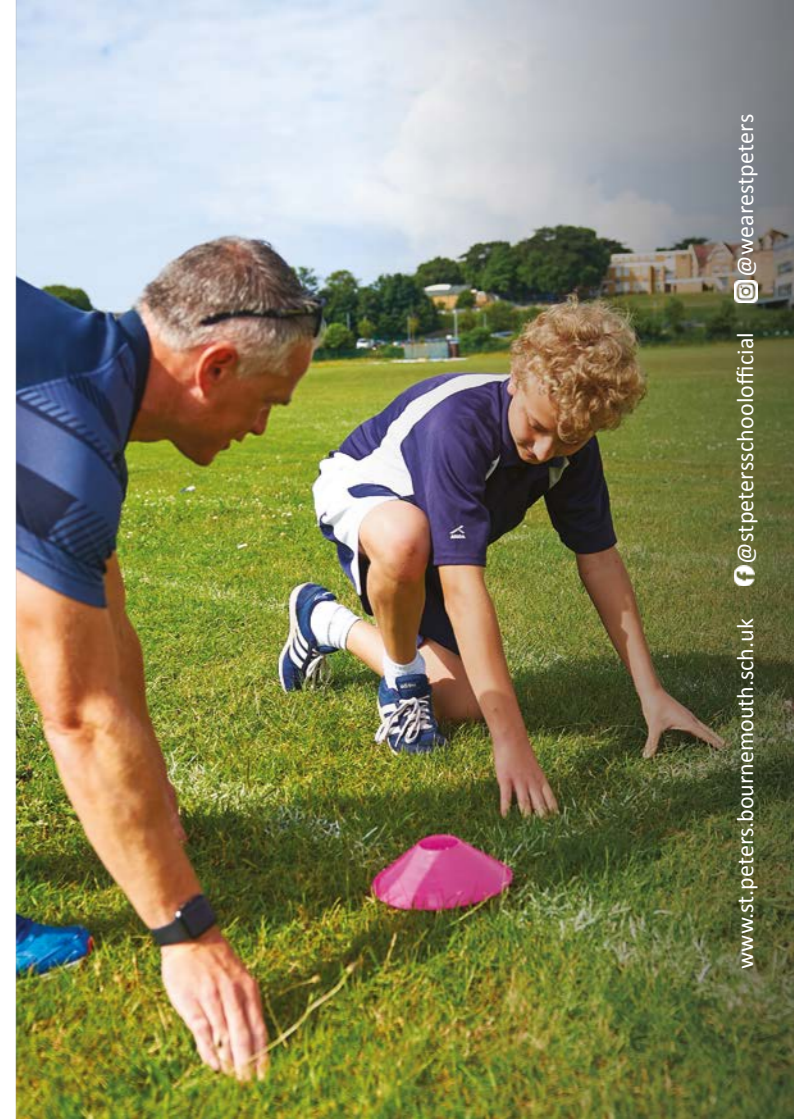
There are many dimensions to school success – be they artistic, dramatic, scholarly, practical or sporting.

Opportunities abound in a rich mix of curriculum opportunities and qualifications.

*Scan QR code to read about our curriculum subjects*



We aim to develop a positive attitude to learning in all the students, and successes and efforts are formally recognised and praised by individual teachers, departments and the pastoral team. We recognise that learning is done by the students, not to them. We use tutorial materials during the year to raise the students' awareness of what it means to be a successful learner. In lessons we recognise and reward their efforts to 'become the best they can be'.



Whole School Mass



St Peter's School Mission Statement

*With Christ as our Guide*  
**LEARNING TOGETHER**  
*Loving God and each other*  
**BECOMING THE BEST WE CAN BE**



*Friendly, approachable teachers*



*Sports day*

*Fun, interesting lessons*



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**Within no time at all I had made friends, I even found out that someone in my class got the same bus as me and I felt at home.**

*St Peter's Year 8 student*

*Ethos day*



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**As the leader for Year 7 and transition, I have the privilege of welcoming our new students into the St Peter's School community, helping them settle in as they begin this new phase of their educational journey and then see them mature and flourish as they continue through the school. This begins with visiting students in their primary schools and preparing them for the changes ahead through our Induction Evenings (information evenings for parents and students), and the Transfer Day when they get to spend a whole day exploring their new school. I work with a wonderful team of dedicated Year 7 tutors who are the first point of contact for students each day. They will monitor progress and help them through the challenges of adjusting to life in a new school. We endeavour to work together to make the transition process and settling into St Peter's as smooth as possible for both the young people and their parents alike while they adjust to the changes before them.**

*Sarah Johnson  
Senior Leader for Transition & Induction*

## ST PETER'S - OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

### SETTLING IN

We have strong relationships with all our partner primary schools and work closely with them to support the children's transition to secondary school. Our Head of Year 7, Sarah Johnson, Senior Leader for Transition and Induction, manages the process.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Parents and carers can view up-to-date information about their child's progress and achievements, as well as their timetable and the names of their teachers, online via a secure website. We encourage parents and carers to contact the school if they have any queries or concerns via email, phone or by writing a note in the student's diary, which the students carry with them during the day.

In the first term of Year 7 parents are invited to meet with their child's tutor to review the settling-in period. Later there is a Parent-Teacher evening so parents can discuss the progress of their child with all his or her teachers. Parents also receive information about progress in the form of reviews at intervals throughout the year and a full personalised report is issued for all students once a year.

### PASTORAL CARE

The pastoral work of the school is a real strength. We focus on supporting students to achieve their very best by celebrating success, developing self-confidence, fostering both academic resilience and mutual encouragement of peers and by allaying any anxieties and concerns. Students are placed in tutor groups, their care and welfare is the responsibility of Form Tutors, who co-ordinate with Year Leaders and other pastoral staff. Each tutor group meets once a day during tutorial time, which includes a corporate act of worship. The Form Tutor is usually the first point of contact between home and school.

St Peter's Chaplaincy is a ministry which serves to animate the spiritual and liturgical life of the School, support the pastoral system and promote the values of the Gospel. Its outreach extends to families, parishes, our two dioceses, local community and partner primary schools. Our own team is supported by local clergy and other religious groups.



*Scan QR code to read about the events organised by our Chaplaincy*



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**Students feel well supported throughout their time at the school. The strong pastoral systems ensure that young people feel safe and have an adult to talk to when needed. The pastoral team take a pride in knowing each child well.**

*Section 48 Inspection (March 2020)*

### BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

We focus on the positive behaviours that students need to enhance their learning. We recognise and celebrate their qualities of persistence, imagination, inquisitiveness, preparedness, collaboration and ambition. Relationships in the school are based on mutual respect. We value smartness, self-respect and safety for all. St Peter's is uncompromising, for example, about the importance of student appearance and adherence to the uniform code. We also operate a ban on mobile phones.



*Scan for more about uniform*

Our discipline systems are influenced by the Christian notion of forgiveness and reconciliation; however, school sanctions do exist to deter and correct undesirable behaviour. Sanctions include detentions, both after class and after school; periods of 'inclusion' from peers, temporary suspensions from school and permanent exclusions.

### SCHOOL POLICIES

The school has a comprehensive set of policies that comply with all relevant educational legislation.



*Scan to view our school policies*

## FACILITIES

We have wonderful accommodation, with excellent facilities surrounded by ample playing fields. In addition to the provision of a learning resource centre, science laboratories, technology facilities and workshops, art rooms and subject specialist rooms there is also a large sports hall with climbing wall, gym, 462 seat theatre, canteen, drama rooms, dance studio and a purpose-built Chapel.

We are an all-through school which operates across two sites. As well as our extensive Secondary and Sixth Form site in Southbourne, we also have our Primary site at Iford. We sometimes bring the students together to share experiences and skills, for example our Sports Leaders teach a variety of sports at our primary school, it's a real pleasure to see our students of all levels learning from each other.



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## ST PETER'S - BEYOND LESSONS

### CAREERS EDUCATION

Careers education and guidance are provided in a variety of ways through curriculum time, opportunities for interviews and specific careers advice and online support. The Careers programme begins in Year 7 where students are encouraged to consider real life decision-making and evaluate their own strengths and areas for improvement.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

St Peter's runs several clubs and societies, at lunch and after school. Activities include rugby, soccer, hockey, netball, basketball, volleyball, cricket, athletics, tennis, chess and art and craft clubs. A health suite with cardiovascular and resistance equipment is available for the use of older students. A purpose-built Dance Studio provides for curricular and extra-curricular pursuits. A drama club, music groups and choirs provide live theatre and music at regular intervals.

Scan QR code to read about our extra curricular activities



A number of educational visits abroad have traditionally been arranged including student exchanges, cultural visits, fieldwork, historical sites, activity centres and, for older students, working holidays supporting our partner school in South Africa and Reaching the Unreached (RTU) in India.



Scan to read about our partner school



Scan to read about our connection to RTU



## ST PETER'S - A SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE

We do not select our intake on the grounds of prior attainment or perceived ability. We believe that all students can thrive, learn together and sustain normal social relationships in a community that is inclusive. As a Catholic school we are more socially and ethnically diverse than most UK schools. We welcome every child into the school community whatever his or her ability, social background, or ethnic origin.

Students with Special Educational Needs are provided with appropriate support. We have teaching assistants

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**Inspectors were very impressed not just by pupils' attitudes towards learning but also with their behaviour in lessons and around the site. Pupils are unfailingly polite and courteous.**

*Ofsted*

and teachers specialising in English as an Additional Language, Language and Communication needs and literacy and numeracy support.

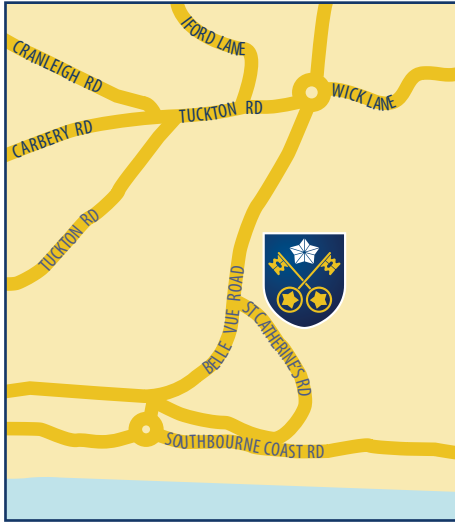
Students from St Peter's will advance to a wide range of degree courses, after completing our Sixth Form. St Peter's has a large and flourishing Sixth Form with approximately 350 students. Courses are predominantly for students wishing to study subjects to Level 3 (A Level or equivalent) in preparation for entry into higher education and specific vocational career paths.

The school has a development plan for improving access, but prospective Parents/Carers should be aware that the Southbourne site is built on a slope with multiple buildings and levels and currently not all specialist areas are wheel-chair accessible.



Please note the information in this prospectus was correct at the time of printing. Changes made during the present year and for subsequent years will be notified in additional documentation.





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