

Welcome to St Peter's CofE Academy

Every Life Enriched



How will St Peter's CofE Academy help me get ready for secondary school?

We can't wait to welcome you to St Peter's CofE Academy, and we have put together this booklet to help you prepare and feel confident about what to expect when you arrive.

Starting secondary school is a big step and we understand that you may feel a little nervous, which is completely normal. We will do everything we can to make your move to our Academy as easy as possible for you.

To help you get ready, you will have an induction programme, which will include two induction days.

Induction days

We have two induction days where you will meet your new teachers, get used to finding your way around the Academy building and learn more about the school and what to expect when you join us.

You will also find lots of useful information on our website www.spa.woodard.co.uk.



How should I prepare for my first day?

We are very proud of our uniform at St Peter's CofE Academy and from your first day we have high standards of presentation.

On days when you have a PE lesson, you will wear your PE Kit to the Academy. You will also need a rain jacket and base layers.

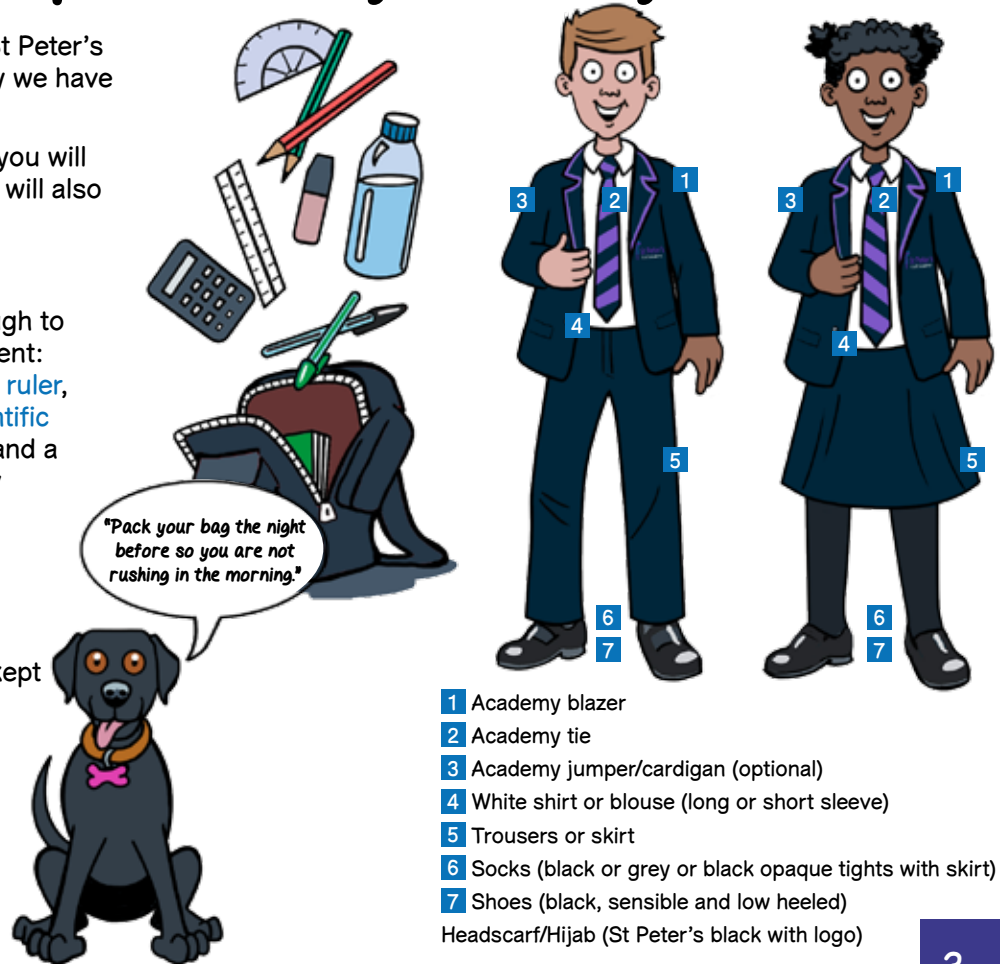
Equipment

You will need a sensible bag, big enough to carry books and the following equipment: **black, purple and green pens, pencils, ruler, highlighters, rubber, pencil case, scientific calculator, maths set, mini dictionary** and a **reading book** which will be used every morning during line-up and ROCK.

You will also be given a Student Organiser and access to a free locker.

Your mobile phone must be switched off at the Academy gate and then be kept out of sight.

Make sure that everything has your name on it, including your uniform, so things can be returned to you easily if they are mislaid.



What happens on my first day at St Peter's CofE Academy?

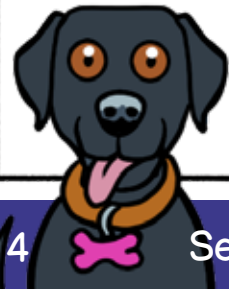
Plan your route to the Academy beforehand, so you know how long your walk or journey will take.

When you arrive, you will enter the Academy at the main gate. You will be greeted by teachers who will tell you where you need to go and what you need to do.

You will then head to morning line-up for a message from your Head of Year. You will also do some reading while you are in the hall.

Then it will be time for ROCK, which means you will go to your tutor group before the rest of your day begins.

"Don't worry if you don't know anyone when you first start with us. There will be lots of other students in the same position and you will make new friends quickly."



Everyone at the Academy knows what the first day feels like, so we all do as much as possible to make you feel welcome and help you settle in.

You will find everyone is friendly and welcoming and you will soon make new friends.

Don't worry about getting lost around the Academy - there are lots of people around to ask and to help you.

By the end of the first week, you will find that you know the Academy very well and will have already started making new friends.

What does the Academy day look like?

Every day there are 5 periods for your lessons. Morning line-up will start at 8:30am and the Academy day finishes at 3pm. You will move around the building for different lessons.

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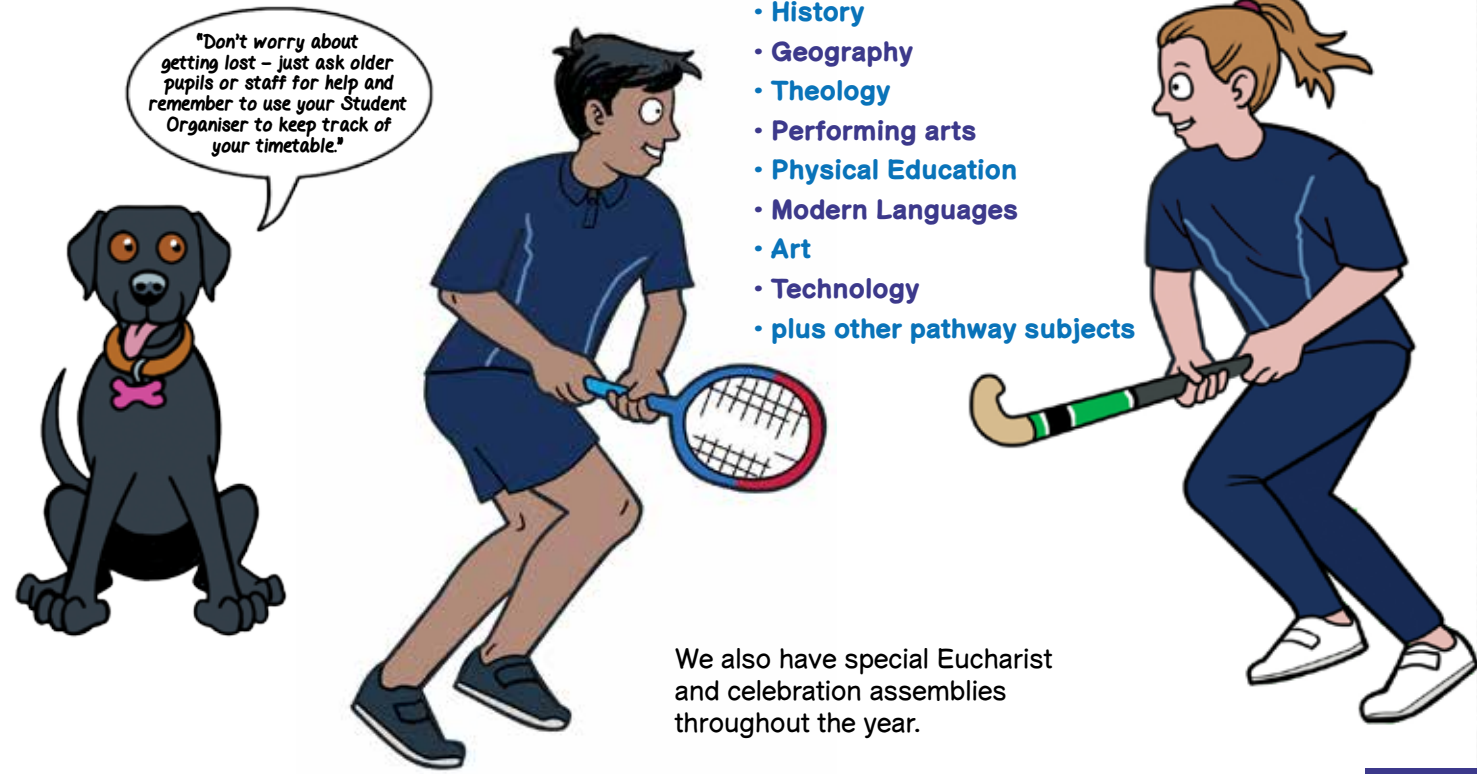
Morning line-up	08:30 – 08:35
Rock	08:35 – 09:00
Period 1	09:00 – 10:00
Period 2	10:00 – 11:00
Break	11:00 – 11:20
Period 3	11:20 – 12:20
Period 4	12:20 – 13:20
Lunch	13:20 – 14:00
Period 5	14:00 – 15:00



You will learn new subjects and you will build on what you have learnt in subjects before.

You will study a wide variety of subjects, including:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Theology
- Performing arts
- Physical Education
- Modern Languages
- Art
- Technology
- plus other pathway subjects



What is expected of me?

At St Peter's CofE Academy, we create a learning environment, curriculum, experiences and relationships in which the passion of all our students can find expression, be nourished and be developed.

To help achieve this, we have some Christian Core Values that we all must follow at the Academy:

Service

"We work hard to achieve; we aspire to be our best and we help each other."

Thankfulness

"We show appreciation for what we are given and give our best at all times."

Peace

"We play by the rules. We are respectful, polite and courteous at all times."

Endurance

"We never give up. We remain positive and resilient."

Trust

"We are honest. We do not make excuses."

Empathy

"We listen to one another, respect one another and show kindness to others."

Reverence

"We honour God and one another."



Houses

When you start at St Peter's CofE Academy, you will be placed into one of our four houses. All our houses are themed around well-known Stoke-on-Trent pottery companies from the past and present. We are proud to represent our Stoke-on-Trent heritage. You will be in your house throughout your Academy life, achieving points for your house through your attitude to learning, attendance, Christian Core Values, inter-form and house competitions. Which house will you be in?

Rewards

We believe in rewarding students and celebrating their successes. Rewards can be earned for supporting our core values.

There are nine different colour-based levels of rewards you can earn. As well as receiving a badge and certificate, you will also receive reward points, which you can spend on lunch passes, non-uniform days, competitions or trips!

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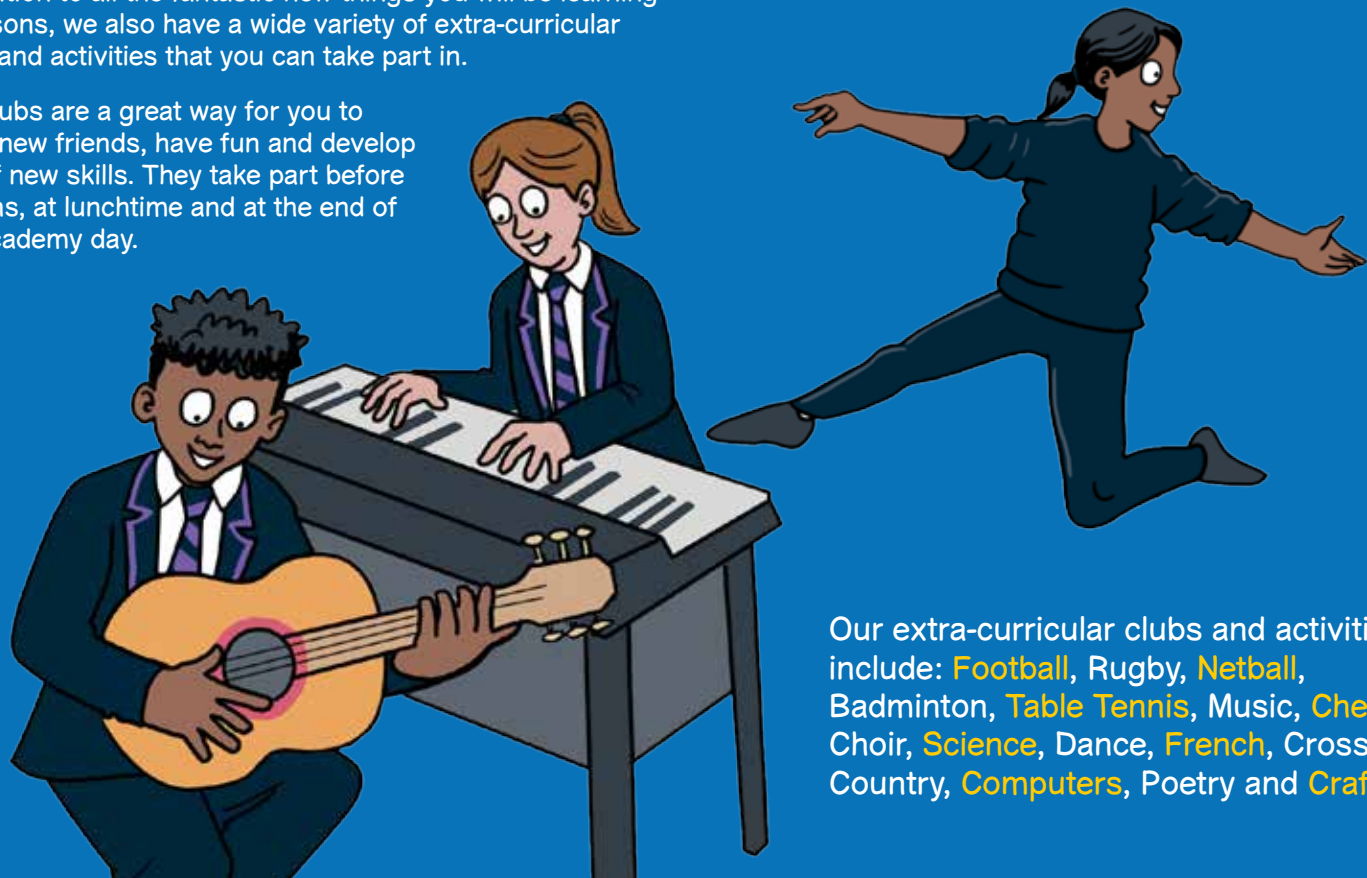
We are very proud of the excellent teaching in our Academy and our teachers will support you in every way possible to achieve your potential. You, however, are the key to your success and so attitude to learning and the effort you make in class is essential in achieving your best. To help you become excellent learners, we have four expectations of you in every lesson, every day. We expect you to be:

- **Motivated** to improve your work, making it the best it possibly can be.
- **Ambitious** in completing the most challenging work you can.
- **Dedicated** in your efforts for all work that you complete.
- **Self-disciplined** to ensure your work is as neat and tidy as possible.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

In addition to all the fantastic new things you will be learning in lessons, we also have a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities that you can take part in.

Our clubs are a great way for you to make new friends, have fun and develop lots of new skills. They take part before lessons, at lunchtime and at the end of the Academy day.



Our extra-curricular clubs and activities include: **Football**, Rugby, **Netball**, Badminton, **Table Tennis**, Music, **Chess**, Choir, **Science**, Dance, **French**, Cross Country, **Computers**, Poetry and **Crafts**.



There is something for everyone!

We love to listen to what our students tell us and we will run clubs for whatever there is demand for. If you have any ideas for new clubs, bring them along and share them with us.



We can't wait to welcome you to St Peter's CofE Academy

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