

## Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I write this newsletter, firstly as the newly appointed permanent Headteacher of St Luke's Church of England School, but also as a school now officially part of the Ted Wragg Multi-Academy Trust.

I am incredibly proud to have been given the opportunity to lead St Luke's at such an exciting time but also take great strength from the support, advice and guidance that we now have in place from our colleagues at Ted Wragg.

The Ted Wragg Trust have been instrumental in our improvement over the past term and have provided us with specialist staff that have enabled us to rapidly develop our provision, our leadership and, most importantly, our quality of education. I firmly believe that St Luke's is at the start of a very exciting journey and I am so pleased that we taking that journey collaboratively with such an amazing Trust that have values which align with our own. The vision for the Ted Wragg Trust is to improve the life chances for every child and with their support, I have no doubt that together we will meet this vision and ensure that every child that attends St Luke's Church of England School can live life to the full.

Moira Marder, CEO, Ted Wragg Multi-Academy Trust, said; " I am absolutely delighted to announce that from February 1st St Luke's is now formally part of the Ted Wragg Trust. Following on from the permanent appointment of Kealey Sherwood as Headteacher that marks an exciting new chapter that will see St Luke's to go from strength to strength"

Finally, I also want to say a personal thanks to you for your continued support of both the school and myself over this past term and I really look forward to continuing to build St Luke's together with you and our amazing staff and students.

Miss Sherwood  
Headteacher

## Essential dates

- **Thursday 5th March**  
Year 9 Parents' Evening  
**Note new date**
- **Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th March**  
School Production of Bugsy Malone
- **Monday 16th March**  
Inset Day
- **Monday 27th - Friday 1st May**  
Year 10 Work Experience
- **Thursday 7th May**  
Year 7 Parents' Evening
- **Friday 3rd July**  
Inset Day  
**Note change from Monday 29th June**



## Homework

**We have been absolutely delighted with the students' response to compulsory homework.**

We are seeing weekly completion rates of 98% plus which is a real testament to the commitment our students have to their academic studies and will certainly help them to achieve their very best.

# Showing Respect

On Monday 27th January, a group of students from St Luke's went to Exeter city centre to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. Holocaust Memorial Day is on the 27th January each year because that is the day that one of the concentration camps, Auschwitz Birkeneau was finally liberated. This week marks the 75th anniversary since the Nazi death camp was freed.

The thought for the week during this week at St Luke's was from a British man called Sir Nicholas Winton. He managed to rescue 669 children from the Nazis in Europe. He famously said "Do not be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good."

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day this year was "Stand together". As a way of standing together during this week, every St Luke's student was involved in creating a school memorial for the Holocaust. The symbol for Holocaust Memorial is one single flame. Each student was given a small flame so that they can contribute to this display and practice one of our values as they pay their respects to the lives that have been lost during and since the Holocaust due to genocide.

As part of the students' trip, we attended an opening ceremony at Exeter Cathedral where schools and clergy across Exeter joined together as a community. The students then went to visit the Exeter Quaker Meeting House where speakers told their stories of meeting people who had survived the Holocaust and explained how Quakers try to work for peace now in today's society. The students illustrated brilliantly one of our core values of showing respect as they asked the Quakers questions, shook hands with them and thanked them for sharing their stories.

The second part of our trip involved hearing the story of a Holocaust survivor, Otto Deutsch, and what it was like to be a Kindertransport child. After this, we were shown a film and went to a Q&A about how the Romany gypsies and travellers were treated during the Holocaust.

Finally, we went to a talk about the story of a Muslim family who rescued a Jewish family. This story demonstrated to the students that despite families or humans having different beliefs or religions, the most important thing is to help one another when we have the power to do so. Many of the students commented that by learning about these stories, it had given them hope. It gave them hope that even in the darkest most difficult situations, one can always find people being extremely kind. As part of living life to the full, we try to encourage St Luke's students to be symbols of hope themselves. Six students this week have been involved in delivering assemblies about everything that they learnt on their trip and have been a real inspiration and symbol of hope not just for St Luke's as a school but for the community of Exeter.

## Taking Responsibility

### UK Youth Parliament

During this last half term, St Luke's student Georgia Howell has been campaigning to become the Youth Parliament MP for Exeter.

Georgia campaigned bravely throughout leading assemblies for students not just here at St Luke's but also across other schools in Exeter. We are delighted to announce that on Thursday 13th February, Georgia was appointed as the Youth Parliament MP for Exeter. Everyone at St Luke's is incredibly proud of Georgia and have no doubt that through her own courageous advocacy, she will make a significant impact on the lives of many young people across Exeter and beyond. Georgia has demonstrated every one of our values throughout this campaign and will be a beacon of hope for many young people throughout her tenure as Youth MP.

## A message from our Climate Champions

The Climate Champions would like to say a big thank you to all who donated a plastic tub, we have collected 50 that will now be recycled by Devon Contract Waste and the profits donated to Dartmoor Zoological Park.



## Achieving Your Best

### Coachbright

On Thursday, 9th January we welcomed Hannah, the coordinator of Coachbright to St Luke's to begin our annual coaching programme.

The session gave **forty Year 10 students** the opportunity to learn about the positive benefits of being involved in Coachbright.

The programme allows pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant to work on a one to one basis with a university student who acts as their mentor. Students will receive coaching from their University mentor in one of three subjects: English, Maths or Science.

Applications to join the programme were submitted by the pupils and, following a selection process, 25 students will join the Coachbright programme. These students attended the launch of Coachbright at Exeter University and had the chance to see what University life is all about.

We wish all our pupils well as they gain new confidence and become resilient learners. We also very much look forward to their Coachbright graduation.

## St Luke's Aspiring Young Chef – Emily Ball

This year's Aspiring Student Chefs final was held at the Bournemouth and Poole College, with the winner having the opportunity to train in all aspects of professional cookery, via a scholarship arranged by the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts (RACA).

Emily Ball competed amazingly well in the 16 to 19 year old category, gaining highly commended for her three dishes which were as follows:

- A no set chocolate blood orange mousse made in 30 minutes,
- An unseen fish dish skills challenge (Sole Veronique) and,
- The main dish of pork wellington, dauphinoise potatoes with seasonal vegetables.

**We are all extremely proud of Emily and want to congratulate her on her wonderful success.**

## Giving Hope

I am extremely proud to inform you that so far this year, our school community has raised the following money for charity:

**Make a Wish Foundation – £960**

**St Petrock's Homeless Charity – £572**

**Children in Need – £960**

Following student requests, we will be raising money through our non-uniform days for the following throughout the next six months:

- Australian Bushfire Fund
- Suicide Prevention
- The Starfish Appeal – raising money for Exeter RD and E Children's Department

# Teaching and Learning at St Luke's

## Our Future Curriculum

There is much discussion and debate going on nationally at the moment with regards to secondary school curriculum with the new OfSTED framework having a very clear focus upon the quality of a school's curriculum and its impact. Here at St Luke's we have spent a great deal of time over the past term looking at our own curriculum, debating its intent and ultimately deciding on what we feel will provide the very best outcomes for our students.

In terms of intent, our vision is simple: a curriculum that will enable every single student to live life to the full. In essence, this means ensuring our curriculum enables all of our students to secure depth of knowledge and skills which prepare them for an aspirational next step whilst also developing upon their cultural literacy as well as their physical, social and moral development as young people. This curriculum does not just centre on learning in the classroom but links closely to our extra-curricular and enrichment as well as our pastoral programme.

In terms of changes we will be making in preparation for September 2020, we will provide more detail for any interested parents/carers at our 'Curriculum Parent Forum' scheduled for Wednesday 11th March, 5.30pm – 6.30pm, but please see below for a summary of the main points;

- A move to a 3-year KS3 in which students will study a broader range of subjects for 3 years prior to specialising through the options process.
- Language study for all until year 9 with approximately 75% of students continuing to study a language at KS4.
- A fast-track programme in place from year 7 for any student requiring additional literacy and numeracy support.
- Re-introduction of Design and Technology in to the KS3 curriculum.
- A 'life to the full' curriculum that is inclusive of RPE, PSHE and SMSC and builds from years 7 through to 11.

It is genuinely a really exciting time for us at St Luke's and we are confident that the changes being made to our curriculum will enable us to secure our vision of 'life to the full' for every single student.

## 'PEAS of Mind' Anxiety Management Psychological Education Advice and Support

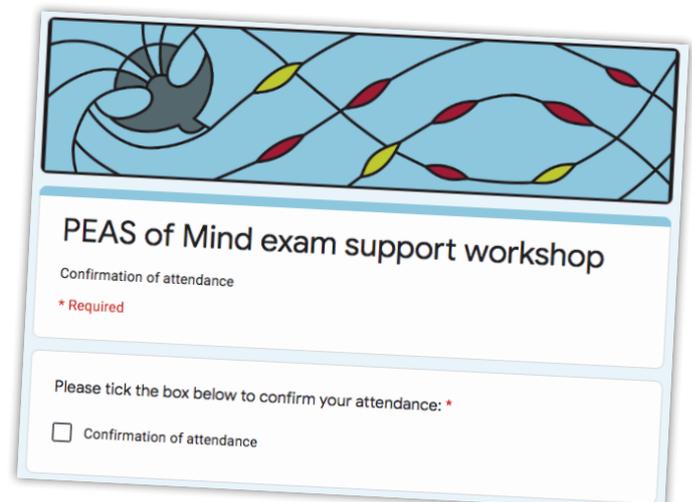
### Parent, Guardian, Carer Session

Hints and Tips on how to support yourself and your children through stress, anxiety revision, exams and beyond.

- Thursday 27th February
- 5-6pm

Register your attendance at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepC5TPOeRtPTihvflGZJvvBCDqAGieU89UpYWGg7YIrJbhxw/viewform>



The form features a decorative header with a blue background and a stylized grey bird-like figure. Below the header, the text reads: 'PEAS of Mind exam support workshop', 'Confirmation of attendance', and '\* Required'. A second section contains the instruction 'Please tick the box below to confirm your attendance: \*' followed by a checkbox and the text 'Confirmation of attendance'.

## Parents Forum Dates

During this term, we will be hosting a number of Parent Forums. The forums are designed to enable any parent/carer to come along and ask any questions they wish about the school and also provide us with valuable feedback about our performance.

We really would like to encourage as many parents/carers as possible to attend and have put in place a number of sessions in our hope to increase attendance. If you are interested and able to attend please book in via email at [office@st-lukes.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-lukes.devon.sch.uk) stating which session you wish to attend.

### Parent Forums – Open to all

- Wednesday 11th March, 5.30pm – A focus on curriculum.
- Tuesday 17th March, 9.30am – A focus on curriculum.

## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day where we at St Luke's took the opportunity to remind our students about the need for them to stay safe when online.

Assemblies, tutorial sessions and IT lessons were dedicated throughout the week to exploring this important issue and providing our students with tips and advice. We would recommend that all parents and carers use the link below to ensure that you too can support your children to stay safe whilst online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

## Sports Round-up

### Football

- Year 8 finished 6th in the County Futsal Competition
- Year 10 County Cup V Colyton Grammar School – Won 4-0
- Year 8 County Cup V Holsworthy – Won 2-1
- St Luke's V St James – Won 7 - 0

### Basketball

- St Luke's V Tiverton – Won 48 – 6
- St Luke's V West Exe – Won 30 - 28

## Parents' Group

- Are you interested in helping St Luke's improve and have a voice about the future of the school?
- Do you have ideas about fundraising and events?

We would really love to establish a St Luke's Parents Group and need members.

If you are interested and able to offer your support then please let us know via [office@st-lukes.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-lukes.devon.sch.uk)