

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Catholic Engineering College

Headteacher Letter

Mon 2nd June 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Hoping you are well. Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year.

Catholic Life & Mission

On Monday 2nd June 2025, a small number of staff and students will attend the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool to represent the school and witness the visit of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco from Fatima. This Visitation is a particular remembrance of the apparition to Sr Lucia, the oldest Fatima seer, which took place in December 1925 when she was a postulant with the Sisters of St Dorothy at Pontevedra in Spain and is part of the Jubilee Year 2025, as a time of spiritual renewal. The

purpose of these visits to venues around the country is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation to those who may not have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself. Students and staff will take part in a procession and attend Mass.

This week's Gospel (John 17:20-26)

In this week's Gospel, Jesus prays for our unity with him and for us to be immersed in God's love. In Jesus shifts His focus from praying for His immediate disciples to praying for all future believers, including us today.

"I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

GCSE Examinations

Our Year 11 students are now mid-way through their examinations. The exams taking place this week are listed below:

DATE	EXAMINATION
3 rd June – Tuesday pm	Polish Listening & Reading – 8688/LH & 8688/RH
4 th June – Wednesday am	Maths Paper 2 – 1MA1 2
4 th June – Wednesday pm	Health & Social Care R032
	RE Paper 3 – C120U60
5 th June – Thursday am	History Paper 2 – 8145/2
5 th June – Thursday pm	French Writing 1FR04
6 th June – Friday am	English Language Paper 2 – 8700/2
6 th June – Friday pm	Geography Paper 2 – 8035/2

We wish all our students the best of luck in the ongoing examinations. In between examinations, our Y11 students will continue to attend a bespoke programme of revision prior to each examination. If you have any concerns about your child during the exam season, please get in touch with Mrs Knight, Y11 Learning Manager or Mrs Batchelor, Y11 Pastoral Support Assistant.

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Year 10 Prefect Interviews

I am pleased to announce that Year 10 Prefect Interviews will take place on Tuesday 3rd June 2025. The quality of applications has been exceptionally high this year. The shortlisting process was highly competitive and carried out against a stringent set of criteria, which included attendance, behaviour, academic performance, and the quality of students' written applications. I commend all applicants for their effort and dedication, and I look forward to meeting the shortlisted candidates at interview this week.

Summer Extravaganza

We are excited to announce that Mr Parry is organising our first ever Summer Extravaganza on Monday 21st July 2025! On this special day, students will have the opportunity to choose from a range of exciting in-school activities or take part in an off-site visit to a variety of destinations. To help us plan effectively, all students must select their preferred activity and submit parental consent by 5.00pm on **Friday 6th June 2025**. Don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic end-of-term celebration!

Attendance

As we start the final half term, all students have the potential to achieve **100% attendance** each week. Please ensure that your child is not absent from school on a Monday or Friday. These absences create gaps in learning and make it harder for students to catch up on key knowledge and classroom activities.

Year 9 & Year 10 Examinations

Students in Year 9 and Year 10 will begin their end-of-year examinations on **Monday 16th June 2025.** The next two weeks are critical for both learning and revision, and we encourage all students to stay focused and make the most of this preparation time to ensure success.

Holidays and Term Dates

Please note that the school will not authorise requests for holidays during term time. Unauthorised absences can impact student progress, particularly during this important stage of the academic year. The Summer Term ends on Tuesday 22nd July 2025.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance and strong academic outcomes for all our students.

Kind regards

Mrs M. Henshaw

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