



St Peter's
CofE Academy

Every Life Enriched

Chief Executive Officer's Welcome

The Woodard Academies Trust is a collaboration of six schools across England committed to learning, developing and improving together to meet our ambitious goals for pupils and staff.

Our vision is opening minds, raising expectations and transforming lives. We want to ignite every child's curiosity about the world, nurture their spiritual and cultural growth, and develop a love of learning that stays with them for life. Everyone in the Trust – staff, pupils and governors – is always raising expectations about the standards we can reach and the outcomes we can achieve, irrespective of background. We know that a successful education will transform the lives of young people into adulthood so they have rewarding careers and strong relationships, and make a positive contribution to their community and society.

The Woodard groups of schools, which was founded by Nathaniel Woodard in 1848, includes independent schools and affiliated schools in the Woodard Corporation, which are some of the best performing in

their region. We all share the founder's vision of an excellent education, underpinned by Christian values. The Trust welcomes people of all faiths and none.

Our schools work together to improve and we aim to recruit, retain and develop the best people who meet high professional standards as our pupils deserve the best. I'm proud that St. Peter's Academy is part of the Woodard Academies Trust, jointly sponsored with the Diocese of Lichfield, under the inspiration leadership of the Principal, dedication to a values-based education and commitment to always improving standards.

Hardip Begol CBE
Chief Executive Officer
Woodard Academies Trust



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to St Peter's CofE Academy. An Academy that has had rapid and sustained improvement over the last five years, resulting in Good and Outstanding grades from Ofsted and SIAMS and us having a full allocation for 3 years in a row.

At St Peter's we ensure that 'Every Life is Enriched' with a positive Christian ethos and Core Values; Service, Thankfulness, Peace, Empathy, Trust, Endurance and Reverence. We welcome all faiths and none, but are proud to be the only Church of England 11 – 16 provision in Stoke-on-Trent. Christianity runs through the Academy at every level.

In our SIAMS Inspection from the Church of England, they graded us Good with excellent features. Our Ofsted inspection, graded us Good for Leadership & Management, Teaching & Learning and Behaviour, and Outstanding for Personal Development & Welfare.

There is a real emphasis on teaching and learning at St Peter's and students are challenged to reach their potential, because they are set high targets and the Academy expects the highest standards of all students and staff. It is no coincidence that in the most recent GCSEs where examinations were sat, St Peter's achieved the best GCSE results in its history and is the most improved high school in Stoke-on-Trent. There are 10 DfE measures for outcomes and we made improvements in all 10 of them. From September 2021, we will be oversubscribed in both Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

Our aim is to produce enthusiastic and lifelong learners, by nurturing self-esteem and promoting independence and leadership. Attitude to

Learning grades are awarded every lesson of every day. This allows us to recognise and reward all students who deserve it, regardless of their starting point. The Student Union are also a very influential group when it comes to setting and reviewing our policies and procedures.

St Peter's boasts a state of the art, vibrant learning environment and impressive resources for our students so they can flourish. Our classrooms encourage creativity and we have in excess of 500 student computers, laptops and iPads. The sporting facilities are some of the best in the city with a full-size 3G pitch and multi-purpose Sports Hall. These are currently used by national associations, professional football clubs and local teams. Please visit the Lettings section of our website if you are interested in hiring any of our facilities.

We welcome students and parents/carers who share our values and expectations to become part of our success.

You will always be assured a very warm welcome so please contact us and arrange a visit.

Michael Astley
Principal



'Leaders and staff of the school form a team of excellent role models for the students and families they serve. They actively cultivate close relationships to create an inclusive, cohesive, stable environment in which their students flourish' SIAMS 2019



"The curriculum provides pupils with a breadth of experiences and opportunities. It develops their knowledge and interests across a wide range of subjects"

OFSTED 2019

Our Curriculum

Our fundamental aim is to meet the needs of all students across the full range of abilities by delivering a sequenced, differentiated and supported curriculum which has high expectations, encourages active learning, delivers academic success and builds self-worth.

- As a Christian school; nourishing and fostering spirituality and growth is part of our core purpose, it is essential that the curriculum is organised in such a way that it provides all students the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and attributes that prepare them for their next steps on their chosen career paths, providing students with the knowledge and cultural capital they will need to succeed in life.
- The Rock on which St Peter's CE Academy intent is founded is to create:
 - Successful learners who enjoy learning, making good progress and achieve excellence
 - Confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
 - Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society
 - Informed individuals who are able to make positive decisions for both their own futures and the futures of others, including informed decisions transferring between lower, middle & upper school and KS5 providers
- We are committed to an ambitious curriculum and personal development across all year groups. In lower school (Years 7 and 8) we celebrate students' success in formal academic and wider social/cultural areas with a university-style "graduation" at the end of Year 8.
- In middle school (Year 9), students have the opportunity to pursue specialist interests, including Photography, Business Studies, Statistics, Psychology, Textiles, Fine Art and Music. Our rich lower school curriculum means that students can complete the study of some subjects at the end of year 8, having experienced a rich education in those specialist areas, and allowing for a more diverse subject offer in Year 9.
- In upper school (Years 10 and 11), students have the opportunity to focus their study on 9 examination subjects, complemented by Rock, Thematic Days, Careers Curriculum and our extra-curricular offer. The subjects studied by students are more than the sum of their parts: the links between the content of the subjects are made explicit in curriculum and teaching, so that our students leave us with a comprehensive, rich and coherent understanding of the knowledge in the subject disciplines. Our aim is that the appreciation of these will permeate throughout our students' entire educational experience and beyond, equipping them as lifelong learners, citizens, and successful individuals



The image shows two young men in school uniforms (dark blue blazers with blue piping, white shirts, and purple striped ties) wearing clear safety goggles. They are in a laboratory setting, with one student using a glass rod to stir a substance in a white beaker. Another student is visible in the background, also in uniform. The scene is brightly lit, likely by overhead fluorescent lights.

"The transition work St. Peter's do with our Year 6 students is fantastic, they really get to know every individual who is joining them and the students get lots of opportunities to take part in activities there"

PRIMARY HEADTEACHER

Join Us

We understand that moving up from primary school to a large secondary school can be a daunting prospect. For this reason, we have developed a very thorough process to ease this transition in order to ensure all students feel secure, confident and well prepared for life at St Peter's.

Our transition team meet with students in their Primary schools so there is a friendly face when they visit St Peter's. Year 7 form tutors also communicate with their tutees prior to our induction events in July when parents are invited to meet with St Peter's staff before their children begin in September.

Students from year 3 upwards are invited to transition events which include Taster lessons in Food Technology, Science, Languages and Design days: Bring a Grown Up evening events and a range of familiarisation events.

The Student development team are always on hand to ensure that everyone is happy and secure.



A group of four students in school uniforms are gathered outdoors on a grassy field, looking at and discussing documents. The students are wearing dark blue blazers with purple trim and purple and blue striped ties. One student on the left is wearing glasses. The background shows a school building and a cloudy sky.

"The school provides pupils with high-quality careers information, advice and guidance. There are frequent opportunities for pupils to meet with employers and higher education providers. The school is determined that pupils will have an education, employment or training destination at the age of 16"

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

At St Peter's we are committed to providing our students with a programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for all students in Year 7-11.

Provision for CEIAG is incorporated into assemblies, focussed collapsed curriculum days (called Life and Soul Days) and in Year 9 a timetabled lesson per week. Students experience workshops and talks from professionals both in the Academy, in further education settings and universities. They will have employers coming into the Academy to speak to them and visit workplaces and local employers.

Students have access to our dedicated careers zone where they can explore a range of materials about career choices, colleges

and universities. All students will have a log in to our online careers programme KUDOS.

We have an onsite Careers Advisor based in the careers zone who provides one to one and group support.

We have our Careers Advisor and further education providers available at parents' evenings.



Christian Core Values

Service

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

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms"

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

Thankfulness

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

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

[2 Corinthians 9:7](#)

Peace

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

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to the world as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid".

[John 14:27](#)

St Peter's CofE Academy takes your child, their welfare and their development as a whole person very seriously. We respect each child's need to be treated as an individual, but also encourage them to cultivate team and social skills to help their development as part of their learning journey.

We provide a caring environment centred around Christian Core Values where children can grow in the security of knowing that the Academies Christian Distinctiveness is focussed on developing their wellbeing. We are not merely an institution driven by results and league tables.



'The school commits wholeheartedly to the vision living it out through the core Christian values that underpin all aspects of daily life, it effectively calls all members of the school family to live and grow together as a nurturing, caring community' [SIAMS 2019](#)

Christian Core Values

Endurance

We never give up. We remain positive and resilient.

"Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"

[Luke 9:23](#)

Trust

We are honest. We do not make excuses.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight"

[Proverbs 1:5-6](#)

Empathy

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

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made."

[Psalm 145:8-9](#)

Reverence

We honour God and one another.

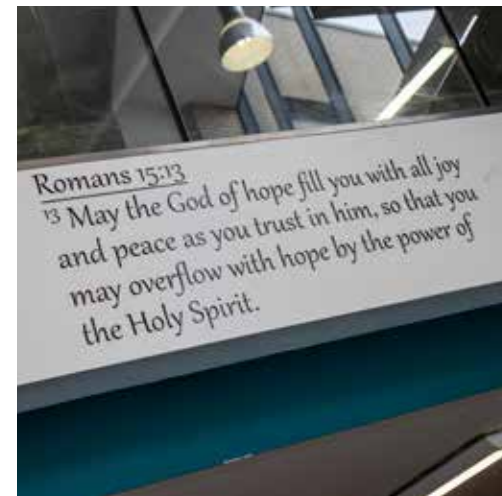
"In God, whose word I praise- in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

[Proverbs 1:2-3](#)

Perhaps, most importantly, St Peter's CofE Academy caters not only for the educational needs of your child but also for their Physical, Emotional and Spiritual development. Success for your child as a child of God, will be achieved if the Academy, students and parents work in partnership to develop through the Christian Core Values.

St Peter's CofE Academy encourages the holistic development of children through our daily ROCK sessions, whole Academy collective worship and rewarding and praising Christian attitudes.

The Core Values allows regular reflection on physical, emotional and spiritual development and they underpin our belief that every child matters and that success is achieved through both social, moral and cultural development as well as academic achievement.



'All students feel safe and confident that, 'they have a voice and are understood by their teachers'. Diversity weeks and 'Life and Soul' activities celebrate culture, faith, gender and are successful in bringing groups together supportively' [SIAMS 2019](#)



"Pupils place a high value on learning. Pupils demonstrated excellent attitudes to learning, showing respect for others' ideas and viewpoints"

OFSTED 2019

Beyond the Curriculum

St Peter's CofE Academy is committed to developing the whole child. In order to develop well balanced individuals we believe it is important that children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of enrichment activities, which will foster a passion for lifelong learning.

St Peter's CofE Academy students have access to a wealth of opportunities which include:

GASP: God at St Peter's provides opportunities for students to develop their spirituality as well as promoting the Christian distinctiveness of the Academy.


Sport: We offer a wide range of sports and we consistently achieve very high standards in competitions at both local and national level. These include football, Athletics, netball and cricket.

Performing Arts: There are numerous opportunities to take part in music, drama and dance performances including Academy worship, Academy productions and the Academy Choir.

Student Leadership: At St Peter's we believe that all students should have a voice. Through the Academy Council, sub committees and other leadership roles, students have opportunities to become a driving force in Academy improvement.

Enrichment: There are many clubs at the Academy providing for a range of interests, a list of these is published on our website. While at St Peter's student's will also have opportunities to travel and visit new and exciting places such as Swiss Alps, The battle fields in France and Belgium and the cultural heritage of Spain.





"We love the new football and table tennis tables, we play on them every day and even come in early to use them"

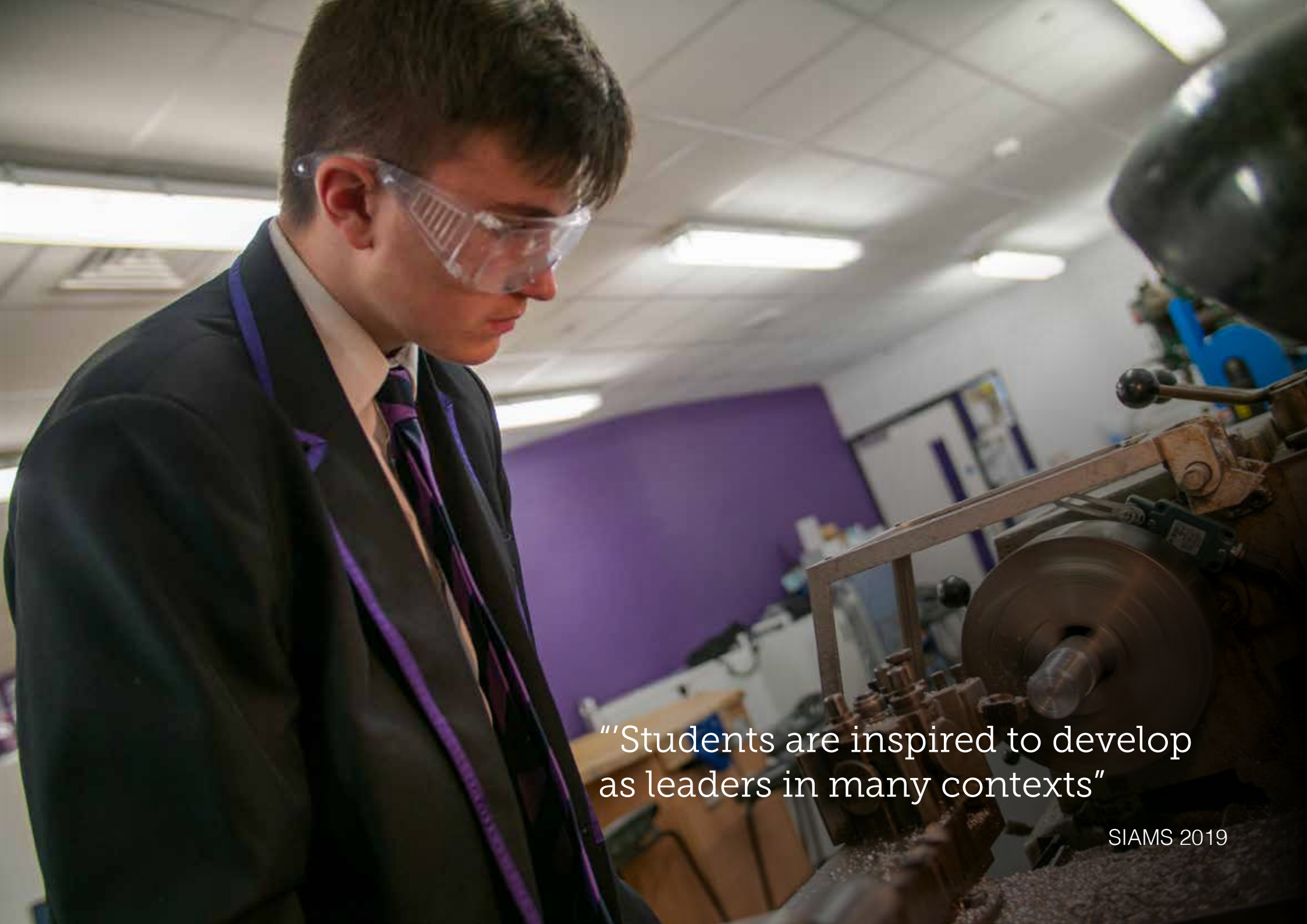
SPA STUDENT

Excellent Facilities

St Peter's CofE Academy was purpose built in 2013 and is a well-resourced school with excellent facilities including:

- Fantastic sports facilities including a well-equipped fitness suite and Astro-turf pitch
- An outdoor performance space
- Dance studio
- Large sports hall
- High ratio of computers and laptops to students
- Apple Mac Computer Suite
- Large central atrium with new dining facilities
- External sheltered eating area
- Newly refurbished Library and Resource Centre
- A Chapel that we call our 'Oasis'
- Recording studio
- Large music and performing arts area
- Careers Hub
- Outdoor table tennis tables
- Indoor football tables





"Students are inspired to develop
as leaders in many contexts"

SIAMS 2019

Student Leadership

At St Peter's Cof E Academy we aim to do our best for all students. We endeavour to work tirelessly to implement initiative and strategies to continue improving.

Our students play a major role in supporting this improvement and have an effective and active input through student leadership roles that;

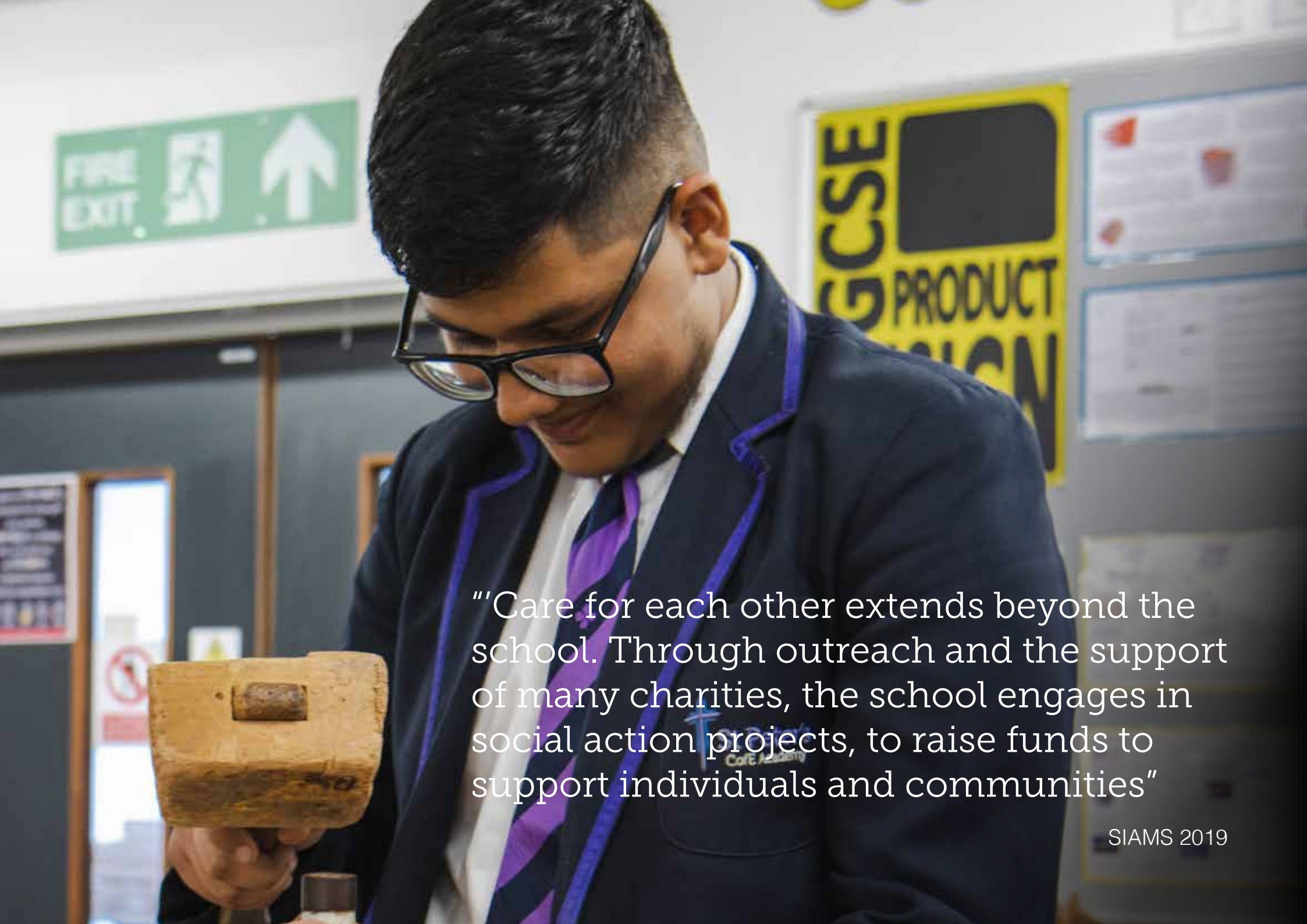
- Contribute to decisions about their learning and the effectiveness of teaching.
- Create role models for supporting their peers.
- Makes a positive contribution to the Academy and to the wider community.
- Develop the Christian Distinctiveness of the Academy.

We are sure that all the students at St Peter's CofE Academy want to have their say in moving the school forward and building on the success that has already been achieved. We are an Academy where the staff will listen to you, your voice will be heard and where our opinions and thoughts really do count. To support this students are encouraged to take on roles and responsibilities in the following student leadership groups;

- SPA Student Union
- SPA Student Union Sub Committees
- Lower School Leadership Team
- Year Group Tutor Captains
- House & Sports Leaders
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- SEND Ambassadors
- Academy Scholars
- Lower School Graduates
- Student Voice

The impact of student leadership can be seen all around the Academy including teaching and learning strategies, displays/newsletters, Academy facilities, rewards initiatives, charity drives and environmental sustainability.





"Care for each other extends beyond the school. Through outreach and the support of many charities, the school engages in social action projects, to raise funds to support individuals and communities"

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Charity

“I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Christian Distinctiveness is at the heart of St Peter's CofE Academy. The Christian Core Values underpin every aspect of Academy life from the classroom to the playground.

Central to Christian belief is the truth that every single one of us is made in the image of God. Every one of us is loved unconditionally by God. St Peter's CofE Academy is committed to valuing all God's children and promoting the common good and so charity is a major aspect of Academy life.

St Peter's CofE Academy actively promotes whole Academy support for the following charities:

- Alice Charity
- Christian Aid
- Open Door

- Samaritans
- Sanctus
- Salvation Army
- Temple Street Homeless Shelter
- Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child
- Help for Heroes
- Foodbank

Further to this, student leadership groups research, plan and implement campaigns to support local, national and international charities. These have included Macmillan Cancer Support, Poppy Appeal, Power for Good, Sport Relief, Kit Aid, British Heart Foundation, The Little Princesses Foundation, Feed the Hungry Project, Humanitarian projects and donating toys to the ICU Children' Ward at the North Staffs Hospital at Christmas.





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