

After a recommendation from Peel House Council, we have bought a number of new DVD's to aid GCSE English studies. Multiple versions of 'An Inspector Calls', 'Macbeth', 'Romeo and Juliet', 'The Merchant of Venice' and 'A Christmas Carol' are now available to watch in house at lunchtimes.

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With half term fast approaching in the coming week, we thought we'd issue a quick reminder to all parents, both day and boarder, new and old, as to how an end of half term works.

School still ends at the normal time of 3:45pm, and all students should be collected around this time. The house officially closes for half term at 5pm. Everyone should take home their PE kits and uniform. For boarders, dorms do not need to be empty, but everything needs to be packed away into wardrobes and drawers.

Boarders should return between 7-8pm on Sunday 27th October in FULL UNIFORM. We cannot stress this enough. For day students, school resumes as normal on Monday 28th.



Time for the Autumn Concert at the College. It will be held on Sunday 10th November, and is a wonderful opportunity to see what our students have been learning in their band groups this term, and just to celebrate music at the school. Tickets are free for students, or £5 for adults. All Peel boarders who stay for that weekend will be attending too!

With the first Year 11 and Year 8 Progress Report's having already come out this year, we thought it was high time to remind all parents that if you have questions about your child's academic progress or classroom queries, please in the first instance always go to their tutor. We look forward also therefore to welcoming many of you to the 'Year 7 - Meet the Tutor' event on Tuesday night.

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Mr Dewhurst, our Head of Science, puts on lots of interesting and engaging events relating to different aspects of the scientific world. Last month we had the annual Peel Lecture featuring Dr Helen Mason OBE who gave a talk on Solar Physics, and last week there was a Skype call with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, a hugely popular Australian science author. Hannah B tells us more about her thoughts on the call now.

*"We sat in Mr Dewhurst's lab with Dr Karl on the screen and we would each ask our questions and he would answer them. One really interesting question was, 'Can energy be made or destroyed?' We all get told that energy can't be made or destroyed, only transferred, but apparently in fact it can, but you don't learn about this until the later years of university. Another cool question was about belly button fluff and Dr Karl told us about a study that went on about belly button fluff and its colour. Dr Karl was invited to come to a university in the UK from his home in Australia, and help run a study with a huge belly button fluff survey. It turned out that belly button fluff is more common in people who wear tight clothing as bellybutton fluff is just dead skin and lint."*



House Mascot, Professor Peel, has been on quite some adventures since joining the house in 2016. The Professor has been to Hawaii, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, all four corners of the UK, France, Austria, Texas, Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Oman, Greece and even for fish'n'chips in Cromer. After getting himself lost on his last adventure and taking a sabbatical from mascot duties, the Professor is ready to jet set across the world again and add more locations to his world map (pictured). So are you heading off anywhere interesting over half term? Could The Professor tag along on your holidays to see the world? Let house staff know if so....



Our Year 8 cohort continue to be the ones to beat it seems in generating house points. Well done to Joshua M who earned the most positive rewards last week.

Following up on Joshua's success, well done to Amelia, Maisy, Chloe L and Georgina who have all leapfrogged up the points list into joint first place. We can't yet say if a Peel student will earn a bronze award (+250) points before half term, but that would be an amazing achievement. Make sure to read next week's half term edition to see if anyone has succeeded in that first achievement on the mountain....



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