



# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to announce the opening of Painsley's brand new Sixth Form in September 2017.

As you are aware, Painsley already has an outstanding reputation for delivering academic excellence and is ranked as the highest performing school in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire (Real Schools' Guide 2016). This outstanding and proven record in delivering excellent teaching and learning will continue in the new Sixth Form.

Students will look forward to excellent enrichment opportunities including numerous sports, societies, trips both in the UK and worldwide, and work experience. There will be a variety of societies available, for example, a 'medical' society that will provide an enrichment opportunity for students wishing to enter the medical profession. The enrichment programme will include a vast number of university visits, taster sessions and workshops where students will be able to talk and work alongside real-life practitioners.

There will be a wide range of courses available at 'A' level and a number of vocational programmes. Students will have 9 hours per fortnight formal taught lessons, with two hours per fortnight tutorials, which follows the university style of learning. In addition, students will have access to a Personal Tutor and Mentor system where they will be supported on a one-to-one basis throughout their studies. Morning registration will be removed and students will sign in automatically through a new electronic signing-in system.

The newly refurbished building will provide students with a relaxed and mature learning environment, which will include: quiet study zones, group-work rooms and a Learning Resource Centre. In addition, students will be able to relax and socialise with friends in the refurbished dining room and coffee-hub area. Furthermore, Sixth Formers will also have access to the Painsley gym.

This is a really exciting time for our Year 11 students to be joining the Painsley Sixth Form in September. It is not only crucial that students achieve their academic potential but it is important that they enjoy their time with us, in a relaxed and mature Sixth Form environment.

To find out more about our new and exciting Sixth Form, I invite you to come along and join us at our Information Evening on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 6.30 pm in the main Painsley Hall.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. G. Bell  
Principal



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