



# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

The pupils continue to lift all of our spirits as they work so hard on their return to school whilst those at home continue to engage brilliantly with the live teaching. I am really proud of Year 10 this week who have been completing virtual assessments in advance of their face-to-face sessions. I look forward to the same engagement from Year 12 next week.

We are not that far away from the summer break. There is a lot of talk about the need for children to catch up on their missed work. We are proud to have been one of only 11% of state secondary schools to have offered live teaching. This has ensured that our pupils have not fallen significantly behind their usual curriculum. That said, we are now working on plans to ensure that additional support is in place for our pupils when they all (hopefully) return in September. We will learn more information about the September return when the Department for Education publishes more information next week. I will keep you informed and updated on developments.

This Sunday we celebrate the wonderful feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. We pray for the strength to follow the example of these two great saints. During this week, we can open our hearts by taking some time to stop and listen, to pray and to try to hear what Jesus is asking us to do. We can show our faith in our prayers and in our actions. We can try to follow Jesus' commandments to love God and to love our neighbour. We can be kind and generous to others and we can try to make the world a fairer place where all people get what they need.

A current example of a person who acted with such compassion is Marcus Rashford, the Manchester United football player. He showed great empathy for those less fortunate by campaigning to ensure that all families who benefit from free school meals continue to receive support over the summer holidays. As a result of this campaign, the government reversed its original decision not to offer vouchers. Therefore, I am delighted to inform all eligible families that we will be sending you a voucher for £90 per child to cover the summer holiday period. You will receive this in the last week of term. The government has confirmed that schools can continue to accept and verify free school meal applications up until the end of term. Please contact Mrs Hill on [lhi@painsley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:lhi@painsley.staffs.sch.uk) in the school office if you think you might be eligible. We are here to help!

God bless

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