



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break. I congratulate the A level and GCSE students who achieved fantastic, well deserved results - well done! I thank all of the students, staff, parents, governors and directors for all of their efforts. I am delighted to be able to welcome all staff and students back into the college this week and I thank the students for their excellent co-operation with our 'new normal'.

I would like to welcome the 235 students who have joined our Painsley family in Year 7 and the 130 Y12 students who have joined Painsley Sixth Form. I am also delighted to welcome the following new staff, Ms Mertz (MFL), Mr Birch (ICT/Computing), Mr Parkes (Science), Miss Jones (Art & Technology), Mrs Rowland (Art & Photography), Mr Mullington (Pastoral Support Co-ordinator), and Teaching Assistants - Mrs Wood, Mrs Hazelwood, Miss Knobbs, Miss McElwee, Mrs Robson and Miss Tilstone. I wish you all a happy and successful time at Painsley.

I include some important information below regarding the forthcoming year.

Parents' Calendar of Events

All students have been given a copy of the Parents' Calendar of Events. The homework schedule will also be sent home. As a reminder, all homework is set on 'Show my Homework'. If you would like any information on the system, please contact your child's Pastoral Lead.

School Fund

If you have not yet paid the £20 school fund, can you please make the payment by **Friday 14th September** at the latest. Payment should be over the internet via Parent Pay. The fund itself helps purchase new books, resources and ICT equipment for the benefit of the students and is crucial in supporting the College budget.

Attendance "FIRST DAY CONTACT"

Please remember that we need to be informed early on the first day of absence if your son/daughter cannot attend College. Please also ensure that we have updated emergency contact numbers and that, in particular, any telephone numbers for places of work are correct. We must have a minimum of 2 contacts for all students. **We also operate a free text service so please ensure that we have a correct mobile phone number.** Please note that, if a student is absent and parents have not contacted us, we will contact you at home or work to determine that the absence is genuine. The College attendance policy can be viewed on our website at www.painsley.co.uk.

Holidays in Term Time

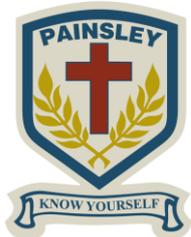
Legislation states that I am not able to grant holiday requests - in fact it is illegal for me to do so. Furthermore, holidays in term time may result in the Local Authority issuing parents with a £60-£120 penalty notice. Therefore, I ask you to ensure that all holidays are booked outside of term time. I know that this may seem punitive but it is the law and I have no option but to follow it - I am sure that you will understand and co-operate.

Rewards and Sanctions Policy

We have updated our approach to rewards and sanctions and encourage you all to read the new policy on our website. Any feedback would be gratefully received. We aim to ensure that all students value and respect each other and are rewarded for doing so. As a reminder, all parents can see the achievement and behaviour points by downloading and logging into School Gateway.



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Assessments

Please be aware that assessments will take place in accordance with the calendar. Assessments are crucial to help us identify gaps and catch-up required following remote learning. Year 7 will also have MIDYIS tests over the next few weeks. MIDYIS assessments help secondary schools to get to know our pupils and understand the support they need and their vocabulary, mathematics and non-verbal ability and skill.

Home School Agreement

A copy of the home school agreement signed by all parents and students will be emailed home to you for information. Please be aware that the current risk assessment, home school agreement addendum and transport addendum are all on the school website.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support in upholding the College rules.

We all recognise the changes that have had to be put in place due to our current climate. I thank you for your co-operation and understanding with all the elements of the risk assessment and I hope for a safe and positive learning experience for all.

Yours sincerely

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