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Dear Parent/Carer

Well, we have made it to half-term!

As you know, students finish today (Thursday 22nd October) and return to school on Monday 2nd November. When I look back over the last eight weeks and consider how different the school looks to last October it is incredible to think what has been achieved:

- 235 Year 7 students have settled into the Painsley family.
- Year 8 have been making up for lost time in the KS3 curriculum.
- Year 9 have made their home on the sixth form site and have started their GCSE courses and option choices.
- Year 10 have re-engaged with their GCSE studies and are making progress over lost time.
- Year 11s have returned to school mature and focussed on the job in hand and are responding to the comments of staff at Parents' Evening.
- Year 12 and 13 students have brought the sixth form to life once again.
- Year 13 are fully engaged and making life changing decisions about their future.
- £3,000 has been raised for Mary's Meals.
- Students have hosted the MacMillan Coffee Morning.
- 150 harvest bags have been donated to local food banks.
- The Year 7 Mass of Welcome has taken place for several Year 7 teaching groups - more will follow after half-term.
- Year 9 Art/Photography students have visited the Peak Wildlife Centre.
- A virtual open evening has taken place for next year's intake.
- Sixth form virtual open evening took place for those in Year 11 and virtual sessions introducing students to sixth form life.
- Sixth form tutor evening has taken place.
- Year 7 and 8 have completed some careers-based workshops.
- Gold and silver DofE students have completed their practise expeditions.
- Pastoral/Citizenship sessions have taken place.

I express my sincere thanks to the staff who have worked tirelessly to create a sense of normality and driven learning forward.

I thank the students who have an understanding and appreciation of the measures in place and who have worked hard in their studies.



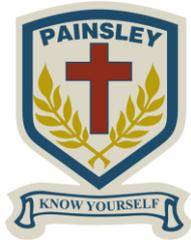
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I thank you as parents and carers for keeping us informed and indeed encouraging the young people to follow the risk assessment in its entirety.

We have today received details from the awarding bodies regarding the proposed dates for GCSEs, A levels and BTEC exams for this summer. There is no doubt that we have challenges ahead, but it is clear that we must all maintain our focus on the academic progress and pastoral care of all our students.

After half-term there will be some increases to prices for food and drinks in the canteen. Please refer to the poster for guidance.

The Gospel reading this Sunday is perfect as we take time with our families and a break from the daily routine. Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest (Matthew 22: 34-40). Jesus' response is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments'.

I wish you all rest and relaxation this half-term, taking time to be with your loved ones and with God.

God Bless

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