



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another week in college, it has been rewarding to see students return following a period of self-isolation. I thank the staff and students for their engagement in live streaming in order to continue the progress of the students.

Year 11 have all received their full written reports this week. As a reminder, applications for sixth form are due in by 1st December. Please see the website should you require an additional application form.

Over the last fortnight, Year 12/13 have completed mock examinations and assessments. During the next fortnight Years 7-11 will be completing their mock examinations and assessments. These are crucial to inform our teaching and learning and indeed our catch-up plans.

Your son/daughter will be issued with a number of books of raffle tickets for our annual PTA Christmas draw. The PTA provide tremendous support to the school and I ask you to do your best to support them in their fundraising, which in turn benefits all the students. In order to reduce the exchange of monies, the appropriate sum will be on Parent Pay. We ask that the money raised is put onto Parent Pay and the raffle ticket stubs return to school and placed in Emmaus trays in a plastic bag/envelope. Please return any raffle ticket stubs or unsold raffle tickets by Wednesday 9th December.

This weekend marks the start of Advent. As I am sure you can appreciate our spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ will have to look a little different this year. Throughout Advent, penitential reflections will take place in RE lessons, the Advent wreath will be lit virtually with Emmaus groups, virtual acts of worship will continue weekly with Advent themes. In addition, we will be sending hampers to the friends of Painsley (in place of our annual party). Prayer cards will be sent to our parish communities from the students and acts of kindness calendars will be used during Emmaus time.

I will share more information next week with regarding to our activities at the end of term.

As in the words of the Gospel on Sunday (Mark 13:33-37) 'Be on your guard, stay alert, because you never know when the time will come... he must not find you asleep.' Advent is a good time to prepare for the Lord's coming and to ensure our faith is at the heart of all we do.

God bless

Principal



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