



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have made it to the end of term with the help and support of each other. In what has been a term like no other I would like to thank the students and you as parents for your support. I would like to thank the staff who have worked hard to maintain high academic and pastoral standards despite the unique challenges.

At the end of term I would like to say thank you and goodbye to staff leaving our Painsley family. We thank Mrs Greer and Miss Hopkinson for their support and service in the SEND team. We thank them for their classroom support and individual care to some of our most vulnerable students.

We wish Mr Davenport all the very best as he starts his new post in January. Mr Davenport started at Painsley in September 2011. He left us for a year and came back to us in September 2014. Mr Davenport is an inspirational and charismatic teacher in the classroom. Whenever I have had the privilege of joining his lessons the students have been in awe of his passion and commitment for his chosen area of study. Mr Davenport became Head of Physics and as such he has led a highly talented and successful team. Mr Davenport has been a fantastic Emmaus tutor and has enjoyed supporting students outside of the classroom. He has given up countless weekends to support students with the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and even contributed to the staff band over the years.

We are very grateful to Mr Davenport for his dedication and commitment and wish him the very best in his new post.

I am delighted to share with you that Painsley's Mary's Meals total is £45,000. This is a phenomenal achievement on behalf of the entire community and will feed 5660 children for a year in our sponsored school in Malawi. It goes to huge way to supporting the MAC target to raise £100,000 in our 20:20 for Mary campaign.

Thank you and congratulations to those who won in our PTA raffle prize draw. Prize winners have been notified individually and the PTA are very grateful for the support of parents, especially in these times.

Thank you to Fr Eric for celebrating our live-streamed Mass yesterday. It was such an important opportunity to stop and reflect. We look forward to a time when we can celebrate Mass as an entire community but in the meantime we are very grateful to the chaplaincy team for providing us all with this opportunity.

I thank the staff and students who contributed to the talent show today. It has been a real tribute to the spirit of Painsley to be able to maintain this long standing tradition, albeit in a different form.



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As a reminder, we will be continuing our track and trace up to and including Christmas Eve. If your son/daughter receives a positive test result, please inform office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk including the following information:

- When did the symptoms first develop
- What was your son/daughter last in school
- When was the test taken
- Contact number for us to be able to communicate with you should we need to re: close contacts

After Thursday 24th December there is no requirement to make contact with us however, please do inform us of any further positive test results at the start of term on Monday 4th January.

Please see a very important letter regarding the start of term arrangements and consent for lateral flow testing which will be sent home later today.

In our act of worship on Monday we in school were reflecting on the concept of being 'Blinded by God's Grace'. As we celebrate the Incarnation we are reminded how blessed we are to receive God's grace in our lives through the person of Jesus Christ. In turn may we share these blessings with all those we come into contact with virtually this Christmas.

There are many opportunities to participate and celebrate our faith over the Holy season. Many parishes are operating a booking system to attend Mass and I encourage you to check the websites/newsletters of our parishes to follow the guidance.

There are also many opportunities to 'live-stream' Mass over the holy season. Please refer to the diocesan website for details.

Finally, I wish you all a blessed and Holy Christmas,

'May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
May the Christ child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day.'

God bless

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