



# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another week I would like to thank staff and students who participated in the lateral flow testing pilot in school this week. I thank the staff who facilitated the process and those who trained as testers. I thank the students who willingly volunteered to take part from the sixth form. There will be a further round next week and I would encourage all sixth form students to take the opportunity offered to them.

It has been a busy week of assessments in school. Given the government's announcement regarding examinations it is crucial that students continue to approach their assessments with commitment and dedication. As more details become apparent we will share the information with students and parents.

In preparation for Christmas, thank you to all of you who have sold raffle tickets on behalf of the PTA. As a reminder, the money should be put onto ParentPay and the stubs or unsold tickets should be returned to school in an envelope of sealed bag by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Next week Christmas baps will be available in the canteen. With our current restrictions it is not possible to put on a full Christmas dinner but we do hope as many students as possible will share this offer next week.

As we look to the final week of term, we are hoping to live stream a school Mass across the site on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day with students able to wear Christmas jumpers if they choose to. During the afternoon we hope to share a pre-recorded talent show with all students. Students will spend the final afternoon with their Emmaus tutors. A £2 charge will be made for the festivities, which will be our final contribution to our 20:20 for Mary campaign.

In this holy season of advent we hear that John the Baptist is preparing the way for Jesus (Mark 1: 1-8). John the Baptist was encouraging his community to turn towards God. Do we give ourselves a moment to ask whether we have our priorities right? Where in that list of priorities does the entry of Christ into our lives come?

God bless

Principal



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