



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I have been truly amazed by the dedication of the students and staff this week and how appropriate to celebrate the achievements in virtual rewards assemblies this morning. Please be assured that any certificates gained will be kept safe until the students are back with us. As a reminder, there are several ways in which students are being rewarded for their work and efforts throughout this period, in addition to the usual thresholds which are still in operation;

- 100% engagement in remote learning
- Excellent engagement with live stream
- Certificate of excellence
- Improved remote learning engagement

As a reminder, there are a number of 'how to' guides on our website at <https://www.painsley.co.uk/parents-students/home-learning/> to guide students through some of the technical requirements of remote learning.

Thank you for the responses to our parental survey. I will share the outcomes with you in due course. Response has been overwhelmingly positive.

As a reminder, Monday 25th January is an INSET day, school will be closed to students and there are no 'live lessons' taking place. Lessons will resume as normal on Tuesday 26th January.

On Thursday 28th January, Y10 will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Blesma, focussing on resilience. Further details will be sent to Year 10 in due course.

Next week, Year 8 will start to receive their full reports. These are timely in advance of Year 8 curriculum evening and parents' evening as students will begin to be guided in their subject choices for Year 9.

Year 11 and 13 will begin their virtual assessments on 1st February. Timetables have been published to students.

Please do keep the office informed of your requirements if your son/daughter is needing to attend as a critical worker student. As a reminder, students should work from home where possible. If you have changed contact details recently, please inform the school reception.

As I am sure you are aware the DfE and Ofqual have launched a two week consultation regarding the awarding of teacher grades for this summer's exams. Parents and students are welcome to respond to the consultation which is on the DfE website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>. Please be assured that we will be responding as a school and staff have also been asked to respond individually.

I have been very moved by the prayers that students have send into school as part of their RE work. I have no doubt out parishioners will be very touched to meet with our community spiritually for a 'cuppa' and a prayer. In the Gospel on Sunday, we are reminded of the call of the Disciples (Mark 1: 14-20). We are all called to be followers of Christ in whatever situation we find ourselves in.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh



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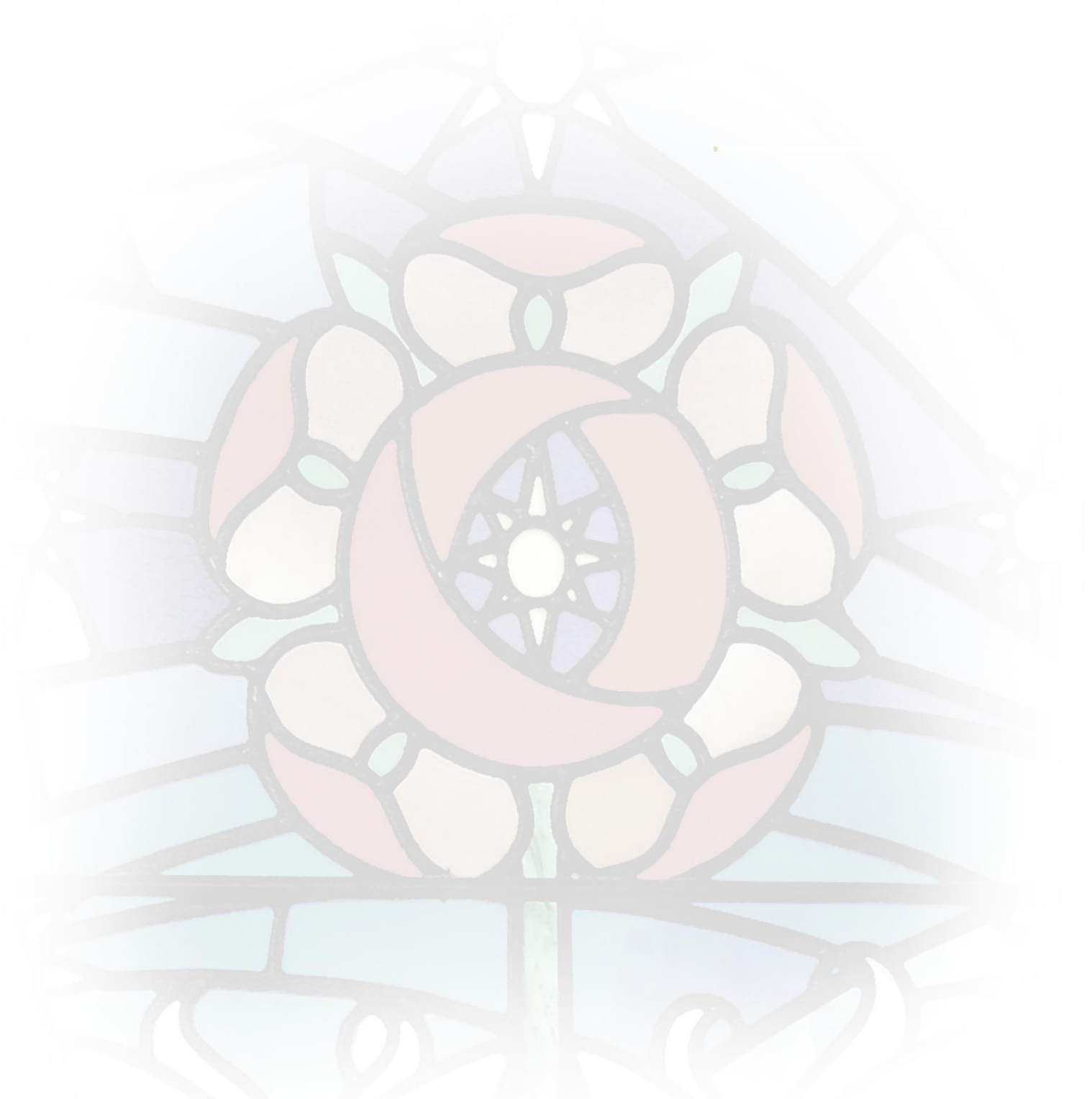
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