



# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new term and already we have seen such dramatic changes to our educational landscape. In summary;

- All years are now required to work remotely until February half-term at the earliest.
- Children of critical workers or those we deem to require support are welcome to attend. (Please contact the school office should you require a space as a critical worker).
- GCSE, AS and A level examinations for Year 11 and 13 in the summer have been cancelled. (Please see specific letter for Year 11 and 13 being sent today).
- BTEC examinations, Year 12 mathematical award and applied science examinations have and will continue.
- Remote learning is in full operation for all students for the full curriculum and timetable.
- A walking challenge has been launched as part of core PE activities.

I must thank all of the students for adapting so quickly to remote learning and pay tribute to the staff for their dedication and commitment to such high quality educational provision.

Year 7-11 students are all in the process of receiving their progress reports via email. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January we have Year 10 Parents' Evening via 'School Cloud'. Year 10 parents have all been sent the relevant information and guidance. Please ensure you do book your appointments if you have not done so already. It is a crucial time for us to share with you the progress of your son/daughter and areas that need to be a focus for development. Year 11 interviews for our sixth form will continue to take place this coming week. Once again, appointments have been made via 'School Cloud' to ensure a face to face discussion, albeit virtually.

In light of the change to remote teaching we have reviewed our internal assessment schedule. Details will follow in due course, however the following will now apply:

Fortnight beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 11 and Year 13
Fortnight beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Years 7-9
Fortnight beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 and Year 12

This will be the only assessment point this term and data reports will follow in a timely manner to reflect the altered dates.

In the Gospel on Sunday, we hear about the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1: 7-11) where 'he saw the heavens torn apart and the spirit, like a dove descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you''.



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At our baptism, God gave each and every one of us the same message – we are chosen by God, we are called to his service and we are strengthened by his Holy Spirit. As we walk together through another national lockdown and period of separation from our community, may we all be strengthened in our mission by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh



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