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Dear Parent/Carer

It is wonderful to settle back into the rhythm and routine of college life. I thank all the staff and students for their commitment to re-establishing our community and embedding our expectations so that we can all 'value and respect each other as we grow together in faith, knowledge and understanding to serve our community.' We recognise that the transition back to face to face learning and the routine of the school day can be challenging and I would encourage you to speak to your child's pastoral lead should you have any concerns. Teaching staff are working especially hard to ensure any gaps in learning are rectified and students are being reminded of the expectations in relation to their behaviour for learning.

It has been tremendous to see over 1700 achievement points awarded every day this week. As a reminder, we are still working towards the same thresholds for rewards, despite the methodology having to be adapted;

- 100 positive conduct points – postcard
- 150 positive conduct points – commendation from the Principal
- 200 positive conduct points – Principal's reward
- 250 positive conduct points – toast voucher

As a reminder, the top 10% of students receiving the highest number of conduct points will qualify for a special reward (details to be confirmed).

This week, Year 8 parents have had the opportunity to talk to teachers through our virtual parents' evening. As a reminder, options forms should be returned to Emmaus tutors by Tuesday 30th March.

Year 11 and 13 have received a further letter regarding the teacher assessment grades. We will contact one again when JCQ and the awarding bodies have finalised their guidance.

Please note the arrangements for homework over the Easter period. Given such a long time away from school it is important to maintain contact with learning over the Easter period.

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – homework as normal in accordance with the homework timetable.
- Year 11 – normal homework as per the homework timetable and the same again for the Easter period. E.g., 2 hours per subject. Work should contribute to the completion of courses and support the evidence-base that is being collated for the subject.
- Year 12 – private study as normal (no additional work).
- Year 13 - normal amount of private study work and the same again for the Easter period. Work should contribute to the completion of courses and support the evidence-base that is being collated for the subject.



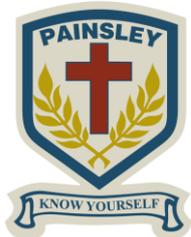
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As a reminder, the DfE has asked us to pass on the following to all staff, students and parents:

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Please pass on this message to all of your staff, students and parents:

- Test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- Report the results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country.
- Continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays.
- Test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before or morning of the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases.

To this end all students have been issued with sufficient testing kits for the Easter break and start of the summer term. (If you have not received them, please speak to the Emmaus tutor in the first instance). Please also remember to record your results following the link on the school website.

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mrs Shulver and Mrs Trull. We thank them for their service to Painsley and wish them well in their new posts.

This weekend marks the start of Holy Week, with Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Mark 11: 1-10). It is the end of the lentern season in preparation for the Easter Triduum and Easter itself. I am delighted that Fr Eric will be celebrating Mass for Holy Week on Tuesday and the whole school will be able to participate virtually. Although the Easter season will still not be shaped by the usual liturgical celebrations, please do look into how your parish community is celebrating and join with them virtually or otherwise.

As a reminder, the term finishes on Thursday 1st April (Maundy Thursday) and we will re-open for students on Tuesday 20th April (Monday 19th April is an INSET day for staff only).

I wish you all a blessed and holy Easter season and look forward to seeing all the staff and students following the Easter break.

God bless

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