



Painsley Catholic College

Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break. I congratulate the A level and GCSE students who achieved fantastic results especially in the most challenging circumstances- well done! I thank all of the students, staff, parents and directors for all of their efforts. I include some important information below regarding the forthcoming year.

Parents' Calendar of Events

All students have been given a copy of the Parents' Calendar of Events. The homework schedule will also be sent home. As a reminder, all homework is set on 'Show my Homework'. If you would like any information on the system, please contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Lead.

School Fund

If you have not yet paid the £30 school fund, can you please make the payment by **Monday 6th September** at the latest. Payment should be over the internet via Parent Pay. The fund itself helps purchase new books, resources and ICT equipment for the benefit of the students and is crucial in supporting the College budget.

Attendance "FIRST DAY CONTACT"

Please remember that we need to be informed early on the first day of absence if your son/daughter cannot attend College. Please also ensure that we have updated emergency contact numbers and that, in particular, any telephone numbers for places of work are correct. We must have a minimum of 2 contacts for all students. **We also operate a free text service so please ensure that we have a correct mobile phone number.** Please note that, if a student is absent and parents have not contacted us, we will contact you at home or work to determine that the absence is genuine. The College attendance policy can be viewed on our website at www.painsley.co.uk.

Holidays in Term Time

Legislation states that I am not able to grant holiday requests - in fact it is illegal for me to do so. Furthermore, holidays in term time may result in the Local Authority issuing parents with a £60-£120 penalty notice. Therefore, I ask you to ensure that all holidays are booked outside of term time. I know that this may seem punitive but it is the law and I have no option but to follow it - I am sure that you will understand and co-operate.

Values & Expectations Policy

We have updated our approach to rewards and sanctions and encourage you all to read the new policy on our website. Please note, we will be holding a Values and Expectations virtual presentation for all year groups as a reminder of our core values and mission. Please refer to the calendar for details. We aim to ensure that all students value and respect each other and are rewarded for doing so. As a reminder, all parents can see the achievement and behaviour points by downloading and logging into School Gateway.

Home School Agreement

A copy of the home school agreement signed by all parents and students will be emailed home to you for information.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support in upholding the College expectations. I wish you all a very successful year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Waugh
Principal



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