



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome back to the new academic year and I hope you have all had a lovely summer break with time for rest and relaxation.

As we begin a new academic year we welcome 235 students into our New Year 7. It was amazing to meet nearly 200 of them during our Summer School during the holiday and I thank all the staff who willingly supported the students in their transition. I would also like to welcome 120 students into Year 12. It is wonderful to see so many students continuing their learning with us following the success of Year 11 and indeed Year 13.

We welcome the following staff to the Painsley family;

Mr L Boswell (physics), Mrs L Clewlow Ruscalleda (MFL), Mr I Bostock (MFL), Prof R Price (Maths), Mr J Leech (Science), Miss B Blackburn (Business), Mr A Morris (PE), Mr S Handley (Maths), Mrs J Malbon (Business) and Miss S Killeen (Teaching Assistant).

I congratulate last year's Year 11 and 13 on their tremendous results, which were truly earned and deserved through the teacher assessed grades process. In Year 13 41% of grades were A*/A, 66% A*/B and 100% A*/E. Top performers included the following;

H Arthur - Biology A, Chemistry A, Further Maths A, Maths A*, Extended Project A* - University of Bath - Maths

T Bell - Economics A*, English Literature A*, Geography A*, Extended Project A* - University of Birmingham - Economics

C Griffiths - Drama A*, English Literature A*, Psychology A*, Extended Project A* - University of Leeds – Theatre and Performance

J Gilligan - English Language A*, Geography A, Sociology A*, Extended Project A* - Nottingham Trent University - Criminology

S Hartman - Chemistry A, English Literature A*, Geography A*, Extended Project A* - Durham University – English Literature

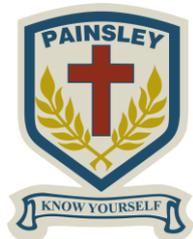
O Parnham - Biology A, Economics A*, Geography A*, Extended Project A* - University of Birmingham – Environmental Science

EMartin - Psychology A*, Biology A*, Chemistry A*, Extended Project A* - Keele University - Medicine

C Townsend - Biology A*, Chemistry A*, Maths A*, Further Maths A*, Extended Project A* - Edinburg – Veterinary Surgery



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Year 11 achieved tremendous outcomes. 92% achieving the standard pass (grade 4) in English and 90% in maths. 87% of the cohort achieved standard passes in both English and Maths. 41% of all grades were grades 9/7 with 476 grade 8 and 9 (equivalent to the former A* and A**). Top performances include:

L Barlow 7 grade 9s and 5 grade 8s, G Brown 9 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s, E Chen 9 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s, M Horton 10 grade 9s and 2 grade 8s, N Lovatt 8 grade 9s, 3 grade 8s and a grade 7, E Nairn 9 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s.

The students who have made the most significant progress from KS2, averaging 3 grades higher than the expected standard, include L Barlow, J Eccles, B Jackson, H Mills, E Palser, H Vincent, L Warrington and M Waugh.

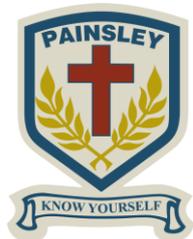
As we begin to move forward after the last two years of educational disruption we continue to operate under the government guidance and measures of control. Our continued approach to the safety of all our community is documented in the risk assessment which is on the school website. As you are aware we will be testing all students who have consented, twice at the start of term. You are asked to continue twice weekly testing at home following this point. The government will review the guidance on testing for schools at the end of September. Please remember to record your results both on the NHS test and trace and on the school website. Students on school transport are reminded that they should be wearing face coverings and sit in their designated seats.

We have made some alterations to the school site as 'bubbles' are no longer in operation. Departments are now suited across the main and sixth form sites and all students (including sixth form students) will be moving to departments for their lessons. We have a number of one-way systems in operation to avoid congestion in corridors and we will continue to use a number of entrances/ exits with different year's groups having designated areas on the yard and use of toilets across the site. Enhanced cleaning and hygiene expectations will remain in force as will the use of ventilation in the buildings. We will be reverting back to the timings of the college day for all students;

8:45am – All students in Emmaus rooms	1:25 – 2:30pm – Period 4
8:50 – 9:00am – Emmaus time	2:30 – 3:30pm – Period 5
9:00 – 10:10am – Period 1	Lunchtime sittings will be organised in Year groups;
10:10 – 11:10am – Period 2	12:30 – 12:50 – Year 7 & 8
11:10 – 11:25am – Morning break	12:50 – 1:10 – Year 9 & 10
11:25 – 12:30pm – Period 3	1:10 – 1:25 – Year 11
12:30 – 1:25pm – Lunchtime	



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We recognise that for many students' policies and practices previously in place are a distant memory. We will therefore be spending some time re-establishing our values and expectations with students. Additionally, there will be a virtual briefing for parents of students in each Year group to share with you our values and expectations so that we can continue to work in partnership to ensure the best outcomes for your sons/ daughters both pastorally and academically. The rewards and sanctions policy has been reviewed and will be shared with you as our values and expectations policy. This will be explained to students on their return to school but to you as parents during our briefings. A separate communication will be sent to you in advance of the relevant evening with information regarding registration for these events.

At the start of the academic year I would like to remind you of the lines of communication in operation so that any queries can be dealt with in the most efficient and effective manner;

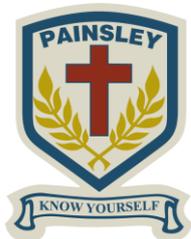
Emmaus Tutor	General enquiries and sharing pastoral issues/concerns
Pastoral Lead	More specific pastoral/academic concerns and queries. A list of all Pastoral Leads and contacts is on our website
Head of Department	Specific departmental queries or concerns. A list of all HoDs can be found on the school website
Safeguarding	Safeguarding team – Mr Bullock (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Harris/Mrs Jepson Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)
Attendance	Reception to report attendance. Further concerns should be directed to Pastoral Lead or Mrs Barlow (Education Welfare Officer)
Health	TBC
Special Needs	Mrs Davies (SENCo)/ Mrs Comfort (Deputy SENCo)
Finance	Contact the Finance Department

Should your queries need further attention, please contact the most appropriate member of the Leadership Team:

Mrs E Baskeyfield	<i>Business Manager</i>	Business Manager and oversight of support teams
Mr D Bullock	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Safeguarding, Online safety and Anti- bullying
Mrs C Harris	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Safeguarding, Attendance and Pastoral expectations
Mrs S Jepson	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Sixth Form Lead
Mrs H Gibson	<i>Vice Principal</i>	Teaching & Learning, including homework
Miss E Malpass	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Catholic Life, Pastoral/ Citizenship & RHSE
Ms C Oberman	<i>Senior Assistant Principal</i>	Teaching School Hub, Maths Hub & Behaviour Hub
Mr M Palmer	<i>Associate Assistant Principal</i>	Options
Mr F Waugh	<i>vice Principal</i>	Pupil Premium, data and curriculum
Mrs R Waugh	<i>Principal</i>	Principal
Ms J Woollaston	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Student & Parent Voice, literacy



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As part of our ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of all staff and students, the MAC has published a wellbeing statement. This includes commitment from all parties to protect and preserve the wellbeing of all associated with the MAC. It includes expectations from Directors, Governors, Principals, staff, students and parents.

The expectations of Directors and Governors have been shared at appropriate training. The expectations of MAC Principals, at the Principals' meetings. Expectations of staff have been shared at a staff briefing and to students in Emmaus time.

I want to share with you the expectations of parents in order to help preserve the wellbeing of all within the MAC.

Parents will:

- respect staff at all times. Be respected at all times.
- refrain from emailing staff outside the hours of 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.
- not expect an immediate response from staff but have the right to a reply within 3 working days. *Please note: issues received during the holidays will be dealt with when school reopens.*
- respect the fact that the Principal's decision regarding holiday requests is final.
- discuss any behavioural issues with their child carefully before contacting the school, in order to ascertain the full facts.
- recognise the demands placed on staff and be reasonable in terms of expectations.
- liaise with Senior Leaders rather than individual staff if issues are not being resolved.
- be reasonable in terms of expectations and the efficient educating of all pupils.
- where necessary, follow the complaints procedure as listed under 'policies' on the school website.
- aim to show appreciation to staff. Saying 'thank you' is a small gesture but it means a lot!

I kindly request that parents do consider all of the above and thank you for your ongoing commitment and support to Painsley Catholic College.

In the gospel on Sunday (Mark 7:31-37) we hear of the healing of the deaf man. Jesus said 'Ephphatha' which means 'Be Opened'. At the start of the academic year I encourage all students to 'Be Open' to God working in our lives and to using our God given talents and gifts for the benefit of ourselves, others and the world we have been blessed with.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh

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