

# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been an incredibly busy first week back to school. On Tuesday, Year 11 all participated in 'The Big Idea' day, where as part of their careers programme, students took part in an assessment centre scenario. As part of the day they were all interviewed by our colleagues in business and given some feedback on their interviews. I thank all the guests for supporting the students, the Year 11 Emmaus tutors and particularly Mrs Taylor and Mrs Allen for making the day such a valuable experience for all the students.

Year 11 also sat their maths functional skills exams, Year 12/13 had parents' evening and indeed Year 11 and 13 received an important letter regarding exams in 2021 and all students participated in pastoral/citizenship sessions. The themes are listed below for your information:

- Year 7 Personal identity
- Year 8 Disability and discriminations
- Year 9 Identifying different forms of prejudice and discrimination e.g. age, race, gender etc. and a cohesive British Society
- Year 10 Respecting diversity and the media/social media's role in it. Consideration of radicalisation and extremism
- Year 11 Relationships, sexual abuse and consent
- Year 12 Employability skills set/ assessment online selection tests
- Year 13 Online selection tests, UCAS, apprenticeships

On Thursday we welcomed a group of Civil Servants to school. They all work in the cabinet office and the purpose of their visit was a fact-finding mission on the current challenges in education and how public services can work more closely together. Our visitors took part in tours of the college, met with various staff and a group of Year 10, 12 and 13 students who benefited from learning more about careers in the Civil Service. It was great to receive their feedback on how impressive the students and staff are and we were able to show many thoughts and ideas of how we can work more effectively for the benefit of the young people we serve.

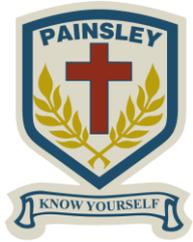
The faith in Action group have been supporting the Royal British Legion in Cheadle as part of their enrichment programme. Indeed, our Head boy and girl will be representing the college in the Cheadle remembrance day services.

As a reminder, the DfE guidance on attendance states a student can only be marked 'X' whilst awaiting a PCR result. Should a PCR result be positive, a student has to be marked with an 'I'. This is the legal requirement and we are not able to amend it in any circumstances. In the forthcoming week our 12-15 year olds will be receiving their Covid vaccinations if they have returned their consent form.

Year 11 will be visiting Salford Quays as part of their Geography course. Year 7 will have their first virtual parents' evening and all students on Friday will be marking COP26. All lessons on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November period 5 will have a COP26 theme. Students are invited to participate in a non-uniform day with a green theme to mark the occasion. As a reminder for non-uniform day. The usual school equipment must be brought for the day. **Usual hair, jewellery and make-up rules will apply.**



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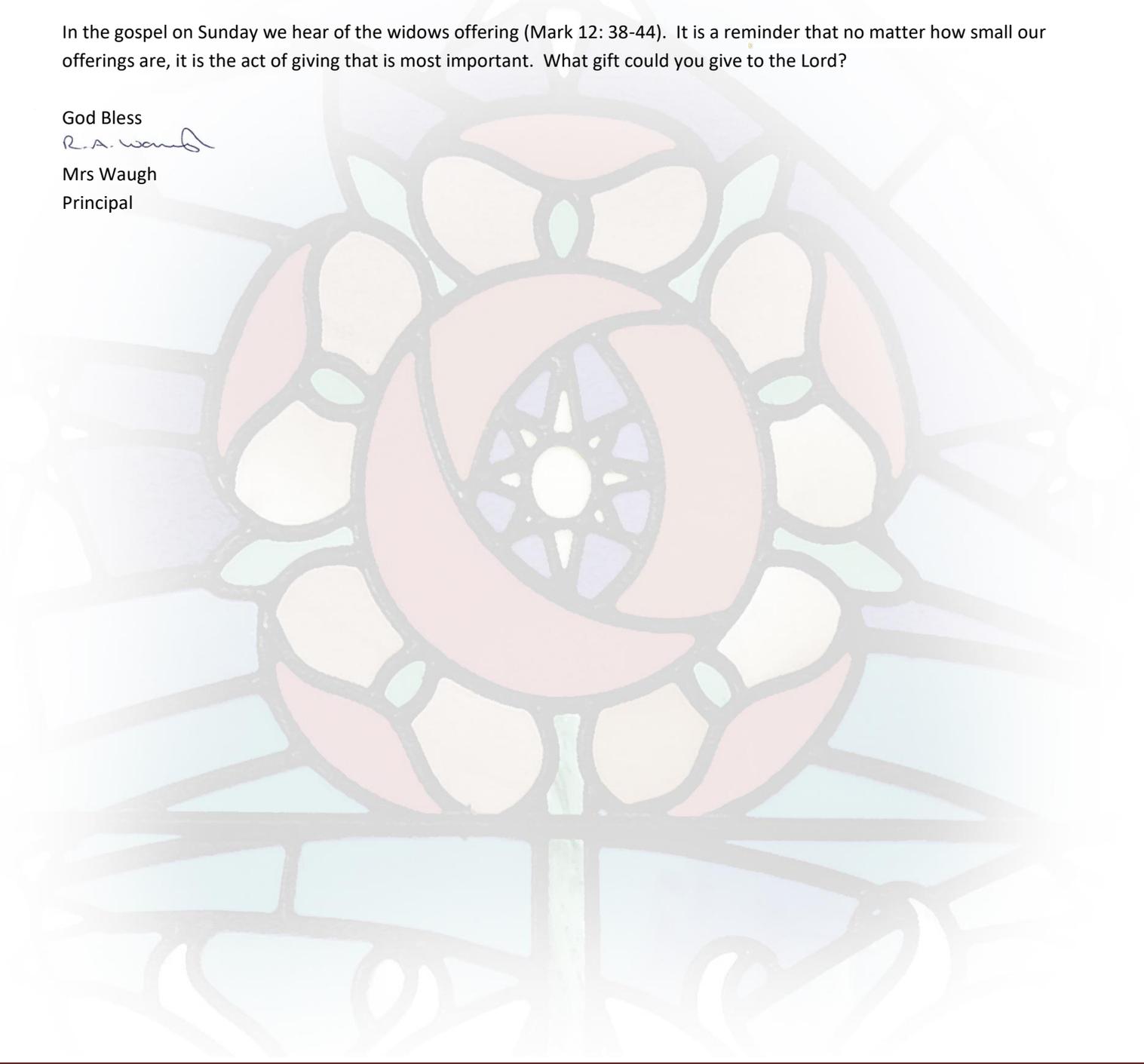
All student in non-uniform are asked to pay £1, which will be donated to Cafod along with our Harvest Family Fast day money. All ideas will form part of our renewed Eco-Schools programme. If it proves difficult for any student to join in the Non-Uniform Day because of finances, parents are requested to contact the Pastoral Lead for their child at the College.

In the gospel on Sunday we hear of the widows offering (Mark 12: 38-44). It is a reminder that no matter how small our offerings are, it is the act of giving that is most important. What gift could you give to the Lord?

God Bless

Mrs Waugh

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