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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for your commitment to school despite challenging weather at the start of the week. I must thank the site team who came onto site on Sunday to check the heating, electricity and water supplies in addition to clearing paths for the staff and students. After so much disruption to learning it is so important that we were able to open and continue with our educational provision.

I must congratulate Year 11 on their excellent attitude and approach to their mock exams. They have demonstrated resilience and commitment over the last week and I am sure it will continue in the week ahead. Indeed, I congratulate all the students for their efforts and motivation for assessments throughout the fortnight.

At the start of the week we shared with students the updated DfE Covid guidance in light of the new variant. Students and staff should wear face coverings in communal areas and on public transport/dedicated school transport, continue to test twice weekly and take up vaccinations/boosters if possible. In reality we were already encouraging the above but it is crucial that all students play their part (unless exempt).

In January we have been asked to test all students once on-site. If there are any parents or indeed past students waiting to return to university who would be able/willing to help with the testing from 4th-7th January, please contact Mrs Baskeyfield on office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk. Full training and PPE will be provided. We do need your assistance in registering your child/ren for the onsite test. Further details will be distributed in the final week of term.

Please can I ask for your assistance/co-operation in upholding the uniform expectations. Please ensure that students are wearing shoes to school and not trainers and coat rather than hoodies. We fully appreciate the demands of the weather this week. Shoes and coats are most certainly the most appropriate attire for such circumstances.

As we approach the end of term please be aware that the Christmas Supper and Concert has been replaced with a virtual concert. The Advent Mass will be live-streamed throughout the college as will the talent show on the last day of term, with students in Emmaus groups. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Please take a look at our new-look sixth form website sixthform.painsley.co.uk. We welcome the significant applications for September 2022 and look forward to inviting all the applicants for an interview in due course.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear The Baptist's message (Luke 3: 1-6). We are told to 'prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.' As we journey through Advent together we are reminded of the purpose and significance of God taking human form in Jesus to guide us all on the right path.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh
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