

## Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a good Christmas and were able to celebrate in an appropriate manner.

I thank you for supporting the return to school. Thank you to all the students for co-operating with the expectation to wear face masks in classrooms in addition to communal areas. Thank you for completing the registration cards for LFT testing or indeed consenting via the Google form last week. The testing programme in school ran very smoothly thanks to our volunteers and helpers.

As a reminder, the updated risk assessment is on the website and includes the details of the reduced self-isolation period in most cases. We continue to implement all the other measures in school as per the risk assessment, in the hope that our educational provision can be maintained effectively.

At the start of the term I welcome the new staff to Painsley:

Mr A Goldsmith (Second in Maths), Ms K Young (Maths dept.), Mrs H Dale (Teaching Assistant), Miss H Sutcliffe (Teaching School Hub Finance) and Ms N Edwards (Inclusion Assistant). We wish Mr A Pate well as he commences his role as the Head of Maths.

In the first week of the Spring term a group of students, across the year groups went to see Beauty and the Beast at the New Vic Theatre. Last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students were invited back to a reception to collect their examination certificates and I have to say it was lovely to welcome and congratulate the students and to find out where they are on their journey. On Friday, leadership group and senior staff will be discussing individual progress with all Year 11 students.

In the week ahead, the Year 10 will take part in a 'Dream Job' morning and Year 10 have parents' evening. Information regarding the virtual Year 10 parents' evening has already been circulated to Year 10 parents.

In the gospel on Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord (Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22) Luke concentrates on the coming of the Spirit that guides and energises Jesus' mission. The same is true for Christians today, the Holy Spirit guides our faith, if we allow it to do so. We pray that the Holy Spirit guides our work in college this coming year.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh

Principal





































