



# Painsley Catholic College

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Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Phew! What a busy week we have had in school this week. We have been marking Children's Mental Health week, Safer Internet day, National Apprenticeship week and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Not only that, we have had 225 students visit the Harry Potter Tours as part of their Arts provision, Year 11 have had NCS (National Citizenship Service) in to talk to them regarding summer opportunities and students have all participated in pastoral/citizenship related to their RSHE provision.

Congratulations to the Sixth Form football teams. The A team beat Denstone College 6-1 this week and the B team 5-1. We look forward to their Quarter Final County Cup game at Painsley, against Westwood College next week. We had some fantastic performances by some of our students last Saturday at the County Cross-Country, ranging from Year 7 to Year 13. We had a handful of students that have now qualified for the next stage, and the following students won their age group race; Fynn Churton – Year 13, Nathaniel Rowe – Year 10 and Caitlin McCarney – Year 9. Well done to all involved!

On Thursday Fr Eric celebrated Mass for Year 10. We were privileged to share with the students that on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, Fr Eric celebrates his silver jubilee as a priest. To mark the occasion, students have been preparing cards but have also been designing a chasuble for Fr Eric to choose which we will have made to mark his very special day. We are always grateful to Fr Eric for his love and service to all the staff and students in college so it has been wonderful for the students to show their appreciation in this way.

We have now been given the pre-release information from the awarding bodies in relation to GCSE, A Level and BTEC examinations this summer. They are all on the awarding body websites and students/parents have received an e-mail on how to access the information from the various websites. It goes without saying that the staff are working hard to tailor the curriculum, making the most of the guidance given but ensuring our students are in the best position for the examinations in the summer.

In the week ahead, we will be holding our college production of 'Beauty and the Beast' on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening. I am delighted that the staff and students have been able to finally come together to put on this production and I know they are eagerly awaiting the performances. I look forward to seeing many of you at the productions throughout next week. I kindly remind all those attending to follow the precautionary measures outlined in the letter to you and reminders will be sent out in advance of the production.

Year 8 will also have their curriculum evening on Tuesday night. These will be via Zoom and the relevant code for your child's pathway will be sent to you during the day on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. Year 8 will also have the opportunity to take part in a 'What's University Like' day.





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On the original calendar, there was a Year 12/13 parent's evening scheduled for Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Due to the significant staff and student involvement in the production, this has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Information will be coming out to all relevant parents in due course.

In the gospel on Sunday (Luke 6:27-18) Jesus calls on us to love even those we find difficult to treat nicely or believe they do not deserve to be treated well. Students will be reflecting on the gospel values of mercy and forgiveness and the History department will be leading gospel reflections based on the theme throughout next week.

I wish you all a great weekend and week ahead.

God Bless,

Mrs Waugh



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