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Dear Parent/Carer

What a beautiful spring feel we have experienced this week and although it may not continue, I am sure we all welcome the reprise and return of the sun.

I congratulate the U15 girls' cricket team who won the Indoor Cricket competition last Friday. The girls all played some lovely cricket, with some outstanding individual performances and they worked fantastically as a team. Annabelle Hunt took the most wickets and Lucy Smith had 5 run-outs throughout the tournament. Well done to the following girls: Sophie Robinson, Poppy Cliffe, Angel Davall, Lucy Smith, Zara Shenton, Annabelle Hunt, Eva Tankard, Ruby Gidman, Natasha Alcock and Freya Littler.

Year 12 spent a day focusing on their career options on Wednesday. The morning was spent listening to a varied range of excellent guest speakers from several different industries and sectors, including physiotherapists, medical writers, financial advisors and food industry quality experts. The morning was spent learning about these roles and thinking about the qualifications and skills needed. The afternoon had four sessions, one concentrating on setting up a professional online profile, the second on how to use Unifrog for career searches, the third was an introduction to UCAS and university applications and the final was time spent conducting labour market research. The day aimed to focus learners' minds on the need to consider their next steps after sixth form and ensure that all know the tools available to help them make these exciting decisions.

Year 9 have received their reports this week and Year 8 have taken part in parents' evening. The Year 12 applied scientists went on a visit to Severn Trent and the cover staff celebrated the feast of Angel Gabriel by recognising those who have demonstrated the characteristics of the saint in their lessons. Additionally, all Year 7-11 students have been involved in assessments throughout the week and for Year 11 especially, this is their final round of mocks prior to their GCSE examinations.

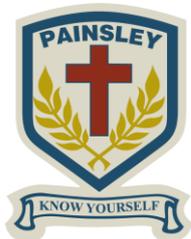
In the week ahead, some students will have the opportunity to engage in a workshop by a Rabbi in RE, Year 7 take part in a music trip to see the Addams Family and Year 12 sociology, psychology and health & social care students have the opportunity to go to London and participate in a visit to the Natural History Museum, Karl Marx walking tour, Jack the Ripper tour, courtroom workshop at the Royal Courts of Justice and a visit to the Freud Museum. We will see the launch of the Year 9 scholars programme and the continuation of the Year 9 employability workshop.



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We wish our Young Journalist finalist all the best on Monday at the rewards celebration and our Sixth form students taking part in the Catenian Public Speaking Competition in Birmingham.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3. 11-32). In the gospel, we are reminded of God's forgiving nature but it also reminds us of our tendency to become embroiled in earthy matters or indeed in jealousy of others. We pray as we journey through Lent to recognise our human failings and call upon the Lord's forgiveness.

God Bless

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