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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to share the fabulous news that Painsley swept the board at the Staffordshire University Future Journalist competition 2022.

The following students won their respective categories: Lila Melnykevicova, (Year 13), Elizabeth Booth (Year 13), Millie Bradshaw (Year 8) and Isabelle Histed (Year 7).

In addition, the following students were runners-up and finalists: Louis Mellor, Eli Hughes, Jacob Konen, Scarlett Nicholls, Holly Jones, James Thorley, Lucy Keiher-Knapper and Lucy Davies.

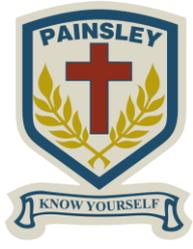
The awards are an annual competition hosted by the journalism department. Open to young people aged 7 to 18, the competition gives aspiring journalists a way to showcase their work, submitting an article, review or blog or creating a short video or audio clip. Danielle Booker, PR lecturer at Staffordshire University, said: "We had a record number of submissions this year, with over 500 entries, and the standard of the work was extremely high. Due to the pandemic, this has been our first in-person awards ceremony since 2019 and it's been fantastic to welcome our finalists and their families and teachers to the university. I think we have some extremely talented young people, ready to be the next generation of bloggers, vloggers, broadcasters and journalists." During the ceremony, special guest speaker Laura Watson, business editor at The Sentinel and Stoke-on-Trent Live, shared highlights from her career and provided advice on pursuing a career in media. Each winner received a £50 Amazon voucher and an opportunity to take part in a Newsday experience in the university's newsroom facilities. Huge congratulations to all our winners and runners-up and to Miss Boon for organising the opportunity for our students.

On Monday evening, the Year 7 boys' football team beat Cheadle Academy 4-1. This was the semi-final of the Staffordshire Moorlands district league cup. Well done boys! Year 7 also visited the Regent Theatre to watch the Adams Family on Wednesday. The girls' U15 cricket team came third in the county competition but actually beat the winners as part of the day's events.

Last Saturday, we hosted our T Levels taster morning and explored the content and organisation of the Digital T Levels course offered in our sixth form. Some students in Year 11 & 9 benefited from a virtual talk from a Rabbi to support their RE curriculum. Year 12 & 13 sociology, psychology and health and social care students visited London to participate in a number of tours and visits to support their studies. All students engaged with pastoral/citizenship, where the following topics were explored:



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Year 7 – Health and wellbeing and personal hygiene

Year 8 – Health and wellbeing and healthy lifestyles

Year 9 – Citizenship and democratic process

Year 10 – Citizenship and creating laws and self-image

Year 11 – Health and wellbeing and preparing for exams, revision and a healthy balance

Year 12 & 13 – Destinations and promoting British Values

Next week we prepare for Holy Week with our Easter services. We are also able to host our annual presentation evening for the first time since 2019. Whilst we are delighted to be holding the event, we are scaling back the evening and supporting it with additional presentation assemblies in school on subsequent days. Students who have received an award will have received a letter to attend presentation evening or will have been informed that their award will be presented in our presentation assemblies. A theatre trip to see Les Miserable also takes place next week.

We wish our Duke of Edinburgh bronze students all the best for their expedition weekend this weekend and our Year 12 geographers as they embark on a series of field visits as part of their NEA.

As from today the guidance related to covid changes as part of the governments 'Living with Covid' plan. In line with national guidance, adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). Jesus challenges her critics by saying "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." How often do we condemn others before considering our own actions?

God Bless

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