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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the final half-term of the academic year! Where has this year gone? I welcome Mr Growcott who has joined us as Assistant Principal: Values and Expectations. I know the staff and students will ensure he feels welcome. Over the half-term break, a group from Painsley joined the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. It is wonderful to hear their testimony of the week and what it has meant to them:

“Over half term, Martha, Liz, Grace, Mrs Harris, Miss Hickey and Mrs Sowter went to Lourdes. The experience was surreal and allowed us to grow in faith in the presence of God. Throughout the week, we undertook various activities, including serving in the Accueil Hospital, representing our school in daily masses and services and meeting many sick, young people and other pilgrims along the way.

While we were there, we developed many skills such as patience, understanding and confidence. We also participated in many activities with the rest of the young people in the diocese, including going to Giverny and participating in an open mic night and the youth service led by the Kenelm Youth Trust. The most eye-opening experience was taking the sick pilgrims to the baths of holy water, where we were able to be actively involved in the process. When on shift, we all were able to bond with the sick and found out more about their childhoods and journey with God. Many of the sick were knowledgeable about Lourdes and taught us about the wonders of Bernadette, as well as stories from their own past pilgrimages. They have truly inspired us to live our lives in a similar way, allowing us to be guided by the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

The theme for this year’s pilgrimage was ‘go and tell the priests’. The theme ran clear throughout the whole week and was a great way to link each part of our pilgrimage together. We can now tell others about our time in Lourdes, just as Bernadette went to ‘tell the priests’ about her vision of Mary. This year in particular, it was a special time for Mrs Harris and Miss Hickey. Mrs Harris received her medal for 10 years of service on pilgrimage and Miss Hickey received 5 years of service. We were all incredibly proud of both and hope they continue to serve the community on pilgrimage in future years.”

Additionally, I would like to thank the staff and students who willingly gave up their time to attend the revision sessions over the half-term break to support their examination preparation. We have a few heavy weeks ahead before Year 11 and 13 conclude their examination period and before the culmination of the last five or seven years with us here at Painsley.

In other news this week, Year 10 have started their visits to the River Dane as part of their geography GCSE, Year 10 have participated in the ‘Dream Job’ day as part of their ongoing careers programme and Year 7 visited Warwick Castle as part of their history curriculum. It is fantastic to see students going out and supporting their learning with first-hand experiences. I thank the staff for their ongoing commitment to ensuring the best opportunities for our students.





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On Tuesday, 7th June, a group of 80 Year 9 business GCSE students participated in a curriculum vehicle trip to Cadbury's World in Birmingham with the business department. The focus of this vehicle was targeted towards the concepts of marketing both theoretically and in practice examples in the confectionary market. The students experienced an academic marketing workshop focusing on the four Ps of marketing (Price, Place, Promotion and Product). Then the visit concluded with a factory tour, chocolate making/tasting and a 4D cinematic experience. The students commented on how useful the trip was to see the theories and models taught in business surrounding marketing in practice within the company of Cadbury's. They particular enjoyed the free chocolate and the 4D cinematic experience on the visit. A huge thank you to the students for attending, to Mrs Parker who organised the visit and to the rest of the business department for accompanying the students.

In the week ahead, I look forward to receiving and reading the Year 10 student leader applications (deadline Monday, 13th June), Year 10 geographers continue to visit the River Dane, the Year 10 KMF team participate in the launch day event and Year 7 will participate in a retreat day.

In the gospel on Sunday (John 16:12-15), we hear the perfect unity and diversity of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus said to his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: 'All he tells you will be taken from what is mine'."

What image do we have of perfect unity?

God Bless,

Mrs Waugh



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