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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a super busy week in school this week. Indeed, there are so many activities going on before the end of term that it is hard to imagine how we will fit them all in!

As part of Artsmark's 20th anniversary celebration, students in Years 7-10 participated in Day to Create on Thursday, 7th July. The students used resources from Little Inventors and some guest content from Dr Abigail Pearson from Keele University (Painsley Sixth Form alumnus). They learned about accessible design and how inventions can help people and benefit wider society. Students completed a series of mini activities before designing their own invention and explored their imagination and creativity through drawing. Some of the invention designs will be on display in our art, photography and textiles exhibition on 13th July from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Some of the work has also been shared on our Instagram page @painsley_creativearts.

The Year 10 KMF Young Engineer of the Year team launched their capsule this week. The team named 'Astroart' wanted to create the highest ever open-air artwork. Following disruption from Covid, they created 'Art out of Chaos' using Covid syringes to hold paint made from hand sanitiser and coloured dyes. The team used the 'chaos' of atmospheric conditions and the drop in atmospheric pressure as the balloon rose to release the paint onto a spinning canvas à la Damien Hirst. The use of alcohol-based sanitiser also allowed the paint to avoid freezing in the -70 degrees temperature in the stratosphere. They are delighted with the stunning results! The team proposed the idea to the engineers at Sent into Space, who were initially sceptical about the concept and thought it might be too difficult to achieve. We are over the moon (pun intended!) that we believed in our capability and rose to the challenge. Well done to all students and staff involved!

Year 8 participated in the Enigma code-breaking day, firstly learning about different codes that the British people deciphered in order to see the Germans' secret messages. Students then went on to learn the different ways to solve them, which was really interesting as many didn't realise that maths was that involved with breaking codes in World War 2. Students then went off into teams to decipher some codes, developing teamwork skills. Students went on to make a wheel out of card and a split pin which helped them to visually decipher the Caesar shift codes. Students commented: 'The competition at the end was really fun as we were working with other people and succeeding together, because if you didn't understand how to break the codes, you could always ask them for assistance. This activity has changed the way I think about maths because I didn't realise that maths was involved in so many different things. For example, it helped the British people in the war. I didn't know before this day how vital maths was and still is. The day overall was very helpful, because now we have learnt a lot on code breaking. It has taught us multiple skills which will help us in the future'.

Year 9 participated in their Vocations day and celebrated Mass at St Giles as part of their day. I met with Year 10 students who had applied to be student leaders and was privileged to share in rewards breakfasts and meetings this week. The rewards trip took place on Tuesday and we had a marvellous Summer Concert on Tuesday evening. It was incredibly special to share in the final performances of some of our Year 13 musicians and to recognise the talents and skills of so many of our young people through the variety of ensembles and choir.

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We have had significant sporting success this week. The under 15 boys' cricket team should be very proud of their season after successfully making it to the county and district finals. The county final ended in disappointment after failing to chase down Clayton Hall's total of 102 after some very tight bowling and fielding. The boys now look forward to the district final in the last week of term, where we face Westwood College. We are very lucky to have some very talented local cricket players, who I'm sure will go on to be very successful. Well done, boys! Equally, we had significant success in the athletics this week and it was fantastic for the whole school to share in a glorious sports day on Thursday and we will share the outcomes with students in the end of year rewards assemblies.

Selected Year 9 and 10 students participated in a 'Rugby Commando camp' and the Year 9 future scholars visited Bath University. Year 11 students were welcomed into the sixth form as part of their transition. Year 7 took part in a 'Just for Girls' activity as part of the careers programme and the week will culminate with our confirmation candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation when Bishop Stephen visits this evening. We keep the confirmation students and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Next week is equally busy as we have our activities week. I am delighted to offer such a varied and engaging programme of activities and opportunities for the students and I thank the staff who have worked so hard to ensure students can benefit from so much. A significant number of students in Year 7 will be taking part in the PGL camp trip. We wish Year 10 and 12 well as they embark on a week of work experience and higher education/work experience. We will be welcoming the incoming Year 6 as we hold our Year 6 transition days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
I include the programme of events below but please refer to the separate communication regarding specific events and the requirements for each.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Year 7 (Those not on PGL)	PE event	Crest Challenge Award	Cadbury World	Crest Challenge Award	Creative Arts
Year 8	Y8 Retreat Day	STEM day – Chester Zoo	Computing Puzzle Day	Dovedale Creative Arts	Dovedale Creative Arts
Year 9	AM – Freddy Naftel talk PM – English Theatre	Computing Puzzle Day	Tech Day	PE event MFL day	PE event MFL day

I have included the uniform requirements again for September below so that you have them to hand should you require them. As of September, Emmaus time will begin promptly at 8.45am. Students will be expected to be in their Emmaus rooms and ready to learn at 8.45am daily.
In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) which reminds us of the need to be generous and non- judgmental.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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UNIFORM INFORMATION

We firmly believe that a smart and distinctive college uniform helps to instil a pride and sense of loyalty to the college. In the long run, it is both practical and economical. One of the many advantages of college uniform is that it is clear to all concerned that each one of our students belongs to **ONE** college community, Painsley Catholic College. Your co-operation in helping us to maintain a consistently high standard of uniform will be greatly appreciated.

Girls

- White blouse with collar (ALL YEARS GROUPS)
- Clip-on college tie
- Black blazer including college badge
- Dark grey terylene skirts, Contemporary Trutex or Salisbury style—**KNEE length (20")** with logo embroidered below the waistband (NB: Jersey material is not acceptable) .
- Steel grey Signature Classic Banner trouser
- Black shoes—no heels or sling-backs
- Black ankle socks, black/natural tights
- PE Kit (see PE Kit page)
- ***Optional***—Grey long sleeve **pullover**, V-neck (not cardigan)

Boys

- White shirt
- Clip-on college tie
- Black blazer including college badge
- Dark grey trousers (not jeans, corduroy, canvas or fashion trousers)
- **Black** Shoes (not trainer style)
- Grey/Black socks (not white)
- PE Kit (see PE Kit page)
- ***Optional***—Grey long sleeve **pullover**, V-neck (not cardigan)

Coats: Leather, denim, camouflage or service-type jackets are not suitable for college. Parents are asked to provide anoraks, overcoats, kagouls or similar waterproof clothing to be worn **OVER** blazers.

No jewellery or make-up are permitted and long hair must be tied back. Please note that there should be no dyed hair or fashion haircuts (lines and patterns, gel, shaved head etc). Boys' hair should be no shorter than a grade 3.

Students will be issued with a year group badge which must be sewn on to their blazer.

All items of uniform may be obtained at:-

- Most departmental stores (except the girls' skirts, girls' trousers, college badge, tie, girls' skort, girls' PE leggings).
- The clip-on ties and badges are available from college (clip-on ties: £4.00 and badges: £3.00)
- National Schoolwear Centres—Hanley Branch, 99/101 Stafford Street, Hanley, ST1 1LS. Telephone: 01782 272991

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- School's In (formerly Trutex, Meir)—29-31 Weston Road, Meir, ST3 6AB. Telephone: 01782 310111.
- School's In (formerly Trutex, Stone) Unit 1, Emerald Way, Stone Business Park, ST15 0SR. Telephone: 01785 286700
- Something Special— Unit 4 Pine View, Hillside Industrial Park, Draycott Crossroads, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1AB. Telephone: 01538 752840

PE INFORMATION & KIT

Physical Education is one of the foundation subjects in the National Curriculum and is a compulsory subject for all students. There has to be sound medical reasons for not doing PE and students should always have a written note from home where exemption is requested. If not participating for any reason, students are expected to bring kit and **be involved** in the lesson in a coaching or officiating role. Any student excused on medical grounds for a lesson will study the theory of PE. We insist on the same high standard in PE kit as we do for college uniform.

Girls

- Navy & Red T-Shirt with college logo +
- Navy games skort with college logo +
- Red football socks
- Plain training shoes* (no pumps)
- Shin Pads
- Gum shield
- Navy Painsley Tracksuit with college logo + (optional)
- Navy girls PE leggings (AKOA) with College badge (optional—can be worn instead of skort)

Boys

- Navy & Red T-Shirt with college logo +
- PE shorts, navy (plain, no stripes) with college logo +
- Red football socks
- Plain training shoes* (no pumps)
- Shin Pads
- Gum shield
- Navy Painsley Tracksuit with college logo + (optional)

+ These items **must** carry the college badge and are available through the college suppliers
All PE uniform may be purchased from the National Schoolwear Centre, School's In (formerly Trutex, Meir) and Something Special —for contact details, see uniform information.
* Not expensive fashion trainers or boots.
Boys and Girls ***Optional*** – Jackets (fleece reversible and waterproof). **These must have student initials embroidered on them**. *Note: these are NOT required but can be used in colder weather.*
Boys and Girls—Gum Shields (Painsley stock basic gum shields).
Girls—Navy Blue/Grey Leotard & Tights (Optional)**

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