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Dear Parent/Carer

Well, what a truly exhausting week! It has been amazing to engage in activity week and I have to commend the students on how well they have participated in all the activities, especially given the heat!

Year 6 joined us for 3 days and engaged in lessons related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) on Monday, humanities on Tuesday and the arts on Wednesday. I have to say that Year 6 felt part of the Painsley family as soon as they came through the gates. They have positively responded to learning activities, thoroughly enjoyed lunchtime and breaktime and quickly picked up the routines of the day here at Painsley.

The majority of Year 7 has participated in a week away at camp. Those who remained in school engaged in a PE event, Crest Awards, a visit to Cadbury's world and a creative arts day.

Year 8's programme included a retreat day led by the RISE theatre group, a STEM day at Chester Zoo, a computing puzzle day, a visit to Dovedale and a Creative Arts day.

Year 9 had a talk from Freddy Naftel (Holocaust survivor) and an English theatre group. They took part in a computer puzzle day, a technology day, a PE event and a MFL day.

Year 10 experienced the world of work through a huge range of experiences, including Rolls Royce, Boohoo, schools, farms and offices. Those remaining in school had a dedicated programme based on developing their work skills. Year 12 focused on UCAS and higher education work before embarking on three days of work experience.

Our Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold students completed their final expedition. This was a huge achievement, especially given the heat of this week. Well done to all! I was amazed by the standard of work displayed at the art and photography exhibition this week. We do have incredibly talented students.

As we prepare for the end of term, we send our well wishes to the Year 10 geography students, who will be departing for Cornwall this weekend. Keep cool and enjoy your experiences.

I am delighted to introduce you to our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies who have been appointed this week by the staff:



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## Head Boy

James Davies

## Deputy Head Boys

Jack Hodge

James Howard

Kyle Parker

William Simpson

Danny Steele

Luca Worthington-Harris

Rueben Jones

## Head Girl

Jamie Potts

## Deputy Head Girls

Poppy Cliffe

Samantha Dalglish

Amelia Edwards

Sophia Ferocino

Molly Holt

Isobel Ingram

Bhumi Dhamendra

Congratulations to the students in Year 10 who applied and were interviewed as Student Leaders in Year 10. They will be the eyes and the ears of all staff and I ask students to refer to our Student Leaders with any ideas, thoughts, comments or concerns. They are easily identifiable, as they wear the Student Leader ties. I meet with the Student Leaders very regularly to hear what they say and respond accordingly.

In the final few days of this academic year, Year 7 have a drama day, Year 8 have an assembly by the Peak Wildlife Park, we will be celebrating a Mass of thanksgiving for staff leaving at the end of term and we will be holding rewards assemblies to conclude the academic year, including the whole school effort/achievement raffle.

As the end of term approaches, I would like to thank the staff who are departing at the end of this year:

### **Mrs H Gibson (Vice Principal)**

Mrs Gibson started at Painsley in 2001 as a teacher of Science. Mrs Gibson has taught biology for the last 21 years. In that time, she has also taken on roles including Head of Science, Assistant Headteacher and currently Vice Principal. Mrs Gibson is an outstanding classroom practitioner, a dedicated and committed pastoral and curriculum leader and a talented Vice Principal, who has been responsible for many areas of college development including teaching and learning, professional development of staff and new staff induction. We



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wish Mrs Gibson all the very best as she takes up her role as Headteacher of a Catholic school in Staffordshire.

## Ms J Woollaston (Assistant Principal)

Ms Woollaston started at Painsley in the English department in 2012. She quickly rose to Head of Department and has led a highly successful and talented team of English teachers. Ms Woollaston was appointed as Assistant Principal during lockdown and even had to manage her interview virtually. In her role as Assistant Principal, she has been responsible for reading, Year 12, communication and student voice. I know many students in the school have benefited from Ms Woollaston's English expertise and the results achieved by her students have always been outstanding. We wish Ms Woollaston well as she moves into a leadership role in another high school

## Mrs S Martin (Teacher of MFL)

Mrs Martin started as Head of MFL here at Painsley in 2012 and brought with her a range of linguistic skills. In addition to teaching and leading French, German and Spanish across the college, she has contributed Mandarin and Italian at various times. Mrs Martin has organised and developed the Year 9 French, German and Spanish trips and has been instrumental in working with our partner school in Germany. What you may not appreciate is that Mrs Martin was a Pastoral Lead and an outstanding Emmaus tutor and she also proofreads all the reports and school documents and letters - a skill that only a few possess! We thank Mrs Martin for her service to the students and staff at Painsley and we wish her well as she pursues other ways to share her talents.

## Miss A Brassington (Head of MFL)

Miss Brassington first started her vocation at Painsley as a teacher of Science and MFL in 2018. It soon became clear that MFL is where her heart lay and Miss Brassington has gone on to inspire many students in her teaching of Spanish, French and German. Miss Brassington has accompanied many trips and visits and has also inspired students in our primary schools by teaching Spanish at KS2. Miss Brassington also took on the role of Head of MFL, not an easy task when we went into a global pandemic! Miss Brassington is an excellent teacher and Emmaus tutor and works tirelessly to ensure languages are promoted as an incredible life skill that can enhance any student's development

## Mrs H Chadfield (Teacher of MFL)

Mrs Chadfield is a highly experienced teacher of languages. We were delighted back in 2019 for her to join our team to teach A Level German. Mrs Chadfield has shared her incredible talents and expertise with our A Level German students, who have gone on to achieve greatly in their chosen field. We wish Mrs Chadfield well as she comes to the end of her teaching career and we have been blessed to have benefited from her excellence.



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## Mrs D Roberts (Teacher of Maths)

Mrs Roberts has taught maths at Painsley since 2003. In that time, she has inspired and supported many students as they have developed their maths skills. She has taught all ages and ability ranges, including A Level Further Maths. Mrs Roberts has contributed so much to the maths department by way of planning and resourcing to ensure the students have the best possible experience but she also goes above and beyond to ensure every opportunity is given to students through careers talks, gospel starters and enrichment opportunities. Mrs Roberts has contributed wholeheartedly to the life and soul of the school. She has been a Pastoral Lead and promoter of standards across the school, she has supported numerous trips and visits, including Duke of Edinburgh, she has enhanced the spiritual life and opportunities across the college and in doing so, she has not only been a colleague but a friend to many of the staff. Mrs Roberts will be truly missed. I have no doubt she will be back to help and support but, in the meantime, we wish her all the best as she retires (early) into the next chapter in her life.

## Miss K Bradley (Teacher of Science/ Science lead)

Miss Bradley joined Painsley in 2017 as Head of Science and has since taken on the role of Science Leader. As a leader in science, she has inspired many of you with exceptional teaching and learning. Additionally, Miss Bradley had encouraged and supported many of you in your charity and fundraising, especially her Emmaus groups. In fact, I have to say I always worry when Miss Bradley says 'I have an idea!' She has jumped out of planes and completed mud runs all in the name of charity. Thank you for all you have contributed to the lives of our young people and indeed those you have supported through your charity events. We wish Miss Bradley well as she moves on to a senior leader role in another school.

## Mrs E Davies (Teacher of Technology)

Mrs Davies started in the technology department in 2015, bringing a unique set of skills and talents. Mrs Davies is organised and thorough in her approach to teaching and learning and brings out the very best in her students. More recently as a Pastoral Lead, Mrs Davies has supported her students in a calm and consistent manner in order to ensure they are all reaching their potential in their school life. We wish Mrs Davies all the very best as she moves abroad with her family to continue her teaching career in a completely different setting.

## Mrs K Wildgoose (Technology Technician)

Mrs Wildgoose has supported the work of the textiles department since 2007. In that time, I know her professional skills have enabled students and staff alike to achieve incredible outcomes in textiles. Mrs Wildgoose is so skilled in her field and brings techniques and ideas that could never have been shared with the students if she hadn't been able to. We wish Mrs Wildgoose well as she moves area.



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## Mrs E Mason (Science Technician)

Mrs Mason has worked tirelessly behind the scenes for 25 years here at Painsley. She has led the team of science technicians, working closely with staff to ensure they have access to a practical and engaging science curriculum. We thank Mrs Mason for her diligence and commitment to her work here at Painsley over such a sustained period and we wish her a long and happy retirement doing all the things she loves the most.

## Mrs K Laryea (Reception team)

Mrs Laryea joined Painsley in 2015 as Examinations Officer in the first instance. She supported many staff and students through the minefield of examination rules and regulations to ensure students could access exams appropriately and fairly. More recently, Mrs Laryea has joined the reception team working at the main site and in the sixth form reception. We thank Mrs Laryea for her service to the parents, students and staff of the college and wish her well as she begins her retirement.

## Mr Stubbs

Mr Stubbs has worked in the history department since Christmas, covering for a maternity leave. We thank Mr Stubbs for his service to the students at Painsley and we wish him well in his future career.

I look forward to introducing you to our new staff in September.

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 order to support the continuity of learning, the following summer work will be set for students:

## Summer Work

Year 7: 2 hours of English and 2 hours of Maths only in preparation for Year 8.

Year 8: Transition tasks for subjects being carried on to KS4 only – 30 minutes per subject.

Years 9 and 10: 1 hour per subject.

Year 11: Transition work for those staying on into the sixth form. 3 hours per subject – guided flipped learning.

Year 12: 6 hours of private study work per subject.

We will be in touch before the end of term with set letters and student timetables. Please note the year group flash will be contained in the envelope and must be sown onto students' blazers in advance of the new academic year. Bus passes for those who have paid for their seats will be distributed before the end of term. There will be selected text message reminders towards the start of the academic year to ensure all parents and students are reminded of key information.



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We look forward to celebrating results days with Year 13 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August and Year 11 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We also have a summer school running for some Year 6 students during the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38 – 42). Mary is praised for focusing on the most important approach to life, God, rather than worldly chores. As we begin our summer holiday, we take with us our faith and vocation to share 'The Painsley Way', with Christ at the centre of all we do, with those we meet.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I hope you have many special moments together. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

God Bless

Mrs 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.



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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
- ☐ 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



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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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