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Dear Parent/Carer

This week our Year 12/13 geography students have been in Iceland. Images of their visit can be seen on our Facebook page. Year 12 have visited Birmingham University for the apprenticeship fair. Year 9 have participated in an engineering programme. Our practice Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition takes place this weekend. We have had Year 9 vaccinations and sports photographs.

Additionally, Year 7 students have had the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and some groups have participated in a thoughtful depiction of the Stations of the Cross.

Indeed, as we move into the final week of term, we are busy putting the final touches to the gym festival - the first in 4 years! Additionally, students are planning and preparing the Easter 'Born for this' liturgies to help students focus on the spiritual meaning of the Easter season.

We sent out Year 9 reports this week and Year 8 parents attended parents' evening. Next week is the rearranged Year 11 parents' evening. It is crucial all parents attend and significant information will be shared on the evening, including the results of the recent mock examinations and the Easter revision sessions on offer by staff.

After the disruption of the last few weeks, we have had a clear focus on routines and expectations this week. I would like to remind all parents of some of our basic expectations:

- Uniform is to be worn correctly and with pride at all times, including shirts tucked in and skirts worn to the knee.
- Hair should be no shorter than a grade 3 and longer hair should be tied back.
- No make-up or jewellery is to be worn to school.
- Mobile phones, air pods and other technological devices are not to be used around the college site and will be confiscated.
- Students should remove all coats and hoodies in all college buildings. Hoodies can only be worn in place of a coat (over the college blazer) and not as a jumper (under the college blazer) or indeed instead of a blazer.
- Students all line up at the end of breaktime and lunchtime. Classes are collected from lines by their teachers and accompanied to lesson so they are ready to learn.

Whilst we all have the right to an effective education, we also have a responsibility to play our part in ensuring all are ready to learn and in the appropriate frame of mind for learning.

It has been incredibly exciting to learn of the success of Painsley students at the Staffordshire University Journalist of the Year awards. From 400 entries, there were 15 finalists selected. 7 of the finalists were from Painsley Catholic College. For the second year running, Painsley students swept the board. Many congratulations to all the students who submitted an entry and especially to the winners, Lewis Walker and Jessie Stanier (Y13), Alex Mace (Y12), Maddison Matthews, Harrison Williams and Esme Stubbs (Y10) and Sophie Chong (Y9). As well as trophies, the prizes included going to Stoke City and Port Vale matches to report on the game in the sports box and interview players, £50 amazon vouchers and Splash Landings tickets. The students had the opportunity to speak to various journalists in the industry, such as BT Sports presenter Matt Smith, broadcast journalist Joe Thompson and former BBC North West Mark Edwardson. They also had a chance to visit the newsroom.

As you know, education is most successful when parents, students and staff all work in partnership. Communication is vital to our successful partnership. We are working hard in college to ensure the communication policy (on the website) is followed by all. As a reminder, please see the main points of communication below and please do not hesitate to contact the relevant person for



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your query. As you know, we have reverting back to face-to-face events to ensure every opportunity for you to meet with school staff. We send out a parents' calendar, weekly newsletter, text messages and Facebook posts, in addition to regular e-mails. The website contains a huge amount of information. We have a change team and regularly seek parent voice to guide our future development. Parents' evenings, curriculum evenings, SEND coffee mornings and Pupil Premium contact weeks are all opportunities for you to share your views in an appropriate forum to support the ongoing development of the College. I would ask all parents to utilise the communication channels open to them rather than using social media.

Main points of contact:

- Emmaus Tutor - general enquiries and sharing pastoral issues/concerns
- Pastoral Lead - more specific pastoral/academic concerns and queries. A list of all Pastoral Leads and contacts is on our website.
- Head of Department - specific departmental queries or concerns. A list of all HoDs can be found on the school website.
- Safeguarding team – Mr D Bullock (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs C Harris/Mrs S Jepson/ Mr J Horleston-Wilks/ Mr A Johnson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)
- Attendance – Reception staff to report attendance. Further concerns should be directed to the Pastoral Lead or Mrs M Barlow (Education Welfare Officer).
- Health – Mrs L Sedgwick
- Special Needs – Mrs S Davies (SEND Lead)/Mrs A Comfort (SENDCo)
- Finance - Finance Department

Should your queries need further attention, please contact the most appropriate member of the Leadership Team:

Mr D Bullock - Assistant Principal: Safeguarding and wellbeing

Mr A Growcott - Assistant Principal: Values and expectations, attendance, anti-bullying

Mrs C Harris - Assistant Principal: Safeguarding, enrichment and extra-curricular learning, daily detail

Mrs S Jepson - Assistant Principal: Sixth Form Lead

Mrs T Lambert - Assistant Principal: transition, continuous professional development of staff and the learning environment

Ms C Oberman - Senior Assistant Principal: Teaching School Hub, Maths Hub & Behaviour Hub

Mr M Palmer - Assistant Principal: curriculum, timetable & options

Mrs C Talbot - Business Manager and oversight of support teams

Mr F Waugh - Vice Principal: Pupil Premium, data and examinations and teaching and learning

Mrs R Waugh - Principal

As part of our ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of all staff and students, the MAC has published a wellbeing statement. This includes a commitment from all parties to protect and preserve the wellbeing of all associated with the Multi Academy Company. It includes expectations from Directors, Governors, Principals, staff, students and parents. I want to share with you the expectations of parents in order to help preserve the wellbeing of all within the MAC:

Parents will:

- respect staff at all times and be respected at all times.
- refrain from emailing staff outside the hours of 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.
- not expect an immediate response from staff but have the right to a reply within 3 working days. Please note: issues received during the holidays will be dealt with when school reopens.
- respect the fact that the Principal's decision regarding holiday requests is final.
- discuss any behavioural issues with their child carefully before contacting the school in order to ascertain the full facts.
- recognise the demands placed on staff and be reasonable in terms of expectations.
- liaise with Senior Leaders rather than individual staff if issues are not being resolved.



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- be reasonable in terms of expectations and the efficient education of all pupils.
- where necessary, follow the complaints procedure as listed under 'policies' on the school website.
- aim to show appreciation to staff. Saying 'thank you' is a small gesture but it means a lot!

I kindly request that parents do consider all of the above and thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.

As we move into the final week of term, I look forward to sharing the end of term newsletter with you, giving an insight into the phenomenal work and opportunities taking place across the college on a daily basis.

In the gospel on Sunday (John 11:1-45), we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. The resurrection of Lazarus is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs, his marvellous works which point towards and hint at this final gift of divine life.

God Bless

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