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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the summer term! I can't believe we are already in the summer term and the year seems to be racing by. In Acts of Worship this week, we have introduced our gospel values of peace and tolerance and Catholic social teaching of promoting peace to all our students, explaining that we are all part of the Painsley family and when we work together in a peaceful way, we are both happier and achieve far more.

At the end of the spring term, we said farewell to Mr Horleston-Wilkes and Miss Bancroft. We wish them both well and thank them for the service and commitment they have given to the staff and students at Painsley.

I am delighted to welcome our new staff this term; Miss R McKenna has joined the MFL department and Mr Harvey has joined the science department as a teacher of physics. It has been wonderful to see the students welcoming our new staff and indeed the staff being out and about getting to know our young people. I also welcome Mrs Rooney as Vice Principal, working alongside Mr Waugh and as a member of the RE department. I share Mrs Rooney's words of welcome with you all:

"*I am delighted to be joining Painsley Cathoilc College as Vice Principal and I feel very priviledged to have the opportunity to work in the Painsley Multi-Academy Company. I have taught Religious Education for over twenty years in four different Catholic schools, and I bring a breadth of experience in a variety of different leadership roles. I am passionate about the future of Catholic education, outstanding teaching and learning and pastoral care. I am a parent myself and I have recently experienced the transition from primary to secondary with my own child. This has afforded me a deeper understanding of the trust we place in the hands of those who educate our children. My vocation is to help young people to grow in faith, knowledge and understanding and I feel blessed that I will walk beside your children as they learn to know themselves as children of God.*"

I thank the staff who gave up such an immense amount of time over the Easter holiday to support Year 11 and 13 in the final preparation before their examinations. Indeed, I am both proud and impressed with the students for their maturity and commitment to ensuring they are as prepared as they can be for the term ahead.

This week we have had the Year 9 All Change careers event and it was moving to see our students representing the Painsley family at the funeral of Bishop David McGough, auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.

In the week ahead, we have theatre workshops for our drama students, Year 10 business students have a business day, Duke of Edinburgh gold practice expedition, Junior maths challenge and Year 7 St Mark's Mass. We also hold our annual presentation evening when we celebrate the outstanding progress and attainment in Year 7-10, Year 11 subject awards and effort awards and special awards for Year 11 and 13. Effort awards and sports awards for Year 7-10 will be awarded in special assemblies in college the following week.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:13 – 35) when the risen Christ walks with the disciples. It is a reminder that Emmaus time at Painsley is the daily start to each day which is a journey, with Christ, to do Jesus' work on a daily basis.

God Bless

Mrs R Waugh

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