



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

What a lovely week it has been in college this week! On Monday, we welcomed out students from Year 6 who are transferring to us from our non-feeder primary schools. It is an opportunity for them to get to know the site and each other ahead of the main transition days at the start of July.

Year 7 participated in their retreat day this week, based on the motto of 'Know yourself' and entitled 'You are a gem'. It gave the students the opportunity to spend some time reflecting on their unique qualities and what makes them precious. As part of the day, they celebrated Mass at St Giles', Pugin's Gem, as students recognised that they are all created in the image and likeness of God and possess ultimate dignity.

As we seem to be rattling to the end of term, we look forward to the Year 10 river Dane visits next week with geography, the Year 9 trip to Cadbury's World with business, the wonderstruck rocket presentation and the whole school Mass next Thursday on the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul. The day will be special, with activities in curriculum areas in the morning. I will also be meeting with the Year 10 students who have applied to be student leaders. I always look forward to the discussions, as the students and I work together to evaluate the student experience across the college. Equally, we welcome our internal and external Year 11 students joining our sixth form in September for their induction days, which include valuable foundations for the year ahead.

As the weather remains warm, I encourage all students to ensure they have water bottles with them and are drinking water regularly throughout the day. Water is readily available in college to re-fill at breaktime and lunchtime. Equally, toilet facilities are accessible throughout the day and whilst we encourage students to use the facilities at breaktime and lunchtime, systems are in place to ensure students have access to the toilets as required. As a reminder, students should have their blazers with them at all times. As the weather is fluctuating, it is important that students are equipped for all eventualities. We will reiterate all of these points in college for the staff and students. Thank you for your continued support!

On another note, I would like to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and highlight the importance of strong relationships between the college and parents. As a team, we share a common goal—to provide a safe, nurturing and academically enriching environment that promotes your child's holistic development. By working together, we can ensure that every child thrives and achieves their full potential.

As a multi-academy family, a key belief is as follows: **'We believe that exceptional communication skills enhance the spiritual development, the life chances and opportunities of all in the community'**.

One of the key aspects of building a strong college-parent partnership is establishing effective channels of communication. We value your feedback, questions and concerns and we encourage you to reach out to us whenever needed. Our school's doors are always open and we have designated channels, such as parents' evenings, newsletters and online platforms to keep you updated about important school events, policies and your child's progress. Your involvement and active



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participation in your child's education not only support their growth but also foster a sense of community within our school. Please do communicate with us should you need to.

Our aim is to work in partnership with you so that excellent and trusting relationships are formed. Communication is vital to our successful relationship. We are here to listen, understand and help! Whilst striving to achieve exceptional communication, we are not complacent and welcome comments in order to resolve any issues. We have a Change Team, made up of parents, staff and students working together to achieve a common goal of improving the educational experience for our young people. We welcome your input and ask you to contact Mr Bullock for any further information. It is crucial to mention that we greatly appreciate your trust in our dedicated team of educators and staff. Each member of our college community is committed to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment that nurtures creativity, critical thinking and personal growth.

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 heads of department can be found on the school website.

Safeguarding team – Mr Bullock (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Harris/Mrs Jepson/ Mr Johnson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Attendance – Reception staff to report attendance. Further concerns should be directed to the Pastoral Lead or Mrs Barlow (Education Welfare Officer).

Health – Mrs Sedgwick.

Special Needs - Mrs Davies (SEND Lead)/Mrs Comfort (SENDCo).

Finance - Finance Department.

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

Mr Bullock - Assistant Principal: Safeguarding and wellbeing, Year 8 Leadership Group Pastoral Lead.

Mr Growcott - Assistant Principal: Values and expectations, attendance, anti-bullying, Year 10 Leadership Group Pastoral Lead.

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

Mrs Jepson - Assistant Principal: Sixth Form Lead.

Mrs Lambert - Assistant Principal: transition, continuous professional development of staff and the learning environment, Year 7 Leadership Group Pastoral Lead.

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

Mr Palmer - Assistant Principal: curriculum, timetable & options, Year 9 Leadership Group Pastoral Lead.

Mrs Rooney – Vice Principal: Catholic life and Mission and teaching and learning.

Mrs Talbot - Business Manager and oversight of support teams.

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

Mrs R Waugh – Principal.



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If you have any difficulty contacting the person you need to speak to or do not receive a reply to an email within 3 days, please contact Mrs Talbot (Business Manager) in order for us to connect you. We pledge to resolve any communication issue as we care very much about your child(ren) and value your input as you know your child best!

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your communication, you can contact Mrs Rooney or Mr Waugh (Vice Principals). However, please note that it is important that the above channels are followed as staff allocated to your child will be able to resolve any issues.

We welcome any constructive feedback and/or suggestions regarding relationships with you.

I refer you to the wellbeing statement for further details about contact hours etc:

[Policies - Painsley Catholic College](#)

In the gospel on Sunday (Matthew 10:26 – 33), Jesus tells the disciples to not be afraid in proclaiming the Gospel. Do I fearlessly proclaim the Gospel? What situations in the coming week might require courage? How can I grow in courage?

God Bless

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