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Dear Parent/Carer

Our week began with Year 9 taking part in their vocations day and considering how precious they each are in the eyes of God. I met with the Year 10 student leaders on Monday morning and we discussed what is going well in college and what can be improved even further. The art exhibition on Wednesday evening demonstrated the immensely talented young people we have and the dedicated staff who hone their skills day in and day out. Yesterday we were yet again blessed with the weather to enjoy our sports day together. Whilst the field events were taking place in the morning, students engaged in pastoral/citizenship activities, including road safety, first aid, homelessness and mental resilience, in addition to developing Emmaus prayer resources to carry into the next academic year.

Next week is our cultural capital week and whilst we welcome 230 Year 6 students, who will be joining us in September for their induction, the following activities will be taking place:

- Year 7 – PGL trip or a programme of activities including projects in curriculum areas, Bee active workshops and Dovedale trip
- Year 8 – A programme of activities including a computing day, Grand Challenge (IAG) day, STEM day, retreat and visit to Trentham Gardens/Monkey Forest
- Year 9 – Germany or Spain visit or a programme of activities, including work with YMCA, Pugin project and projects in curriculum areas
- Year 10 – work experience
- Year 12 – Higher education and UCAS week

I would like to congratulate the Under 15 County champions 2023! These boys have played some unbelievable cricket over the past few months and got their reward yesterday. Every single one of them has played a part and we are so proud of them. They are also in the district final for the chance to win the double. Well done, boys!

I would also like to share with you our new senior student leaders for 2023/2024. I have no doubt they will be fantastic ambassadors for our college family and I wish them well in their role:

Head Boy - Joshua Beardmore

Head Girl - Eva-Rose Tankard

Deputy Head Boys - Micah Ifatumo, Maxwell Owen, William Watson, William Brooks, Alfie Bonehill, Aaron Hughes, Theo Cristini

Deputy Head Girls - Natasha Alcock, Priya Barker, Zoe Barnes, Lucy Martin, Caitlin McCarney, Zara Shenton, Brayli Barton

As we gear up towards the end of the academic year, I would like to share with you some changes to the college day. In response to student and staff feedback, we have been considering the '**greatest use of the college day**'. We are very aware that:



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- Movement across our large site inevitably takes a few minutes and can impact on teaching and learning time, despite the obvious advantages of having departments suited together.
- Students tell us that they struggle to get something to eat and go to the toilet in 15 minutes at breaktime given the size of the site.
- Lunchtime is too long for many of the students.
- Despite published lunchtime sittings, students tell us that they spend a long-time queuing for their dinner.
- Given the fact that many students use the college buses, it is important to have opportunities for extra-curricular activities at lunchtime.

As a result, there will be some changes to the college day in September:

8:40am – 8:50am – Emmaus time

8:55am – 9:55am – Period 1 (60 minutes)

10:00am – 11:00am – Period 2 (60 minutes)

11:00am – 11:20am – Break (20-minute break)

11:20am – 12:20pm – Period 3 Year 7 & 8 (60 minutes)

11:20am – 12:30pm – Period 3 Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 (70 minutes)

12:20pm – 1:05pm – Year 7 & 8 lunchtime

12:30pm – 1:15pm – Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 lunchtime

1:10pm – 2:20pm – Year 7 & 8 registration and period 4 (70 minutes)

1:20pm – 2:20pm – Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 registration and period 4 (60 minutes)

2:25pm – 3:25pm – Period 5 (60 minutes)

3:30pm – 4:15pm – Period 6 – for relevant Year 11 & 13 students.

You will see from the times of the college day above:

- The college day begins 5 minutes earlier – bus companies will be amending their pick-up times by 5 minutes. All students will need to be on site at 8:35am and in Emmaus bases ready to begin at 8:40am.
- 5-minute movement time has been built in to ensure students can move around the site. The times in bold mark the beginning of lessons and students arriving after this time will be marked as late.
- 20-minute morning break to enable students to access the canteen and toilets as required.
- Staggered lunchtime so Years 7 & 8 can access the dining room before Years 9, 10 & 11. Lunchtime will be 45 minutes for all students. Extra-curricular opportunities will still be available during this time and any student who commits to participating will be issued with a lunchtime pass to enable them to access the canteen whenever they need to.
- The college day ends 5 minutes earlier – bus companies will be amending their drop-off times by 5 minutes.

I hope that you can appreciate the positive steps being made to support all students and staff throughout the day. As always, we will keep the new timings of the day under review through staff, student and parent voice to ensure the greatest use of our college day. The Year 10 student leaders believe the changes will be an enhancement to the student experience and make greater use of learning time. I welcome their honesty and input and your ongoing support.



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Additionally, I would like to remind you all of the uniform expectations for September and remind you of the letter I shared with you a few weeks ago:

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 is 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 onto their blazer.

All items of uniform may be obtained at:-



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- 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 have 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.



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** 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)***

Once again, I thank you for your support in ensuring the uniform standards are upheld at all times and encourage you to contact us should you require further assistance.

In the gospel on Sunday (Matthew 11:25 – 30), we are reminded by Jesus to ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.’ What a timely reminder, as we are so busy at the end of this term and year and as we gear up to the much needed and well-earned summer break!

God Bless

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