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Dear Parent/Carer

I can't believe we are entering week 5 already! As we move through the term, Year 12/13 have embarked on their assessments this week. Year 11 have taken part in their first IAG session and Year 10 have participated in the launch of their work experience programme.

We hosted our Sixth form Open Evening on Wednesday night. It was lovely to see so many Year 11 students from Painsley and beyond and we are very excited to receive your applications by 1st December. Following the Open Evening, there will be opportunities to talk with staff and experience subjects not currently on offer. I encourage all Year 11 to ensure any queries or questions they may have are answered by talking to us and we will signpost them to the answers.

This week, Year 9 have also had the opportunity to watch 'Sister Act' at the Regent Theatre as part of their Arts provision and the other half of Year 8 completed their field studies in geography by visiting North Wales. Today the chaplaincy crew will be representing the college at the chaplaincy commissioning Mass at St Chad's cathedral in Birmingham.

As the term progresses, I remind all students of the uniform expectations of the college. They all have the correct uniform but it is equally important that it is worn correctly throughout the college day, including travelling to and from college.

A reminder that this coming Wednesday, 4th October, is an INSET day as per the college calendar. Students are not required to attend college, whilst staff embark on professional development.

The Golden Thread Teaching School Hub
Music Mark School Hub Gold Award
Anti Bullying Pledge School
IAG Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Quality Mark
Investor in People
WAS Wellbeing Award for Schools 2019-2022
MATHSHUBS North Midlands
Arts Council England
Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England
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May I remind you that on Friday, 6th October, we will be celebrating harvest festival in college. A representative from Cafod will be speaking to all the students. As a reminder, non-perishable items for harvest can be brought in anytime with fresh produce on the day. The harvest will be distributed to those in our local community and parishes in need of support and also to the food bank. Please do give generously.

The entirety of October is dedicated to the celebration of 'Black History'. To draw attention to this important part of the academic year, we have asked students (Years 7-9) to create a poster on one of their favourite key figures in history that are also people of colour. Any posters created should be handed in to Mr Hendley or to Emmaus tutors. Students that complete this task will be awarded extra achievements points and will also have the chance for the poster to form part of a display around the college site. Make sure to get your entries in during the month of October!

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the parable regarding doing the will of the Father (Matthew 21:28-32). It reminds us that there is no use in claiming to be followers of Christ unless we show it in our actions to others.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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