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Dear Parent/Carer

I write slightly earlier this week due to our INSET day on Friday, 1st December. As a reminder, the Painsley site will be closed as we are all attending Blessed William Howard to share in our spiritual life INSET.

Despite a four-day week for the students, it has nonetheless been a busy one. Assessments are in full flow for Years 7-10 and mock examinations for Year 11. On Tuesday, Year 7, 8 and 9 experienced the Flying Theatre production celebrating our use of languages and Mrs Lambert accompanied our Year 12 students to Staffordshire University.

Throughout the week, we have hosted the primary healthcare trust as they embark on promoting the range of services on offer to patients in the community.

I would like to remind all parents of our overarching educational principle: '*We believe that exceptional communication skills enhance the spiritual development, the life chances and opportunities of all in the community'*. Parents are reminded of our communication charter. The charter sets out what we strive to achieve for all our parents, but also indicates what we expect from our parents. We welcome feedback on anything you feel we are doing well, but also any areas where we still have work to do. Over this term, I will share with you individual strands of the charter and how we can work together effectively and productively to ensure exceptional communication for the benefit of all in our Painsley family.

Praise	We appreciate any positive feedback and recognition of our actions. Please do let us know any positive feedback via email: tellus@painsley.staffs.sch.uk
Resolutions/ Complaints	Sadly, there are times when relationships can be strained. Therefore, we have an easy-to-follow resolution and complaints procedure. If a parent is unhappy with any aspect of the school, please follow the policy and we will work together to resolve the issue. For general recommendations on improvements, please email: tellus@painsley.staffs.sch.uk
Phone calls	Reception staff will ensure that **parents receive a call back on the day** of an incoming call. If this cannot be the case, parents will be called to inform them when the call will be made. If the matter is urgent, a senior member of staff will either take the call immediately or contact you back on the same day.

In light of our commitment to exceptional communication, please do complete the parent survey if you have not already done so. Please follow the link below. The closing date for the parental survey is Friday, 8th December and we would appreciate all families responding:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PCAParent23

Year 11 – don't forget your applications for the sixth form – deadline Friday 1st December!

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. In college we will begin our Advent fundraising and social action. There will be opportunities to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and participate in the celebration of Holy Mass. The Gospel on Sunday (Mark 13:33 – 37) is the parable of the watcher at the door where we are reminded to 'stay awake' as we do not know when the master will return. The parable prompts us to consider what we would like to change about our own lives in preparation for the coming of Christ.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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