# Painsley Catholic College

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Friday, 8th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin our Advent journey together, students have been exploring the Advent season in acts of worship this week. Our CAFOD fundraising and social actions are now in full flow. In light of this, we will be having a non-uniform day on the final day of term, Friday 22nd December. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (if they choose) and their donation will include entrance to the end of term talent show. As we are now a cashless college, you are welcome to make your donation to CAFOD for the non-uniform day on Parent Pay or by bringing it in to college in cash. Students are asked for a donation of £2 for the day. All money raised will be to support the students CAFOD world gift choices.

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.

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| Induction | All pupils and their families are entitled to a full induction programme consisting of at least an initial meeting and a tour of the school, along with sessions in school to ensure you feel fully supported and are happy with your child's education. |
| Pupil wellbeing | If you notice any changes in your child at home, please let us know. We will not tolerate any form of bullying at school and will work with you to ensure your child is not in any harm. Sometimes, a child behaves differently at home compared to school so it is important you contact us. We care very much about your child. We will also regularly signpost you to services that the local authority offers. |
| Staff wellbeing | Staff work very hard to support your child. We ask, in a spirit of positive relationships with our Catholic school, that staff are treated with respect at all times, and we will do the same with you. |

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 today, Friday 8th December, and we would appreciate all families responding:

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


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In the week ahead, we have our Advent penitential services and a number of priests from our local area will be joining us to help the students' spiritual preparation during Advent. Year 12/13 drama students have a visit to London, we will be hosting our Christmas party for the friends of Painsley and Equalbase will be joining us for our Faith in action and creative arts enrichment.

This Sunday marks the second 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. In the Gospel on Sunday (Mark 1: 1-8), we hear John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. How are we preparing for the son of God to enter into our lives and our world?

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs Waugh


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