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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great sadness that I share with you that our friend and former colleague Mrs Roberts passed away on Monday following a short illness. Mrs Roberts worked at Painsley for 19 years as a teacher of maths. She retired in 2022. Even in her retirement Mrs Roberts accompanied the ski trip and supported students with tutoring. Mrs Roberts was a passionate teacher and pastoral leader and willingly gave everything to ensure the students in her care were loved and achieved the very best they could, inside and out of the classroom. I am sure many of you will echo our prayers for the repose of the soul of Mrs Roberts and for all her family at this sad time;

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing our Year 11 & 13 students all the very best in the weeks ahead as the public examination series commences. Students and staff have worked so incredibly hard to ensure they are as prepared as possible. I have no doubt that the students will be supported by your thoughts and prayers. As a result of the public examinations, there will be significant room changes and organisational changes as we ensure the students have the very best opportunities to concentrate. Equally, students must come into the dining room at their designated time. The canteen will be closing promptly to ensure we are ready for the afternoon examinations. I would ask all students to be mindful of the up and coming season.

Year 10 will be invited to submit their applications to become student leaders over the next few weeks, as we look to the next generation of student leaders. Indeed, it has been lovely to read all the Year 10 reports this week and to see the strengths students are developing in all areas of college life. It was great to meet with so many parents for the Year 9 parents' evening this week. We are finalising the Year 8 option choices and if you do not hear from us before May half-term you can assume the option choices made by your sons/ daughters have all been met.

As we approach May half-term I would like to remind all students that the cut off for the rewards trip is at end of this half-term. As of the beginning of this week there have been 144,899 achievement points achieved and awarded across the college and the top 25% of students in each year group will be eligible for the trip. It is time for the final push to ensure all students are recognised for their achievements.

Thank you for the many £1 pledges to our mission to make a significant contribution to the diocesan mission to raise over £80,000 for Fr Hudson's care. During a half term in which peace is our focus on as a college, this week our year 12 students inspired the pupils in the other year groups by sharing their knowledge and understanding of the work of the charity to promote peace in our diocese. They continue to make sweet cones to thank students for pledging £1 which can be collected (if payment is made on parent pay) or purchased (if cash) every Tuesday and Thursday break time.

As we have hopefully turned a corner with the weather it is a timely reminder that blazers must be worn to and from college and around the college site. Students may ask their class teachers to remove their blazers in classrooms. It is

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timely to remind all students of the uniform expectations. 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)

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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 are 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 on to their blazer.

All items of uniform may be obtained at: -

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

In the Gospel on Sunday (John 15:9-17) we are reminded of the greatest commandment to 'love one another as I have loved you'

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh