# Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

What a truly amazing week we have had in college this week! At the start of the week, we had our 5K run/walk marking the year anniversary of William Simpson's heart transplant. Thank you to Mr Reynolds and Will for sharing your journey on Moorlands Radio and BBC Radio Stoke. It was lovely for staff, students and families to come together in this way. Will requested that the event should also raise funds for Douglas McMillan, in memory of Mrs Roberts. Thank you to all those who have supported the efforts and raised around £1,500 for this honourable cause.

On Thursday we marked the high point of our college year, with our whole college Mass. In the morning students followed their normal timetable, but with a number of additions. During period 1, students considered the prayer life of the department they were in, looking at the department saint and department prayer. In period 2, students explored the church's year of Jubilee and what it means to be part of this special year ahead. In period 3, students considered how we should mark Painsley's 60th anniversary during the year 2025. On Thursday afternoon, the entire college family assembled on the yard, along with representatives from our academy schools, to celebrate Mass together. Fr Eric, Fr Martin and Deacon Peter led us all in the holy sacrament of the Mass. All departments contributed to the Mass, from logistical arrangements, to banners, liturgical dance, welcome in a variety of languages, invitations, offertory reflecting our college family and even ongoing social media posts so you could all share in the day alongside our college family. Once again, we were blessed with the weather and an ice cream at the end of the day was welcomed by all. Thank you to everyone who made the day so very special!

Additionally, Year 10 have also completed field work at the River Dane this week as part of the geography course, we hosted our SEND coffee morning and Year 9 sports leaders went and helped out at St Thomas' sports day.

In the week ahead, we have our sixth form transition days, student leader interviews, Year 9 vocations day, rewards trip to Blackpool pleasure beach, arts exhibition and summer concert, pastoral/citizenship which will be based on political literacy and we will hold our own elections, sports day and the Year 11 prom!

The following week (penultimate week of term), we hold our cultural capital week. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 (who are not on the languages trips to France or Spain), will have received a letter outlining the programme for the week. Individual letters are being sent for any of the trips and visits taking place with the specific details regarding the trip. Thank you to the PTA, who has heavily subsidised several of the visits to ensure all students can be exposed to fantastic cultural capital opportunities.

Please find below information related to pupil premium funding in order to consider your eligibility:

Eligibility for extra Funding - Pupil Premium

I am writing to provide you with information about the possibility of extra funding for your child. If you receive benefits, you may be able to claim free school meals for your child and access additional funding to support your child's education. School meals are a good way to make sure your child has a healthy meal every day. By eating well at lunchtime, children can remain focussed on their learning. The government has arranged this extra funding for Pupil Premium as £1,035 per pupil.

How does it work?

Check if you qualify – full details of eligibility are on the school website but include the following as a summary:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more that £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- In receipt of the 4-week run on of working tax credit

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- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Further information about free school meals can be obtained from Mrs Rushton at school or from the local authority. The contact details for the local authority are as follows:

Local authority website link: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx

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On Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It is one of the rare saint's days to displace the Sunday celebration of the Resurrection, demonstrating its importance. In the gospel on Sunday, Matthew 16:13-19, Peter is described as the rock, on which God will build his church. Christ has called us together as his own people, and he has promised that he will always be present in this Church, 'when two or three are gathered together in my name'. How do we celebrate God's presence with us today?

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh