# Painsley Catholic College

Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Throughout this week, it has been lovely to see students getting out and about as part of their studies and personal development. On Monday, members of the chaplaincy crew visited Oscott College and celebrated the annual commissioning Mass. Our Year 10 and 11 art and photography students visited Manchester and our Year 9 artists visited Peak Wildlife Park. The young engineers took part in the race day and Year 7 in their crazy careers morning, the first part of their IAG (information, advice and guidance) curriculum.

On Thursday, we celebrated the Year 7 Mass of Welcome, which was a joyful celebration and start to the religious journey of our Year 7 students. I have no doubt they felt truly welcomed by the end of the celebrations.

Throughout the college year, Year 7 and 8 parents will receive text messages giving an insight into what your son/daughter has been studying in their different subject areas. It is hoped that this will be a source of conversation regarding their learning. Additionally, every department has a curriculum statement and learning journey published on the website so that you can always be aware of what your son/daughter is studying in college. During the course of the year, we will spotlight on subjects to give you a flavour of the curriculum area and the areas of study and to enable you to engage further in your son/daughters learning. The whole college learning journey is shared below and sets out some of the milestones we would hope all students to engage with in their time at Painsley.

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Please do ensure you log in to the satchel app. Here you will find your son/daughter's timetable, attendance, homework and achievement and behaviour points. It is fantastic that in the first two weeks of school, the following achievement points have been awarded:

Year 7 - 5603

Year 8 - 5317

Year 9 - 4739

Year 10 - 4211

Year 11 - 3459

As has been shared with the students, the thresholds for rewards have altered this year in line with student voice and in order to recognise the significant achievements of so many of our students. Please see below extracts from our updated values and expectations policy, which can be viewed in full on the college website.

**Conduct Points**

Conduct points are calculated by taking the total number of achievement points, minus the total number of behaviour points. This is considered the fairest way to recognise overall pupil achievement.

| Conduct point threshold | Praise Recognition | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| **100** | • Emmaus tutor praise postcard<br>• Lunchtime queue jump pass | The Principal's breakfast will be held on specific dates throughout each term. |
| **200** | • Pastoral Lead praise postcard<br>• Toast/oatcake voucher | |
| **300** | • Cake voucher | |
| **400** | • Invitation to Principal's breakfast<br>• Entry into end of year raffle | |
| **550+** | • **£10** shopping voucher<br>• Values and expectations pupil leader badge (Satchel) | |
| **Top 25% of pupils** | • End of year reward trip | The top **25%** of pupils in each year group who receive the highest number of conduct points. Scores will be checked on the final Friday in May. |

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**The Painsley Way Award** – Termly:

Students who meet the following criteria will be placed in a prize draw every term:

| Criteria | Praise Recognition | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Students who attain the following:<br><br>**Top 15%** of all achievement points given.<br>All students **at 100%** attendance.<br>**Platinum** effort certificate.<br>➢ No **behaviour** points. | Students will be entered into a **prize draw** which will be drawn termly.<br><br>There will be a prize for each year group. | The top **15%** of pupils in each year group who receive the highest number of achievement points.<br><br>Scores will be checked on the final Friday of each term. |

**Whole College Recognition**

We celebrate the talents that God has blessed us with through a culture of success and achievement. Acknowledging good conduct encourages repetition and communicates the college values and expectations to all students.

| Recognition | Recognition |
|---|---|
| **Daily Communication** | Notification via the SatchelOne parent/student app. |
| **Emmaus Programme** | Students will be recognised during Emmaus on a Friday morning for the achievements that they have accumulated during the week and to date. This should be recognised and praised by Emmaus tutors, Pastoral Leads, and students. |
| **100% Attendance** | Students who achieve 100% attendance each **term** will be entered into an end of term raffle for a chance to win a voucher. |
| **Rewards Acts of Worship** | Reward Acts of Worship are held every half-term, where the Principal hands out certificates to students for their achievements. The certificates are categorised as follows: platinum (98%), gold (90%), silver (82%) and bronze (75%) effort. Students who achieve platinum at every effort certificate point will also be entered into an end of year raffle. |
| **Awards Evening** | Awards evening will be held in April as a celebration of the achievements of individual students. Students, along with their parents, will be formally invited if they have been nominated to receive an award in recognition of their achievements. |

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| **Extra-Curricular Achievements** | If your child has achieved something outside of college that you would like to make us aware of, please e-mail the details (and photograph, if you give permission) to: achievement@painsley.staffs.sch.uk . This will allow us to share the achievement through the most appropriate channels. |
| **Principal's Newsletter** | The Principal will write and share a weekly newsletter to share significant college events and achievements. |
| **Social Media** | Follow our Facebook page to receive regular updates on events and achievements. |

In the week ahead, Year 11 will embark on their 'planning for success' careers programme, artists will visit Pitt Rivers, Year 11 and 13 thespians will be watching 'War Horse' as part of their examined studies and English students will be visiting the theatre to see 'An Inspector Calls'. The first half of Year 8 will be visiting Ryhl as part of their geography coastal studies and all students will have the opportunity to participate in the European Day of Languages, which has been combined with the Macmillan coffee morning.

On Wednesday, 25th October, we have our Sixth Form Open Evening from 6.00 – 8.00pm. Year 11 students from Painsley and any other school are welcome to come and see all the sixth form has to offer. Please do sign up on the college website and indeed pass on to anyone else who may be interested.

In the Gospel on Sunday, Mark 9:30-37, the disciples demonstrate their lack of understanding of Jesus' mission. He reminds them of true discipleship: 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' It is a timely reminder of the need for humility in our daily lives.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh