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Dear Parent/Carer

This week began with the live streaming of the St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust launch Mass. All students and staff were able to join the celebrations as we begin a new chapter in the life of our college as part of our larger family of schools. It was a privilege for Mrs Sowter and I to accompany our Head Girl and Head Boy to the Mass and to bring back a lantern with a blessing to let our light shine.

I thank Year 11 parents and carers, who supported their sons and daughters by attending the Year 11 Curriculum Evening and Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you at this crucial junction in your child's journey. Year 11 celebrated the Guardian Angel Mass at St Giles' on Thursday. A fitting feast, given our new family of schools and the pivotal point in their college life.

The week concludes with our Harvest reflections and we thank our friends from CAFOD and the Cheadle Food Bank for sharing their time and experiences with the young people.

At **Painsley Catholic College**, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to support every student's journey. One of the best ways to stay informed is by using the **Arbor Parent App**.

The app gives you instant access to your child's:

- **Reward points**
- **Behaviour**
- **Attendance and punctuality**
- **Timetable and key school information**

We're pleased to share that **80% of our parents are already using the app** to stay up to date with their child's progress – and we'd love for every family to be connected.

How to Get Started:

1. **Check your email**
   You should have received a welcome email from Arbor with your login details. This was sent to the email address you have registered with the school.
2. **Download the Arbor App**
   - Go to the **App Store** (iPhone) or **Google Play Store** (Android)
   - Search for **'Arbor Parent Portal'** and download the app
3. **Log in using your email address**
   Use the email address registered with the school to log in. Follow the steps in the welcome email to set your password and access your account.
   If you haven't received your login details or are having any issues accessing the app, please contact your child's **Pastoral Lead**, who will be happy to assist you.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us work together to support your child at **Painsley Catholic College**.

Mr Bullock would like to thank all those parents who worked closely with him last year in driving mental health and emotional wellbeing forward in the college, through the parent change team. Mr Bullock would like to offer the invite out to parents again. If you wish to be a part of the parent change team then please contact Mr Bullock by email (djb@painsley.staffs.sch.uk). The commitment would be to attend a virtual meeting each half term. Also discussing ways in which we can celebrate the current strategies we have in place for protecting and improving mental health and emotional wellbeing and discussing ways we can develop our current provision further. Please note individual concerns around students will not be discussed at these meetings, please go through your child's Pastoral Lead should you need to.

Next week, Years 7-11 embark on their first assessment weeks. Year 7 will be visiting Dovedale as part of the Geography curriculum and taking part in a crazy careers morning as the first step in their IAG (Information Advice and Guidance) work and we will be marking World Mental Health Day in college.

In the Gospel on Sunday (Luke 17:5-10), we are reminded of the rewards of faith and to hang on to our faith, despite the challenges it may bring.

Yours sincerely

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh