Painsley Catholic College

Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

What a wonderful week we have had in college this week! Apart from the beautiful weather (although a little too hot at the beginning of the week), Year 7 have enjoyed a day at Dovedale as part of their field studies. There was a brilliant summer arts festival and exhibition on Tuesday, the rewards trip to Alton Towers on Wednesday, the Year 12 fieldwork visit to Cannock Chase and the scholars graduation programme.

Congratulations to the 8 Year 10 students who completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend and to all the Year 10 students who met me for student leader interviews this week. It was great to hear your thoughts on what we have to celebrate at Painsley and what we can reflect on and improve.

During the next academic year, Painsley will be celebrating our 60th anniversary and we will be having a very special mission week in school from 15th - 19th September. Our mission week will mark the beginning of the 60th anniversary of Painsley. A mission week is a special opportunity for the whole community to reflect on its values, celebrate its identity and renew its mission. The anniversary will be celebrated throughout the 2025-2026 academic year and especially during our whole college mass in June 2026. During the mission week, we will deepen our ongoing mission and ethos. Parents will be invited to a special event on Wednesday, 17th September. Please save the date if you can!

We move into the penultimate week of term and embrace our cultural capital week. All parents have received specific information regarding the programme for each year group. Letters have been sent out regarding each individual trip away from college. Please refer to Satchel if you need to remind yourselves of the details of each visit. We wish Year 7 going to Alton Castle a wonderful week, as we do for the Year 9 students visiting Normandy and the Year 10 students out on work experience. I have been very impressed with the fabulous placements that many of the students have managed to secure and I am sure it will be an invaluable experience for them.

Next week, we will be welcoming our Year 6 pupils who will be joining Year 7 in September. We look forward to welcoming the pupils into the Painsley Way in advance of the new intake parents' evening on Monday, 14th July.

In the final week of term, we will celebrate our rewards assemblies. Year 10 geographers will be spending the week in Cornwall, Year 9 will take part in a Vocations day and we will conclude the term with a non-uniform day on Friday (18th July) with a £2 donation to Fr Hudson's Caritas. Please ensure students bring the cash to school on Friday if they want to participate. Normal hair and jewellery expectations apply.

Please do keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages over the coming weeks as we share with you all that is taking place. Our final newsletter of the year will be sent to you in the last week of term and will contain invaluable information from this term and for the start of the academic year. As always, key information is on the website should you need it.

In the gospel on Sunday Luke 10:1-12, 17-20, we hear of the disciple mission in action and we are reminded of our mission to go out and spread the good news in all that we say and do.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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