# Painsley Catholic College

Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we continue our journey together through Advent, our prayer corners have all been turned to purple and we continue to journey through the scriptures in our daily acts of worship, Emmaus prayers and liturgical opportunities. There will be the opportunity for students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our penitential services on Friday, the sixth form will participate in their annual carol service, Year 8 will celebrate their Advent Mass at St Giles' and Year 11 will participate in their retreat morning, including the celebration of Holy Mass. Staff are participating in a Posada, where the Holy Family journeys among the staff and their families to share in the journey of Mary and Joseph. In solidarity for the Common Good, all our Emmaus groups continue their fundraising for their chosen CAFOD world gift and the staff are contributing to a Diocesan collection for Fr Hudson's, our Diocesan charity which cares for the most vulnerable members of our society.

In the week ahead, we also welcome the 'Friends of Painsley' to the annual Christmas party and we will be holding our annual Christmas supper and concert, which will include the drawing of the PTA raffle. Annual raffle tickets have been sent home with all students for the PTA Christmas draw. The PTA is a small but important part of our college community, having supported projects including the college minibus, lockers for students and subsidising cultural capital opportunities. Please can I encourage all families to sell what they can and return the counterfoils and money to Painsley's finance department. Please also return any unsold tickets, as these can be re-distributed. Should any student/family require further tickets, these are available via our reception.

I would encourage you all to complete the annual parent survey. The link to the survey was e-mailed to you all last week and the deadline for completion is 13th December. We really appreciate your feedback and include your comments in our continuous evaluation and development as a college family.

On the final day of term, Friday 20th December, we will be holding our annual talent shows. Students are invited to wear non-uniform and even a Christmas jumper (should they wish to). There will be a charge of £1 to participate in the non-uniform day and to gain entry to the talent show. This will be added to the students' fundraising for CAFOD. Students are requested to bring £1 in cash, which will be collected as they enter the talent show. Hair, jewellery and make-up rules still apply.

In the week ahead, our Year 7 and 8 students will participate in the 'Loudmouth' antibullying presentation and all students will be participating in personal development. Half of Year 7 will be visiting the National Space Centre as part of their science enrichment and Year 11 will participate in a careers ready workshop. Year 12 and 13 drama students will be taking part in a London residential and Year 11 geography students, who were unable to visit Salford Quays due to the weather, will do so this coming week.

In our Gospel on Sunday (Luke 3:1-6), John the Baptist reminds us "A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord; make his paths straight…And all mankind shall see the salvation of God."
What changes and preparations do we need to make in our own lives to prepare for the coming of Christ?

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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