Painsley Catholic College

Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a restful and relaxing break. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this very challenging weather week. Please be assured we have shared your frustrations when buses have not been able to operate as they should. I thank the site team in school for their endless efforts to ensure the site has been accessible and safe for the students and staff.

This term, we are focusing on family, community and participation as our Catholic social teaching. This week in Acts of Worship, we have been reflecting on the importance of playing our part in our college family, especially in this Jubilee Year and having the confidence and self-belief to do so. I have to say a huge thank you to all the students, and to you as parents, for supporting our fundraising and social action during Advent. I am delighted to share with you that the Painsley staff and students have raised in excess of £5,000 for CAFOD.

Thank you to all who have supported your sons and daughters by addressing any uniform needs over the Christmas break. We have reminded the students of some of our expectations this week and will continue to do so throughout the term. We will be specifically focusing on why we uphold our expectations in light of our commitment for exceptional communication. I kindly request your support in upholding our expectations as part of The Painsley Way, notably:

- Uniform – Please ensure skirts are not modified and worn to the knee, make-up is not worn to school (including false nails or eyelashes), haircuts should be no shorter than a grade 3 and there should be no bleaching and dying of hair and shoes should be just that and not trainers.
- Coats – In this cold spell, I would ask that all students wear a coat to school and when moving between buildings. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not part of the uniform expectations and are not sufficient to keep students warm and dry. Students will be expected to remove their coats as they enter the college building.
- Attendance – All students have a personal target of 97%, the satchel app will allow you access to your child's attendance at all times. As both a national and school priority, we will be in regular communication with you should attendance not be at the expected standard, in accordance with the policy (this can be found on the college website). As I reminder, I am not permitted to authorise holidays in term time. Should term time absence need to be requested, please complete the form available from reception and bring it in personally to meet with a member of the Leadership Group. As a reminder, any unavoidable absence should be reported as soon as possible by telephoning reception.
- Punctuality – In line with the revised college day, students should be on site at 8:35am for an 8:40am prompt start. We have seen an increase in students who walk to school arriving beyond these times. Any student arriving past 8:40am must sign in at reception so we know that they are on site.

Thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey prior to the Christmas break. As a college family, we are looking at all the data and comments and will respond in due course. I particularly thank the parents who have personalised comments and we will contact you to further explore your thoughts and views to support the work of the

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school. If your comments were left anonymously but you would like to help us understand your views, please do not hesitate to contact reception and the most appropriate personnel will get back to you.

On Tuesday in personal development, we explored elements of the RSHE programme. As a reminder, the RSHE programme is documented on the website for your information.

On Friday and Monday, we will be meeting with all Year 11 students to discuss their most recent mock results and plans for the future. Next week, we have Year 10 parents' evening (letters have been sent separately). I would kindly ask all Year 10 students to be represented on Thursday evening, as it is a crucial opportunity to meet with pastoral and academic staff and discuss individual progress and attainment.

All students will begin to receive their data reports. Should you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Lead. There are a number of BTEC and A Level examinations scheduled for next week and we wish the students involved all the very best.

In the Gospel on Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord (Luke 3:15-16. 21-22), we are reminded that God speaks to Jesus saying "You are my son, the beloved; my favour rests on you". God says that to each of us at our won baptism and each and every day.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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