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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of an incredibly busy half-term, I thank all the students for their dedication and commitment to college life. It has been a half-term where we have seen great sporting success, public speaking, chess tournaments, maths challenges and students succeeding in D of E expeditions. Year 7 and 8 completed the Parable of the Talents fundraising and have raised in excess of £4,000 for Lourdes and Lent charities by using their God-given talents. Our Year 10 and 12 students are preparing to support the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We are incredibly proud of the efforts and determination of our Year 11 and 13 students, who are a good way through their public examinations. There are a number of revision sessions on offer throughout half-term, please refer to the timetable. We are also very grateful to all other students, who have recognised the importance for Year 11 and 13 and supported them by being respectful of the systems put in place to support them through this challenging time.

Year 10 and 12 have received information and guidance on applying for the roles of student leader and student directors respectively. I encourage all Year 10 and 12 students to consider this opportunity and to respond by the deadline provided. It is a great opportunity to enhance leadership skills.

As we approach the final half-term of the academic year, I would like to remind you of our expectations regarding the college uniform, as set out on the college website. This has been shared very recently.

As a reminder, our college uniform is important for the following reasons:

Equality and unity: Our uniform promotes a sense of equality among students. By wearing the same attire, students from different backgrounds are on an equal footing. It fosters a sense of belonging among students.

Discipline and focus: Uniform helps to support our sense of discipline and order within the school environment. It can lead to improved concentration and allow our students to flourish.

Reduced bullying and peer pressure: Uniform helps to mitigate bullying and peer pressure and encourages students to be judged on their character and abilities rather than their appearance.

Safety and security: Our uniform enhances safety and security within the college site and helps to distinguish Painsley students from other schools during field trips and events, ensuring better supervision.

School identity and pride: Our Painsley Catholic College uniform contributes to a sense of identity and pride. It creates a visual representation of our college and its values.

It is the expectation of all students at Painsley Catholic College that our college uniform is worn appropriately **at all times**. This includes travelling to school and home from school, in addition to attending any out of hours events.

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I am sure you all appreciate the importance of maintaining our high standards and expectations, both within the classroom and beyond. Your support in ensuring our standards and expectations are met is instrumental to our daily work.

In the Gospel on Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost (John 20:19-23) and we are challenged to recognise that forgiveness is the only path to peace.

Wishing you a wonderful bank holiday weekend and half-term break. We look forward to welcoming back all our students on Monday, 1st June.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs Waugh