

10th January 2025

Dear Families

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. On Friday and Monday we enjoyed two staff training days. On Friday Departments worked together on curriculum development. On Monday we devoted the day to the development of pastoral care and we learned about Trauma Informed Practice which was extremely informative and will help us to provide the right care for our most vulnerable children. On Tuesday morning it was lovely to welcome children back to school and there were lots of smiling faces as they came through the gates even though it was a bit cold!

On Thursday evening the Governors' Admissions and Safeguarding Committee met. Today, all of our Subject Leaders attended a Middle Leader conference. The focus was on planning and development for the next academic year – we like to be organised at St. Paul's! Our Pastoral Middle Leaders will be doing a similar thing in two weeks' time. Tomorrow, we have students from across year groups and five staff travelling to Italy for a week of skiing. I hope the conditions are perfect for them and that they all have a fabulous time.

Next week is very busy at St. Paul's. On Monday, our RE Department are hosting a St. Vincent de Paul Society engagement day with some of the Catholic secondary schools in our Diocese. The theme will be on Pilgrims of Hope as we begin the Jubilee Year, dedicated by Pope Francis. Father Emmanuel will be joining us to say Mass. I am very much looking forward to joining part of the day. Also, next week, I will be meeting with each subject leader for Raising Standards Meetings in response to PC1 Data. I am looking forward to reviewing the progress being made by each year group in each subject. On Monday evening the Governors' Curriculum and Teaching committee are meeting together. On Tuesday evening there is a meeting of our PTA. All parents are welcome to attend at 6pm. On Wednesday there is a Year 11 parents' information evening at 6pm in the MGR and on Thursday Year 11 and 12 parents can book remote mentoring appointments.

Please review our website for the clubs and activities on offer this term.

I'd like to start the term with a reminder about checking ClassCharts regularly. If you need support to access ClassCharts then please contact ClassCharts@st-pauls.org.uk. ClassCharts provides access to children's homework and allows families to see live updates of all the good choices your children are making in their learning each day. We are really happy that the majority of students are achieving a behaviour ratio over 95% (this means 19+ out of every 20 points awarded are green). Should children ever be issued a lunchtime or after school detention, families will be made aware through ClassCharts.

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Thank you to the vast majority of families and children who make every effort to attend school punctually each day. The first bell goes at 08:47am and students are expected to be in school no later than 08:50am. When students arrive to school after 08:50am they are late to school and are registered as they enter school at the pupil gate or main reception. Having listened to recent feedback from students and families, school has reviewed the process for issuing detentions arising when students are late to school. The following will apply and will 'reset' every half term:

- First time late to school in a half term – logged on ClassCharts as a red point
- Second time late to school in a half term – logged on ClassCharts as a red point
- Third time late to school in a half term - logged on ClassCharts as a red point, lunchtime detention issued
- Fourth time late to school in a half term – logged ClassCharts as a red point, lunchtime detention issued
- Fifth time late to school in a half term - logged ClassCharts as a red point, afterschool detention issued
- Subsequent lateness to school during the half term will result in a red point on ClassCharts and an after school detention

Thank you for your continued support with this.

In the current cold winter months, it is important that our students continue to get the support and experience that they need in Horticulture and Land Based Studies. At the moment, we are searching for a shed that would be able to house our equipment more securely, so if anybody has a second hand shed that they are looking to replace and might like to donate it to the school, please email enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk. We are more than happy to come and collect it.

Finally, we have the excellent news that St Paul's has been selected as an official ambassador centre for design and technology for OCR. This is an important accreditation that we are incredibly proud to receive. This recognition is only given out to certain centres in the country. We were selected due to the excellent delivery of the variety of courses we offer students. This is particularly prevalent due to all students at St Paul's undertaking GCSE D&T/Cambridge Nationals in Engineering. Congratulations to the whole department. Mrs Martin, our Fashion and Textiles teacher, has written a blog for OCR about A level Fashion and Textiles which you can read [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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