

14th February 2025

Dear Families

Half term is upon us and we are ready for some well-earned rest (or revision time if you are in Year 11 or 13!). I am delighted to let you know that the Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet elections have concluded. We had a fantastic turnout with over 1500 ballots cast. Congratulations to Remi Wataha in Year 8 and to Rosa Scott in Year 11 who have been elected. They will be excellent representatives. On Wednesday, Mr Abakah-Phillips took Oliver and Adrian from Year 12 to a Catenians Public Speaking Competition. On Wednesday and Thursday evening our excellent production of *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time* was presented on stage. I saw it on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed watching our talented performers. Thank you to everyone involved in putting on the production! On Thursday evening Year 7 enjoyed a Valentine's disco run by those students raising money to go to Peru. All week we have been promoting apprenticeships with our students as an alternative pathway post 16 or post 18. This was part of National Apprenticeship week.

Our Year 10 basketball team won a very hard-fought fixture against Denbigh by 56-35. The team played with great spirit and determination and was able to overcome the odds and get the win.

Following the success of the recent Youth SVP Conference we held in January an article has been published on Northampton Diocese's website and you can read it [here](#).

We return after half term on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. That week Year 11 students begin their Sixth Form interviews when subject choices and future destination will be discussed. Year 8 students will also have their options interviews in the next few weeks. Parents will be receiving the latest progress check for their child, so please do get in touch with your child's mentor or form tutor if you have any questions. Year 10 students will be going on retreat to Kintbury on Monday. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, our talented musicians will be performing a music showcase. There will be something for everyone with classical music, pop songs from shows, singers and a variety of instruments! All are welcome to join us. On Wednesday there is a Year 10 parents' information evening. Year 12 Mathematicians will enjoy a Maths Fest event on Thursday. That evening, there is a Year 13 parents' information evening.

Please can I ask that all parents reinforce the message that no hot drinks should be brought into school by pupils. We are experiencing several children who are bringing them in the morning. This is for health and safety reasons. Please can I also ask parents to ensure that their children return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February with their blazer, lanyard, equipment and student handbooks. Thank you for your support with this.

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Finally, I wanted to share with you some excellent news. The DFE performance tables were updated yesterday with Progress figures for A Level Courses from last Summer. St. Paul's has achieved the highest progress figures in the city for A Level examinations sat last Summer. I am delighted by these results and wish to congratulate all involved.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term and thank you all for your continued support this half term.

Yours sincerely



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