

19th July 2024

Dear Families

As we end this academic year I only have a few updates for you today. This week has been full of activities for a wide range of children. On Monday, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh went on Expedition until Wednesday. They got very wet! I was very grateful to Mrs Albone who stepped in at the last minute to camp overnight and in her last week at school. If she hadn't volunteered, then I would have had to do it and I am not a natural camper! Also on Monday, Gold D of E students went to the Lake District for the week. I think the weather this half of the week has been much better! Year 8 students enjoyed a praise BBQ on Monday in the rain, our student council worked with council members from our Catholic primary schools on Wednesday and accelerated reader prize winners enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see The Wizard of Oz. On Wednesday evening there was a meeting of the Full Governing Board. Yesterday, students went to Trent Bridge in Nottingham to watch cricket between England and the West Indies.

Our Careers team would like to highlight a couple of websites that will help students make the right choices for their future after Sixth Form. You can find them [here](#) and [here](#).

We received a lovely letter from MK Community Foundation thanking us for our recent donation of £1000 which will be allocated to their 'Next Generation Fund' which supports young people in returning to work or education, bridging the gap caused by the pandemic. The money was raised from our Pentecost term non uniform days.

Congratulations to William Thomas in Year 13 who has passed his Trinity Cornet Grade 7 exam with 72 marks.

Today has been spent saying goodbye to staff who are leaving and we have enjoyed the sunshine that has finally arrived. It finally feels like Summer! Staff will be in school on results days for both Sixth Form and GCSE results. I look forward to welcoming students back to school to receive their results and to discuss their next steps.

The MK Police Cadet unit is re-opening and open for applications! TVP's Cadets scheme gives young people an opportunity to develop their qualities and skills through a structured programme, enhancing the relationship between the public and the Police. Applications are welcome from young people aged 13-17 years old who have a desire to support their local communities and gain a practical understanding of Policing. Please visit <https://orlo.uk/MXfXF> for details on how to apply. The MK Cadet information evening is being held on the 25th July at 18.30. For details on this and to book a place, please email MKSouthNeighbourhoodCluster@thamesvalley.police.uk

Headteacher:
Jo-Anne Hoarty

St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive
Leadenhall
Milton Keynes
MK6 5EN

Telephone
01908 669 735

Email
enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk

Web
www.st-pauls.org.uk



Our last community spotlight shines on two brilliant initiatives, the first being the 5 on it Foundation, a charity very close to our hearts. The 5 On It Foundation provides life-altering programmes using professional role models in sport and music to deliver a range of engaging activities in team sports and creative arts. Each programme is designed to convey a range of positive health and lifestyle messages to educate young people within the local community and help them build a better future. The Foundation strives to establish credible relationships with all young people including those at risk from gangs or domestic violence. One of the fantastic programmes on this Summer is the [Hangout Games](#), free sports activity sessions that will take place at St Paul's. Have a look at their website (<https://5onit.co.uk/>) to find out more about all of the amazing opportunities on offer.

Our final community spotlight is on MK Storehouse: <https://www.mkstorehouse.org/> which was setup by the [Grand Union Vineyard Church](#) and has been supported by funding from [MK Community Foundation](#). They work to support families across MK with clothing based on referrals. In addition to this, every year they hold a free uniform recycle event during the summer holidays which is open to all and no referrals are needed. During the last event, they provided basic uniform items for over **400** Milton Keynes children. Their wish is to see no family worried that they cannot afford uniforms. This year the Uniform event takes place between the 12th and 17th August, they can be found at 5 Hollin Lane, Stacey Bushes, MK12 6HT.

Some teachers may have set homework for pupils in some year groups, for completion early in September. To ensure that you and your child can see this on ClassCharts, please check that the custom date range at the top of the homework page, is set to include the first few weeks of September.

Thank you all for your love, care and support this year. It has been an excellent year and we have achieved a great deal together for the good of your children. I hope that you all have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming your children back for the new academic year on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely



Jo-Anne Hoarty
Headteacher

Headteacher:
Jo-Anne Hoarty

St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive
Leadenhall
Milton Keynes
MK6 5EN

Telephone
01908 669 735

Email
enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk

Web
www.st-pauls.org.uk

