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20th September 2024

Dear Families

Year 7 are settling into St. Paul's incredibly well. They behaved impeccably during their CATs tests this week and Days of Recollection are also going well. Lots of them have been to see me for their Headteacher award for receiving 60 points in a week. Please encourage your child to come to collect their certificate and this is open to all year groups. I have also been impressed with our new Year 12 students, especially in their response to our big push on the amount of independent study that they should be completing outside of lessons. We are expecting five hours per subject per week and they are certainly rising to this challenge so far! The Sixth Form team have been busy completing UCAS references for our early entrants – these are students applying for either Oxford or Cambridge or to study Medicine. Year 12 students went to the University of Buckingham on Wednesday for a 'Lawfest'.

Governors were in school on Thursday for a training session run by Mrs Eastwood on how to monitor and evaluate the Catholic Life of our school.

There are lots of events happening next week at St. Paul's. Years 7s continue with their Days of Recollection. Year 10 have the opportunity to attend a workshop led by the Army on Tuesday. On Wednesday Year 12 Drama students are off to the Globe to see The Comedy of Errors (I've seen it and it's excellent). Live theatre for our Drama students is essential for their success at both GCSE and A level and we try to offer as many opportunities as we possibly can.

On Wednesday evening I am looking forward to welcoming students and their families to our KS3 Awards evening. It will be lovely to recognise their hard work and successes. Finally, on Thursday evening school will be a hive of activity with Mentoring appointments for Years 8 to 13 and a 'Meet The Tutor' evening for Year 7. Please do book appointments via school cloud so that you can work in partnership with staff to support your child. Please also remember that you are welcome to contact subject teachers at any point during the year, preferably through email, so that we can address issues as they arrive rather than waiting for mentoring evenings.

If your child travels home on a bus, please do consider purchasing an All in One Card. Further information can be found here. This will save you a considerable amount of money on each journey. A single journey without an All in One card is £2.50 but with one is £1.20. Cards must be shown on the journey to get the reduced charge.











Pease consider standing as a parent Governor and serving our community in this important role. Further information can be found here. The deadline for nominations is Friday 27th September at 9am.

Congratulations to all those who represented the school so well in sporting fixtures this week. Year 11 lost 3-2 to Denbigh. Two highlights were Elijah Daniel-Haughton and Franek Swiatek-Brzezinski who both played their first games for the school and won a penalty each. These were converted by Angelo Wali.

Year 10 won 10-0 against Denbigh. Well done to Luis Ribeiro for scoring five goals. Year 9 won 4-1 against MK Academy. There was a great strike from Gabriel Appiah for one of our goals, along with a solid performance from debutant Denzel Davidson

Year 8 won 7-0 against MK Academy – well done to Mario Pozzuto for scoring a hat trick and to Josh Kizenga for being Man of the Match. Year 7 won 9-0 in their first ever game for the school against MK Academy, congratulations to Xavier Oluwajomiloju for scoring five goals.

Thank you, too, to students who led the primary football tournament on Wednesday after school. Mrs Eastwood went along and said our students demonstrated excellent leadership throughout.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Jo-Anne Hoarty Headteacher









