



July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this unusual and unprecedented year, it is time to pause to reflect. Little did I know my first year at St Paul's and in Headship would be so memorable! I remind myself of the many praise points, subject badges and Principal's Pens awarded, the students who were excelling in classes, college and on alternative provision. We must remember that the last 6 months have been a challenge but that resilience and determination have shone through. I am sure there were many times as parent and child that you thought the end of term would never come but here we are!

As is the tradition, we start by saying goodbye to some staff who leave us:

- Mr Smith who has relocated after spending this school year as a Cover Supervisor
- Mrs Walker who is retiring after 28 years here at St Paul's! An incredible achievement!
- Miss Martinez who has secured another teaching role at Robert Smythe
- Mr Daghish who is also retiring after a long career teaching MFL
- Mr Browning who is relocating after working at St Paul's for the last 2 years in our Humanities Dept
- Mr Readhead who has worked with the school for many years supporting and advising our young people on the next stages of their post school life.

We also say goodbye and heartfelt thanks to Laura O'Brien who steps down from her role as Chair of Governors after 20 years. St Paul's has been greatly blessed and enriched by her contribution as a Governor and Chair of Governors; we wish Laura the very best as she goes on to support the Bishop and the Diocese in a different capacity.

As staff leave, others join and we are pleased to welcome the following to the St Paul's family:

- Miss Morjaria - Teacher of Science
- Miss Tinson-Shaw – Teacher of Humanities
- Mrs Ankle - Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Bond – Teacher of MFL
- Mrs Pancholi Pepper - Teacher of English
- Miss Clarke – Teacher of PE
- Mr Loakes – Operations Manager
- Mrs McDonagh – Careers Advisor
- Miss Carlisle – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Godber – Receptionist

As we turn our minds to planning for the next academic year, I would like to draw your attention to a few things:

#### Uniform

All uniform must be worn correctly with care and pride at all times including travel to and from home.

\* Black school blazer with school badge

White shirt buttoned fully to the neck with a school tie

Black school uniform trousers **OR** \* St Paul's black school skirt (knee length)

**NO SKINNY TROUSERS, JEANS OR LEGGINGS.**

Optional plain black v-necked jumper or cardigan. Not to be worn in place of blazer

Black or white socks, black or skin tights

Shoes should be all black without logos. **NO BOOTS.**

### PE Kit

- Black leggings (Girls only)
- \* Black Fleece (Girls)
- \* PE Fitness Top (All)
- \* Multi Sports Top (Boys)
- Black shorts (Boys)
- Trainers
- Football boots (Boys and Girls)
- Shin Pads (Boys and Girls)
- Gum Shield
- Water bottle

All uniform with a \* can only be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions, 64 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5DH - Telephone 216 0665

Please make an appointment via their website - [www.schoolwearsolutions.com](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com)

### School Transport

We are delighted to announce that from August 2020, Ausden Clark are the approved transport provider for St Paul's. Full details of the routes and prices can be found via [www.ausdenclark.co.uk](http://www.ausdenclark.co.uk).

Parents are politely reminded that you are not allowed to drive down the school drive at the beginning and end of the school day. If you do travel by car, please drop your child at one of the adjoining side roads so they may walk the remainder of the way to school.

### Bikes

Students are encouraged to cycle to school. There is a bike shed at school but pupils should bring in a secure lock for their bike. Students cycling to school **must** wear a cycle helmet. All cyclists must dismount and wheel their bicycles on site.

### Behaviour

We launch our new Choice-Chance-Consequence Behaviour system in September with all year groups. I will share a presentation with you at the Information Evenings throughout September. These will be delivered remotely because of COVID guidance. The new system will involve C1-C5 consequence points, a whole school after school detention system and a new Isolation Room known as The Zacchaeus Room.

Whilst we feel the new behaviour system is fair and necessary we also appreciate our students will return to us needing support emotionally and academically. We have been planning our recovery curriculum entitled "Build Back Better" and please rest assured whatever need your child may have, as a result of this long absence from school, we will be there to support them.

I will share details of our "Build Back Better" recovery plans with you at the Information Evenings.

### Results Days

13 August A level Results Day - Year 13 should call to make an appointment for advice/support following their results

20<sup>th</sup> August – GCSE Results Day - Year 11 should call for a Sixth Form enrolment meeting appointment.

Both year groups can also call to request a careers appointment.

Results will be emailed and available on Go4Schools – details in last week's letter.

### Chapel Update

The builders have been in school - socially distanced – and have made great progress on the construction of the new Chapel. We are confident this will be up and running for the start of the Advent term!



### Returning to School

We will start to get students back into school and into their new year groups gradually between 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September. Students therefore will return on the following dates:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Years 7 & 12

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Years 8 & 11

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Years 10 & 13

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Year 9

Once students return to school, they should attend every day.

Years 12 & 13 will not be required to attend on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September in order that we can fully induct Year 9, our biggest year group. Year 12 & 13 will be given work to complete at home on this day.

**ALL students will be in school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Further details will follow in August.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you as parent and carers for your support of the staff and the school. The partnership only works if we all support each other. Myself and the staff wish you all a very restful summer I believe that 'Staycations' are the trend! Please enjoy the break from on line learning and computer screens.

Best wishes

Mrs S Conaghan  
Principal

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.