



7 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you well. We find ourselves in the midst of celebrations at St Paul's as we welcome Year 10 back from a very successful WoW week. We have received many emails from employers and other professionals complementing our students on their behaviour, manners and approach to work. There are lots of lovely photos on our website, Twitter and Instagram if you would like to take a look. My thanks to Mrs McDonagh, Ms Warrilow, Mr Morbey, Ms Grudgings, the Year 10 tutors and all the staff who accompanied Year 10. Our work-related learning across all years is a very important part of our curriculum.

We have also had the great joy of celebrating Awards Evenings for Years 7 – 10. 40 students from each year group were sent Golden Tickets following nominations from all subjects and pastoral staff. It was lovely to be able to have parents back in school like this and there will be more opportunities to see you all in school next year. Well done to all the Golden Ticket winners. There are more certificates and awards on Thursday morning in our Achievement assemblies.

Activities Day was also a huge success, we are so proud of our very 'sporty' students who win lots of city and county tournaments but for us but Activities Day allows lots of other students to take part in fun events for their Houses. The winning House this year is 'L'. Thanks to the P.E. department for all the tournaments, competitions and various events they have run this year.

Fundraising

As you know we enjoy fundraising here at St Paul's and despite the limited opportunities to run events this year, we have raised £4,000 for various charities. I will be in touch early next year to tell you about our next whole school fundraising project following the very successful completion of the Stained-Glass Window project. The window was fitted a few weeks ago and now completes our School Chapel.



Exams

Well done to Years 11 and 13 who did get to sit their GCSE and 'A' Level exams. Both year groups have never sat public examinations and we were so proud of how they approached revision and the actual examinations. All exams finished at the end of June and we were able to celebrate with them at their proms.

Results days are Thursday 18 August for 'A' Levels and Thursday 25 August for GCSEs. Both sets of results will be available on G4S by 8.00am on the relevant mornings. Sixth form interviews start from 8.30am on 25th August and Mrs McDonagh will be available for those needing careers/course/college advice.

As a reminder, we are moving to Arbor from August for attendance, behaviour points, detentions and parent comms. Please ensure you have downloaded the app in readiness. It is available from the App Store or Google Play Store for Android 5.0 or iOS 10.0 and upwards. Please also ask your child to download the app also and then share your login with your child to ensure they can see their behaviour points, detentions and attendance. Assessment will move over in January and in the meantime all assessment data including tracking sits in G4S.

Support for families

Pre-loved uniform

We have been delighted with the amount of preloved uniform donated to the school. Many parents both new and existing have benefitted from this. Please continue to donate any unwanted uniform that is in good condition. We are especially grateful for blazers, school skirts and PE kit.

Food bank

We will be running a food bank in school over the Summer holiday for our families on the following days:

- Thursday 28th July - 10.30am – 12pm
- Friday 29th July - 10.30am – 12pm
- Thursday 11th August - 10.30am – 12pm
- Friday 12th August - 10.30am – 12pm
- Wednesday 18th August - 10.30am – 12pm
- Friday 19th August 10.30am – 12pm

Products available include rice, pasta, sauce, tinned goods, toiletries, toilet roll and feminine hygiene products and many more. If you do need items please come in; we'd love to help. Bring a Bag!

We have been overwhelmed by the donations received from staff and I thank them for their support.

Primary Link events

We were delighted to have Year 5 children from all our feeder primaries with us this term. They experienced taster lessons in Science, Technology including Art, Design and Food as well as Drama and French. Year 6 also joined us for their Induction Day and they got to know their new form class and tutors, our school structures and got to taste our lovely school meals in Lydia's Restaurant!

We look forward to welcoming all our Year 5 and Year 6 children and their families to our Open Evening on Wednesday 21st September. The evening is also open to all Year 6 children across the city and county who are considering the choices for Year 7 in August 2023. The deadline for applications to both the Local Authority and St Paul's will be 31 October.

School buses

Our school bus provider from the Advent Term will be Beaver Bus. There has been significant negotiation between the Trust and a number of companies over the last few months with bus fares quoted as high as £1200 for the next academic year. After considerable negotiation, the annual bus fare will be £695.

Beaver Bus will be managing the whole service and are currently looking at our routes and timetables. **Please ensure that you have booked a seat on the school bus by 1st August.** Full details can be found here <https://beaver-bus.co.uk/school-buses/>

Staffing

As always at the end of a school year we say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving for various reasons. This year we bid farewell to Mrs Nott who is retiring. However, she will continue to be in school 2 days a week next year tutoring and supporting in Science.

Miss Weatherhog – Head of English at Gartree High School

Mrs Grundy –KS4 lead at Ashlawn School in Rugby

Mr Gold – Head of Computer Science at Dixie Grammar School

Mrs Howes – Teacher of Technology at New College

Mr Brafield – Starting his Masters

Mr Natividad – going back to finish his final year at university

Mr Bray – further study

Mrs Shakespeare steps down as Head of the Science Faculty but stays with us as teacher of Science and will be doing some science work with our primaries and the Trust. Mrs Seaward will be interim Head of Science whilst the Head of Faculty job is advertised during the Advent term.

We thank all of our colleagues for their wonderful service to St Paul's over the years and wish them all the best.

Joining us in the new year will be:

Mr Miskelly – Assistant Principal. Mr Miskelly joins us from Soar Valley and will lead on Data, tracking, exams and assessment. Mr Miskelly has many years of experience leading on Creative Arts and we are delighted that he joins the Senior Team.

Ms Bell – Teacher of English

Mr Savage – Senior Mental Health Lead

Other appointments starting in August include:

Mrs Uphadya – Head of English Faculty (returning from maternity leave)

Miss Grudgings – Head of Year 10

Miss Wood and Mrs Ankle – Assistant Heads of Year 11

Miss Cunningham – Assistant Head of Year 7

Mrs Pancholi Pepper – Lead Teacher for Literacy

Mrs Chavda returns as teacher of Science and to work with the Year 7 team and myself on transition and recruitment and this week we welcomed back Ms Jesa to Maths from maternity leave.

Household Support fund

We have submitted all the referrals received by the school deadline for the Household Support Fund. To date, 1,604 applications have been sent in by schools, which accounts for 48% of all applications received.

Over the summer, families will only be able to access the fund by being referred from one of the following council teams: social workers, neighbourhood housing officers, housing related support workers and income management officers. Full details can be found at: leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund. Applications close 4 September.

Governors

We thank Mr O'Malley for being Chair of Governors this year and as he steps down we congratulate Mrs Fiona Harris and Mrs Terri Warzynski on their appointment as Co-Chairs and we welcome Martin Fitzwilliam as our new Foundation Governor.

Key Dates

Friday 26th August – School opens for Year 7 and Year 12 **ONLY. (Packed lunches required for new Year 7. Lunch will be provided for new Year 12)**

Tuesday 30th August - School opens for all years

Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October – Half Term

Friday 18th November - School closed to all students for CMAT Inset Day

Wishing you a restful Summer and thank you all for supporting us this year.



Mrs S Conaghan
Principal

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.