



14 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has been incredibly busy and has flown by; I hope you are all well.

We have had a great many lovely events this half term including our Information Evenings for all year groups, Open Evenings for Year 7 and Year 12, Diversity Week, Macmillan Coffee Morning and 2 themed non uniform days not to mention Roald Dahl day, various trips and huge successes in sport. We have raised £528 for Macmillan and £300 for CAFOD.

You can keep up to date with all our news via:

- Website – [www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk)
- Twitter - @StpaulsLeic
- Instagram – [www.instagram.com/stpaulsleicester](http://www.instagram.com/stpaulsleicester)

Students have been working hard this half term and most are completing their first half term assessments; you will be able to see these on Go4Schools. If you are a Year 9 parent, please do not panic if you see low grades. Our Year 9's have started their GCSE's and the grading reflects the start of their journey. Year 9 have also been set 'Minimum Expected Grades'. These are an indication of the minimum we expect students to achieve compared to similar groups of students nationally. Our Year 9 students did not sit SAT's so these minimum expected grades are based on KS1 SAT's and formulated by the Fisher Family Trust (FFT). We have the ability to adjust minimum expected grades should we feel we need to change them.

Year 12 target grades have not yet come through from FFT; they will be on G4S as soon as we get them.

Mr Miskelly will write separately to those of you with children in Year 7 & 8.

### **School buses**

I was pleased that the issues with our school buses have settled down and students are arriving to school in plenty of time. Pick up times are consistently 3.35pm – 3.55pm and students are encouraged to go to either the library or Room 108 to get some homework done before their bus arrives. Mr Lockyer will be in touch after half term with the view to getting your thoughts on school transport options for the next academic year.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school in uniform. We appreciate the cost of uniform so we do try and limit the number of branded items we have. If you do need items of uniform during this school year please do contact us. We hold a number of blazers and PE kit in our preloved shop. Also, if you have any uniform that no longer fits your child, we are always grateful to receive donations of blazers, school skirts, ties and PE kit.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals the daily allowance is £2.40. This entitles your child to any hot meal/sandwich/wrap/pasta pot and a drink. Students are unable to use their free school meal allowance to buy crisps, cookies and snacks. If they wish to purchase any of these additional items, parents are required to top up their child's account via ParentPay.

### **ParentPay**

After half term we will no longer be accepting cash in the school office to top up student accounts. All payments for school items including lockers, gum shields revision guides and lanyards should be made via ParentPay. If you need any help setting up ParentPay, please contact the school office.

### **Menphys Carol Concert**

We are delighted to be invited to take part in this year's Catholic Schools Carol Concert in support of Menphys at the De Montfort Hall. Our school choir has joined English Martyrs' choir and will perform together. They are all working incredibly hard on their performance and we would be thrilled if parents could come along and support them. The concert takes place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.15pm and tickets can be purchased directly from the De Montfort Hall.

<https://www.demontforhall.co.uk/event/catholic-schools-carol-concert/>

### **Staffing Changes**

This half term we are sorry to be saying goodbye to the following staff:

- Mrs Wilkinson, Office Manager – who is retiring from St Paul's after 21 years
- Mrs Jules, Pastoral Support Officer – who is leaving us after 7 years to relocate with her family to Cornwall
- Mr Alves, IT support – who after 9 years is leaving us for Loughborough College
- Mrs Has, Science Technician who is joining Beauchamp City 6<sup>th</sup> Form in November after 12 years here

We wish them well and thank them for their support of our staff and students during their time with us.

### **Governors**

We are delighted to welcome 2 new governors to our Governing Body:

Martin Fitzwilliam – many of you may know him from his time as Headteacher at Christ the King and then briefly as Headteacher at St Thomas More. More recently Martin has worked at the Trust and brings a wealth of knowledge to our Governing Body.

Fr David Cain – Fr David has replaced Fr Lally as Parish Priest at Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary and joins our Governing Body as a Foundation Governor

Mrs Fiona Harris and Mrs Terri Warzynski are our Joint Chair of Governors this year.

### **Minibus Driver**

We have successfully secured a school minibus which we will be using for school trips and, for this academic year, as school transport for students living out in the villages.

If anyone would be interested or you know of anyone who might be interested in helping us with a driver for the school transport routes, full details are available on our school website - <https://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk/vacancies/>

### **Lockers**

We have a small number of lockers still available should you wish to purchase one. The cost is £20 and can be paid via ParentPay. Lockers will be allocated on a first come first served basis and are available to all year groups.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - School opens

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Apprenticeship and Careers Evening 5pm – 7pm (Yr's 11, 12, & 13)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm (Virtual)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm (Virtual)

**Friday 18 November – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**

W/c Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 mock exams (week 1)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Menphys Catholic Carol Concert at the De Montfort Hall

w/c Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December –Year 11 mock exams (week 2)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December/Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – Snowcase

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service 6pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform Day **School closes at 12.30pm**

Wishing you all a restful half term.



Mrs S Conaghan  
Principal