



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

17 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Firstly, thank you for ensuring your child has returned to us so well from the summer; the school has returned ready for the year ahead and the uniform looks excellent! Our new Year 7 and Year 12's have settled so well.

Uniform

I am guessing that lots of girls have grown over the summer because we now have several school skirts, in our pre-loved shop priced at £15 each. Blazers have also come in priced at £10 each. I really appreciate you all donating uniform to our shop as it continues to help so many families. You can call the school office to enquire about sizes at any time.

Half term updates

There have been some lovely things going on this half-term, including our Open Evening; Year 7 Think Days; Sixth Form Induction Day; Year 7 Mass at St. Josephs and the quarter final for Public Speaking. We have the university and careers fair tonight for Years 10-13.

On Friday, we have a non-uniform day for CAFOD Years 7-11 with our Sixth Form supporting wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card; there is also a Samosa sale at break time and a Halloween Hamper raffle! Donations for CAFOD can be made via ParentPay or students can bring money to school and it will be collected. The Samosas are £1 each and all money raised will go towards our 'School Projects Fund'. We have been selling raffle tickets for the Halloween Hamper all week at £1 a strip or, 20p a ticket; the draw will take place on Friday. All money raised, will go towards our School Projects Fund.

Cars on site

Although the barrier is currently not in operation, the rule about parents not driving onto the school site is still in place. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up outside the school and to not drive onto the site. The number of cars driving through causes a huge safety risk to the students. When collecting from after school clubs after 4pm parents should not be parking along the kerb outside reception, please use the car parking spaces around the site.

Charity work and fundraising

We are running a shoebox appeal again this year and ask for either donations for the shoebox, or that you put a shoebox together yourself and send it in to school with your child. Please see further details about this appeal below:

Operation Christmas Child

This is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.



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Can you either fill at least 1 shoebox wrapped with Christmas paper but open with things for a boy/girl by 31st October? Labelling whether it is for a baby, toddler, older child or teenager or donate items.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide, share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Christmas Market and Carol Service

Our school Christmas market and carol service takes place on 18th December 4:30-7pm. Our Christmas market was a huge success last year! Stall holders pay £20, which will go towards our School Project Funds and all profits are yours to keep! Our carol service will follow straight after the market and you are welcome to join us. If you would like to host a market stall, please click on the link to add your details <https://forms.office.com/e/XBjv2nMnsn>

Alice's fundraising

An update on our Year 8 student Alice. Alice had 14" of her hair cut yesterday to donate to The Little Princess Trust and has raised an incredible £1,101 for The Air Ambulance Service. This is her second round of fundraising for The Air Ambulance a charity very close to her heart and her second time at having 14" of her hair cut. Alice has now raised a combination of £2,401 – an entire air ambulance mission costs £2,300. I think you'll agree that Alice's dedication and commitment to raising funds for this amazing charity is so inspirational. If you wish to donate, please access the link here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/alice-green>



Menphys Catholic School Carol Concert

St. Paul's and English Martyrs join forces again as a choir, to perform at the Menphys Catholic School Carol Concert on Friday 6th December, at De Montfort Hall, Leicester. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased via their website [Menphys Catholic Schools Carol Concert | Menphys](#)



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Remembrance Poppies

We are selling Poppies which are a lovely keepsake to bring out each year, to mark Remembrance Day; they are priced at £5 each via ParentPay all monies will go towards our School Projects Fund. They can be collected from the school office or sent home with your child. The poppies are made from hardened plastic and suitable for outdoor use.



Parent Forum and PTA

I would like to establish a PTA for fundraising and recruit new parents to the parent forum. The parent forum is a representative group of parents that I can seek feedback from and consult with. Meetings are termly. Any new parents wishing to join should email Mrs Moss – CMoss@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk School budgets no longer support school projects, and my hope is that with some great fundraising we can do so much more in school for the students and our buildings. If you are experienced or just keen to be part of our new PTA please drop Mrs Moss an email and I'll be in touch.

School Website and Social Media

Please view/access the school website and social media as we regularly post news items/updates for you to enjoy [News - St Paul's Catholic School \(st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk\)](http://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk)

Discounted Offers/Activities

Please see the attachment offering discounts/activities over the half-term break. I appreciate a lot of the offers/activities are targeted at primary aged children, but hopefully this may be helpful for families with younger siblings.

Advent Term – events and dates

Future Choices Fair	Thursday 17 th October 5-7pm Years 10 - 13
Half Term	School closes Friday 18 th October and reopens Monday 28 th October
Sixth Form Open Evening	Thursday 7 th November 4:30-7pm
Year 12 Parents Evening	Wednesday 13 th November 3:40-6:40pm (in person)
Year 9 Parents Evening	Wednesday 20 th November 3:40-6:40pm (in person)
CAFOD Family Fun Day	Friday 22 nd November
Year 11 Mock Exams	25 th November – Friday 6 th December
CMAT Staff INSET Day	Friday 29 November (school closed to students)
Christmas Market & Carol Service	Wednesday 18 th December 4:30-7pm
School Closes	Friday 20 th December at 12.30pm – non-uniform day



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Term Dates

Full Term Dates for the next 3 years can be found on our website under the 'Parent' tab, Term Dates/School Day <https://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk/parents/term-dates-3/>. Please note the CMAT Staff inset day for 2024-25 on 29th November, students across the Trust are not in school that day.

Safeguarding over the half-term break

If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of a child during the half-term break, please contact children's social care: Duty and Advice; 0116 454 1004. If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 straight away.

Finally, I would appreciate you taking some time to complete our school survey. <https://forms.office.com/e/ViTrV3A8vc>

From myself and all the staff, we wish you a lovely half-term break.

Mrs S Conaghan
Principal