



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

11 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. I am happy share the following news and updates with you.

Exams

Exam season is upon us with Years 11 and 13 already having completed most of their practical exams. Written papers start as soon as we get back after Easter. Easter school is running the first week of the holidays and the Immersion plans have been shared with Year 11 and 13, students and parents. Both year groups now have their live exam timetables.

Year 10 Mock exams start after Easter. We keep all our students sitting their exams, in our prayers as we wish them all the best. My thanks to all our teachers for preparing them so well and to all our staff, for supporting them. We think also, of all our families; it is a stressful time at home, we know!

Thanks and Prayer Intention

My sincere thanks to all of you for your kind words, flowers, cards and prayers for Mrs. Maguire. We held a remembrance service in school for her, with her husband, children, friends and family joining us. They were so consoled by being here, surrounded by people who really cared about Holly and in a place, where she loved working. Holly's husband was very touched by all of your cards and messages of condolences; I promised to pass on his thanks to all of you. We keep Holly and her family in our prayers.

We also keep one of our Year 8 students in our prayers. Harrison was diagnosed with cancer two weeks ago and is undergoing treatment. We were delighted that he was able to come into school this week, to have lunch with a small group of his friends. Harrison will be off school for a while, but he is never far from our thoughts. We are planning a whole series of fundraisers to support the Teenage Cancer Trust and Ward 27 of the Leicester Royal Infirmary which you can read more about below.

Fundraising

Teenage Cancer Trust -Football Match – Thursday 1st May (school field) kick off 3:30pm.

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Tickets are £1 and can be purchased at breaktime from Sixth Form students – Paige; Archie; Samuella or Rayyaan



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Raffle in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Ward 27 of the Leicester Royal Infirmary-organised in liaison with Harrison's parents

The raffle includes the following prizes –[ALL DONATIONS OF PRIZES WELCOME.](#)

- Beats solo Headphones
- £100 All for 1 voucher for stores such as – Footasylum; Adidas; JD Sports; Sports Direct; Asda and many more
- A free Goals booking voucher for a group of friends to go and play some football or just use the pitch
- £20 Red Velvet dessert shop voucher
- Easter Egg

Tickets are 50p per ticket or £2 for 5 tickets. Tickets can be purchased in school from the PE dept or via ParentPay from 28th April. Raffle draw will take place 23rd May

Harrisons Fundraiser

Wednesday 30th April 5-8pm at Thurnby Rangers FC. Lots of fun and activities including:



- Dad's Match
- Penalty Shoot Out
- Raffle
- Face Painting
- Ice Cream
- JoJo's Café

£1 entry and kids are free!



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Care Packages

When I met with Harrison's parents, they shared that 'care packages' of personal items seem to be in very short supply if non-existent, whilst teenagers are in hospital care. They asked if we could support in putting together some packages' so we are asking for donations of baskets and items to include such things as:

Socks, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, cotton wool/pads, emery boards, body spray, moisturising/hand cream; to give you some ideas.

It would be truly wonderful if we were able to support with this cause. Donations can be brought to the school office/reception. It really is so heartwarming when our whole school community comes together to support these worthwhile causes. We are always so very grateful, for your support.

Survey

Following on from our surveys, there are some things I can share with you that we have introduced/improved. Please see the Survey Feedback attachment to this letter with full updates.

CSI – Catholic School Inspectorate

We are due our Catholic School Inspection, next academic year. The CSI is managed by the Diocese Education Service & Inspectors are current leaders in Catholic education. All Catholic schools have a CSI inspection, every 4-5 years. We are having a Mock Inspection day, the first Wednesday (30th April) back, after Easter. In preparation for our Inspection, I would be grateful if you could click the link and complete the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/TPKiaYTve6>

Sustainability & Climate Action

Over the next few weeks, we have a number of trees and hedge plants provided by The Woodland Trust, to plant. We've also started to revive the Polytunnel, planting what will hopefully become the Evington Chili Farm as the weather warms up and the raised beds, getting students involved again in the production of local food. Members of the Student Council have put together a couple of short surveys to see which students might want to be a core part of the sustainability team or just help, by volunteering on a casual basis; the enthusiasm by both students and staff in getting involved, has been very impressive.

We are fully invested in looking at how to improve the biodiversity of our site if you would like to support with this perhaps with business connections or via donations, then please reach out to Mr. Ostler, our school Sustainability Lead. Our appreciation and thanks to Coles Garden Centre for their very kind donation of 'seeds' and 'grow bags'.

End of the School Day

It is important from a safeguarding and supervision perspective, that **all** students are either in supervised classes/clubs, or they leave the site when the bell goes. We have made this clear



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to all students, but I would appreciate you reiterating this at home. Exam students can stay to revise in the library and Sixth Form areas. All other students will need to wait outside for pick-ups.

Staffing

Our congratulations to Mrs. Bhana, Head of Sixth Form, who joins our SLT as Assistant Principal in the new academic year. Congratulations also to Miss Ghumra, who is getting married over Easter and best wishes to Mrs Scott as she awaits the arrival of her baby and Mr. Thompson and his partner, who are due to become parents during the Easter break. Our best wishes and thanks to Mrs. Bond, Teacher of MFL who leaves us in May.

Miss Boyle will be returning to school after Easter. Our thanks to Mr. Saxton Trust SENDCo and Ms. Zamir for supporting SEND and to Mrs. Chavda, for her support as interim Head of Year 7 this half term.

And finally, we welcome our new Office Administrator, Rachael Nolan, who joins the school office team on Monday 19th May.

Term Dates

Full Term Dates can be found on our website under the 'Parent' tab, Term Dates/School Day [Term Dates / School Day - St Paul's Catholic School](#)

Key dates for your diary

School closes for Easter holiday	11 April
School opens for Pentecost Term	28 April
GCSE written exams start	28 April
A Level written exams start	2 May
Year 11 + Y13 Mass of thanksgiving	2 May
School closed for half-term	26-30 May
Y7 25-26 Parents Information Evening	5 June
GCSE written exams finish	18 June
Y11 Prom	19 June
A Level written exams finish	20 June
Y13 Prom	20 June
Y9 + Y10 school awards	26 June
WoW Week	30 June – 3 July
Y7 + Y8 school awards	1 July
Y7 25-26 Induction	2 July
Feast Day Mass + lunch	4 July
School Uniform pop-up shop	5 July 9am-1pm
Whole school trip day	9 July
School closes at 12:30pm for summer	11 July
A Level results	14 August
GCSE Results / Sixth Form Enrolment	21 August



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Police information -Important Information for Parents and Carers (end of term)

As the school term comes to an end, we want to make sure our students stay safe. Leicester City Council and Leicestershire Police have noticed an increase in risky behaviour, especially on the last day of term. To help prevent this, they are asking families to talk about the risks of antisocial behaviour and how to stay safe.

Please read the attached letter, which has important advice on how to keep your children safe during this time. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about making positive choices and taking part in safe activities outside of school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our young people safe.

Paul Allen
Superintendent – City Policing
Local Policing Directorate

Leicester Community Safety Partnership

Safeguarding over the Easter 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.

Lent

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection and it has been lovely to see students take part in assemblies, chapel services, Lent reflections in form time and the stations of the cross outside.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter, full of joy as we welcome the risen Christ into our lives and homes.

With best wishes,

Mrs S Conaghan
Principal

