



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

11 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to thank you all. So much of what we do and want to achieve as a school relies on you as parents/carers. Ensuring that your child attends school regularly, follows the rules and knows how to be respectful and work hard are all important messages and allows them to have a positive experience in school. The relationship between school and home must be strong for your child to know we are united, in our expectations.

So many wonderful things have happened this year from our Trust public speaking competition, our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, overseas trips, the Menphys concert, Carnegie event, sports events, awards evenings, year 11 and 13 Masses, proms, Year 7, 8 and 9 retreats and 120 year 9 and 10 students, completing their Sport Leaders qualification and we are in the Leicester City Top 10 secondary schools. It truly has been a year with so much to be pleased and thankful for. My thanks to all the staff who have organised, run and been involved in celebration and enrichment events for our students over the course of the year, to our support staff teams who assist us all so well and to all of you, as parents for your support.

We were so pleased to see all our new incoming Year 7 at their induction day last week, as always, they were a joy to host. We know both the children and their parents will be great additions to our St Paul's family. Our Year 6 Open Evening, for 26-27 is on Thursday 18th September 4.30-7pm and we look forward to welcoming and seeing students and their families then. Sixth form open evening is Thursday 6th November 4:30-6:30pm

As we now think ahead to next year, there are a few things to make you aware of:

Behaviour

The vast majority of our students behave really well but when things do go wrong our sanctions are very clear. We have produced a shortened parent version of our behaviour policy. I hope you find this a useful document in helping you understand our sanctions and so on.

<https://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk/parents-guide-to-behaviour/>

We do expect parents to support us in ensuring students attend detentions. You can help by making sure you have the Arbor app and checking your emails regularly. We will alert you to a detention through these means as well as sending you an Arbor text message; those students for whom we have a mobile number for, will also receive a text message.

Student Data Admission Form

For our new parents, if you haven't as yet submitted your 2025-26 student data admission form, please do so by Friday, the form can be accessed here <https://forms.office.com/e/aNhNUnt91X> Once completed, please select the submit button. For existing parents, if your home address, email or mobile numbers have changed, then please do advise us, you can do so by emailing office@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk Having up to date mobile numbers and email addresses is critical for us, as this is how we contact you in the event of an emergency.

Buses

Thanks to all those that have already signed up with Confidence or the school minibus. You can still book a seat on the Confidence Buses here: <https://www.confidencebus.co.uk/school-bus-routes/> the contract is between parents and the Confidence Bus company. If you want one of the few remaining



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seats left on the school minibus for Oadby/South Leicestershire villages, please contact Mr. Dan Weston via email dweston@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

The route for the school minibus is priced the same as the Confidence bus annual pass at £695 and the route is as follows:

- Fleckney Co-op LE8 8AJ - 7.30am
- Kibworth The Square LE8 0HW - 7.40am
- Glen Rise- Foxpond Lane LE2 4RG - 7.50am
- Sainsbury's Glen Road, Oadby LE2 4PE 8.00am
- Schoolwear Solutions London Road, Oadby LE2 5DH 8.05am

Drop offs are all at the same locations listed as above but works in reverse and like Confidence, departs St. Paul's at 3:15pm

Evacuation and Invacuation

We would have an Invacuation should there be a real or perceived danger on the school grounds. This would mean having to "lock down" the whole school. We do have school procedures for this which says parents will get a text alert saying we have a lockdown and ask that you **do not** come to the school. We would then let you know once we are out of the lockdown situation. We also ask that you do not advertise the lockdown on social media, or publicly criticise us for having a lockdown. Everything we would do would be for the safety of students and staff. All Trust schools will conduct a mock Invacuation, in the Lent term and I will share the date and details with you, nearer the time.

Uniform

How students wear their uniform reflects their attitude to school and our rules. I expect uniform to be worn properly and this means:

1. Shirts tucked in
2. Blazers and/or a badged jumper and ties to be worn at all times
3. Tartan school skirts knee length or longer and not rolled up
4. School trousers to be tailored and straight leg
5. No facial piercings other than for religious or cultural reasons; there should be one piercing per e
6. No excessive make up or false eyelashes
7. No long coloured false nails or polish. Short French manicure is acceptable
8. Footwear should be all black with no visible logos and no boots
9. No logo ankle socks i.e. Nike

We are in talks with our uniform provider regarding branded school shorts. We realise that the summer's are getting warmer and we are often asked, if shorts can be worn. I will provide an update on this, in the new school term. The current quote for personalised St. Paul's shorts is too high and I'm not prepared to pass this cost on.

For those girls who choose to wear trousers instead of the skirt, please be aware that leggings, black jeans/jeggings, skinny, tapered or flared trousers are not allowed. For further guidance, please access the parent handbook on our school website [Parent Handbook - St Paul's Catholic School](#)

The rule on jumpers and blazers is that students must either wear the v neck badged jumper or the blazer. They can of course be worn together. Students are not permitted to wear a jumper without the badge. You can purchase school badges from Arbor and these can be collected from the school office; these can be sewn onto a plain black v neck jumper. Please place on the left hand side.



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Our approach to non-compliance with regards to uniform will be to inform you, issue detentions and then persistent non-compliance will result in isolation and in extreme situations, suspension. Parents can use their Pupil Premium allowance to help pay for uniform where appropriate. Our pre-loved shop has various skirts, boys and girls blazers, shirts, PE kit and ties. Do call the school and Mrs. Patel can advise on the current stock.

If you have uniform items you no longer need, please do drop it into us; many families have benefited greatly from donations already made. We will buy back school skirts (£10) and badged jumpers (£5), both should be in good condition in order to re-sell them in our shop.

Parents Evening 2025-2026

Years 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13 will be in person with a 3:40pm start in school. Years 8 and 10 will be virtual starting at 4pm.

School Priorities 2025-2026

These include building links with parishes, to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning and outcomes for all, but particularly for those with SEND needs to build on the work already done on behaviour in order to strengthen behaviour and culture across the school, aspiring to be outstanding in this area and to further strengthen our enrichment offer, across the school.

So much work has already gone on with these priorities and next year will be an opportunity to build on that work. From August, Sixth Form will continue to have an hour on a Tuesday afternoon to engage on all kinds of enrichment including volunteering in our feeder primaries and in care homes and engaging in tutoring and mentoring here at school. If any parent can offer an enrichment activity on a Tuesday afternoon to our Year 12 and 13 students, please drop Mrs Bhana an email fbhana@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

Chair of Governors

We congratulate Duncan Macdonald on his appointment as Chair of Governors and we wholeheartedly thank Fiona Harris as her term of Chair of Governor, comes to an end. Fiona has been hugely supportive and will be missed.

Parent Forum and PTA

I would really 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 in fundraising or just keen to be part of our new PTA, please drop Mrs Moss an email and I'll be in touch.

Our Summer Fayre was a huge success. Thank you to all who came and supported us and for our stall holders, for hosting a stall. This will now be an annual event, on the first Saturday in July. As a result of all our fundraising efforts for school projects, we have raised a total of £4,000. I will prioritise the list of projects and will keep you updated, as to what we choose to select first.

Thanks also to all of you who supported the fundraising for our Year 8 student Harrison, his family and the Teenage Cancer Trust. From our school project fund, we brought the total raised, to £1000. Our



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thanks to Mr. Fowell for organising events. We keep Harrison and his family in our prayers and we ask you do the same.

Results Day Arrangements

The national results days are:

- **14th August for all A Level, AS and other Level 3 courses including BTEC**
- **21st August for all GCSEs and other Level 2 courses including BTEC**

Students have two options on the morning of the national results days.

Option 1: Students can collect their results from St. Paul's from 8am in the morning of results day.

Option 2: Examination results will be emailed to students by 10am on the morning of results day.

Enrolment for Sixth Form

Students should come in to collect results so that they are able to enrol and confirm their subjects. Enrolment will be available 8:30am-2pm on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd August. Staff will be on hand for careers appointments and to support with results. The very best of luck to all students awaiting results.

Staffing

A number of members of staff leave/retire at the end of this year and at our School Mass last week, we celebrated and gave thanks to all of them for their hard work and commitment over the years.

- Mr. Savage
- Mrs Konig - 18 years of service
- Miss Sabur
- Mrs Masadza
- Mrs Bosworth
- Mrs Zamir
- Mr Cockcroft – 25 years of service
- Mrs Khalifa
- Mrs Godhania
- Miss Dhaliwal

We wish them all the very best in their new roles/retirements.

We welcome the following new and returning staff to St Paul's in August:

- Mr Tusso Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Ramakrishan Teacher of Business & Economics
- Mrs Simpson Head of English – MAT cover
- Miss Thomas Teacher of English
- Mrs Begum Teacher of English
- Mr Gillespie Head of Art and Design
- Miss Wood Assistant Head of Sixth Form
- Miss Mitchell School Counsellor



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- Miss Boyle Assistant Principal (seconded)
- Miss Ferns and Mr Acheampong – TA's
- Mrs Bhana – Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form

Congratulations to them all and we wish them well in their new roles.

Mrs Upadhyha leaves us to go on maternity leave. Miss Warrilow, is now known as Mrs. Hodgson.

Parent handbook

Parents can read the parent handbook by clicking here [Parent Handbook - St Paul's Catholic School](#)
This contains all the information you need to know about the school. Please note some changes to our pastoral teams. The handbook has the most up to date staffing for 2025-26.

School Website and Social Media

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

Trust Family Information Sheet

Please find attached a family information sheet, detailing discounted meals and free activities over the summer holiday period.

Term Dates

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 2025-26 is on Friday 21st November, students across the Trust are not in school that day.

Safeguarding over the Summer holidays

If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of a child during the school holidays, 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.

New School Year

The new school year starts for Years 7 and 12 on Thursday 28th August; for everyone else it is Friday 29th August. Whilst we get all the thumbprints taken, Year 7 and new Year 12, these students should bring a packed lunch on Thursday and Friday. Those in receipt of Pupil Premium will be able to collect a lunch bag from the dining room at lunchtime. Please ensure your child's Arbor lunch account has enough money for them to buy lunch from Monday 1st September.

Dates for your diary

A Level results	14 August
GCSE Results / Sixth Form Enrolment	21 August + 22 August



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**** School Year 25/26****

School open for Yr7 + Yr12	28 August
School open for all year groups	29 August
Year 12 Parent Welcome Evening 5-6pm	8 September
Open Evening for 26-27 admissions	18 September
Macmillan Coffee Morning	26 September
Charity non-uniform day-school closes for half term.	17 October
Year 10 parents evening – virtual 4-7pm	29 October
Sixth Form Open Evening 4:30-6:30pm	6 November
Year 9 Parents Evening in person 3:40-6:40pm in person	19 November
CMAT Inset day – school closed to all students	21 November
Snowcase 6pm	9 + 10 December
Christmas movie evening hosted by Sixth Form 3:30pm	11 December
Christmas Market 4pm and Carol Concert 5:45pm	17 December
School closes at 12:30pm	19 December

From myself and all the staff, we wish you a lovely restful Summer.

Mrs S Conaghan
Principal