



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

21 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well.

It has been a very active half term and it's always so rewarding to share updates with our parent community.

Year 11 and Year 13 Thanksgiving celebration Masses

On Friday 1st May, organised by groups of students, the Year 11 and Year 13 Mass celebrations took place, reflecting their ideas on hope and thanksgiving. Rev. Fr. Michael Moore, Fr. David Cain and Deacon Seamus, celebrated Mass for each year group, alongside their form tutors, Heads of Year and Mrs. Conaghan.

The theme across both masses was one of thanks – students thanking and acknowledging form tutors with such admiration and gratitude and likewise, teaching staff, thanking their form/year group, with heartfelt emotion and praise for their hard work, inspiration and brightening their day.

Both year groups received a 'pen', blessed by Fr. David for their upcoming exams. It was a wonderful celebration for all.



Exams

Our exam season is well underway. We began this term with Year 10 Mocks followed by Year 9 mocks then straight into the GCSE and A Levels! It is so very encouraging to see all of our students taking their exams so seriously and have high ambitions for themselves. So many of our exam groups gather in the Library each morning, with subject teachers, prior to exam start time getting last minute revision in. Their commitment to doing their very best in their exams is plain to see.



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We continue to keep all students sitting exams and their families in our prayers. We know how stressful this time of year can be at home. I have no doubt you are all looking forward to the half term 'sunny and warm' break. Let's hope that the weather forecast is true!

Work experience

Year 10 finish their work experience tomorrow. This is the first time in a very long time our students have gone out on traditional work experience as opposed to WOWWeek. It is a statutory duty now that that schools give students a work experience week and exposure to employers, hence the change this year.

So many students have had valuable experiences this week and we are grateful to these businesses who facilitated the placements. Not all placements have been as useful and with that in mind, I would very much appreciate any parents with links or connections who could facilitative placement for our Year 10's next May, to get in touch with us by emailing Mrs McDonagh zmcdonagh@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

Charity non-uniform day.

It is non-uniform day tomorrow. We ask for parents to donate via Arbor or alternatively, children can bring money to school which will be collected during form time. All donations/monies raised, will go towards our school charity project, helping to build The Good Shepherd school in Burkina Faso, thank you in advance for your contribution.

Mobile phone/devices rules

In my last newsletter, I shared the Behaviour Policy with section 5.1 covering the new mobile phone/device rules. I wanted to advise that should the Government and Department for Education decide to make further changes to the current guidance, then I will of course write to you to confirm and our Behaviour Policy will be updated to reflect the changes.

[260209-Behaviour-Policy.pdf](#)

Staffing

In April, we said farewell and thanks to Mrs. Tutla, our school Librarian and Primary First Aider. Tomorrow, we say farewell to Mrs. Hallam, Geography Teacher. Mrs Hallam has given 26 years of service to St. Paul's and will take so many memories with her; we wish her the very best in her new job closer to home and she leaves with our heartfelt thanks and prayers. We welcome Ms Zino - Muskaan Chaudhary to our school this term. Ms Chaudhary will be our lead first aider and will also manage our library services.

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Our pre-loved shop, will be open tomorrow 3:30-4:15pm with a large volume of blazers, badged jumpers, skirts and PE kit in stock. If you have any uniform in good condition that you wish to



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donate, then please drop off at the main reception or you can send in with your child if easier. We can only offer our pre-loved shop to families, because of your ongoing generosity so thank you.

Sustainability

Our year 7 and 8 NOLA group have been working very hard in recent weeks, planting wild flowers, carrots, broad beans and radishes in our raised beds, as well as growing tomatoes and lettuces in our polytunnel. We can't wait for their produce to be ready to harvest in the summer months.



Year 12 Parents Evening – 3rd June

Parents of Year 12's will have received a letter from Mrs. Laidler with advice and guidance on booking in for parents evening. Appointments can be made on Arbor. Booking will close at 12.00 pm on Wednesday 3 June. We look forward to seeing you all.

Bronze DofE Expedition Success

Huge congratulations to our 54 Year 9 students who recently took part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition in the Tilton area. Over the course of two nights and three days, students demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination as they completed this challenging experience.

We were fortunate to enjoy beautiful sunny weather throughout the expedition, although the heat did provide an extra challenge at times. Despite this, every group performed exceptionally well and we are delighted to say that all students successfully passed their expedition section.

Throughout the three days, students developed valuable life skills including navigating routes independently, cooking their own meals, managing camp life and dealing confidently with the local wildlife. They also showed excellent teamwork, motivating and supporting one another every step of the way.

In the evenings, students were able to relax and enjoy time together around the campfire, singing songs and toasting marshmallows, a perfect way to end each busy day.



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We are incredibly proud of every student for the positive attitude, perseverance and maturity they showed throughout the expedition. Well done to all involved on a fantastic achievement.



Ms Pinel
DofE Lead

Sporting Achievements

The East Area Athletics Competition this month, was a huge success with over 100 St. Paul's students taking part across the different events. The competition was extremely competitive, and all of our athletes represented the school brilliantly with excellent performances, determination, and teamwork throughout the day.

We are incredibly proud of the results achieved:

- Year 7 Girls – 1st Place
- Year 7 Boys – 1st Place
- Year 8/9 Girls – 1st Place
- Year 8/9 Boys – 1st Place
- Year 10 Girls – 1st Place
- Year 10 Boys – 1st Place

A special mention also goes to our sixth form student, Barbara Florencio, who competed and achieved 1st place in her event.

Every athlete performed exceptionally well, and we are delighted that 50 pupils have now qualified for the County Finals, which will take place on 11th June. Congratulations to everyone involved and good luck to all athletes competing in the County Finals!

Student Leave of Absence Requests

Parents who request leave for their children on a Friday, taking part in Sporting events for example, Rugby tours over a weekend, must send their request in advance and only half a day will be authorised.



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Parking on site – unfortunately, there were two car accidents last week on site. Luckily, no-one was seriously hurt. A new barrier for both entrance and exit, will be fitted very soon. In the meantime, please support the school by not driving on site unless, you have been issued with a permit to do so. **Permits are only issued after reviewing acceptable medical evidence for your child.**

HPV Vaccination Study/Research - Update

We have been asked to share the attachment from Dr. Postavaru, Project Lead at the University of Leicester and the Vaccine and Screening Public Health Office; the research study is aimed at helping more children get the HPV vaccine and to help parents and guardians, make informed choices.

St. Paul's 50th Golden Jubilee – September 2027.

A reminder that we are looking for your help to celebrate and promote this milestone, on social media for those of you on Facebook, and if not done so already, please join a St. Paul's group. Thank you to those of you who have contributed memorabilia for our 'St. Paul's through the decades' showcase but we need more. Please send any items to Mrs. Moss. We promise to take very good care of everything.

Free and low cost activities during the Easter holiday

Please find attached a Trust Family Information Sheet with discounted meals and things to do over the half term break.

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

Pentecost Term

School opens for Pentecost term 1	Monday 13th April
Pre-loved uniform shop open	Friday 22 nd May 3:30-4:30pm
School closes for half term –	Friday 22nd May
School opens for Pentecost term 2	Monday 1st June
Year 13 Parents Evening	Wednesday 3 rd June 3:40-6:40pm
Year 7 26-27 Parents Induction Evening	Thursday 11 th June 5-6:30pm
Year 12 Mocks – week 1	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June
Year 12 Mocks – week 2	Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th June
Year 11 Prom	Thursday 18 th June -King Power Stadium
Year 13 Prom	Friday 19 th June – The Belmont Hotel
LGB Pentecost 2	Tuesday 23 rd June – 4:30pm
Yr's 7 & 8 School Awards Evening	Thursday 25 th June 4:30-6pm



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Pentecost Term 2 – continued

Yr's 9 & 10 School Awards Evening	Wednesday 1 st July 4:30-6pm
Feast Day Mass	Friday 3 rd July 10:30am
School Uniform pop-up shop and Summer Fayre	Saturday 4 th July 9:30am-12:30pm
Last day of term	Friday 10 th July 12.30pm

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.

*Lord Almighty,
We come to the end of this term with hearts full of gratitude.
Thank you for your guiding hand in our lives, for carrying us through
the difficult days, and for celebrating with us in the good ones.
We pray that you would bless the time we have to spend together
with family and friends. Give us the grace to appreciate the blessings
you have given us and the wisdom to use our rest well.
Amen*

Wishing you a very restful and sunny half term break from myself and all the staff at St. Paul's

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Mrs S Conaghan
Principal

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