

6th January 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

I'm just sending you a short note this week to say Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. The Lent term began on Wednesday with a Training day. Staff spent the majority of the day working in departments planning for the year ahead. Heads of Department were introduced to changes to our assessment data tracking system, as well as changes to the way they write their annual department development plans. Budget holders were guided on how to produce their financial bids for the next academic year. All staff undertook training in evacuation and lock down procedures that are designed to keep your children safe in the rare case of an emergency.

Year 10 begin two weeks of work experience on Monday. Not all schools offer this opportunity for pupils as it is no longer compulsory and is very expensive to run. We believe that it is a very important part of a child's education and so invest in this for your children. I am sure that they will make the most of this excellent opportunity. My son thoroughly enjoyed his last year. The experience can have considerable impact on your child in terms of developing their maturity but expect them to be very tired though!

Year 11 pupils need to ensure that their Sixth Form application forms are with the Sixth Form Team by Wednesday 11th January. This will enable us to ensure our curriculum offer is matched to the subjects requested on the application forms. I look forward to reviewing completed application forms next week.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that Z & S Bus Company is no longer running the 605 service. We continue to work hard with the bus company to identify some adaptations to current routes to accommodate this.

In addition the number 13 bus, which is a public service route, has been replaced with the 609 service (please note that this change of bus service means there is no longer a 5.20pm late bus from the school). A timetable for the 609 is available on the school website <http://www.st-pauls.org.uk/parents/transport-to-st-pauls> .

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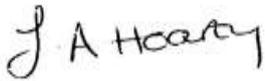
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If you have any concerns or complaints regarding bus services you will need to contact Milton Keynes Council's Passenger Transport Department on 01908 252542 or speak directly to the bus company, Z & S, on 01296 415468.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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