

12th December 2025

Dear Families

This week we enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner served in the canteens on Wednesday. I enjoyed serving the children during all three lunchbreaks! Year 12 Criminology students had their controlled assessments this week and Year 10 students had an iWork day on Wednesday. In the evening on Wednesday we welcomed visitors to a STEM Lecture on the topic of 'Why are salty environments on earth relevant to life on Mars?' Thank you to everyone who attended and also to Dr Veli from the Open University for giving the talk. On Thursday, Year 12 Physics students visited Oxford University and Year 11 & 13 had their photographs. The 27 students with the highest reading word counts enjoyed a festive breakfast and film in the library. Today, Year 9 students visited Woad Farm and enjoyed seeing the animals. Year 8 are currently enjoying their praise afternoon and tonight some of our musicians are off to St Augustine's Parish to perform in an Advent Concert.

We are looking forward to the last week of term next week. On Monday I am joining the A-level Politics students on a visit to the Houses of Parliament and Year 10 have a praise afternoon. On Tuesday, some of our Emmaus students are visiting Climb Quest and Miss Markatos is taking a group of students to MK Hospital to deliver some of the gifts that we have been collecting. On Tuesday evening we will be welcoming former students back for a KS5 Awards evening. It is always so lovely to find out what they have been doing in the months since they left St Paul's. On Wednesday, Emmaus students are having a visit from Safari Stu. Year 9 have their praise afternoon on Thursday and Year 7 on Friday.

On Friday the whole school community is welcome to wear something Christmassy to school for the day. This does not have to be an expensive Christmas jumper but might simply be a Christmas hat or something similar. I will have some spare hats available for those who forget!

Our Year 8 girls' netball team celebrated their first win this season, scoring 4 – 2 against Milton Keynes Academy. The Year 9 girls' football team lost 8 – 5 to Brooklands. The Year 7 basketball team played an away game against Lord Grey Academy and with only five players they won with a score of 29 - 0. The team of only five players, who played against 10 players, really did St Paul's proud as it was their first game representing our school. Well done to all those who took part in this week's fixtures.

A reminder about our Sixth Form initiative supporting the Bags of Kindness campaign run by Caritas, collecting gifts for children, teenagers, adults, and the elderly. Donations can be brought to the RE Department and will be added to the Bags of Kindness by Year 13 during their RISE lesson. The

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deadline is Tuesday, 16th December. Gift ideas for each age group can be found on the school website. For any questions, please contact Miss Hickey at roisin.hickey@st-pauls.org.uk. Thank you in advance for your family's generosity to this important cause.

Can I take another opportunity to remind you that from 1st February the MK All in 1 card will no longer be valid or accepted on public transport. Bus operators will be removing the paper 4-week All in 1 MK ticket from ticket machines after Sunday 4th January 2026 and the weekly All in 1 MK ticket from ticket machines after Sunday 25th January. If you haven't already ordered the new MK Move All in 1 smart card, please make sure you do so as soon as possible. You can find details on the school website [here](#).

On the last day of term, Friday 19th December, the library will be closing at 2.30pm so will not be available to students after the end of the school day.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely



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