

12th June 2026

Dear Families

This week we have continued with Year 11 and 13 examinations. On Monday some staff took part in a first aid course. On Tuesday the new Year 7 pastoral team met to allocate tutor groups to students who will be joining us in September. Year 10 students also had the opportunity to visit Warwick University. In the evening there was a PTA meeting. On Wednesday Year 5 pupils from our Catholic primary schools visited St Paul's for a taster day. Year 8 pupils have really enjoyed their residential Bushcraft trip where the weather hasn't been too bad for them! On Thursday, Governors spent the morning in school finding out about the Catholic Life of our school. Pupils in the Emmanuel Centre had their school photos taken. Today, our Year 10 Animal Care students visited Woad Farm.

I have been out of school on Wednesday and Thursday this week inspecting a school in London for the Catholic Schools' Inspectorate. As always, it is good to visit other schools, but just as good to return home to St Paul's!

We continue to be pleased with the implementation of our phone pouches. There was a significant increase in children forgetting to bring in their pouches on Monday morning after the weekend. This caused lots of delays as they needed to be diverted to reception to hand in their phones for the day. Please remind your child to bring in their phone pouch each morning as this definitely speeds up the process.

Whilst on the subject of phones can you please ensure that you try not to phone your children before the end of the school day. Their phones should be turned off and locked in their phone pouches. We had a student who had forgotten to switch their phone off before locking it in their pouch and it kept ringing and disturbed a lesson that was taking place.

I am becoming increasingly concerned by the number of our Year 7 children who are trying to leave their lessons in the afternoon to visit the toilet. We have a five minute transition time built into the timetable so that children can visit the toilet before the final double lesson of the day. This is at 2.10pm. There should be no need to visit the toilets until the end of the day at 3.35pm unless they are unwell. We will continue to allow children out of classrooms but will continue to emphasise the need to use the transition time for this. We will also liaise with parents where there are significant concerns with this.

Next week our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students are off on their assessed expeditions to the Chiltern Hills. They are out from Monday until Wednesday. It is the final week of public examinations next week

Headteacher:
Jo-Anne Hoarty

St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive
Leadenhall
Milton Keynes
MK6 5EN

Telephone
01908 669 735

Email
enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk

Web
www.st-pauls.org.uk



so if you are a parent of a Year 11 or Year 13 student then you can breathe a sigh of relief! Now just the long wait until results in August. On Monday and Tuesday, Year 10 have the opportunity to visit Oxford Brookes University. On Tuesday the Year 12 PPEs begin and in the evening there is a meeting of the Milton Keynes Catholic School's Partnership Heads and Chairs of Governors. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will be welcoming children from the Catholic primary schools in Years 4 & 5 for taster days. On Thursday I will be in London for the Diocesan Headteachers' Conference. On Friday it is the annual Leadership Group Conference where we plan strategically for the year ahead. Many of you may remember Michael Manley, our former Headteacher, who will be looking after school for the day. On Friday afternoon, Emily Darlington, MP, will be working with our Student Leaders.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely



Jo-Anne Hoarty
Headteacher

Headteacher:
Jo-Anne Hoarty

St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive
Leadenhall
Milton Keynes
MK6 5EN

Telephone
01908 669 735

Email
enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk

Web
www.st-pauls.org.uk

