

12th September 2025

Dear Families

This week has been very busy at St. Paul's. I am very pleased to say that the vast majority of our students have returned to school focused, engaged and absolutely prepared for their learning. It has been lovely to see them in lessons, giving their very best. On Wednesday evening, our Governing Board had their first full meeting of the year. This was followed on Thursday evening by the Governors' pay review committee meeting.

On Thursday morning we celebrated the start of the new academic year by having whole school Mass. It was such a lovely occasion to spend time as a whole community so early on in the new academic year. If any of your children would like to sing or play in the Mass choir please ask them to see the Music teachers in E block. On Thursday evening we held a Year 7 parents' information evening which focused on transition and study habits. I hope that parents found it helpful and all resources and slides are available on our website. This week we launched our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' programme during tutor time which focuses on practical advice for students to proactively support their own wellbeing. During September we will be focusing on 'self-care' to support students as they begin this new academic year. On Friday we began recruitment for our new Year 7 who will join us in September 2026 with parent tours! Finally, Year 12 have visited St Mary's University in Twickenham for a Theology Conference today.

Thank you to those parents and carers who ensure their child arrives at school on time. There has been an increased number of pupils arriving late to school this week. The first bell goes at 8.48am and the school day starts at 8.50am. Pupils should be in form by this time, ready to learn and receive any important notices. Any pupil arriving after 8.50am will be marked into school late and receive a red point on ClassCharts.

All year 7 parents should have received their Classcharts parent code this week. If they need any support they can email [classcharts@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:classcharts@st-pauls.org.uk). Classcharts is a fantastic way to see your child's positive behaviour and achievements reflected in their green points. A reminder that if students get 60 green positive behaviour points in a week, they get the Headteacher's award and can come to see me in my office.

Next week I begin meeting all Heads of subject to discuss their external examination results and key learning that we can take from these outcomes to benefit current Year 11 and 13. On Monday, Year 11 have the opportunity to attend a catch-up vaccination clinic if they have parental consent. In the evening there is a parents' information evening for those going on the Ski trip in 2026. On Tuesday

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Year 7 form groups begin their days of recollection. These are really important opportunities for spiritual development and for tutor groups to get to know each other better. On Wednesday there is a Year 12 information evening which focuses on the transition to Sixth Form. On Thursday evening Year 13 parents are invited to virtual mentoring appointments. In person appointments are the following week. The week ends with Year 11 Animal Care students visiting Woad Farm on Friday.

Please can I ask all parents to take great care with where they park whilst waiting for their children to come out of school. I have received further email complaints from our neighbours about parents parking on private property. Thank you for your support with this.

We understand that Arriva Buses are scheduled to be on strike from 23-26 September, 1-4 October, 9-12 October and 14-17 October. We do not know whether this will affect all Arriva services but please be prepared that on these days Arriva may not be working to a full timetable. We will let you know when we have any further clarification.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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