

13th June 2025

Dear Families

Thank goodness that the sunny weather has returned this week and our collective worships have been filled with the Holy Spirit following our celebration of the feast of Pentecost last Sunday.

We have started a two week window for Senior and Middle Leaders to conduct their half termly temperature check. It has been lovely seeing your children enjoying their lessons. On Monday, our Year 10 Horticulture students visited Great Linford Manor Park and a group of Year 9 went to Santander for a careers visit. On Tuesday, some Year 10s visited Warwick University. Mr. Paul Salver, an ambassador for the Srebrenica Genocide, was in school. This was a very tough subject to explore but I am told that Paul did it in a very thought provoking way and left the students with a feeling of hope. I really hope they got a great deal from this opportunity. That evening, we held a Year 7 parents' information evening as well as a PTA meeting.

Year 4 & 5 taster days continued on Wednesday through to Friday. Yesterday our Governors came into school for a morning visit with a focus on the Catholic Life of our school. Last night there was a Year 12 information evening. Today, Years 9, 10 & 12 went off to Chelsea College of Art and Tate Britain. Year 8 seemed to enjoy their bushcraft trip and they return today. I think they have had lovely weather. Today, staff who will be form tutors for our new year 7 cohort who join us in September took part in a conference day in preparation for this. This was a valuable experience focusing on the cornerstones of our pastoral care at St. Paul's.

On Wednesday morning, Student Leaders volunteered to help the Site and Finance teams with increasing the biodiversity of our school grounds. Students first walked around the school determining where to strategically place pots with flowers that have been ordered through generous National Education Nature Park Grants. Students then worked with the Finance team to select flowers for each pot and plant them. For some, it was their first time planting flowers and they really enjoyed it. One student commented how this will not only help to make the school more beautiful, but has helped with mental wellbeing. Students, alongside the Site team, delivered the new pots to each social zone. For now, students are working on placing planters near food huts and in corners that may need some cheering up! They are also planning on adding bedding plants to other areas of the school. The planters are part of an ongoing project that will deliver a positive impact for students and nature by creating more biodiverse habitats over the coming year. Well done everyone!

We begin next week with Year 10 MFL speaking assessments. Students have been well prepared for these so should be able to demonstrate everything they have learned. Year 12 students are attending a UCAS fair at the University of Bedfordshire. Year 10 have the opportunity to visit Oxford Brookes University on Tuesday. I will be meeting with the heads and Chairs of Governors of the Milton Keynes

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Catholic Schools on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday students will be attending the Life of Christ production at Wintershall. We are also hosting an Army Careers day. Finally, on Friday Senior Leaders will be attending our annual strategic conference where we plan for the next academic year. Mr Manley, our previous Headteacher is coming back to keep an eye on school for the day. Please say hello to him if you see him in the car park on bus duty!

Next week, our Tommy Flowers SCITT has a visit from OFSTED. It is a thematic inspection that comes with no judgement or feedback but rather feeds into a national report on the quality of Initial Teacher Training in the UK. We are immensely proud of our primary and secondary teacher training course so I am sure they will do brilliantly.

Well done to Hillary Lam who got a merit for her grade 2 flute exam and to Honey McGuane whose new cheerleading team Weapon X attended Jamfest Europe in Manchester and scored an amazing 99.49 out of 100!

This year we have been so fortunate to work with local businesses to offer our pupils a variety of experiences and opportunities. As Year 11 come to the end of their GCSE examinations we take the time to thank our partners at Maaya Indian Kitchen in the Hub and House of Chicken in Bletchley for their support and generosity. Both restaurants kindly donated a reward lunch experience to groups of our Year 11 pupils to celebrate their hard work throughout the year. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the food and the time to celebrate in style and are already planning their return trips, fully recommending both restaurants to all they meet.

I was delighted to send you a copy of the report from our recent OFSTED inspection yesterday. Please take some time to have a read through it.

We were pleased to receive an FFT attendance award which recognises that, as a school, we are in the top 25% of all FFT secondary schools in England for school attendance for the spring term.

On behalf of the PTA, please can I ask all parents to consider donating nearly new blazers and ties to school. They will be given to very good homes.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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