

15th May 2026

Dear Families

We have been freezing this week and have had to put the heating back on in school! It seems that the rain always decides to start just as breaktime begins.

This week we began on Monday with a meeting of the Curriculum and Teaching Committee of the Governing Board. This was a very productive meeting. You will have received a letter from me inviting nominations for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Board. Please do consider serving the school in this way. If you have any questions, please contact me regarding this. On Tuesday some Year 7 students visited the Harry Potter Experience in Watford. This was enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. On Wednesday evening there was a parent meeting for all those children going on the Year 8 Bushcraft residential. On Thursday evening Year 12 parents listened to a UCAS presentation. Also on Thursday night the Design and Technology Department held an A-level exhibition, showcasing work from Year 13 pupils who study Product Design, Design Engineering and Fashion and Textiles. The evening was a huge success and well attended by families. It was a lovely opportunity for our future designers to talk to our Year 13 pupils about how their thinking developed over the course. Today the exhibition has been open to staff and pupils across the school, allowing us all the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our Year 13 Design and Technology pupils. Our Year 10 geographers visited Ouzel Valley Park today for their fieldwork.

Yesterday the Student Leaders and the Student Council delivered the school's donations of gently used clothes to the new MK Storehouse location in Bletchley. The supervisor said he was quite overwhelmed with the generosity of the school and the students. He spent some time with the students explaining how MK Storehouse allows people to choose their own clothes from the donations and have a shopping experience which maintains their integrity (this ties in with our Catholic Social Teaching of human dignity). The students had a go at sorting some bags of donations and getting them hung up on the racks ready for inspection.

Next week we have lots of events planned in the lead up to half term. Public examinations continue for Year 11 and 13 students. On Monday and Wednesday Year 12 geographers will be conducting data collection for their NEAs. Also on Monday, our Careers Team are taking part in a charity event 'Share a Pie for SCI' for the Spinal Injuries Association. This will take place in the Maureen Grant Room over lunch breaks and Year 8 students will be selling homemade pies and treats for 50p/£1 and squash for 50p. On Tuesday our KS3 Magisterium Group are attending a conference focusing on the theme of 'Called to be Saints'. On Tuesday our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students are off to the Dunstable Downs on a practice expedition. Also on Tuesday an Admissions Tutor from Oxford is coming in to provide a

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workshop on University Applications and some of our students will be helping St Thomas Aquinas Primary School at their sports day. Year 7s also have careers events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday Year 12 have a visit to Aston University as well as a visit to 'Lawfest +' at the University of Buckingham. The event is designed to give students an idea of what being a law student is like and to experience work as a practising lawyer engaging with real world legal problems.

We are delighted to share that our school will be celebrating National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 20th May. As part of this, all students will take part in a special activity during our Wellbeing Wednesday tutorial: "The Big Number Natter". This year's theme, "Count on your community," highlights the important role that families, schools and wider communities play in building confidence with numbers. Building confidence with numbers not only supports academic success but also contributes positively to students' overall wellbeing. It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage meaningful conversations about numeracy and to recognise how numbers are used in everyday life.

We have attached a more detailed letter for families, which includes access to a comprehensive toolkit offering activities, guidance and practical ideas to help support your child and foster greater confidence with numbers at home. We look forward to celebrating this exciting event together and encouraging all students to engage in meaningful conversations about numeracy.

On Thursday we will be helping Bishop Parker Catholic Primary School at their sports day. In the evening, Year 13 Design students will be exhibiting their work for us all to enjoy.

The Careers Team would like to remind parents and carers that Unifrog parent accounts have now been activated for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Unifrog is a valuable platform designed to support students with their future education and career decisions, and parent access allows you to stay informed and engaged with this process. Please click the link to find out how to access your account and start exploring the platform. <https://www.unifrog.org/parent>.

As you can see there is so much happening. You will also have received a letter and information regarding the introduction of phone pouches at St Paul's next half term. This is part of the DFE requirement that all schools become phone free. I am grateful to our PTA who have made a contribution to funding of the initial purchase of the pouches. I'm sure that we can all agree that there are significant benefits for our children if they are able to learn and socialise in a phone free environment during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

The Venture Church (formerly Milton Keynes Christian Centre) have asked us to share with you information about half term activities – these are attached.

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I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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