

18th July 2025

Dear Families

We have had a good final week of the Pentecost Term. Year 7 and 9 enjoyed their reward BBQs. On Tuesday, the Student Council held their end of year celebration assembly. Students reviewed all the lovely events that they volunteered for and were very pleased about the impact of the work that they had done throughout the year as it related directly to our school's Catholic Social Teaching. Some highlights included litter picking on the school site, donating gifts to the MK Hospital for children and the elderly, donating clothes to the MK Storehouse, honouring the anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, leading the Primary School Councils, and hosting the MK Youth Council Elections. Student Council also reviewed all the skills that they have sharpened such as public speaking, organisation, accountability, putting others first, and feeling closer to Jesus. Additionally, council members fed back by completing a survey about their experience on the Student Council which was very positive as students made comments such as 'I learnt to be responsible' 'I enjoyed serving the community and helping around our school' and 'I liked having a voice.' At the end of the ceremony, they received official certificates for their service. We are looking forward to another productive year in the Advent term after the election cycle in September. We are very proud of all the council members for their service! They truly 'loved, served, and did the best that was possible' and live out our school mission each day. Also this week, I really enjoyed the graduation ceremony on Wednesday evening for all the new primary and secondary teachers who have qualified this year in our SCITT. On Thursday students enjoyed their reading reward trip to see Jurassic World Rebirth at the cinema. Then today, our Year 12 Fashion and Photography students collaborated on a very exciting project recreating a professional photo shoot with Fashion students modelling their designer bodice project.

Today we say goodbye to a number of staff.

1. Nick Tedds – Head of Business Studies/Computer Science
2. Kathleen Dodd – Teacher of Technology
3. Liz Underwood – Head of Geography
4. Tricia Matthews – Teacher of Mathematics
5. Linda Beeton - Housekeeper
6. Gabriella Mifsud– Teacher of English
7. Jo Rubin – Teacher of Art
8. Susan Banks – Catering Assistant
9. Saimon Mukarakate – Teacher of Science
10. Kiera Baird – Teacher of Music
11. Susan Kielty – Assistant Headteacher
12. Xueyang Niu – Emmaus Support Assistant

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I am very grateful to each and every one of them for their commitment and excellent care of children during their time with us. At the start of the new academic year we will welcome a number of new staff and I will introduce them in my letter in September.

Results days this year will be on Thursday 14th August for Sixth Form and Thursday 21st August for Year 11. Arrangements for each day will be clear on our website. I look forward to celebrating with students on each day!

Please find attached a copy of our Summer Safeguarding slides. I hope you find them helpful.

Just a reminder that we will be insisting on our high expectations of uniform and behaviour at the start of next term. Please ensure that every uniform purchase that you make reflects our uniform policy. Please do not be persuaded by cries of 'but everyone else wears it!' I really appreciate your support with this and look forward to consulting you on changes to our uniform next year. OFSTED found that behaviour in our school was excellent, particularly in lessons. We will continue to have extremely high expectations of each child in our care, and we will insist that they behave in a way that benefits the whole community and enables excellent learning to occur. I'm also grateful for your support with helping us maintain these high standards and reinforcing our expectations at home.

Finally, at the end of what has been a very long, and at times very challenging, term I wanted to reflect on a few things. Firstly, I am incredibly grateful to lead such a wonderful community. I continue to be reminded of how much love and support that is clearly visible each and every day. The aftermath of Mr Flanagan's death has been very hard for our whole community, but it has also brought us all even closer as a community and made us remember what is really important. Secondly, I am very proud of our community following our OFSTED report and more detailed verbal feedback. This was a real reminder of what makes St. Paul's such a special place. Thank you for all of your support and kindness over the last year. I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday 3rd September to what I hope will be an excellent new academic year.

Yours sincerely



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