

19th June 2026

Dear Families

Thank goodness that we have finally come to the end of the public examinations (just one or two small exams left early next week). We are straight into Year 12 PPEs though so I would hope that they are busy revising this weekend.

This week our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students went on their assessed expeditions to the Chiltern Hills from Monday until Wednesday. On Monday and Tuesday, Year 10 had the opportunity to visit Oxford Brookes university. On Tuesday evening there was a meeting of the Milton Keynes Catholic Schools' Partnership Heads and Chairs of Governors. Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed a trip to the Wintershall Estate on Wednesday to see an open air performance of The Life of Christ. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we welcomed children from the Catholic primary schools in Years 4 & 5 for taster days. On Thursday I was in London for the Diocesan Headteachers' Conference. Today, Leadership Group have been out of school at our annual Leadership Group Conference where we plan strategically for the year ahead. It has been a very good day for planning! I am very grateful to Michael Manley, our former Headteacher, who looked after school for the day. This afternoon, Emily Darlington, MP, worked with our Student Leaders.

Next week we begin the week with a SEND Transition Plus coffee morning for parents. Our Vocational course leaders will be having their annual conference on Monday. On Tuesday we will be welcoming the Catholic primary schools for their sports day. In the evening I will be going to the Cathedral in Northampton for the Diocesan Education Mass. On Wednesday, Year 12 have a UCAS discovery day to get them started on their university applications. On Wednesday afternoon the Catholic primary schools are back at St Paul's for their student council meeting. On Thursday we will be welcoming our prospective new Sixth Form students for their Step up to Sixth Form transition day. There is also a Year 12 Applied Science trip to Ouzel Valley Park. On Thursday evening our Governing Board have a meeting of the Resources and Personnel committee. We also have the Year 11 Prom that evening so I will join them for the 'late shift' after Governors have met. On Friday our Careers team will be welcoming back our Alumni, Year 9 are visiting Woad farm and Year 7 are visiting our local Sikh Gurdwara.

Congratulations to our wonderful Careers team. They have just received an evaluation from our careers enterprise mentor who has said that St Paul's is the highest achieving careers department with Milton Keynes and that we have achieved the majority of the Gatsby Benchmarks. The Enterprise hub are highlighting St Paul's as a Beacon School for careers provision, encouraging other schools to come

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and see what we do. I am very proud of our careers provision and the fantastic team that offers many enriching experiences for our children.

The Careers team would like to let you know about a free virtual work experience programme from the Government Finance Function. It provides a realistic and accessible insight into government finance, helping students build their understanding and confidence, particularly those considering finance careers or apprenticeships. You can find out more [here](#).

If you are planning on buying new blazers over the summer we would be grateful if you could donate any good condition blazers, jumpers and PE tops that you no longer use for our nearly new shop. These items can be brought to our reception. Thank you.

A reminder that from September 2026, the Government is changing the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) and under the new rules, all households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals regardless of their income. We encourage all families to apply, even if you do not think you currently qualify. Family circumstances can change and applying helps ensure that your child receives any support they may be entitled to. You will need to apply via the online portal [Online FSM Application](#)

MK Dons are holding free Kellogg's Football Camps for boys and girls aged 5 - 14 at Tattenhoe Sports Pavilion from Monday 20th July – Friday 21st August. You can book a place here [Book MK Dons Football Courses & Soccer School Sessions](#)

A heatwave is expected next week so no jumpers, blazers or ties need to be worn during this time.

Yours sincerely



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