

24th April 2026

Dear Families

Thankfully, I only needed to attend jury service on Monday and then I was released so I have been in school most of this week. There have been lots of examinations starting this week. Our A-level Art and Photography students have been sitting their examinations and Year 11 Modern Linguists have had their GCSE Speaking Exams. Year 12 Level 2 students have been out on Work Experience for the week. Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh candidates have also been out of school on a practice expedition to the Chiltern Hills. Year 8 Days of Recollection have begun this week. On Monday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Rose of Lima. Last night, Years 12, 10 & 8 had the first of two Mentoring Evenings with virtual appointments. Year 7 also had a 'Meet the Tutor' evening.

Next Week the GCSE MFL speaking exams continue. Our Year 7 students are going on a residential to the Mendip Hills all week. Year 9s begin their first set of PPEs on Monday. I would ask parents to keep an eye on how their children are responding to these as they are the first set of formal exams that the children have experienced. We will emphasise that they are an opportunity to practice examination techniques and to show teachers just how much they have learnt this year. On Monday morning representatives of our Governing Board will be spending the morning in school. The focus of their visit is on Health & Safety and the work of some of our key support departments. On Wednesday, to mark the feast day of St Catherine of Siena, it is a non-uniform day for Siena tutor groups and some of our Year 9 are taking part in an MK Dons Modern Work Experience. In the evening on Wednesday, we will have our Year 11 Mass of Celebration. This is such a lovely way to mark the end of their time in our lower school and to pray for them as they begin their examinations. We hope you will be able to join us. The Year 13 Leavers' Mass is on Wednesday 6th May. On Thursday it is the second Mentoring Evening for Years 12, 10 & 8. Year 7, 8 & 9 Music students will be enjoying a Toscana Strings performance on Friday morning. Finally, on Friday we have our next non-uniform day for our Pentecost Charity, The Henry Allen Trust, which focuses on supporting families who are experiencing childhood cancer.

Tomorrow from 2pm – 5pm The Milton Keynes Music Co-operative is holding a free Pick up and Play event for children (and adults if they want to!). Based at Shenley Brook End school there'll be a variety of instruments for children to try with guidance from expert teachers. Children can test out strings, brass, woodwind and percussion in a fun, hands-on open afternoon. You can drop in at any time.

The Careers Team is asking parents and carers to create their own Unifrog accounts to help you see what your child is doing on Unifrog, including any interactions tagged against their name and any upcoming events we've logged for them. You'll also be able to use all the same tools your child can to support them on their Unifrog journey.

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- First the parent/caregiver's email must be added in the parent/caregiver field for the child
- Then the parent/caregiver can open their account here: www.unifrog.org/parent

The Careers Team will be setting up the remaining years groups from the beginning of May. If you wish to opt out, please get in touch with careers@st-pauls.org.uk. A help guide/introduction can be found on our website [here](#). Our May Careers bulletin is attached for you.

Coventry University is holding an online parent and guardian information session on Thursday 14th May at 6pm. This session covers everything you need to know, from UCAS deadlines and student finance to making friends and settling into student life. You'll leave with clear answers to your questions and a better understanding of how to support your child every step of the way. You can find a registration form [here](#).

Well done to our Year 10 student Nadia Partyka who has been highly commended for her story *A Little Birdie Told Me* in the Flash Fiction 14-19 category and for her poem *Lives Bigger Than Ours* in the Poetry 14 – 19 category of the Mink2026 Creative Writing Competition. Nadia's entries have been published in the Mink #6 anthology, The Trees.

A reminder that from Monday 27th April Z & S will be accepting the MK Move All in 1 card again so the normal concessionary fare will apply.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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