

26th June 2026

Dear Families

I would like to start this week's letter by thanking our whole school community for the very sensible way that they have dealt with the extreme temperatures this week. It has been a hard week but with the adjustments that we have made, we have been able to continue and remain open. We are fortunate with our school buildings that we don't have too much glass and the buildings are spread out rather than all being in one block like some other local schools. Despite the extreme temperatures our attendance has been excellent this week. Lower temperatures are forecast for next week so, from Monday, normal uniform rules will apply.

This week we have welcomed parents of children who are joining our Emmaus Department in for a coffee morning as part of our transition plus. Our Vocational course leaders met together on Monday to plan for the year ahead. On Tuesday we needed to cancel the Catholic Primaries' Sports Day held annually at St Paul's. It was just too hot to have them on the field all day. Also cancelled was the Year 12 UCAS Discovery day on Wednesday because the University of Bedfordshire have postponed the event. However, we were able to welcome the Catholic primary schools back at St Paul's for their student council meeting. On Thursday we welcomed our prospective new Sixth Form students for their Step up to Sixth Form transition day. On Thursday evening our Governing Board had a meeting of the Resources and Personnel committee. We also had the Year 11 Prom last night and I joined them for the 'late shift' after Governors had met. I thought everyone looked lovely and had a fabulous time even if it was very warm and sticky! On Friday our Careers team welcomed back our Alumni who talked to our Year 9 students about their jobs and the companies they worked for. You can find out what our Careers team has planned for July in the attached bulletin.

The Music Department would like to congratulate the following students for their achievements:

- Morenike Ogunleye has achieved a Merit for her grade 5 saxophone exam!
- Dale Rodrigues has passed grade 2 violin with merit and Grace Lighthill has passed violin initial grade with merit.
- Luke McCormick and Max Delaney-Barnes have both passed grade 1 trumpet with **DISTINCTION**.

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Next week is extremely busy. Year 10 students have their MFL speaking tests and English Spoken language exams. On Monday it is our school feast day which we will celebrate with Mass in the morning. On Monday evening our Governing Board have a Curriculum and Teaching committee meeting. On Tuesday and Wednesday the English Department are offering year 12 students the opportunity to attend an NEA workshop. During the day on Tuesday we will be welcoming new staff for an induction day. On Tuesday evening there is a virtual Year 9 parents' information evening followed by a Year 10 parents' information evening on Wednesday. Thursday will see a retreat for our Ministerium students and also a Year 9 end of year rewards event. Friday is extremely busy with an Epic Marble Run winners tournament in the DT department. It is the feast day of St Maximilian Kolbe and Year 12 are off to Nottingham Trent University for a visit.

Friday is also our Culture Day so everyone is welcome to come to school in cultural dress, or the colours of their national flag or just with a flag. There are lots of exciting things planned so look out for the pictures.

Please make sure you submit your application for free school meals, 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 can find the online portal here [Online FSM Application](#)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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