

5th June 2026

Dear Families

I hope that you had a lovely half term break. The weather was superb, but it's been a little wetter since we returned to school. This week we have continued with public examinations for Years 11 and 13. On Tuesday Year 9 students who are recommended to follow our Route B curriculum had the opportunity to find out about our Vocational Pathway here at St Paul's. They took this process very seriously and were keen to find out about the courses and asked very relevant questions. Parents of these students have received a booklet and an option choices form. On Tuesday, our Careers Department held a BlackRock event led by one of our alumni. The session gave an overview of BlackRock, the range of careers available in financial services and our alumni's personal journey into their current role. On Thursday Year 12 Fashion and Photography students took part in a photoshoot to showcase their talents. Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students went on a practice expedition to Cosgrove Park, and they dodged quite a few showers!

Next week we start the penultimate week of this year's examinations for Years 11 and 13. On Monday some staff will be taking part in a first aid course. On Tuesday the new Year 7 pastoral team will be meeting to allocate tutor groups to students who will be joining us in September. Year 10 students also have the opportunity to visit Warwick University. In the evening there is a PTA meeting. On Wednesday Year 5 pupils from our Catholic Primary schools will be visiting St Paul's for a taster day. Year 8 pupils are off on their residential Bushcraft trip where they will have a fabulous time in the outdoors! There is also a joint Year 9 and Year 10 Drama and History trip to see Operation Mincemeat. On Thursday, Governors will be spending the morning in school finding out about the Catholic Life of our school. Pupils in the Emmanuel Centre will be having their school photos taken. On Thursday evening we will be holding a Year 12 parents' information evening. On Friday, Year 10 Animal Care students will be visiting Woad Farm.

As you can see, there are lots of events planned at St Paul's. This week we have had a very successful launch of our new phone pouches. It went much more smoothly than I had anticipated. I'd like to thank parents for their fantastic support of this. We are seeing significant benefits already and there is so much more focus on learning. I also hope that it is benefitting children's well-being.

You will have received a letter this week saying that we have extended the deadline for nominations for the role of Parent Governor to Monday 22nd June. You can find information about the role and how to apply on our website [here](#). If you are interested in standing as a Parent Governor, then you are welcome to discuss the role and the commitment you would be giving to the school with me and/or the Chair of Governors prior to nomination.

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Our Careers team would like to share with you details of a virtual summer course that brings STEM to life, helping students explore university study, degree apprenticeships and future careers. Details can be found on the attached poster.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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