

6th June 2025

Dear Families

I hope that you had a lovely half term. We began the week by attending Daniel Flanagan's funeral on Monday afternoon. It was a beautiful service but an incredibly difficult one to attend. I am grateful to all those staff who gave up their time to cover lessons to enable as many people as possible to attend. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Daniel's family.

On Monday a group of Year 10 went on a visit to Loughborough University and then on Tuesday another group went to Oxford Brookes University for a visit. We try to provide as many opportunities for our students to experience life at a range of universities as possible. This helps them with their decision making for life beyond St. Paul's. On Wednesday we welcomed Year 5s from our Catholic primary schools for the start of their annual taster days. I hope they enjoyed the experience. Yesterday our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh candidates started their practice expedition to Cosgrove Park. They return today, hopefully not too soaked through!

Next week, Senior and Middle Leaders will begin their half termly temperature check. This is our opportunity to 'take the temperature' of where we are in terms of the quality of education. OFSTED provided us with some excellent feedback on this, but we also want to ensure we have as much information as possible to guide our development for next year. It is always such a pleasure to watch your children learning in the classroom. On Monday, our Year 10 Horticulture students will be conducting a pond-dipping visit to Great Linford Manor Park and a group of Year 9 are off to Santander for a careers visit. On Tuesday, some Year 10s are visiting Warwick University. That evening, we have a Year 7 parents' information evening as well as a PTA meeting. All are welcome to this. Year 4 and 5 taster days continue on Wednesday through to Friday. On Thursday our Governors are conducting a visit morning with a focus on the Catholic Life of our school. That evening there is a Year 12 information evening. On Friday Years 9, 10 and 12 are off to Chelsea College of Art and Tate Britain. Year 8 are off on their bushcraft trip on Wednesday to Friday. I think they are forecast to have lovely weather.

On Friday staff who will be form tutors for our new year 7 cohort who join us in September will take part in a conference day in preparation for this. They have just taken their 'old' tutor groups through to Year 11 so they will welcome a reminder about meeting the needs of much younger children again.

As you can see, it is a very busy time at St. Paul's. As we begin preparations for September, I would like to remind parents of our uniform expectations. Our uniform and equipment list can be found [here](#). I am very concerned by the length of some skirts around school at the moment. I appreciate that children

are growing out of uniform by this time of the year but please can I ask that when you purchase new skirts, you ensure they are of the correct length. Trousers are always an alternative. I will begin a review and community consultation of our uniform next year as it will be approaching 10 years since the last time I did so.

For bus users a reminder that this month MK Council have introduced a new smart card to replace the All in 1 pass. Information is available on our website [here](#). If your child has an All in 1 pass this will be valid until the end of the year but will not be accepted from 1st January 2026 so please remember to order the new smart card before then.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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