

9th January 2026

Dear Families

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas with your families. Staff returned to school on Monday for two training days. The first was devoted to departmental activities and the second was focused on removing barriers for our children so that they can thrive during their time at St Paul's. PPE results for Year 11 have now been sent to parents. These will be discussed with mentors during mentoring appointments on Thursday 8th and Monday 12th January. I was very pleased with the PPE results overall and they indicate that the majority of children are working very hard with their revision. I have started the process of meeting each Head of Department over the next three weeks to review progress of examination groups and to identify short term next steps to ensure that all our pupils can be successful. On Thursday evening the Admissions and Safeguarding Committee of our Governing Board met. This was an opportunity to review attendance figures and admissions arrangements for September 2026. Today, our Heads of Department have been out at an Academic Conference. This is the annual opportunity for them to work collaboratively, share good practice and to begin the planning cycle for the new academic year. It was an excellent conference and there were some really good developments made on our curriculum. Today we have also celebrated the Feast of St John Neumann with all Neumann Tutor Groups enjoying a non-uniform day.

Next week, we begin with another Governors' meeting on Monday evening, this time the Curriculum and Teaching Committee. We will spend time reviewing progress check data as well as destinations data so that we can track the next steps of our Year 11 and 13 students over time. Early that day our Pastoral Leaders are attending their annual development conference. On Tuesday our PTA will be meeting and all are welcome. On Thursday evening I am delighted to invite all parents of Year 11 students to our Sixth Form Open evening. It will be an excellent opportunity to see the vast number of courses on offer in our Sixth Form and to hear plans about our brand new Sixth Form building which will open in time for September 2026. It is exciting times for our Sixth Form and I am delighted that we can offer so many excellent courses and provide bespoke Sixth form accommodation for our older learners.

This half term we are focusing on the dignity of human life in our work with Catholic Social Teaching. The concept of human dignity is central to Catholic Social teaching. Humans are created in the image and likeness of God; therefore, life is **sacred** because humans reflect God in a unique way. Christ loved us first, and we are called to be that love to others, and share the message of dignifying life. Throughout this half term we will focus on how we can ensure that the community of St Paul's are

protecting the dignity of all those who we encounter, pupils will have the chance to reflect on the church's key teachings relating to dignity of life and consider how they can put their faith into action.

So, you can see that we have begun a very busy Lent Term here at St Paul's.

Please remember that from 1st February the old MK All in 1 card will no longer be valid or accepted on public transport. If you haven't already ordered the new MK Move All in 1 smart card, please make sure you do so as soon as possible. You can find details on the school website [here](#).

Our local MP Emily Darlington has asked me to share details with you of a parents' forum she is organising on Thursday 29th January from 7 – 8pm. The forum will look at online safety and it is an opportunity to share stories, your worries and ideas about how we can protect young people online. If you are interested in helping to shape a safer online environment and would like to have more information about the event please email emily.darlington.mp@parliament.uk.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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