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Dear Families

This week we have navigated sunshine and showers at school! Autumn has really hit us now so please advise your child to bring a raincoat etc. There is often a reluctance to wear coats to school!

We began the week with our Year 10 - 11 Emmaus students going on a Park Ranger visit to Howe Park Wood. In the evening our Governors' Curriculum and Teaching committee took place. Governors reviewed external results, our study curriculum and the implementation of our new purple and gold shields that I shared with you at the start of term. Year 7 form groups have started their Days of Recollection this week. I hope they have enjoyed having extended time as a tutor group and getting to know each other better. On Tuesday evening parents were invited to a launch of our Duke of Edinburgh Programme and there was a good turnout for this excellent programme. On Wednesday, our Drama students went to MK Theatre to see The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. Yesterday, Year 12 Geographers went to collect more data for their NEA at Kings Cross in London. Last night we continued with the second evening of mentoring appointments. I hope parents have found these helpful as they are a very important part of working in partnership for the good of your child. It is very important that your child attends with you to these appointments so that together we can review progress and determine next steps. Today our Sixth Form Student Leaders attended a retreat and a group of our students and staff travelled to Dunstable to attend the Diocesan Schools' Mass. We have also enjoyed a non-uniform day for CAFOD.

This week we were delighted to launch Unifrog with our Year 7 students. Students had the opportunity to explore the platform straight away, navigating the different features and completing careers quizzes, with the launch proving a great success. Year 7 parent accounts are now live too, giving you the same access as your child. We encourage you to log in, have a go at the quizzes yourself, and compare your career suggestions with your child's career suggestions. It's a great way to start conversations at home about their interests, strengths and future possibilities. You can find more information [here](#).

Next week Year 7, 8 & 9 will be having their flu vaccinations where parental consent has been given. Please ensure you return this so that your child can be vaccinated. Sixth Form students are attending a retreat at Kintbury Monday to Thursday. On Wednesday the day begins with a Liturgy in the Chapel dedicated to those in prison. Year 12 are visiting the Houses of Parliament and Year 12 & 13 are also visiting London, this time London Excel, for the UCAS Create Your Future Discovery Event. In the afternoon we are welcoming some of our Alumni to mentor identified students. In the evening the Resources and Personnel Committee of the Governing Board are meeting. On Thursday we will

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be celebrating the feast day of St Teresa of Avila. Students in Teresa form groups can come in non-uniform that day.

On Thursday evening we are showcasing our school in our prospective Year 7 students Open Evening. If you know families with children in Year 6 in MK, please encourage them to come along and see all the wonderful things we offer at our school. Thank you in advance to all the amazing children who have volunteered to help out on the evening. Please encourage them to visit me for a Headteacher point after the evening.

Congratulations to all those who have represented the school this week in sports fixtures. Our PE Department reports that in football Year 10 boys faced a tough test against Oakgrove. Both sides demonstrated determination and quality and St Paul's were narrowly defeated 2–1. They can take plenty of positives from a competitive display against strong opposition. Year 11 girls secured a convincing 4-0 win over Webber Independent. The team demonstrated their attacking quality throughout the match, creating opportunities and making them count in front of goal. The emphatic win highlights the squad's strength and determination as they continue their football campaign.

Year 7 boys made an exciting start to their football campaign with a thrilling 7–5 victory over Stantonbury. The match was a goal-filled contest, with both teams showing plenty of attacking intent. St Paul's demonstrated great determination to come out on top in a game that demanded concentration and resilience until the final whistle. The team can be proud of their opening performance and will look to build on this in their upcoming fixtures. Year 8 boys continued their excellent form with a hard-fought 3–2 victory over Stantonbury. The result maintains their 100% record, underlining the consistency and quality they have demonstrated so far this season. With confidence growing, the squad will be eager to continue their winning run in their next fixture. In netball Year 11 girls produced an emphatic performance against Lord Grey, cruising to an impressive 17–2 victory. The team showcased excellent attacking play, sharp passing and effective teamwork to dominate the contest from start to finish. Their defensive organisation was equally impressive. It was a fantastic all-round display from St Paul's, highlighting the squad's ability and teamwork as they secured a convincing win.

Thank you to all of you who have responded positively to our lockdown situation yesterday. Please be reassured that the safety of your children, and our whole community is my first priority, and my team and I will always act decisively and quickly to protect everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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