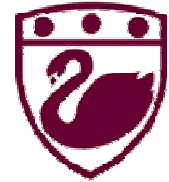


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Dear Parents and Carers,

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2010

I am very pleased to send you this end of term newsletter.

Appointment of Headteacher

As you know, I shall be retiring at the end of this school year. I am delighted to let you know that after a two day selection process the Governors appointed Mrs Rees, currently Deputy Head at the school, to take over from me in September. The post attracted a large number of high quality applicants from all over the country. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Rees and wishing her every success when she takes up her new role.

Most Improved School

I have received notification that Paulet High School has been included in the list of Most Improved Schools over the period 2006-2009 by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. This is because we improved our GCSE results at 5A*-C and at 5A*-C including English and Maths by more than 15% over this period. As Headteacher I have been invited to London to receive the award at a special celebration event at the end of this month.

Visit by Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

On 28th January Mr Ed Balls visited the school to see for himself the progress the school has made in recent years. He was due to spend just over half an hour here, but in fact stayed for much longer, talking to students about the school.

Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the overwhelming majority of our students who continue to come to school dressed smartly in the correct school uniform.

It has come to my attention recently that a number of our uniform expectations have been breached. For this reason I am sending the list below as a reminder to all parents / carers and

students of our expectations, which are set by the School Governors. The governors have delegated to me the decision over what is acceptable.

Boys	Girls
White polo t-shirt with or without the school logo	White polo t-shirt with or without the school logo
Maroon round necked, long sleeved sweatshirt with school logo	Maroon round necked, long sleeved sweatshirt with school logo
Plain black trousers (correctly worn)	Plain black skirt or trousers (correctly worn)
Black school shoes	Black school shoes
Summer term only – plain black canvas pumps	Summer term only – plain black canvas pumps

Important notes:

- All students are required to carry their equipment and books in a suitable school bag
- No trainers should be worn in school – conventional school shoes only
- No boots should be worn or indeed any shoe with a non-black logo or non-black soles
- No visible t-shirts should be worn under polo t-shirts
- All school uniform and PE kits should be named to avoid being lost
- One small stud or small sleeper in each ear, a watch and one ring may be worn (all removed for PE)
- Fashion belts must not be worn
- Facial or any visible body piercing must not be worn. *For example no lips, eyelids, necks, noses or hands should contain piercings in school.*
- Hair styles should be conservative. *For example students are not allowed patterns razored into their hair and are not allowed to have their hair dyed in bright colours.*

If any student is not in correct full school uniform they will either:

- Be sent home to change if we are able to contact a parent/carer
- Be able to borrow spare school uniform from school
- Be placed in the Inclusion Centre until their uniform is correct

Thank you for your continued support,

Student Photographs

Photos of students are often taken to record school events and can appear in the media. The school will presume that you are happy for your child's photo to be taken and used in this way, unless we are informed to the contrary. If you do not wish us to use any photo of your child, please inform the school office so that we can amend our records. We never pass photos of students to anyone else unless we have parental permission.

County Catering

County Catering have announced meal price increases that will be effective from 15th April 2010.

Currently the Options Meal Deal (3 choices of two courses) will increase from £2.10 to £2.20. New prices will be advertised in the Dining Room when they become available.

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

Many Congratulations to all that took part in the UK Maths Challenge in February. Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 were represented. Special mention should go to Alice Hallam who scored Gold and Best in School. Hannah Dabell also achieved a Gold. Students who achieved a Silver were; Carl Southall,

Amar Hussain, George Pritchard, Mica Bailey – Earle and Carl Robinson. Bronze went to Cameron Adams, Charlie Hayes, Aimee Hughes, Heather Robbins, Matthew Deakin, Daniel Batkin and Alex West.

World Maths Day - 3rd March 2010

The whole school participated in this worldwide competition where students completed one minute maths challenges in real time with other students from around the world. As long as it was the 3rd March anywhere in the world, the game was live, so over 48 hours our school answered over a quarter of a million answers correctly. Daniel Batkin in Year 10, gave an impressive 10 621 correct answers. Other high scorers were Laura Harrison, Henry Mitchell, Chelsea Butcher, Chloe Bowen, Katie Bowen, Charlotte Vernon, James Sahin and Matthew Deakin. James Sahin in Year 7 managed to answer an outstanding 52 questions correctly in one minute beating all students and teachers that played at school. Paulet contributed to the smashing of the World Record as over 570 million correct answers were submitted from across the world. Well done everyone!

Sports Leadership Award

Paulet High School recently received an award at the East Staffordshire School Sport Conference at the Pirelli Stadium for their work and commitment towards Sports Leadership. Our thanks go to all the Sports Leaders who have volunteered this term and to Miss Hanson, our School Sports Co-ordinator.

East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Schools Trampolining and Badminton Competitions.

These were hosted at Paulet Sports Hall and won by Paulet students. Congratulations to all students involved!

Let's Get Cooking

In February, Paulet High School introduced the Let's Get Cooking Club on Thursday evenings held in the Food Technology room. The club is co-ordinated by Mrs Rowan and delivered to small groups of Year 7 students by Miss Coates and Miss Iannucci. The aim of the club is to encourage students and their families to cook healthy and nutritious food and to pass the recipes onto friends and relatives.

Last Autumn, the staff and three student volunteers (Oliver Coates - Year 9, Holly Phipp and Elizabeth Harris in Year 8 attended a training course for Let's Get Cooking). Our Paulet students made such a good impression that their photographs were published in the Let's Get Cooking annual newsletter.

Premier School Status for Badminton

Paulet High School has also received 'Premier School Status' from Badminton England to reflect the development of the sport within the school and their work with the local clubs and the East Staffordshire Badminton Development Group.

Excellence in canoeing

Congratulations to Matthew Bowley in Year 11 who was selected to go to Rome over February half term on a training camp with the National Squad.

Dance

Members of both lower and upper school dance clubs have been working extremely hard to get their performances ready for the 'Dance Platform' on the evening of Thursday 25th March at the Brewhouse Theatre in Burton, where they will be performing alongside other schools and community dance groups within East Staffordshire.

Rugby

We are very grateful to the PTFA for providing a brand new rugby kit for the rugby team. Congratulations to the Year 9s who reached the semi-final of the Emerging Schools competition.

Football

We also congratulate the Year 11 football team who won the floodlit cup and are in the final of the 7 aside competition to be played after Easter.

Parent Governors

At the recent election the following parents were appointed to serve as Parent Governors for a four year term: Mrs Wendy Burton and Mrs Louise Calladine.

Examination Preparation

The examination season is now upon us which means that in particular students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are facing an important time. I would like to stress the importance of revision and quiet study in the period leading up to the exams. The school is providing a range of support activities for students, including the Saturday Study Club. Details are available from Mrs. Rundle. Staff have also volunteered to put on a programme of revision classes and one-to-one tuition during the Easter holidays. Details of these are being sent out separately.

Dates for Summer Term

Monday	19	April	School Re-opens
Wednesday	21	April	Full Governors' Meeting – 6.00 pm
Wednesday	28	April	Training Day: Paulet High School, Post 16 & Robert Sutton (Schools closed to pupils)
Thursday	29	April	GCSE French Oral Exam
Monday	3	May	May Day holiday
Tues	11	May	GCSE Examinations begin until 28.6.10
Tuesday	11	May	GCSE German Oral Exam
Wednesday	12	May	FASCOM Governors' Meeting – 6 pm
Monday	17-21	May	Year 7 & 8 Examinations
Tuesday	25	May	Year 8 Parents' Evening – 4.00 pm
Wednesday	26	May	Community Partners Governors' Meeting – 4.00 pm
Friday	28	May	Y13 Study leave begins
Friday	28	May	School closes for Half Term
Monday	31 May – Friday 4 June		Half Term holiday
Monday	7	June	School re-opens
w/c	7	June	Geography Field Trips (Dovedale) 3 days
Wednesday	9	June	Specialist Schools Governors' Meeting - 4 pm
Friday	11	June	Premises Governors' Meeting – 9 am
w/c	14-18	June	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday	15	June	Full Governors' Meeting – 6 pm
Friday	18	June	Year 10 Reports to Parents
Tuesday	22	June	Post 16 – Parents' Higher Education Evening – 7 pm
Wednesday	23	June	School Standards Governors' Meeting - 4pm
Thursday	24	June	Year 5 Taster Day

Monday	28	June	Sixth Form A2 classes begin
Monday	28	June	Year 10 GCSE Science Exams (am) and Year 9 Triple Science Exams
Wednesday	30	June	GCSE Examinations end
Friday	2	July	Year 10 Science Internal Assessments
Monday	5	July	New Year 7 Induction Day
Tuesday	6	July	Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Day
Tuesday	6	July	New Year 7 Parents' evening – 6.00 pm
Tuesday	6	July	HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 Girls (3 rd Injection)
Wednesday	7	July	Sports Day
Wednesday	7	July	FASCOM Governors' Meeting – 6.00 pm
Thursday	8	July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday	8 - 13	July	German Trip
Friday	16	July	Year 9 Science Internal Assessments
Wednesday	21	July	Activities Day
Wednesday	21	July	Year 9 & Year 10 Enterprise Day
Friday	23	July	Year 7 Reports to Parents
Friday	23	July	School Closes for Summer Holiday

Cars on the school drive

May I please remind car drivers that to avoid the possibility of injury to students no vehicle movements are permitted on the school site during the 10 minutes either side of the school sessions. This is indicated on the school signage.

London Marathon on 25th April 2010

Mrs. Janet Davenport, my PA, will be running the London Marathon next month. She has been training for this event since Christmas and is running to raise money for the Burton Breast Care Unit. Anyone who would like to sponsor her can either contact school on our usual school telephone number or email her at headteacherpa@paulet.staffs.sch.uk. Your support would be most appreciated.

Easter Break

Finally I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break. School will close at 2.50pm on Thursday 1st April and will reopen as usual at 8.30am on Monday 19th April. This is because our two flexi-days have been added to the Easter holiday this year, rather than being used in November.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Timms
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