

Key Dates for next term.....

Tuesday	26	April	Staff Training Day: School closed to students
Wednesday	27	April	Terms starts
Friday	29	April	School closed: Royal Wedding
Friday	29	April	French Residential Trip: 29 th April to 3 rd May
Monday	2	May	May Day holiday
Thursday	5	May	HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 Girls (3 rd Injection)
Tuesday	10	May	FASCOM Governors' Meeting – 6.00 pm
Monday	16	May	GCSE Examinations begin until 28 th June
Monday	16-20	May	Year 7 & 8 Examinations
Tuesday	24	May	Year 8 Parents' Evening: 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Wednesday	25	May	Community Governors' Meeting – 4.00 pm
Friday	27	May	School closes for Half Term
Monday	30 May – Friday 3 June		Half Term holiday
Monday	6	June	School re-opens
Wednesday	8	June	Specialist Schools Governors' Meeting - 4.00 pm
Friday	10	June	Premises Governors' Meeting – 9.00 am
W/C	13	June	6 th Form Futures Week
Monday	13	June	Post 16 – Parents' Higher Education Evening – 7.00 pm
Wednesday	15	June	Full Governors' Meeting – 6.00 pm
Wednesday	22	June	School Standards Governors' Meeting – 4.00 pm
Thursday	23	June	Year 5 Taster Day
Tuesday	28	June	Y10 Science Exams (am); FASCOM Governors' meeting 6pm
Wednesday	29	June	Y10 Coursework ISAs (29 th June – 5 th July)
Tuesday	28	June	GCSE Examinations end
W/C Monday	4	July	Y7 – Y10 Reports home to parents
Tuesday	5	July	Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Day
Wednesday	6	July	Sports Day
Thursday	7	July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday	11	July	Year 6 Induction Day
W/C	11-15	July	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday	12	July	New Year 7 Parents' evening – 6.00 pm
Wednesday	20	July	Year 9 & Year 10 Enterprise Day
Thursday	21	July	Activities Day
Friday	22	July	School Closes for Summer Holiday

Please keep collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers. The school has already benefitted from lots of ICT, Sport and Cooking equipment.

Collection boxes are in reception!

Thank you!

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 Friday 8th April and will reopen as usual at 8.30am on Wednesday 27th April.** Tuesday 26th April is a staff training day so school is closed to students. Some members of staff are holding revision sessions on this day. You will be informed if your child is involved. The school is also closed on Friday, 29th April, for the Royal Wedding!!



Paulet High School in 2011...

✓ **First in Burton for the progress YOU make!!**

✓ **76% our BEST EVER GCSE attainment!!**

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Newsletter Spring Term 2011



A message from our Headteacher—Mrs. T. Rees:

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

Ofsted

You will no doubt have heard that Paulet High School received a visit from Ofsted on the 16th and 17th March. I am delighted to inform you that Ofsted confirmed that Paulet is a 'good' school with 'high ambitions for its students.' What I am most proud of is that fact that during the inspection the students were highly praised by the inspection team for their courtesy and consideration to each other, the staff and visitors. Their behaviour was also described as outstanding. Thank you to all parents who returned the questionnaires; the overwhelming majority were extremely positive about the school. Parents and Carers may read the full report on our school website.

Most Improved School

I have received notification that Paulet High School has been identified by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust as **the most improved specialist maths and computing college in the country** and we are the 6th most improved of all schools in the country! Thank you to the students and staff for all the hard work that resulted in our best results ever. Thank you also to the parents for their continued support of our school.

Mr Tilley (Assistant Head) and I went to London to receive the award at a special celebration event.



Dance

Members of Year 8 and 9 dance clubs have been working extremely hard to get their performances ready for the 'Dance Platform' on the evening of Thursday 31st March at the Brewhouse Theatre in Burton, where they will be performing alongside other schools and community dance groups within East Staffordshire.

Attendance

Congratulations to **most** of our students for their excellent attendance. We are currently running at 93.6% this year which is up on last year and, crucially, our persistent absence rate has fallen dramatically!! Well Done students and parents!

Let's get cooking!

Let's get cooking is in 4 week blocks and allows Y7's to work with Jack Broughton, Mrs Rowan, Mrs Coates and me to produce healthy meals. It is an opportunity to get to know fellow students and to connect with food. We have a group running at the moment and we have places for more students to join in! It runs on Wednesdays after school from 3pm to 4pm. I really enjoy it myself and if you join so will you. We cook all kinds of things like muffins, sweet and sour chicken, sausage rolls and many other things that you will enjoy making and also eating.

Lucy Earley Y10





The Battle of Hastings—Part 2

On Wednesday, 6th April, Year 7 took part in a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings. It was the culmination of an extended homework project to design and make shields and other 'warrior garb'! All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal about medieval history and warfare. A great example of history coming alive. Thanks to the history department!



Making Maths Fun—Number day 2010

To celebrate number day and raise money for the NSPCC our students took part in a number of activities. The school invited Dr Mark, an enthusiastic Mathematician, to perform his magical and intriguing Maths show to all year 7 and 8 pupils. The year 6 pupils from the Primary schools also came to see Dr Mark's performance to join in the celebrations of number day. To help raise money for the NSPCC charity, staff and pupils were asked to wear a number to school and this raised £293.62 for the Charity. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for taking part in the fund raising event.. Other activities our students have been involved in include 'The UK Maths Challenge' and 'World Maths Day'.

Burton Albion Study Centre



The Burton Albion Study Centre course has been really fun over the past two months. It has helped me to see the other side of people that I wasn't really friends with before. Even though my confidence was high before I went to the study centre, it has got even higher. I'm very sorry that the course is stopping, I wish it could carry on. The staff there are very kind and helpful though they are strict when they have to be. If the course was to continue, I would strongly recommend that people sign up for it as it is really fun.

Joe Brelsford 7APH

The Burton Albion Study Centre course is a great way to boost your confidence in technology and learning. You can make new friends and learn to make your own music and make your own websites. You can also win a Burton Albion kit and get free tickets to a match against Gillingham which ended as a 1-1 draw!

Robert Vale 7LJS

Burton Albion gave me fun and confidence because usually I don't do any out of school activities and when it came along I loved it. My friends also go and Nick said it was brilliant and Alexander said it was awesome. If we had the chance we would do it all again. There we made smoothies, made a song and got free tickets to a match. Oliver Nicholson 7SY

Year 7 Netball

Since joining Paulet we have had the opportunity to join the school's netball team. This gave us a chance to make new friends and represent the school. We have had lots of matches against many other schools such as John Taylor, Abbots Bromley, Granville, Robert Sutton and William Allitt. We really enjoy playing and love the sport. In the team there is Megan Maddocks, Centre, Frankie Peach, Wing Attack, Cara Wilson, Wing Defence, Kelsey Gooding, Goal Defence, Antonia Jolley, Goal Attack, Katie Fergusson, Goal Shooter and Chloe Mayne as a substitute. We are all really excited about the tournament on Wednesday 30th March after-school at Paulet against many other schools.

Philippa Luxton—Part of the team that won the Girls' National Cadet Table Tennis League 2011. She also won the 'best player in the tournament' award and has received a 2011 East Staffordshire Sports Scholarship!

Well Done Philippa!



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.

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.

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 or plain black pumps 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
- Skirts must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee
- 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

The weather is getting warmer
So just a reminder
Water bottles available
For just 70p!

SamLearning

We have invested a significant amount of money into this internet based revision tool for all year groups. The SamLearning 'people' have shown that GCSE grades can be improved significantly by spending 10 hours, on SamLearning, for each subject....and it can be accessed wherever you have an internet connection! Great for the Easter Holidays! Visit www.samlearning.com! The school ID is DE15PC and a student's username and password is their six digit date of birth and their initials! Eg: 260395JS

