

The Epistle

26th May 2023

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fantastic half term at St Paul's, as it always is! Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have settled into their exams and feedback has been positive with most feeling confident of great results in August. Our staff have done a wonderful job in preparing pupils for their GCSEs and A Levels, whilst continuing to keep a close eye on their well-being during this stressful time. The most important thing is that they try hard and do their best. Whatever the results, we will be proud of all of them.



Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension in a wonderful whole school Mass. Jesus's resurrection is a symbol of hope in all that we do and reminds us that there is always light after difficult times. During Lent, we raised the phenomenal sum of just over £15,000 for CAFOD Emergency Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. Thank you all for your support in raising this amount. As well as raising money, our children have had a very busy term in lessons and have also had to contend with some disruption to their normal routine as a result of strike action and extra bank holidays. As always, students have remained positive and carried on with their studies regardless. They now all deserve to enjoy the half term break and get plenty of rest.

When we return after half term, we will be into the final few weeks before we finish for the summer break. During this time, we will be looking to appoint support staff in readiness for September. We are looking, in particular, for Teaching Assistants to support students' learning and an additional team member to join our Premises Department. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, details of these opportunities will be posted on our school website — <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities> and also posted on our social media platforms.

At the end of the summer, I receive a number of requests for students to be granted holidays during the school term. Please may I remind all parents and carers that any such requests will not be authorised. Students receive 13 weeks' holiday over the academic year and should not be taking time off during term time.

With the weather likely to get warmer over the next few weeks, please ensure that your children continue to wear their blazers to school every day. If we experience extreme highs in temperatures like last year, the school will advise parents as to any relaxation in uniform.

On a final note, we are delighted to be able to hold our Awards Evening once again on Wednesday 5th July. This will be the first time we have been in a position to hold the event since prior to Covid. It is truly a lovely evening for all the family and we hope that many of you will be able to join us in rewarding our children for their exceptional performance. Students will be notified if they are receiving an award by mid-June.

Have a happy and relaxing half term. We look forward welcoming the students back for the final term on Monday 5th June.

God bless



James Mc Nulty
Headteacher

Student Voice

In this issue Year 7 reflect on their recent Rosary lessons with our School Chaplain.

Last week in Year 7 we had a lesson on the Rosary beads and The Hail Mary. In this lesson we received our very own Rosary beads and a prayer booklet explaining everything you need to do to pray the Rosary. I enjoyed this lesson because it was nice to do a practical in RS as we do not often do so. It was a good interactive lesson for the whole class to do as we all had a prayer to read and the whole class enjoyed it. Thank you to Miss Jones and Miss Dahill for doing this lesson with us.



Lainei 7J

Last week we had a lesson on the Lady of the Rosary. In the lesson we prayed the Rosary and learned a bit about our Mother Mary. The whole class got involved with saying a prayer in turn which I enjoyed. We said many different prayers. What I really liked was that on the board there was text just in case the person didn't know what it was or if they knew it in another language. At the end we got a free Rosary and a small prayer book which included all the prayers. I really enjoyed it!



Carmen 7J

On Thursday we had a lesson all about the Lady of the Rosary. Our Chaplain, Miss Jones, guided us through this lesson with many interesting facts. We were given Rosary beads to help us with a visual and sensory experience. We were all given a prayer to say as we went along the necklace. It was a very nice, new lesson and I learnt about the Fatima prayer.



Joanna 7J

Last week, Year 7 had a lesson on the Lady of the Rosary which involved praying the Rosary with the Rosary beads we were given in class. One thing I learnt was there are 53 Hail Mary's and 6 Our Fathers, in total there are 59 Rosary beads. One thing I really enjoyed was learning the new prayers. Another thing that I learnt was the arrangement of the prayers. This helped me with relaxation and the order of the beads and prayers.



Evie 7J

Last week 7T had a lesson about the importance of the Rosary and how it can affect our daily lives. Together, with Mrs Jones, we created a peaceful atmosphere while reciting the Hail Mary. It taught me the importance of Mary and how I can build on my relationship with God. Furthermore, it taught me how I can grow closer with my faith towards Him. I enjoyed this lesson because I know how to use my faith on a daily basis.



Victoria 7T

Last week we had a lesson on the Lady of the Rosary which involved learning about many prayers and the four mysteries. One thing I really was interested in was learning about all the different stages Jesus had to go through to be crucified. This has helped me to remember all the stages. They also gave us Rosary beads and a prayer book on the Rosary.



Renee 7R

Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday 18th May, the school community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In Christian belief, Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven 40 days after his resurrection at Bethany (Mount of Olives), witnessed by Jesus's eleven remaining apostles. We were delighted to welcome Fr Shaun Richards of St John Fisher parish in Shepperton and Fr Philip Dyer-Perry from Our Lady of the Rosary, both of whom presided over the masses, offering thoughtful reflections in the Homily. Students and staff participated in the celebration with music provided by our school choir. The Liturgy of the Word was led by our Chaplaincy Team with the 'Reading of the Day' proclaimed so confidently and clearly. A wonderful Mass for the Feast of the Ascension.



Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy

This month we saw the end of an era for Year 11 as we celebrated their time here at St Paul's in a Leavers' Liturgy and reception. The Liturgy was a wonderful coming together of all the pupils, their tutors, teachers and all those in the school community. Mr Holland and Mr Collett opened the service with reflective prayers, followed by each tutor delivering their own personal prayers for their tutor groups; it was very moving. The students themselves had created memory boards commemorating their time together and these were offered up in thanksgiving during the Liturgy. The Year 11 Choir provided the music for this special celebration, singing a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace, and our Head Prefects offered thoughtful and poignant reflections on their time at St Paul's from a pupils' perspective.

In keeping with tradition, the Liturgy was then followed by shirt signing and treats in the hall. A truly special gathering to mark this occasion and we wish all our pupils every success in their forthcoming exams. We keep each one of you in our prayers at this time.



During the month of May the Catholic Church offers devotions and prayers to our Blessed Mother Mary. Here at St Paul's we mark this important month by learning more about the Rosary. Our School Chaplain, Mrs Jones, guides our Year 7 pupils through the praying of the Rosary. Each student receives a set of beads, along with a prayer card, and together pray through the decades of the Rosary for a chosen intention. It was wonderful to see the children participate so well in these lessons. Each pupil had a turn at reciting the prayers and together we all became a 'Living Rosary' pondering on the Joyful Mysteries. We have encouraged all the students to pray the Rosary at home with their families and we hope that you will be able to join them during your own prayer times in your homes.

"To pray the Rosary is to handover our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother."

Pope John Paul II

The Rosary



Ski Trip

At the beginning of April, 44 students and 5 members of staff boarded a coach set for Italy and a week of skiing, fully aware that there were huge delays at Dover. Despite this, luck was on our side and we only suffered a 6-hour delay (some schools were on a coach for over 48 hours!) arriving at our hotel on Sunday night. Despite this minor setback the group was up on the slopes by 9:30 on the Monday morning for a week of glorious sunshine and great skiing. The students were split into groups based on ability and they all progressed exceptionally well, from the very experienced group who managed to get onto the hardest runs (Blacks) by Day 3, to the beginners who by the end of the week were confident on blue runs. There was also plenty of fun to be had on the Apres ski with a fantastic Pizza night with as much authentic Italian Pizza as you could eat, a Bowling and arcade night, a town tour in Aosta with quiz night and the awards evening on the last night. The students all represented St Paul's extremely well and the staff of Miss Wood, Miss Walton, Mr Russell and Mr Allan were all brilliant. As we return from this year's highly successful trip planning for next year is already underway.



Lenten Charity Fundraiser



St Paul's Lenten Charity appeal to raise funds for this year's nominated charity, CAFOD Emergency Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, has once again been an outstanding success. The Sponsored Walk, our main fundraising event, alongside the tremendous efforts of our staff and students' fundraising activities by organising cake and sweet sales, raffles, a staff football match, laser tag games, 'Sponge the Teacher' sessions, etc, has all culminated in the school raising just over £15,000. This is an amazing feat, particularly in current economic climes, and we would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support.

Thank You

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Ofsted

OPEN EVENTS

Admission to Year 7 in 2024

Open Mornings

Thursday 21st September, 28th September and 5th October
Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am
No appointment necessary

Open Evening

Thursday 21st September from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Headteacher Evening Address at 6.00pm and 7.00 pm

Enquiries

Year 7
T: 01932 754213
E: admissions@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

Sixth Form

T: 01932 754203
E: sixthform@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

Sixth Form Open Evening

Admission to Year 12 in 2024

Wednesday 27th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

St Paul's Catholic College,
Manor Lane, Sunbury on Thames, Surrey, TW16 6JE
www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk



Art and Photography

Over the past 2 years, A Level students in Art and Photography have been working hard in honing their artistic skills in preparation for their final examinations. Here are just some of the exquisite work the students have produced in their final coursework examination. Their hard work has indeed paid off!



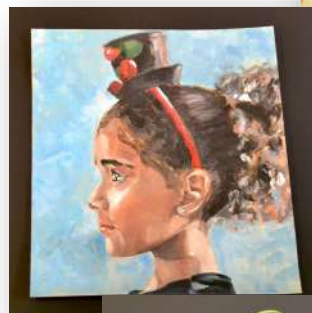
Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show

Certificates all around for the pupils who participated in the recent Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show this year. Now in its fifth year, the Young Artists Summer Show is an open submission exhibition for students aged 4-19 studying in the UK. Here are just a few of the entries:

Artist of the Week



We have some unbelievably talented art students at St Paul's as you can see from the 'Artist of the Week' by Marta in Year 13.



Drama Exams

The Drama Department have had a busy half term; preparing for both the GCSE and A level scripted Component 3 exams and their final written exams, as well as Year 10 preparing for their Component 2 devised piece.

Having an external examiner come in to watch the performances is nerve wracking, but equally exciting to showcase all the hard work and preparation that has gone in to preparing for the exams.

KS4 and 5 have made the department incredibly proud of their achievements, and we are hoping for some amazing results in the summer.



Careers



The focus this term for our younger students has been careers. It is never too early for our pupils to start thinking about what they would like to do in the future. As a starting point for Year 7, they have taken part in 'Introduction to Careers' sessions delivered by Innervate Careers Services and have had a presentation from the Bank of England followed by a Q&A session in one of their assemblies this term. Year 8 students had a careers presentation this term on joining the teaching profession.

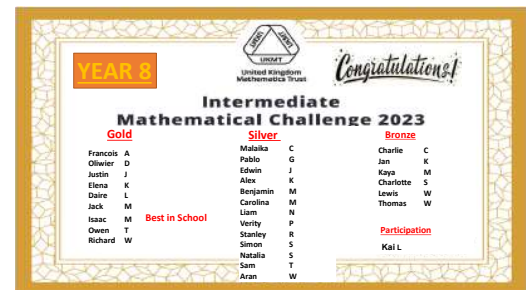
Maths Junior Challenge



Congratulations to our fantastic Mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 who took part in the recent UKMT Junior Challenge. The Junior UKMT Challenge is a national competition for Year 7 to 11 students run by the University of Leeds. Each year there are around 280,000 entries. The top 40% of students nationally are awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates.

St Paul's students have done amazingly well in particular this year **with 19 Gold, 27 Silver and 12 Bronze Awards.**

Six of our pupils are in the top 8% in the country and they have qualified to proceed to the next rounds with the very highest performing students from the Maths Challenge being invited to sit the Olympiad. Good luck everyone!



UKMT 2nd Round
Junior Kangaroo 2023

Wednesday 14th June 2023

Isaac	M
Jack	M
Olivier	D
Owen	T
Richard	W
Francois	A

Good Luck! 😊

Sports News

Netball

At the beginning of May, the Year 7 Girls Netball Team took part in a netball tournament at Matthew Arnold where they finished third overall. Special mention to Izzy H who played particularly well as Centre.

Rounders

The Year 10 girls had a great time in the rounders tournament held last week. The team performed well, with great batting and fielding from Emily B and Jane C.

Personal Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Nicol in 8E who came first place in her category (Grade 4 Women's Group) representing London in the Acrobatic Gymnastics British Championships held in Stoke on Trent recently. This is not Nicol's first time as British Champion having won first and second place in previous national competitions. Well done Nicol.

In early April, Joshua in 7D competed in the Gymnastics Tigers Acro Cup in Kent winning Gold in the Men's Four competition. Well done to Joshua and all the team. Best of luck in the next competition which will be in a few weeks time in Poland.

Oscar in 7J is a high level table tennis player and is currently part of the England Performance Squad, participating in many competitions. Last weekend he took part in the Inter-Regional Championship representing the London region, winning a gold medal in the U13 Category. Well done Oscar - such a great achievement!

For the second year in a row, Jeremi in 9R received a letter from Basketball England advising him that he had been identified as having the potential to become a member of the England U15 Boys squad for the 2023 England Talent Programme. He was invited to join the Selection Camp early April at the National Basketball Performance Centre in Manchester. On the last day of this camp Jeremi received the great news that he would be representing England U15 Boys in the Globasket International Tournament in Lloret de Mar in Spain from 10th-14th April 2023. This youth basketball tournament is one of the most prestigious events of its kind and brings together some of the most talented young players from around the world.

Jeremi proudly represented England, (second place) his basketball club and St Paul's Catholic College. It was a great experience and such a tremendous achievement.



Nicol



Joshua



Oscar



Jeremi

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th May 2023
End of Term

Monday 5th June 2023
First day of Summer Term 2
Year 13 A Level Exams (to 30th June)
Year 11 GCSE exams (to 22nd June)
Year 12 Retreats (to 6th June)

Wednesday 7th June 2023
Year 5 Retreat
Spelthorne Music Festival

Thursday 8th June 2023
Year 8 Art Trip to London Zoo

Friday 9th June 2023
Year 12 DofE Silver Expedition
Year 10 Life Skills Day (Tutors A, C, D, E)

Monday 12th June 2023
Year 10 Life Skills Day (Tutors J, M, R, T)

Tuesday 13th June 2023
Year 12 Careers Day
Year 7 Success Bus to Chessington World of Adventures

Wednesday 14th June 2023
Year 5 Retreat

Thursday 15th June 2023
Year 12 UCAS Day

Friday 16th June 2023
Year 9 Success Bus to Thorpe Park

Monday 19th June 2023
Year 12 Exams (to 7th July)

Friday 20th June 2023
Year 9/10 District Athletics

Wednesday 21st June 2023
Year 8 Success Bus to Thorpe Park

Thursday 22nd June 2023
Year 11 Prom
Year 9 HPV Injections (2nd dose)

Please refer to the website for further details.



Keep up to date with the latest school news and events on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

TERM DATES

End of Term - Friday 26th May 2023

Half Term from:

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Summer Term 2

Monday 5th June - Thursday 20th July 2023

Summer Holidays

Friday 21st July - 31st August 2023

Autumn Term 1

Friday 1st September - Friday 20th October

INSET Days

Friday 1st September

Friday 23rd September

**ALL STUDENTS RETURN ON
MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

How safe are our children when they are online?

Through our Life Skills lessons we teach our students how to keep themselves safe online. The online world is a great place for learning and socialising, but is also fast becoming a bigger threat to our young people. The difficulty is keeping up with ever-changing technology, but also, to understand their world. Whilst preparing lessons for the students we came across this video which we felt was a great watch and quite thought-provoking – we wanted to share it with our parents in case you found it useful too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>





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- Get work experience from anywhere in the UK

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Your child's school/college must also be registered with us. In the instance they aren't, please email the link below to your school/college careers lead with a request for them to sign up. <https://www.speakersforschools.org/getting-started>

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I feel that applying for the work experience showed the panel that I was keen to learn more about Douneay and contributed to my success in getting an apprenticeship."



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Hours - 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
Deadline - Monday 5th June



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Headteacher: Mr James Mc Nulty
(11-18 N.O.R. 1304 incl. Sixth Form)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Monday – Friday - term time only 8.30am to 3pm
Sc1 FTE £20,079 plus £914 fringe, (pro-rata £13,218.63 plus £601.71, totalling £13,820.35 per annum)
Required for September 2023

Are you a nurturing, patient and considerate person who would welcome the opportunity to provide academic support and pastoral care for our students with Special Educational Needs in a friendly, caring and supportive environment?

St Paul's is one of the most successful schools in the country and our GCSE results are in the top 10% nationally. We are seeking to appoint Teaching Assistants to work as part of our experienced SEND team. We are looking to recruit candidates who will provide a strong and positive role model for children who find it difficult to access the curriculum without additional support.

Duties will include supporting students with Special Educational Needs or a disability in their learning, both in the classroom and one to one. You will have an ability to support students by differentiating work, pre-learning key words and explaining tasks. You will need to be patient, understanding and capable of establishing a good rapport with a wide variety of people, particularly children and teachers. ICT skills are required. Previous experience or an interest in teaching would be an advantage but not essential.

This role would suit:

- applicants looking to return to work on term time basis;
- those seeking a role that balances work and family life;
- candidates wishing to embark on a new challenge or career change;
- graduates looking for teaching experience with a view to becoming a teacher;
- Sixth Form students on a gap year.

St Paul's offers local government pension scheme, subsidised nursery and the possibility of accommodation and provides a caring school environment for staff and students.

Application packs are available at:
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Completed applications should be sent to: jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk.
If you require further information regarding the role, please contact Mrs De Rosa, Headteacher's PA, at nderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk.
CV's will not be accepted as applications.

Closing date for applications: Monday 5 June 2023 at 9am.

Applications are considered as they are received; we reserve the right to make an appointment prior to the closing date.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service. We are an equal opportunities employer.



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