

## The Epistle

March/April 2024

### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and you had an opportunity to rest, catch-up with loved ones and enjoy the Easter holiday. Easter is a time we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Christ sacrificed his life and gave us hope through His rising. This shows us that we all should have hope even in those dark days and that Christ is always with us in all that we do.



This year we supported the Trussell Trust as a Lenten Charity. Over the last few weeks of last term, there have been various fundraising activities and a sponsored walk to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. This charity is a foodbank and provides basic food needs for the most vulnerable in the local community. We encourage everyone to do what they can in terms of sponsorship, but acknowledge the difficulties in the current economic climate.

We have only 3 weeks until the start of the GCSE and A Level examinations and all our students have been given their exam timetables at the end of term. I hope students will be busy revising over Easter and are feeling motivated and confident for the weeks ahead. We always keep a close eye on our pupils' well-being and remind them that they just have to do their best and not overly worry about the outcome. Years 11 and Year 13 are both fantastic year groups and we wish them all the best in the run up to the exams.

We have just completed a rigorous process in appointing 3 new Assistant Headteachers here at St Paul's. I am delighted to announce that Emily O'Farrell (Head of Business), Monika Smaga (Head of Maths) and Tony Hutchinson (Head of History) will be joining the Leadership Team next year. I am sure they will continue to ensure St Paul's goes from strength to strength.

As you are no doubt aware, we had Ofsted in school earlier this year and received the final report at the end of February. Ofsted again highlighted how great our school is and we have remained an 'Outstanding' school in all areas. I would like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents who supported us through this process. I am hoping you are all feeling very proud of the outcome. We have a very special school here, where we all live the values of service and love; hence making us a great community.

Please can I remind you that when purchasing school shoes over the Easter holiday that they are plain black and leather (no trainers). We will be checking all uniform on the first day back to ensure our high standards are kept. Hairstyles must be appropriate for school; lines cut into the hair or into the eyebrows, are not permitted. Please refer to the website for further information on our school uniform policy.

I hope you enjoy the Easter holiday. Summer Term 1 starts on Monday 15th April.



James Mc Nulty  
Headteacher

# Student Voice

*In this issue, Year 8 students report on what Easter means to them.*

## **Elia - 8R**

Easter is when Jesus died and then was resurrected from the dead to go to Heaven. Easter is important for me because I get to see my family and spend a lot of time with them.

At school we learn about Holy Week in RS, and have organised a sponsored walk to raise money for charity. We do this because Jesus gave to us, so we want to do the same. Jesus died on the cross for us so the least we can do is raise money for charity.

## **Carmen - 8J**

Easter is celebrated by Christians to remember Jesus, and how He died and rose to Heaven. Easter is a great time of year. Some people think of it more on the religious side while others may think of chocolate eggs and the Easter Bunny. I personally see Easter as both.

At St Pauls, we walk as a school in order to raise money for charity which this year is for the Trussell Trust. We do this around Easter because it's important to give and to help others at this time. We also learn about Holy Week in more detail in RS. Lastly, despite looking forward to the chocolate eggs, Easter is truly about spending time with family, Jesus and giving to others.

## **Evie - 8T**

Easter is a time when we remember the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. Jesus is the Lamb of God symbolising a sacrificial object because he gave us salvation.

I look forward to spending time with my family over the Easter break. However, before Easter, St Paul's is raising money for the charity the Trussell Trust by doing a sponsored walk, and using tokens to join in with other fundraising events.

## **Lainey - 8J**

When I think of Easter, I think of new beginnings and a fresh start. I also think of how Jesus died for us on the cross and how he told us to love and help others.

This year St Paul's is raising money for the charity the Trussell Trust so that we can do as Jesus taught us.

## **Destinee - 8J**

Easter is the time when Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven. Personally, when I think of Easter I think about eggs, animals and God.

At St Paul's we walk as a school in order to raise money for the Trussell Trust. We do this around Easter as it shows kindness and a new beginning.

## **Renee - 8R**

Personally, when I think of Easter I think of the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Many people think it's about the Easter Bunny and chocolate eggs but really it's about Jesus. I have been learning about Holy Week in RS.

At St Paul's, we are raising money for the Trussell Trust by walking as a school in a sponsored walk. We do this to help the people who are in need so that they too can have a great Easter time.

# St Paul's remains an 'Outstanding' school

St Paul's Catholic College is delighted and extremely proud to announce that we continue to remain an 'Outstanding' school in all areas following the recent Ofsted inspection. To continue to be recognised as an 'Outstanding' establishment is a really significant judgement and we would like to thank everyone for their support. Here are some of the wonderful things that the Ofsted team said about our school:

- "Teachers' subject knowledge is a strength of the school."
- "Staff are proud of their work. They strive to improve their already excellent teaching skills. As a result, lessons are of high quality and pupils are supported in developing their knowledge and understanding."
- "Extra activities, such as museum and pantomime trips, broaden pupils' experiences. Many take on a rich selection of pupil leadership roles. They are proud of their work as peer mentors, ambassadors and representatives of the school."



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Working in partnership with the Ascension Catholic Academy Trust

## Science Week

Earlier in March, St Paul's Science Department celebrated British Science Week. A programme of activities was organised at lunchtimes over the week for Year 7 and Year 8 students to enjoy. Screaming Jelly Babies, Northern Lights displays, Great Fire of London demos and burning teabags were just some of the demonstrations and experiments pupils could enjoy. Our After School Extravaganza was a real success on the Thursday of Science Week. Year 7 students together with pupils from local primary schools, St Ignatius, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Michael's, were invited to take part in an afternoon of scientific fun watching a wide range of demonstrations and then conducting their own laboratory experiments, under the guidance of our teachers, technicians and sixth form assistants. We hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the wonders of Science with us.



 **BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK**

## Reconciliation

St Paul's would like to thank the local parish priests who came along to the school recently to offer our students the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are grateful for their time and enabling so many of our pupils to receive this healing Sacrament.



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



## Lenten Fundraising

Over the Lenten period, St Paul's Catholic College community comes together to give alms by fundraising for charity. This year we have been raising funds for the Trussell Trust. Over the last couple of weeks, staff and students have been holding numerous fundraising activities at break and at lunchtime. Cake and sweet sales, raffles, laser tag games, football tournaments, dodgeball, film screenings as well as 'Sponge the Teacher' and 'Sponge the Student' sessions are just some of the many activities that have taken place.

Our main fundraiser is the sponsored walk. On Friday 22nd March, St Paul's took to the streets around Sunbury and Kempton racecourse. The theme of the event was fancy dress with many staff and students dressing up for the occasion. Joining us for the walk were dinosaurs, chickens, minions, fairies and even Tweety Pie!

Sponsorship money is now coming in, so if you have yet to pay your sponsor money please remember to do so via Wisepay.

We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone - staff, students, parents and carers for your support.



## Lenten Liturgy



Our term came to end on Maundy Thursday with our Lenten Celebration of the Word. The whole school community gathered together to share in The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St Mark. The celebration was a beautiful exploration of Christ's Passion brought to life by our pupils through readings, reflections, drama and music. Following a busy term, coming together in collective worship allows us all to reflect on the Easter Triduum and prepare our hearts for this most important of seasons in our Catholic faith. Thank you to Miss Harper for leading our choir so beautifully and the Drama Club for participating so passionately and sensitively in the re-telling of this story. Our Chaplaincy Team have once again served our school faithfully by leading all the readings and reflections in the Celebration of Word and allowing us all to draw the term to an end in such a special way.

## Upper Thames Deanery visit to St Paul's

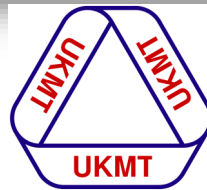


St Paul's was delighted to welcome the priests from the Upper Thames Deanery recently to host their monthly meeting. Our community is built on the partnerships we have with our parishes and it's always a joy for the staff and pupils to see their local priests in the school.



# UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our fantastic Mathematicians in Years 9 and 10 who took part in the recent UKMT Intermediate Challenge. The Intermediate UKMT Challenge is a national competition for Years 9 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. Our students have done amazingly well again this year with 27 of our pupils being in the top 8% in the country. Seven of our students 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.



## World Book Day

World Book Day's mission is to promote reading for pleasure and to encourage the development of a lifelong habit of reading which is a big factor in improving a child's life success.

St Paul's World Book Day is an important event in the school calendar. Students enjoyed this worldwide celebration through a range of activities. There were reading and writing activities in class, various reading-based competitions, online and in-house quizzes and an opportunity to submit a design for a gift card token to the World Book Day organisers. Happy reading everyone!

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



*Calling all past students and parents*

*Can you help?*

## Years 10/12 Careers Day Tuesday 11th June

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to come into school and talk to small groups of students about their careers and experiences. Some of the sectors our students are interested in finding out more about are: -

Animal Care	Hospitality	Retail
Architecture	Law	Social Work
Business	Media & Film	Sports & Leisure
Childcare	Marketing	Veterinary
Cyber Security	Medical	
Finance		

Are there any past pupils or parents out there that would like to come back to talk about their careers paths since leaving St Paul's?

If you are able to help please contact:  
Rachael Garvey - Careers Director



01932 704146



rgarvey@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

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*Achieving Excellence, Learning to Serve*



## Music Concert

A fantastic evening of musical entertainment was had by all at the Music Concert held at the end of March. We had a full evening of live music with many acts keen to perform; choirs, soloists, duos, pianists, cellist and even a rock band, which brought the house down! We have such a talented group of students - they were all amazing! Congratulations to all those who took part, and a huge thank you to all the families and friends of the school who came along to the evening to support the students, and to everyone for their generosity; we made over £400 in donations to the Music Department. As always, a special thanks goes to Ms Harper, who without her, the show would literally not go on.



## Duke of Edinburgh

More successful recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Congratulations go to Year 13 students Freya and Tatiana for achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and to Sebastian and Dominika for achieving Bronze awards.



## Personal Achievement

Huge congratulations to Oscar N in Year 8 who has achieved remarkable success in the sporting world of table tennis recently. At the onset of the half term, Oscar clinched the gold medal in the team Middlesex for Cadets Table Tennis County Championship. He then went on to secure a silver medal in the Plymouth Junior 4\* Competition and another silver in the Junior British League.

In addition to this, Oscar represented St Paul's in the Surrey Schools Table Tennis Championship, where he emerged victorious, securing the gold medal and earning him the opportunity to represent our school in the National Schools Championship. Well done Oscar, we look forward to hearing more news about your achievements.



## Spring Term 2 Fixture Highlights

### Football

- Fantastic win for our Year 8 boys in their football match against Magna Carta. Final score 5-0.
- The Year 8 football team also secured a great 3-1 win against Sunbury Manor. Good performance from all the team; standout performances from Walton and Elia at the back and Alan who scored 2 of the goals.
- Year 7 boys played a superb football match a couple of weeks ago against Magna Carta. Unfortunately the game ended in a 0-0 draw but it was a very entertaining game. Special mention to Josh who was in goal.
- Big mention to the Year 11 boys who reached the final of a big game and narrowly missed out on winning - great work this season from Teddy M and Jack W.
- Year 9 boys worked hard to beat a Jubilee side and showed some great teamwork to overcome a strong side. Final score 3-0. Great performances from Stanley W and Daniyal A.
- Well done to the Year 8/9 girls football team for their win against Sunbury Manor. Great work from all the girls and Khloe for good goalkeeping.

### Netball

- The Year 7 netball team secured a great win against Jubilee High last week - final score 17-1. Great Shooting from Lucy and Jessica.
- Year 7 girls netball team came second in the district league! Great teamwork from all the girls this year, fantastic shooting from Hannah M and lovely mid court play from Grace M. Well done girls and bring on next season.
- Year 8 girls netball team are winners of the district league! Again another fantastic team with some brilliant scores and teamwork from all. Izzy H was a great captain this season and there was some brilliant work from Mia G and Kashyma in the shooting circle. Special mention to Adelaide who came into the team seamlessly and was a defensive wizard on the court. We cannot wait to see their success more in the coming years.

### Basketball

Well done to the following teams - Year 8 boys, Year 9 girls and Year 10 boys for being the district winners for their tournaments. Again great play from all teams and we look forward to seeing them play again next year!



*Year 8 boys football team*



*Year 7 girls netball team*



*Year 8 girls netball team*

## Congratulations Julia



### Sporting success for Julia!

Julia took part in a gymnastics competition recently, and together with her team won gold, making them English Champions. What an achievement!



## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 28th March 20234**  
End of Term

**Monday 15th April 2024**  
First day of Summer Term 1  
Year 10 Written Exams (to 19th April)  
GCSE MFL Speaking Exams, Art and Photography Exams and PE Sports moderation (to 3rd May)

**Tuesday 16th April 2024**  
Sixth Form Statistics Talk

**Wednesday 17th April 2024**  
Year 11 Voluntary Retreat (to 18th April)

**Thursday 18th April 2024**  
Year 8 HPV Immunisations (to 19th April)

**Monday 22nd April 2024**  
Year 12 Written Exams (to 29th April)  
Year 10 Practical Exams (to 26th April)  
Year 12 & Year 13 BTEC Exams (to 26th April)

**Tuesday 23rd April 2024**  
Year 11 GCSE Art & Photography (to 24th April)

**Thursday 25th April 2024**  
Year 13 Voluntary Retreat  
Year 7 & Year 8 Junior Maths Challenge

**Friday 26th April 2024**  
Year 13 A level Drama Exam  
Year 13 A level PE Moderation

**29th April 2024**  
BTEC, A level Art, Photography & MFL Speaking Exams (to 10th May)

**Tuesday 30th April 2024**  
Year 13 A level Art & Photography (to 2nd May)

**Thursday 2nd May**  
Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation

**Friday 3rd May 2024**  
Year 11 Exams Liturgy

*Please refer to the website for further details.*

## TERM DATES

### Easter Holiday from:

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

### Summer Term 1

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024  
*(Monday 6th May 2024 - Spring Bank Holiday)*

### Half Term from:

Monday 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024

### Summer Term 2

Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2023

### INSET Days

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

## School Attendance

Please note that if parents/carers take their children out of school

without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter, the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.





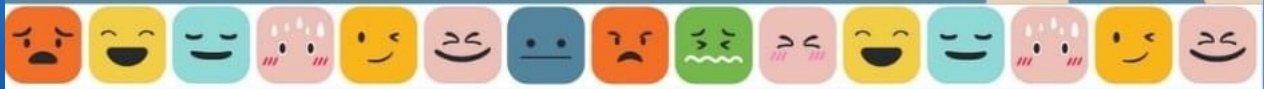
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Open 5pm to 11pm every day  
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#NeurodiversityWeek



### HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS



#### WEBINAR FOR YEAR 12 AND 13 PARENTS AND CARERS

Wednesday 24th April 6:00-6:30pm

If your child is looking for a post-18 qualification that is flexible, job-focused and an excellent way to progress to a higher/degree apprenticeship, a full degree or a highly-skilled job, join this webinar all about **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)** run by Amazing Apprenticeships on behalf of the Department for Education, especially for parents and carers.

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- Level 4 and 5 qualifications, such as HNCs, HNDs and Foundation Degrees
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- Taken after a level 3 qualification, such as A-levels, T Levels or BTECs or to upskill during your career



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