

# Newsletter



**PATTISON**  
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

I do hope that today has gone smoothly and that the holiday is not too distant a memory. I would particularly like to welcome parents and children who are new to the school and I look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Pupils have come home today with a data collection form which I would ask you to check to ensure we have your latest contact details etc. Year 5 to 11 have also brought home an ICT Acceptable Use Policy which also needs to be signed and returned tomorrow please.

As ever, please do not forget to contact me should you have any concerns.

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## Congratulations to Year 11

I am delighted to report that our small class of Year 11 pupils, despite the more challenging GCSEs, all achieved the grades needed to continue to the course of their choice, be it A levels, Furniture Design, Catering or Business Studies. As the class was so small our results will not be featured in the league tables to protect the privacy of individual pupils. Congratulations to all concerned and thanks to their parents and teachers for their part in making this happen. We were delighted to hear from some former Year 11 students about their plans for going to University. Former Head Girl, Chloe Storer is going to read History at London; Heather Faulkner—Geography at Liverpool and Molly Burton—PE at Leeds University. I would love to hear from other former students what their particular plans are. Congratulations to all concerned

## Reception & Infant Parents' Meetings Thursday 7 September 8.45am

As notified by email last week, Mrs Green would like to invite the parents of Year 1 pupils to a short meeting at 8.45am tomorrow to give parents an idea of what to expect now that their children are in the Upper Infants. The meeting will finish by 9.15 at the latest. Mrs McCaughley will be having a meeting for Reception parents at the same time.

## St Gregory's School—Buenos Aires

I am delighted that Mr Harrison, our French Teacher, has arranged for a group of Argentinian 15-16 year olds who are on tour in the UK, to visit us on Friday 15 September. They will be taking entertaining pupils of all ages, which I think will be a really special occasion for all concerned.

## Swimming Years 1 to 6 Friday 22 September

Pupils in Mrs Green's, Mrs Smith's and Mr Thompson's classes start swimming on Friday afternoon at the AT7 Centre. This is a week later than normal so that the pupils can enjoy an afternoon of Argentinian music.

A reminder that pupils wear a plain black swimming costume, as per the uniform list, but no jewellery, not even stud earrings, is permitted. Girls may wear plain swimming caps & those with long hair should come to school with their hair in plaits please so it can be kept as dry as possible. Pupils travel to and from their lessons wearing their black dance trousers, tee-shirt and fleece to make changing easier. We anticipate the coach returning to school at approximately 3.45pm so pupils in Mrs Green's class will finish later than their usual 3.30pm. Thank you

## Team Building Day Monday 11 September Years 1 to 14

We have organised a team building session on Monday at the Alan Higgs Centre. This is an excellent way for new pupils to get to know other pupils in the school, having lots of fun at the same time.

Pupils should come to school at the normal time wearing their blazer, jumper or sweat shirt, trainers and PE kit or Sports/Running Club kit or their black jazz trousers and t-shirt or the new dance track suit. There is no need to bring their normal uniform. Dance classes will take place as usual at lunchtime, in the afternoon and after school.

### Autumn Fair and PTA News

The PTA have a very full term of activities planned starting with the Macmillan Breakfast, which we hope you will all support.

We had intended to hold our Autumn Fair on 30 September but as it is the day after the Macmillan Breakfast, and parents are very busy people, we have decided instead to hold a Summer Fair this year on Saturday 14 July, when hopefully the weather will be superb.

There will be an exciting Halloween Disco on Tuesday 31 October starting at 4PM and an "Indulgence" and Craft evening on Friday 17 November as you make your Christmas plans.

Our PTA does so much to raise funds so that fees can be kept as low as possible for your. We could not manage without them but, as Year 11 move on, we will need more parents to help us continue their good work. I look forward to meeting lots of parents at the Macmillan Breakfast but also at the on Thursday 5 October at 7.30pm for a glass of wine/juice and refreshments and a very short PTA AGM.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29 September 8.00-8.45 am

Pupils and parents who were with us last year will remember that ours is a Coffee Morning with a difference! The PTA invites parents to come to the Hall for a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit for a minimum donation of £1. Breakfast of cereal, toast and squash will also be available as will bacon & sausage batches. Once the cost of the ingredients has been covered, all the remaining money raised will go to the Macmillan charity, so the more generous we are, the larger our contribution to this excellent cause will be. More information and an order form will be sent out.

### DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	7	Reception & Year 1 parents' meetings 8.45am
	11	Years 1—14 team building - Alan Higgs Centre
	15	St Gregory's Buenos Aires visit school
	20	PTA Meeting
	21	Y7 & 11 Parents Evening 5pm
	23	Barbara Sharples Award Manchester - Students
	29	Macmillan Breakfast/Coffee Morning
OCTOBER	3	Y7, 8 & 9 Coventry Heritage Walk
	5	Y10 & 11 Coventry Heritage Walk
	5	Years 10 Parents' Evening
	5	PTA AGM 7.30pm
	8	Allstarz Dance Festival, Students & Troupe
	10	Harvest Assembly
	11	School photos - individual and family groups
	15	Rushton Dance Festival, Students & Troupe
	17	Prize Giving 6pm Prep School, 7.30pm Senior School
	18	Break up for half term at end of day.
	30	School Reopens
31	Halloween Disco in Hall	

### Senior Vocational Timetables

Pupils have come home today with a timetable of the various dance, sport, singing and drama activities available to them. Senior pupils have several classes after school that they can opt to take. Seniors must be doing at least three 'physical' classes which take the place of PE on the timetable. Some Year 10 pupils take more than 12 classes, all of which are included in the fees, as indeed is the sports club when they go to the Coventry & North Warwickshire Cricket Club and Street Dance. We want everyone to be involved and not just a bystander when it comes to physical activity.

Could parents please check that classes chosen are convenient for them collecting children at the end of the day and sign the timetable, before returning it tomorrow so we can update our registers and issue the after school registration forms. Thank you.

**NB** Senior pupils who are new to school will have their timetable finalised next week. In the meantime they can go and watch classes they might like to join in and also discuss with Miss Monique or Miss Jessica the various options available.

Prep School classes usually take place during the school day but after school classes are optional.

### Advanced Notice of School Show Dates 2017

So that you can ensure holidays, wedding etc do not clash with the school show, we are giving advanced notice that the summer show at the Albany theatre next year will take place on Saturday 30 June. There will be rehearsals in school on Saturday 16 & 23 June and in the Theatre on Friday 29 June. **Monday 1 July will be an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils.**