

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

What an exciting end of term we had! I do hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to the children back to school on Tuesday. As ever, please remember never to hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns or good news you would like to share.

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Congratulations

Looking back to last term, many congratulations to the Prep School on their production of "Stable Manners". It certainly was a Christmas show with a difference, with every pupil being fully involved.

Thank you to the Prep School staff for their hard work ensuring the pupils know their words, to Miss Monique for staging and rehearsing the production, to the parents for providing the costumes, to the PTA for providing the refreshments and of course to the children for entertaining us so well. I was delighted that Steve worked through the night to enable you to have your DVD orders before we closed. If you forgot to order your copy or if you want additional copies, they can be ordered direct from the videographer by emailing steve.liles@blueyonder.co.uk. DVDs cost £18 each.



Coventry Children's Boot Fund

We had an amazing response from Senior pupils who volunteered to pack shopping in M&S on Saturday before we broke up for the Coventry Children's Boot Fund. We raised £641 making a total of over £11,000 over the past 13 years. Thank you to those parents, pupils and friends who came to say hello. A big thank you in particular to Preity (Y9) who did 2 90 minute shifts & Amaryn (Y11) who did 3 and never stopped smiling! We received so many compliments and even phone calls about how polite and helpful all the pupils were. Hopefully Dave Moorcroft, their patron, will be able to present certificates some time in the New Year.

Head Teacher's Award

Parents work hard to send their children to Pattisons but education is not just about exam success. Pattison pupils have always been known for being polite, well-mannered, quietly confident and able to communicate well, looking smart, caring and showing respect to one another, staff and visitors and involving themselves fully in school life.

The employment market is so competitive these days that we have to ensure that our pupils continue to have the edge over others in the way they behave, using their initiative and giving their time to help others less fortunate than themselves for example. A true "Pattison Pupil" shines in any situation. In these days of fast food and little time to eat as family or even talk to one another, as mobile devices take precedence, we want to make sure that our pupils would know what to do at a formal event, where their excellent table manners would be matched by their communication skills.

With your support our pupils will continue to uphold the standards which are so important for their future success, not just academically but in life. With that in mind, all pupils were shown the gold coloured Head Teacher's Award that I hope they will strive to achieve.

Fraud Warning

We have received the following information from the Independent Schools Council. The information was also published in the Daily Telegraph before Christmas.

ISC has been asked by the Met Police to share the following message with schools:

The attack begins with an email sent to parents stating the latest payment details for school fees. The email appears official and at times is being sent from the schools own compromised email system. The new bank details belong to the hackers and results in all school fees being diverted into the criminal's accounts.

We are confident that our email system has not been compromised. However, we urge all parents to be very cautious. If you receive any emails claiming to be from school and stating a change of payment detail or containing unexpected attachments. You should telephone immediately on 02476 455031, not call the telephone number contained within the email, so that you can double check the validity of all information before making any payment.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Jess and her husband on the safe arrival of Florence on New Year's Eve. Mother and daughter are doing well.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Louis Lewinson who will be taking our Street Dance classes from the start of the new term. Louis may well be a familiar face to many of you, as he was part of Coventry's successful City of Culture Bid team and has been particularly busy in the last few months of 2017. As well as teaching, Louis is a choreographer and performer having toured in 2017 taking classes on University campus studios. Louis brings a deal of experience and expertise with him and we look forward to welcoming him to our vocational team as Mr Simon enjoys himself in New Zealand!

DIARY DATES

JANUARY	8	Year 10 start 2 weeks Work Experience & staff INSET day
	9	School reopens for Spring Term
	17	Year 9 School Leaver booster inoculations
	23	Level 4 Student Course open day
	25	Year 10 & 11 Parents' Evening 5pm
	28	Naylor (Willenhall) Dance Festival—Junior Troupe
FEBRUARY	4	Naylor (Willenhall) Dance Festival —Senior Troupe and Students
	8	Music Showcase for Private Lesson pupils and Senior Choir
	16	LAMDA exams
	19-25	February half term
	28	Prep School Parents' Evening 4pm
MARCH	8	Year 7 & 8 Parents' Evening 5pm
	16	Students visit to Move It in London
	21	Junior & Senior Drama Showcase
	22	Years 10 & 11 visit to see Macbeth at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre
	22	Year 9 Parents' Evening
	28	School closes for the Easter holiday at 3pm. No after school care or classes. School reopens Monday 16 April