

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

I imagine you are looking forward to the Bank Holiday and I hope that Easter is not too distant a memory, as we start another very busy, exciting term with festivals, exams and the school shows. We would hate to be bored!

A reminder as always, not to hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns. We are here to do the best for your children.

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Congratulations

As Miss Monique says on the Pattison Theatre Arts Facebook Page "Huge **Congratulations** to all the Pattisons Dancers who participated in Sunday's **West Midlands Troupe Dance Festival**" in Stratford. (A troupe is apparently 5 or more performers.) Whether it was the Upper Juniors, Year 7 & 8, Senior pupils, the Students or Academy pupils, they all did us proud. They won the Open Modern Jazz Troupe with 89 marks, Bronze medals for the Junior Modern Jazz and Open Lyrical sections, in what was a very competitive festival. Special thanks to Miss Amanda and Miss Kate for all their hard work and to the parents, family and friends who came to support us on the afternoon. "I was extremely proud of each and every Pattisons performer! Well done EVERYONE!"

At the Speech & Drama section of the Nuneaton Festival of Arts on Monday our pupils shone once again. The Upper Infants, Junior Senior Choral Speaking (Y3-6 and Y7&8), all achieved Distinctions with 86 marks. The Junior Drama Club likewise and the Senior Drama Club 88. A very successful afternoon I am sure you will agree with distinctions and 4 trophies to bring back to school! Well done everyone and thank you to those families who came to support the children. Unlike some schools, all pupils are encouraged to take part in these events and the confidence and self-esteem which results from them, along with the teamwork involved, is an important part of every pupil's personal development. Many thanks to Miss Monique for making it all happen.

Examinations at Pattisons

GCSEs have started today with Year 11 taking their French Oral exams. SATs examinations are fast approaching and Year 7, 8 & 9 have had exams all week.

School Show "Curtain Call" Saturday 30 June 1pm and 5.30pm

This year pupils in the Nursery and Reception classes will take part in BOTH performances of the school show. They will be in Act 1 only and parents will be given the option to collect them at the interval. A letter will be given out with greater details but parents can purchase tickets for either performance, confident that they will get to see their child perform.

Tickets are available to purchase on the Albany Theatre website and are selling fast. In fact 40% of the tickets for the 5.30pm show have sold within 2 weeks of going on sale, so please do not wait to purchase yours, as you may be disappointed!

For your information rehearsals will take place on the following dates, with the exact times given in due course:

Saturday 16 June Rehearsal in the school hall **Saturday 23 June**, Dress Rehearsal in the school hall. Both **from 2.00pm**.

Friday 29 June: Technical & Dress rehearsal at the theatre. Pattison College pupils will be taken to the theatre by coach in the afternoon. Classes will be given a collection time but rehearsals will be finished as close to the scheduled finish of 8.00pm as possible!

Monday 2 July: Inset Day school closed to all pupils.

If any parent would like to advertise their business in the programme please contact Mrs Hanks. There will be a limited amount of space available for adverts and bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

PTA News

The PTA will be holding a sale of good quality second hand uniform in the downstairs front classroom of the senior school, at 3.30pm on Thursday 10 May. Donations of outgrown but not worn out uniform and dancewear, are always gratefully received and can be left at the school office.

One of the PTA's biggest fundraising events is the school Summer Fair. This will take place on 14 July with a French Theme. More details will be given closer to the event however the PTA have asked for volunteers to help on the day and donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Paying Fees by Standing Order

A standing order payment facility is available for **advance fee** payments. If any parent wishes to join the scheme or would like more information, please contact Mrs Dalton **before the end of May** on 02476 455031 or accounts@pattisons.co.uk. There is a charge for using this facility of £60.00 per annum.

Royal Wedding

To continue the festivities celebrating the Royal Wedding, which I imagine some pupils may be watching on the Saturday, pupils are to come to school on Monday 21 May for a special day, wearing red, white and/or blue. Lessons will be as normal however!

Smart Watches & Phones

It has always been our policy that pupils are not allowed to have phones in school. Those travelling by public transport or walking may bring a phone with them however, but they must be handed in to the staff room at the start of the day and collected at 4pm. Should parents need to contact their child after school, there is a payphone in the Prep School for doing so on 02476 659241. It has become apparent that some pupils have extremely expensive phones and school will not accept responsibility for the loss or damage to these or any other valuable items.

We state the above in our welcome pack which all parents received. This ban is now officially being extended to "smart" watches. These high tech watches have many of the features of a smart phone, in particular the ability to take high resolution photographs, there is therefore the potential for them to become an instrument of bullying or harassment, not to mention the possibility of the watch being used for cheating in an exam, which is why the JQC GCSE exam regulations read to pupils today specifically ban these items.

DIARY DATES

MAY	7	May Day Bank Holiday—school closed.
	10	PTA Uniform Sale Senior School downstairs classroom 3.30pm (date changed)
	14	SATs Week
	18	PGL Adventure Weekend
	20	IDTA Exams
	21	Wear something red, white and/or blue to celebrate the Royal Wedding—but work as usual!
	26	Close for half term after Saturday Dance lessons
JUNE	4	School reopens
	8	LAMDA exams
	12	Last GCSE & Year 11 leave!
	14	Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Carding Mill
	14	Year 11 leavers' meal with staff
	16	Show rehearsal in school from 2pm
	23	Show Dress rehearsal in school from 2pm
	29	Show Technical & Dress Rehearsals at Albany Theatre
30	School Show at Albany Theatre 1pm & 5.30pm	
July 2	Inset Day School Closed	