

21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing to provide you with some important information:

**Appointment of Principal of St Paul's Academy**

I have informed the Governing Body that I will be retiring from my current role at the end of the academic year. In recent weeks, the Governing Body has undertaken a selection process to recruit a new Principal. I have placed a statement from Bernie Borland CBE: Chair of Governors, below.

*Dear Students, Parents and Carers*

*I am pleased to announce that St Paul's Governing Body has appointed Siobhan Malone as Principal of St Paul's Academy with effect from 1 September 2018.*

*Staff, students, governors as well as Diocesan and local authority representatives were involved in a rigorous selection process which enabled us to be confident that we have appointed an outstanding candidate.*

*I would like to take this opportunity of thanking parents and carers for the commitment and support that you give to St Paul's Academy throughout the year. Under the leadership of Siobhan Malone we will do everything we can to ensure your son and/or daughter continue to receive an outstanding level of education, moral, spiritual and pastoral support.*

*Bernie Borland CBE  
Chair of Governors*

**Enterprise Specialism – The Season of Lent**

During the Season of Lent, we will be supporting five members of staff who will be running Marathons for Charity in April:

- Wizz Kids ([www.whizz-kids.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kids.org.uk)) A charity which provides disabled children with the essential wheelchairs and other mobility equipment they need to lead fun and active childhoods: Mr Davis
- Prostate Cancer ([www.prostatecanceruk.org](http://www.prostatecanceruk.org)) We want to stop prostate cancer being a killer. We fund ground breaking research, drive improvements in treatment, and fight injustice in care: Ms Joyce

- Children with Cancer ([www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk](http://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk)) We are the leading national children's charity to fight against childhood cancer. Our work funds vital research to find more effective treatments for young patients and supports those currently affected by the disease: Ms Devine & Mr White
- Dream Flight ([www.dreamflight.org](http://www.dreamflight.org)) This is a UK charity that changes young lives through taking children with a serious illness or disability, without their parents, on the holiday of a lifetime to Orlando, Florida: Ms Spurling

We set ourselves the very great challenge of raising £1,000 for every member of staff to support their charities.

Key events Fundraising events include:

- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March: Mufti Day. We are asking all students to make a minimum contribution of £2.00 to the charities. Students will not be permitted to wear hats or tops with an offensive logo. On "Mufti Days" we will allow tops with hoods as long as the hoods are not worn over the head; jewellery is acceptable.
- Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Fayre from 2.30pm

The team of runners will also be organising other events during the next five weeks.

I hope that you will fully support us in our efforts to provided additional resources for our nominated charities.

### **Uniform, Attendance and Punctuality**

Uniform represents the school and should be worn appropriately & with pride both in school and on the way to/ from school. This includes a school blazer and appropriate footwear (**trainers/canvas shoes are not permitted**). Boys' ties should be worn correctly and should have seven full stripes (gold/red) below the knot in Yrs 7 – 10 and touching the top of trousers in Yr. 11. Girls' skirts must be pleated and reach to just above the knee. Skirts should not be rolled over. Girls in Years 7 and 8 must wear the school blouse with the *SPA* initials on the left revere; girls may not wear sports socks with logos. All items of uniform are available from our on-site uniform shop. The Uniform Shop is open from 9.00am – 12.00pm (noon) on Wednesday & Thursday. ***If students are not in correct uniform there will be a "zero tolerance" policy; they will be sent home to rectify the situation.*** If there are any significant problems with uniform, please contact Ms Malone or myself directly.

Students may ***not*** wear any form of jewellery, except for a wristwatch with a plain strap. This means absolutely no earrings, or other piercings, necklaces or bracelets, even if worn under clothing. ***This must be borne in mind if you allow or pay for your child to have piercings***, as these will need to be removed for school days. At this point, I would remind you that make up and tattoos are forbidden and that boys are expected to shave, if facial hair is obvious. Fashion or extreme hairstyles including patterned haircuts and colours outside of the natural range are not acceptable. Full details of the Uniform Policy are on Pages 4 and 5 of the Student Planner.

It is very difficult for students to make progress if they do not attend school regularly. When a student is absent our Attendance Administrator, Mrs Gina Gotts should be informed on [gina.gotts@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:gina.gotts@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk) or a telephone message to 020 8311 3868 x131. Similarly, if a student arrives late for school, important learning time can be missed and again the student is

disadvantaged. In the world of work, absence and lateness are not tolerated: we are doing our young people no favours by accepting poor attendance and punctuality during their school career.

The school day starts at 8.15am on a daily basis and students are expected to be on the Campus by 8.00am. The last lesson finishes at 3.20pm, with the exception of a Wednesday, when we close at 2.10pm.

**Mobile Phones & Social Networking**

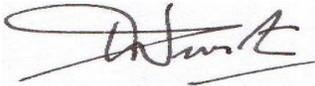
Thank you for your support with our Mobile Phone policy. There have been significantly less numbers of students misusing phones during this academic year. I ask you all to continue to support the school policy.

**End of term**

The school will close for the Easter break on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March with a staggered departure from 1.30pm. The summer term will commence on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15am.

We are now approaching Easter, the most important feast in the liturgical year, I would like to wish all members of our community a happy and holy holiday.

Yours sincerely



***Patrick Winston***

Principal