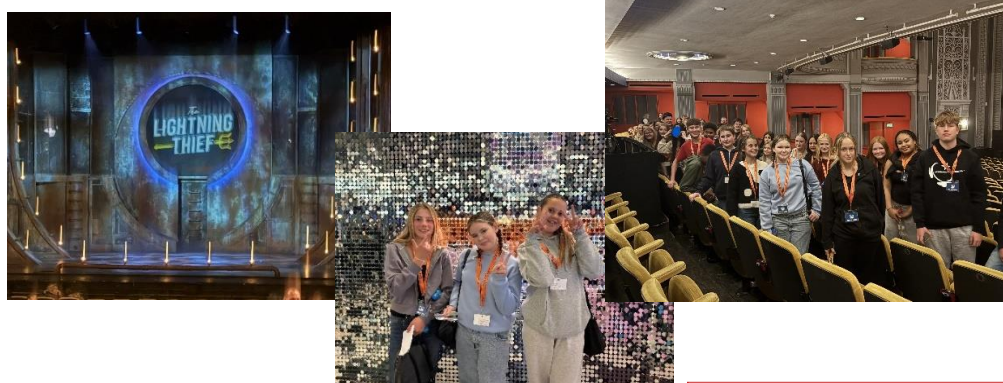


Week beginning	20th October 2025		Week	A	B	Menu Week 2
Personal Development theme (extended form is Tuesday)	7	Transition points in your life	10	Exploring a 'pay slip'		
	8	Exploring Careers	11	Study skills		
	9	Saving and managing money	6 th Form	12 – Careers in a Global economy 13 – Striking and trade unionism		
Theme of assemblies	Language, labels and lasting impact – 'we don't say that here at Paulet'			Year Leader Assemblies		House Assemblies
Career of the week: Acoustician	Here is our career of the week! Our hope is that you will watch this short clip with your child and discuss it together. JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #93 - ACOUSTICIAN					

News and messages from Mr McArthur

Good afternoon everyone, I hope you have had a good week. One week until half term and a well-earned week of rest for our staff and students. Autumn 1 is always the longest half term but it really does fly by. I have been so impressed with the way our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled.

Last Thursday, 50 Y8-Y10 students enjoyed an evening at the theatre watching Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief: The Musical alongside Miss Dalby, Miss Baker, Miss Shetty, Miss Price and Mr Edwards. After studying Greek Myths in English, students enjoyed learning more about their favourite stories with catchy songs and energetic dances. Miss Dalby would like to thank students for their wonderful behaviour and is very proud that we received three compliments from different members of the public. We are all looking forward to the next trip.



I would like to remind parents of our reception opening times (see picture). Reception closes at 3.00pm on Monday to facilitate whole staff meetings and then at 4.00pm until Friday which is 3.30pm. If we are unable to take your call, please use the email address shown and we will respond as soon as we can and within 48 hours.



Main Reception opening times;
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It is also a good time to remind parents that I will not tolerate rude and aggressive behaviour towards members of staff who are trying to fulfil their roles. Like the NHS and other public servants, we don't come to work to be abused. Please rest assured that the overwhelming majority of parents are polite, calm and understanding in their communications with us – thank you!

Parents who use the Stanton Road Drive will know that we have introduced orange barriers at the end of the day to ensure the safety of our young people as they leave the site. It has been very successful, so I am extending this to the mornings from Monday 20th October. Orange barriers will be put across the drive between 8.10am and 8.30am to allow our students safe access to their school without cars turning on the drive. I am hopeful that, in the not too distant future, we will have a proper functioning gate in that location.

Next week's house assemblies will be delivered by Mrs Deer on the sensitive topic of 'language, labels and lasting impact'. We have had a slight uptick in the use of some very unkind words which is not Paulet Character and contravenes our 'everyone included' ethos. It would be useful for you to discuss the assembly with your child once he/she has had the assembly. Sadly, I think it is a product of negative attitudes that are pervading parts of our society at the moment and there is too much of it on social media platforms which our children are exposed to without consent, context or understanding.

So... please read on and enjoy this week's Post. We are celebrating three marvellous Year 7 students this week who have been noticed selflessly helping others. Please remember the 'Supporting Parents' evening next Wednesday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Come along even if you don't think you need any help or support; it's always wise to be prepared with knowledge. Next week's post will be celebrating our star students of Autumn Term 1 in terms of home learning, excellence cards and attendance!

Have a great weekend,



Ian McArthur
Headteacher.

Student(s) of the week



This week, Mrs Jezeph our Year 7 Leader, has nominated these three students for the care and support they have shown to peers who have been struggling with language barriers.

Berat has been a wonderful friend, supporting with the transition of a peer in his form, helping him immensely to overcome a language barrier.

Daniil came to see me to ask if he would be able to support a friend in his form who was struggling to communicate due to a language barrier. Dan took great initiative and has shown kindness and incredible support to his peer.

Oskars supported a friend who was ill and struggling to communicate, he supported him until parents were able to collect him. Well done and thank you to all three!

I am just so very proud and grateful as the students they are helping have come on so much in such a short space of time!

Staff Profile... who's who!



Antonia Jolley – ex-student and now Art Technician

Hello! I have been working at Paulet High School as an Art Technician since July 2022 - but I actually used to be a student here myself! I left Paulet in 2015, went to study Fine Art at De Montfort University, and became an artist. I spend most of my time painting, visiting art galleries (often to see exhibitions that I am in), and teaching art workshops to adults several evenings a week. I LOVE the arts - I'm married to an architect, and my best friends are interior designers, art teachers and fashion designers.

We're so lucky to be part of a school that celebrates and champions creativity through the arts!

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Noice:
Miss Lowson	10&11	Past paper club for Physics is on Tuesday afterschool in SC3. Come and do a past paper and improve your grade.
Miss Lester	7&8	Save the date: Wednesday 19th November lower school disco. More information to follow from school councillors.
Miss Lowson	10&11	Physics drop-ins will be on Tuesdays at lunch time in ML2. Bring your lunch along. All are welcome. Subject is half life
Miss Wilford	KS4	GCSE Spanish students are invited to attend P6 in ML3 on 21/10 to revise verbs for their trial exam.
Mrs Ireland	Parents	If you have a career that you would like to share with our students, please email me to come in and do a lunchtime talk. We would like to restart our 'lunch with a...' careers talks as they proved very popular last year. k.ireland@phs.jtmat.co.uk
Miss Dartford	KS3	Art Club Thursday after school in AR2 3 – 4pm
Mr Peach	All	Code Club - If you are interested in coding or computer programming, come along to IT2 on Thursday after School
Mrs McArthur	Parents	Paulet High School is part of a trial ahead of the official launch of the <u>I'm Here Campaign</u> Staffordshire Council have launched a new campaign to raise awareness about attendance. There's lots of support for parents on their new website: https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-welfare/Im-here/Im-Here-Secondary-attendance-campaign.aspx As always, if you have any worries about your child's attendance, please get in touch with an email to attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk . We are here to support you.
Mrs Gadsby Miss Boston	All	Drama club - Wednesday lunch time - Every week - Anyone welcome! PA2
Data manager	Parents	If you haven't yet set up your MCAS account, you can contact j.woodberry@phs.jtmat.co.uk or call the school office and ask for Jo Woodberry. MCAS is where you can see timetable, attendance, behaviour and home learning information. We will be sending out reports in MCAS instead of Go for Schools
Mr Jackson	All	Sports clubs from 3-4pm. Tuesday- Girls' football (courts or field-bring boots if you have them & trainers) & Badminton (sports hall) Wednesday- Boys football (field) Thursday- Netball (sports hall) ALL clubs are open for ALL year groups!
Mrs Farrimond	11	Chemistry drop-in sessions run Monday Lunch time in SC1 with Mrs Farrimond. This is for combined and separate chemistry students

Mr Parker	7 & 8	Science club Tuesday 3-4pm in SC2
Miss Gordon	11	French club for Year 11 students after school on Wednesdays from 14.50 to 15.45
Mr Parker	7 & 8	Pokémon club Monday lunchtime in SC2
Dr Banks	All	Home Learning Club Mondays and Tuesdays 3-4pm GS3 Future Pathways Club Wednesdays 3-4pm GS3
Reminders and key dates		Wednesday 22nd October – ‘Empowering families to be Support Savvy’ – 5pm - 7pm Friday 24th October – School closes at 3pm for Half Term Monday 3rd November – School reopens at 8.27am Fortnight beginning 3rd November – Trial exams for year 11 and 13 Wednesday 19th November Year 7 & 8 Disco November 28th – Whole school PSHE day (with tutors) Thursday 4th December – Year 13 Parents’ Evening – 4.30pm – 6.30pm Tuesday 16th December – CrackerDash™ Final Wednesday 17th December – Year 7 Christmas Lunch (with very special guest) Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day – food donations to local food bank Thursday 18th December – 6th Form Christmas Lunch (with very special guest) Friday 19th December – End of term; free non-uniform day; school closes at 12.20pm Monday 5th January – School reopens at 8.27am

Click the link to see what clubs are on next week:

<https://www.paulet.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/26.-Student-Leadership-and-Extra-Curricular-@-Paulet-High-School-2025-26.pdf>

EVERYONE INCLUDED



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Paulet High School Invites you to...



Empowering Families to be Support Savvy ☀️



Date: Wednesday, 22nd October



Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Location: Paulet High School

**Highlights Include:**

- Free prize draw!
- Meet our partner agencies who support our students and their families.
- Speak to our Wellbeing HUB, SENDCo and School Counsellor.



Register Now email n.bradley@pks.jtmat.co.uk with your full name or use the QR code or link: <https://forms.office.com/e/C6PMFgd8vf>

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