

Week beginning	24th November 2025		Week	A	B	Menu Week 1
Personal Development theme (extended form is Friday)	7	Online/offline safety	10	Online/offline safety		
	8	Online/offline safety	11	Online/offline safety		
	9	Online/offline safety	6 th Form	Online/offline safety		
Theme of assemblies	No assemblies to allow for preparation for whole school, PSHE day on Friday 28 th			Year Leader Assemblies		House Assemblies
Career of the week: Geophysicist	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 #99 - GEOPHYSICIST					

News and messages from Mr McArthur

Good afternoon, I hope your week has been a good week!

On Wednesday evening it was the year 7 & 8 disco. It was a lovely atmosphere with students socialising with their friends and having a dance to the tunes provided by our very own 'DJ Ryder'. Thank you to all the staff, prefects & school councillors who volunteered to ensure it was a successful evening.



On Tuesday all of our 6th Form physics students travelled to Warwick University Arts Centre to see pioneers in Physics talk about their careers, inspirations, and discoveries. We met a Thrill Engineer, an accidental material scientist and a Professor of Space Weather! A truly inspiring day. On a second day out, our Year 12 and 13 Chemistry students went on a similar day where leading scientists shared their STEM career journeys and presented fascinating insights into their research. We all left feeling motivated, with a great taste of university life, and the students represented the school brilliantly.

This will come as no surprise to you but I am pleased to tell you that our kitchen, in the recent Borough Council Hygiene Inspection, scored the top grade of 5. Our canteen staff work very hard and it is great that they are recognised by this very important inspection.



We launched the 2025 CrackerDash™ Finals today by showing 200 of our best-behaved students the 2025 promotional video. Please click the link below to see it for yourself!

[Crackerdash 2025](#)



It was KS3 'Wheel of Winners' week this week... here are a few pictures of some of the winners. How can they be entered to the Wheel? Being excellent and showing Paulet Character.



Last week was DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)

Students and staff across the school *dropped everything* to celebrate **World Kindness Day** through reading! Each key stage shared the same story, specially chosen to reflect the theme of **kindness and empathy**. It was wonderful to see every classroom, from our youngest readers to our oldest, all engaged in the same message at the same time. The stories inspired great discussions about what kindness looks like in our school and beyond. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make our latest DEAR event so special!



Have a good weekend,

Ian McArthur
Headteacher.

Student(s) of the week

Our Cadet Club

They wanted to show their respects as part of this year's remembrance activities so they planned their own trip to the Arboretum this week and recruited Mr Boxall to drive them. They had a very good day and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. I asked Mr Boxall for his reflections on the day and he told me:

'Paulet Cadet Club visited the National Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday 19th November. Students were in their full cadet club uniform and received numerous comments from ex-soldiers during the day who were all incredibly impressed with our cadets' uniform, decorum and marching skill throughout the day. During the day our cadets took part in the daily act of remembrance and toured the arboretum visiting many of the memorials including National Armed Forces Memorial and the Polish war memorial. The trip was primarily organised by Major Jacob Maher our lead student cadet.'

If any other student(s) wishes to join the club please see Mrs Peach in the first instance.



Staff Profile... who's who!



Sarah Moss – I have been working here at Paulet for almost 3 years as an Administration Assistant undertaking a variety of tasks for different departments within the school. One of my favourite roles is supporting with the transition period from primary school to secondary school and getting to meet all the students at our Summer School events ready to welcome them to Paulet the following September. I enjoy the variety my job role offers and genuinely love coming to work to support our students and staff.

Outside of work my time is mostly spent with my children, D.I.Y at home, volunteering in the community and taking care of all my pets – 3 dogs, 2 cats, 2 turtles, 2 tortoises (and my son's bearded dragon and 5 tarantulas) keeps me very busy!

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Notice:
Mr McArthur	All	**NEW CLUB ALERT** Four students in Y7 and Y8 have started their own Chess Club – all welcome to attend (see poster below). It is on Tuesdays afterschool in the library. Beginners welcome... why not pop along and learn how to play chess?
Mrs Gadsby	All	Winter Showcase - Thursday 11th December at 6pm Join us for an evening of magical theatre, wonderful poetry and magnificent musical interludes celebrating our talented students! Tickets on sale now £1 each on ParentPay.
Business Director	All	Our Catering supplier has been having problems with the tills, this may result in delays for charging for food, please bear with us as we hope to have it rectified very shortly.
Mrs Gadsby	Blackheart Manor cast	Students who have been cast in the school production of 'Blackheart Manor' rehearsals are EVERY Thursday night in the school hall from 3-4.30pm.

Miss Lowson	10 & 11	Tuesday lunch time Physics drop-in is in ML2. This week's topic is contamination and irradiation
Miss Lowson	10 & 11	Physics past paper club is on Thursday in SC3. Come do a past paper and have some biscuits.
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
Miss Baker	All	There is a new and exciting 'Stranger Sagas' writing competition taking place in Creative Writing Club! Join us on Wednesday lunch times in EN4 to take part.
Mr Peach	All	Code Club - If you are interested in coding or computer programming, come along to IT2 on Thursday after School
Mrs Haigh	Year 10	Catch up sessions for child development, health & social care and sport coursework continue to run - Tuesday & Thursday lunchtimes in IT2 and afterschool on Tuesday until 3:45pm. Any students taking these subjects are encouraged to come along.
Mrs McArthur	Parents/Carers	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
Finance Team	7 and 6 th Form	Christmas meals have been added to ParentPay so that they can be booked, we will be collecting information on dietary requirements closer to the event.
Miss Gordon	11	Thursday 11 th December 1:20pm – 3:30pm French trip to Pear Tree Creperie
Mr Jackson	All	Calling all swimmers: If anybody swims competitively (in galas outside of school) can you please tell your Pe teacher. All students- reminder about bringing your CORRECT PE kit for every lesson. Incorrect kit or injuries/ illness need to be communicated to school via a phone call/ note/ email from home. Thank you!
Mr Parker	7 & 8	Science club Tuesday 3-4pm in SC2
Miss Dalby	KS3	All students need a reading book for silent reading during English lessons. This is also part of their school equipment and should be in their bag. Students can visit the library to check out a book if they don't have one.
Miss Gordon	11	French GCSE revision 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
Mrs Farrimond	11	Chemistry drop-in sessions run Monday Lunch time in SC1 with Mrs Farrimond. This is for combined and separate chemistry students.

Reminders and key dates

November 28th – Whole school PSHE day (with tutors)
Wednesday 3rd December – 6th Form Christmas trip to Birmingham
Thursday 4th December – Year 13 Parents' Evening – 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 11th December – Winter Showcase – 6pm
Tuesday 16th December – CrackerDash™ Final
Tuesday 16th December – Awards Evening
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

Attention Paulet students

There will officially be a chess club in the
Library every Tuesday from 3-4pm

**We WILL host tournaments, regular
matches and if you do not know how to
play, someone will always be there to
teach you!**

Class of 2025 - parents and carers of students who sat their GCSE exams and A Level/BTEC exams last year, you are invited to our annual Awards Evening on the 16th December at 6pm. Please scan the QR code to book a place, or use this link: [Paulet Awards Evening Tuesday 16th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

This is the evening your child will collect their official certificates.

SAVE THE DATE	AWARDS EVENING COLLECT YOUR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES
16 DECEMBER 2025	 PAULET HIGH SCHOOL & 6 th FORM COLLEGE
RSVP HERE 	 PAULET HALL 6 PM

coughs & sneezes spread diseases!  ALWAYS use a tissue when you sneeze. Don't forget to throw the tissue away & wash your hands.  ALWAYS cover your mouth with your elbow if you don't have a tissue.  NEVER cover your mouth with bare hands when you cough or sneeze.  NEVER cough or sneeze towards other people.	 PHARMACY FIRST services available without a prescription For patients in eligible age ranges <table border="0"><tr><td>Earache 1 to 17 years</td><td>Sinusitis 12 years and over</td></tr><tr><td>Impetigo 1 year and over</td><td>Sore throat 5 years and over</td></tr><tr><td>Infected insect bites 1 year and over</td><td>Uncomplicated urinary tract infections Women 16-64 years</td></tr><tr><td>Shingles 18 years and over</td><td></td></tr></table>	Earache 1 to 17 years	Sinusitis 12 years and over	Impetigo 1 year and over	Sore throat 5 years and over	Infected insect bites 1 year and over	Uncomplicated urinary tract infections Women 16-64 years	Shingles 18 years and over	
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It's that time of year when we all get coughs and colds! They are often worse when we first wake up and ease during the day. Please remind your child to use a tissue when sneezing and about good hand washing hygiene.

Thank you.