

Week beginning	8th December 2025		Week	A	B	Menu Week 3
Personal Development theme (extended form is Tuesday)	7	Pressure, influence and friends	10	Mutual respect and tolerance		
	8	What is love	11	Importance of sexual health		
	9	Party drugs and illegal drugs	6 th Form	Year 12: Balancing work and life Year 13: Appearance vs reality		
Theme of assemblies	CrackerDash Heats and Character Awards			Year Leader Assemblies		House Assemblies
Career of the week: Locksmith	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 #104 - LOCKSMITH					

News and messages from Mr McArthur

Happy Friday everyone!

I begin this week with a rundown of key dates on the run up to the end of term:

Thursday 11th December at 6pm is our Winter Showcase in the hall – tickets are £1 on Parent pay – please come along if you can; I can guarantee you will be entertained, and it will get you in the Christmas spirit.

Tuesday 16th December is the CrackerDash Final... stay tuned to see who wins the coveted cup this year.

Tuesday 16th December is our 2025 Awards Evening for last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Wednesday 17th December is our Year 7 Christmas Lunch in the School Hall – if you are a Year 7 parent, please book a place for your child on Parent Pay

Thursday 18th December is our Christmas Jumper day; students should bring in a non-perishable food or non-food (nappies, pet food etc.) donation for our local food bank. I would hope that students could bring donations to at least the value of £2 for this very important cause. Our 6th form students have their Christmas Lunch on this day too!

Friday 18th December is our last day of term – it is a non-uniform day (£1 donation) which will go to the Burton Hospital Children's Ward in memory of Ella Topliss who our community lost over half term.

Students will be released at 12.20pm to start their very well-earned Christmas Break.

Monday 5th January (2026) school re-opens at 8.27am for another exciting term of hard work and memory making.

PSHE Day - On Friday 28th November, Year 7 through to Year 11 participated in our first whole school PSHE day of the year on the theme of online and offline safety. Students took part in variety of activities with their form tutors and external speakers from mental health to road safety. They covered a variety of themes including forming positive relationships online and how to flag inappropriate or harmful content. The students conducted themselves really well throughout the day and it was great to hear the discussions taking place both in and out of lessons. During the day, our Sixth Form students contributed to a research project in conjunction with Youth for Christ and conducted themselves excellently during a debate on lowering the voting age in the UK.



Well done to the 15 students who showed true Paulet Character by braving strong winds and rain in the East Staffordshire cross country event at Oldfields school in Uttoxeter on 4th December. Notable performances came from Jacob in year 9 who was 3rd and Astri and Zola in year 8, who came 11th and 17th in the year 8 & 9 race. Great effort from all involved!!

My School Fund – shop at Sainsburys and Argos? Please sign up to My School Fund by following the link below. You will get vouchers back to the tune of 2% of the value of your shopping and we get 1%. We've already had over £200 which can buy a class set of reading books!

[Welcome to My School Fund](#)

Have a good weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Ian McArthur'.

Ian McArthur
Headteacher.

Student(s) of the week



This week I would like to celebrate David and Theo from 7CMO who have started their own Origami Club. It is this sort of initiative which demonstrates Paulet Character in every way. The club meets every Tuesday lunchtime in AR2 and is supervised by Miss Dartford.

Why not encourage your child to pop along to learn a new skill? Next week I will share information about our new Chess Club also started by students.

Well done David and Theo!



Staff Profile... who's who!

This feature will return after our Christmas break

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Notice:
Mr McArthur	All	**NEW CLUB ALERT** Two students in Year 7 have started an Origami club, everyone is welcome, and it will be held in AR2 at lunchtime every Tuesday (see poster below)
Mr McArthur	All	Four students in Y7 and Y8 have started their own Chess Club – all welcome to attend. 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.
Mrs Lancaster	Parents	Now is the time to use the myschoolfund.org app. You will get 2% of your purchase price back and school will receive 1%. We will be entered into a competition for extra funds if we get a big increase for use of myschoolfund.org by 17 th December and could receive extra funds. Please see the information below.
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. The topic is FIFA method and calculations.
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
Attendance Team	All	Parents and carers of students with more than 6 days off this year will be receiving a letter offering support. You will have to access the letter via our new monitoring system A Star Attendance using your child's date of birth. Any questions, please email our attendance team via attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk
Ms Woodberry	Y11 parents	Booking is now open for the Y11 Academic Review Meeting on Thursday 11 th December. Appointments can be made through MCAS, or email j.woodberry@phs.jtmat.co.uk with the times you are available and she will make the appointments on your behalf.
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 3pm to 3:45pm
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		Thursday 11 th December – Winter Showcase – 6pm Tuesday 16 th December – CrackerDash™ Final Tuesday 16 th December – Awards Evening Wednesday 17 th December – Year 7 Christmas Lunch (with very special guest) Thursday 18 th December – Christmas Jumper Day – food donations to local food bank Thursday 18 th December – 6 th Form Christmas Lunch (with very special guest) Friday 19 th December – End of term; non-uniform day – proceeds to charity for Ella Topliss; school closes at 12.20pm Monday 5 th 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

Paulet High School & 6th Form College is part of the My School Fund initiative to help boost our budget.

This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend. Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Paulet High School & 6th Form College. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own! Sign up today at

myschoolfund.org

Punctuality Matters!

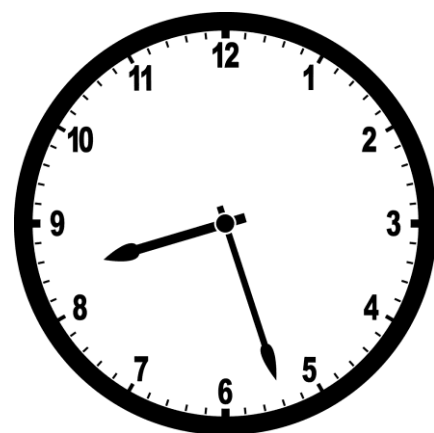
Thank you for your support with getting students to school on time. Our school bell sounds at 8.27am for an 8.30am start.

We do open our building at 8am - and breakfast is available to buy in the canteen (free for those who class free school meals).

Starting the day well means it is more likely to go well. In the frosty weather, more time is needed for car journeys and walks on icy pavements.

Please talk to your child about adjusting the time they leave the house to account for this! It's all part of growing up and taking responsibility.

Students late to school do receive a lunch time detention on the same day. Please get in touch with attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk if you need some support.



Thank you.

WELLBEING CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BAUBLE SESSIONS

The Remembrance Christmas Bauble Session offers students a creative and reflective way to honour loved ones during the festive season. This activity combines the warmth of holiday traditions with the sensitivity of remembrance, providing a supportive space for emotional expression and wellbeing. Students can craft personalized baubles, with small photographs or keepsakes to make meaningful baubles that celebrate life and maintain connections with loved ones who have died.

Sessions will take place in the Wellbeing Hub on 16th December for Years 7–9 and 17th December for Year 10–Sixth Form, both from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. All materials will be provided, and students are encouraged to bring small personal items to include inside their baubles.

THANK YOU – MRS BRADLEY AND THE WELLBEING HUB



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.

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.



Can you be the teacher who inspires the next generation?

Know someone interested in training to teach?

Due to graduate in 2026 and looking for an inspiring career that utilises your degree?

 – 9th December 2025: Train to Teach Information Event (In-Person)

 – 15th December 2025: Train to Teach Information Event (Online)

Paulet High School is pleased to work in partnership with The John Taylor SCITT to offer local placements and valuable classroom experience to the teachers we need tomorrow, today!

The John Taylor SCITT is an accredited provider of Initial Teacher Training that offers;

- Experience of leading over 400 teachers through to Qualified Teacher Status since 2015.
- 40 Placement schools across the East and West Midlands, in your local area.
- Primary (3-7), Primary (5-11) and Primary (5-11 with SEND Enhancement) routes
- Secondary (11-16) routes in; Art, Biology, Chemistry, D&T, English, French, German, Geography, History, Maths, PE, Physics and Religious Studies.
- All routes can be offered on a PGCE with QTS or QTS Only basis.
- All routes can be studied either on a one-year full time or two-year part time basis.

Discover more and sign up for an upcoming Train to Teach event at: <https://jtscitt.co.uk/>



**MAKE
SPACE
FOR
GIRLS**

**Calling
Teenage Girls**
**Video Project
Opportunity**



Be part of our 'Make Space for Girls' video

We're launching a new national Make Space for Girls project and looking for enthusiastic 12-18 year olds to help shape a video for councils, showing what girls truly need in parks and public spaces and why designing with girls matters.

Here is the link if you are interested in getting involved: [Be part of our 'Make Space for Girls' video](#)