



# The Paulet Post



Week beginning	15th December 2025		Week	A	B	Menu Week 1		
Personal Development theme (extended form is Wednesday)	7	Role models		10	Individual liberty			
	8	Introduction to contraception		11	Organ donation			
	9	The war on drugs		6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Year 12: Supporting others Year 13: Body modification			
Theme of assemblies	Character Awards Assemblies			Year Leader Assemblies		House Assemblies		
Career of the week: Market Research Analyst	<p>Here is our career of the week! Our hope is that you will watch this short clip with your child and discuss it together.</p> <p><a href="#">JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #105 - MARKET RESEARCH ANALYST</a></p>							

## News and messages from Mr McArthur

Happy Friday everyone; one week to go until we all have a well-earned break.

Mrs Harvey, Miss Dartford and Miss Jolley visited the opening night of the National Memorial Arboretum's Guiding light exhibition on Thursday. The project, produced in partnership with the Royal British Legion, is part of a wider touring project by artist Mahtab Hussain, casting light on the 'Forgotten' British Indian Army. Paulet's Year 9 Art students worked with Mahtab and supporting artist Benny Semp, to design posters inspired by WW2 and covering themes of diversity, inclusion and belonging. Special thanks to Mr Goodall for providing his expertise for the pupils to develop their ideas from.



The students work will be on display at the Arboretum until March, when Mahtab's bronze cast will travel across the country, taking with it some of our students work. We are very proud of our students for working so hard this term and producing some fantastic and insightful artwork that will be viewed by an estimated 20,000 people!

All students that took part have a free ticket to see their work on display and visit the light trail, courtesy of the Arboretum. Details of how to access this have been sent out to students via email this week. Please contact Mrs Harvey if you have any questions about this. We would love as many students as possible to see their work.

Well done year 9!

On Tuesday, Year 11 students received their trial exam results. I am very proud of the effort and commitment they have shown throughout this period. In recognition of exceptional attendance, positive behaviour, and consistent completion of home learning during the autumn term, 21 students were awarded a paid prom ticket. Congratulations to all students for their hard work



Last night, Thursday, was our annual Winter Showcase. A full audience enjoyed nearly 50 young people perform a variety of music, song, drama, monologues and comedy. Well done to all of those who performed and the staff who worked tirelessly to make it happen.

A quick reminder about the last two days of term:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Have a good weekend,

Ian McArthur  
Headteacher.

#### Student(s) of the week



This week, as promised, our three budding chess superstars who have started their own chess club. Nathan from 8JKA, Elliot from 8NJS and David from 7CMO. Everyone is welcome...can't play chess? Go along and learn!

## Staff Profile... who's who!

This feature will return after our Christmas break

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Notice:
Mr McArthur	All	<p><b>**NEW CLUB ALERT**</b></p> <p>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)</p>
Mr McArthur	All	<p>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?</p>
Mr Jackson	All	<p>No sports clubs this week.</p>
Mrs Lancaster	Parents	<p>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<sup>th</sup> December and could receive extra funds. Please see the information below.</p>
Mrs Gadsby	Blackheart Manor cast	<p>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.</p>
Miss Lowson	10 & 11	<p>Tuesday lunch time Physics drop-in is in ML2. Paper 1 required practicals</p>
Mr Jackson	11 & 13	<p>Exam reminders:            Year 11 - Btec sport- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January            Year 13- Anatomy and physiology- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January            Students- please remember to take books and folders home over Christmas to revise.</p>
Mrs Ireland	Parents	<p>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.  <a href="mailto:k.ireland@phs.jmat.co.uk">k.ireland@phs.jmat.co.uk</a></p>
Miss Dartford	KS3	<p>Art Club Thursday after school in AR2 3 – 4pm</p>
Miss Baker	All	<p>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.</p>
Mr Peach	All	<p>Code Club – cancelled for this week but If you are interested in coding or computer programming, come along to IT2 on Thursday after School, weeks A and B</p>
Mrs Haigh	Year 10	<p>Exam reminders:            Year 11 Health and Social Care - 9<sup>th</sup> January            Year 11 Child Development - 14<sup>th</sup> January (exam will run until 3.30pm for those without extra-time).            Year 13 Health and Social Care - 12<sup>th</sup> January            Students - please remember to take your folders and exam papers home for revision.</p>
Mrs McArthur	Parents/Carers	<p>Staffordshire Council have launched a new campaign to raise awareness about attendance. There's lots of support for parents on their new website: <a href="https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-welfare/Im-here/Im-Here-Secondary-attendance-campaign.aspx">https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-welfare/Im-here/Im-Here-Secondary-attendance-campaign.aspx</a></p>

		As always, if you have any worries about your child's attendance, please get in touch with an email to <a href="mailto:attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk">attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk</a> . We are here to support you.
Mrs Gadsby Miss Boston	All	Drama club – Wednesday lunch time – Every week – Anyone welcome! PA2
Finance Team	7	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.
Mr Peach	11 & 12	We are running our bi-annual trip to New York City and Washington DC in February 2027  Any current Yr11s or Yr12s who are interested in the trip should collect a letter from Mr Peach which gives details of the trip  If Yr11s who sign up for the trip and then don't stay at our 6 <sup>th</sup> Form are still welcome to take advantage of this trip of a lifetime (see photo below)
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 <a href="mailto:attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk">attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> Form Business Students	12 & 13	Bake Sale on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> during lunchtime in the Zone, money raised will go to Queens Hospital Burton Paediatric Unit in memory of Ella Topliss
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.
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		Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – CrackerDash™ Final Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Awards Evening Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 Christmas Lunch (with very special guest) Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – food donations to local food bank Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Christmas Lunch (with very special guest) Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – End of term; non-uniform day – proceeds to charity for Ella Topliss; school closes at 12.20pm Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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**



## 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](mailto:attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk) if you need some support.

### 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**

**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.

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For patients in eligible age ranges

<b>Earache</b> 1 to 17 years	<b>Sinusitis</b> 12 years and over
<b>Impetigo</b> 1 year and over	<b>Sore throat</b> 5 years and over
<b>Infected insect bites</b> 1 year and over	<b>Uncomplicated urinary tract infections</b> Women 16-64 years
<b>Shingles</b> 18 years and over	

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.

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?

 – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Train to Teach Information Event (Online)

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