



The Paulet Post



Week beginning	5 th January 2026		Week	A	B	Menu Week 1				
Personal Development theme (extended form is Thursday)	7	Introduction to puberty		10	Honor based violence					
	8	Equality Act 2010		11	Pregnancy and Parenthood					
	9	What are male reproductive organs		6 th Form	Year 12: Types of relationships Year 13: Routes to parenthood					
Theme of assemblies	New year... new you! Making changes for the better.			Year Leader Assemblies	House Assemblies					
Career of the week: Network Engineer	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 #106 - NETWORK ENGINEER									
News and messages from Mr McArthur										

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – especially at Paulet. As always, we have had a wonderful week full of festive fun. We have had our CrackerDash Final which was won by the wonderful Soliana in Year 7 and on Tuesday we had our 2025 Awards Evening which was a triumph as always. Wednesday saw our Year 7 students enjoy their Christmas Lunch in the Hall and Santa visited which made it extra special.

On Wednesday a group of students delivered a presentation to an invited audience at the national Arboretum as part of the JT MAT History Collaboration Project. They were amazing and were highly praised by the audience.

Thursday was our Christmas jumper day, and we collected a record amount of non-perishable food donations and other items for the local food bank we support. I loved seeing the hundreds of young people all dressed in a festive style. Thursday was also our 6th Form Christmas Party complete with a second visit from Santa (he doesn't visit many schools twice in the same year... we are very lucky).

The year 8 student council did a fantastic job of organising the lower school disco last month. They were responsible for advertising the event, organising the glow stick theme, signing students in and the tuck shop. Their hard work paid off with £500 raised to support the charity 'Derek's Tree'. You may have seen them in Cooper's Square shopping centre over the last few weeks. They collect gifts for children living in poverty in the local area. Every year they collect gifts for over 4000 children, and we are proud to support them this year through purchasing gifts from their amazon gift list.



Have a great and restful Christmas fortnight; we'll see all our students back in school at 8.27am on Monday 5th January.



Ian McArthur
Headteacher.



Student(s) of the week

This week I would like to highlight the wonderful students who planned, wrote, practiced and delivered an amazing presentation at the National Arboretum. Truly wonderful Paulet students!



Staff Profile... who's who!

This feature will return after our Christmas break.

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Notice:
Mrs Lancaster	Parents/Carers	All parents / carers – Please can you confirm we are aware of all medical conditions for your child(ren) so that we have the latest medical information and that its regularly confirmed and any changes are noted. You can do this via email to office@phs.jtmat.co.uk we will ask for this annually but would appreciate an update as and when things change.
Mr McArthur	All	Two students in Year 7 have started an Origami club, everyone is welcome, and it will be held in AR2 at lunchtime every Tuesday
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?
Mr Jackson	All	No sports clubs this week.
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.
Mr Jackson	11 & 13	Exam reminders: Year 11 - Btec sport- Thursday 8 th January Year 13- Anatomy and physiology- Friday 9 th January Students- please remember to take books and folders home over Christmas to revise.
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, weeks A and B
Mrs Haigh	11 & 13	Exam reminders: Year 11 Health and Social Care - 9 th January Year 11 Child Development - 14 th January (exam will run until 3.30pm for those without extra-time). Year 13 Health and Social Care - 12 th January Students - please remember to take your folders and exam papers home for revision.
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
Miss Gordon	11	French GCSE revision for Year 11 students after school on Thursdays at 3pm until 3:45pm
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 th 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 attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk
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
Parish Council	All	Free CPR and AED training for the community – see poster below
School Crossing Patrol	Parents	Please note there will be no School Crossing Patrol on duty on 5 th January on Lincoln Road/Short Street
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		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



Thank you everyone for the wonderful donations for our local food bank that we support – have a great Christmas!

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.

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

Headache 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	

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.

LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE!

Date: 17th February 2026

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: The Grove



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Hands-only CPR techniques
- How to use an AED
- Recognizing cardiac emergencies
- Steps to help adults, children, and infants



WHY ATTEND?

- Gain life-saving skills
- Boost your confidence in emergencies

