



### A closing note from Mrs Bailey

As this term draws to a close I would like to thank all the staff, students and Parents/Carers for their support during this term. I now return to my previous position and look forward, with excitement, to the next stage of Paget's development. I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

### Police Event

Students at Paget were given a real insight into life within the police force as part of an ongoing project "Staffordshire Police Multicultural Association (MCA)".

This involves a series of interactive workshops throughout the academic year and promotes Staffordshire Police as an organisation that celebrates diversity and multi-culturalism. Workshops include officers discussing their roles and employment opportunities with the Force, pupil debates and Q&A

sessions and special visits from PCSOs, Special Constables, CID, Forensics, Police Dogs Support Unit and Armed Response Vehicles.



### Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evenings 2018

Parents/ Carers Consultation Evening start after Christmas. The school will close for all students at 12.45pm on the following dates:

Year 11	Thursday 11th January 2018
Year 12 & 13	Thursday 18th January 2018
Year 7	Tuesday 23rd January 2018
Year 10	Wednesday 31st January 2018
Year 9	Wednesday 28th February 2018
Year 8	Tuesday 13th March 2018

Please note the school buses will be available at 12.45pm.

### MEDal Programme

Over the last six weeks, 14 Sixth Form students have taken part in the MEDal Programme which is an employability skills course covering presentation, teamwork and communication skills, along with interview techniques and CV writing. This course was delivered by Professor Jo Andrews and sponsored by Punch Taverns. The students received their medals and certificates.



### Governors

At a meeting of the Full Governing Board on 12th December Mr Tim Jones was voted in as the new Chair of Governors with Chris Wright voted as Vice Chair of Governors. For more information please see our website. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing chair Mr Tim Craner, for this hard work and commitment to Paget High School over the years.

### Bad Weather

For school closures please check the school website, Twitter and the Emergency School Closure web page on [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures). You will also receive a text message.

### Message from the Headteacher

I have made several very positive visits to the school since my appointment all the way back in September. It is clear to me that Paget High School has a very committed staff and a student body of enthusiastic and caring young people. The school will be undergoing a root and branch review of how it operates when I begin in January and my absolute priority will be to ensure that teachers are being given the space and opportunity to give their very best in the classroom and develop their significant skills. I will also be taking a good look at how our pupils respond to learning in the classroom with a keen focus on determination, resilience and a good attitude to learning. These two aspects, when working well together, create the best opportunity for great teaching and great progress. I am excited about the prospect of being Paget High School's new Headteacher and look forward to working with you all as a community as we move forward from January into a new era.



### Working with our local Primary Schools

Christmas arrived at Rykneld Primary School on the 1st December with their annual Christmas Fair. Our PTA was invited along with the Student Management Team to host a stall. During the festivities these young entrepreneurs raised nearly £100 with a "Tin Can Alley" game. All funds go towards activities for students at Paget High School.

Our PTA is always looking to welcome new members. If you have a few hours spare please come along and join us in supporting our children's education. Our next meeting is scheduled for 8th February 2018. Please contact the school office or [r.ryan@paget.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:r.ryan@paget.staffs.sch.uk)

### Dates for your Diary Christmas Holiday

The school will close on Tuesday 19th December 2017 for the Christmas Holiday at 1.00pm. It will reopen for students on Thursday 4th January 2018.

### February Half Term

The school will close on Friday 16th February 2018 and will re-open on Monday 26th February 2018.

### Easter Holidays

The school will close on Thursday 29th March 2018 and re-open on Monday 16th April 2018.

### External Examinations January 2018

The January examination series will take place between 8th January and 23rd January 2018. Those students who are sitting exams will have received a statement of entry.

### Year 11 Mock Results

Year 11 students have just finished their mock exams, a vital part of their preparation for the 'real thing' in summer. The results will be presented to students on 10th January 2018.

### Attendance Letter

Please find attached a letter from the authority outlining changes to school absences.



### Children in Need 2017

As a result of bake sales, games stalls, various activities and 'Casual Wear Day' between Monday 20th November and Friday 24th November, we managed to raise **£1010** for the charity. The Student Management Team were involved in raising money, as well as many students that decided to take part in sponsored activities; these ranged from staying silent for a day to walking in pairs with their legs tied together! In addition, staff were able to take part in the 'Children in Need Duck Race' - one of our very own caretakers Mr Dennis waddled away with the prize of the sweepstake! A huge thank you to any students, staff and parents who supported the cause with donations and helped with the activities.



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### Senior Citizen Christmas Party

The Paget High school annual Christmas party for the senior citizens of our community was a great success. Ninety three OAPs attended and

were waited on by our Sixth Form students who are taking the Health and Social Care A' Level. They were entertained by the school choir and also enjoyed a sing-a-long led by Tony Ward. The bingo was enjoyed by all as was the food prepared by our catering



staff for the lovely food. It is always wonderful to see so many familiar faces and acquaintances, such as Alan Thompson, and this year quite a few new ones. We look forward to welcoming them all again next year.



### Dragons' Den

Our team of sixth form students have made their first sales, and we eagerly anticipate selling more bookmarks to our future customers. We are working together as a great team, and we also succeeded in Dragons' Den.

Our aim is to encourage more people to read with our bookmarks. They are made out of ribbons and hair bobbles, and come in a number of different styles. We hope through these we will have a great impact on people and their attitude towards reading.



### ESOL Classes

Our English classes for the community have commenced once again. The 8 week programme is offered to any parents/carers wishing to developing their understanding of spoken English. The group have been developing their vocabulary through an investigation into English festivals and traditions with the help of Mrs Iqbal and Mrs Day. We plan on running another programme in 2018, if you know of anyone who would like to attend this free course please contact the school office.

### Physical Education News

Congratulations to the Y7 & Y8 girls Indoor Athletics team who came 3rd in the area district competition. Well done to all Y11s who have successfully completed their Sports Leadership Level 1 course.



### End of Term Touring Production: 'A Christmas Carol'

Ginificent Productions will deliver an exciting performance of the famous festive tale, 'A Christmas Carol' at Paget on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. There will be two showings of the play so students from Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 are all able to enjoy the experience of a live performance this Christmas.

The well-known story of Scrooge is a current GCSE English Literature set text and some of our students will be sitting examinations on this novella in Summer 2018. It is always a great opportunity when students get the chance to see a live performance of any play so we are very grateful for the support and funding from Paget Pals and non-uniform day to enable us to delight in this heart-warming journey this Christmas. Charles Dickens' messages of goodwill to all and the responsibilities of societies to look after the poor are certainly lessons we can all take home with us this term. It is a good time of year to be able to help others where we can and remind us to be kinder to each other throughout the whole year.

### Eyes down for Paget Bingo

On 29th November we invited local residents to our termly Bingo session, festive fun was had by all as they joined the PTA in completing a full card and calling house. All funds raised by the PTA go towards supporting activities and events for the students at the school.



Please keep an eye on the next edition of the e-news for forthcoming events that you may be interested in attending.