

## Newsletter



**PATTISON**  
COLLEGE

26/09/2016

ISSUE 3

Dear Parents

Our busy year continues with as you will see below. As I say in every newsletter, parents should never hesitate to contact us should they have any concerns or any good news they would like to share with us.

E McConnell

### Mrs Goode

To have worked at Pattisons for 23 years takes some beating! As you may have seen in our Facebook post back in June, **Mrs Goode** is leaving us to concentrate on her already established career as a singing teacher.

Mrs Goode has not however escaped completely! She will continue to arrange the LCM singing examination sessions, help backstage at shows and even more importantly, draw on her considerable experience in financial matters and act as consultant to Mrs Dalton, with whom she has worked for 12 years and Mrs Nolan, who has recently joined us in the Finance office.

I am sure parents will want to join with me in wishing Mrs Goode continued success whilst thanking her for the tremendous commitment and support she has given to school and parents, and indeed to me, over the years. Pattisons will not be the same without her.

### Congratulations

Year 9 pupils **Grace, Abi** and **Kellimarie** have been particularly successful in their vocational endeavours this term.

**Grace** successfully auditioned for Birmingham Royal Ballet's "Cinderella Dreams" project. She will receive 12 weekly evening classes and eight full-day intensives, an insight into the workings of a professional ballet company and finally the chance to perform a full-length ballet in costume to an audience on Birmingham Hippodrome's main stage. We look forward to going to see her perform in February! Special thanks must go to Miss Vicky for preparing her so well.

**Abi** successfully auditioned for the Dick Whittington Pantomime at the Belgrade Theatre. She was one of just 24 dancers chosen from the hundreds who auditioned. The pantomime runs from 23 November to 7 January.

**Kellimarie** spent 3 weeks filming a television show during the summer holidays. We cannot tell you which show or which channel yet, but Kelli will be in all 10 episodes. Your help will be needed in week 9 however when there will be a public vote via the internet. Whilst at the television studio Kelli met Callum Scott, Nick Grimshaw, The Vamps, East 17 and a top producer in the music industry! And to think, Kelli represented Pattisons in the Young Entertainers Inter Schools competition! What a year she is having! More details will follow eventually.

Congratulations to all the performers who accompanied **Miss Jessica** to take part in the Barbara Sharples International Choreography Award at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on Saturday. Their execution of "The Prayer" was outstanding and your professionalism was a delight to see. For the fourth year in a row reaching the final of this prestigious competition is a superb achievement for **Miss Jessica**.

### Naming & Missing School Uniform

Could I please ask parents to check that uniform has been named? It is impossible to reunite uniform with the owner otherwise.

Could Senior parents please check that their daughter has not inadvertently brought home a blazer belonging to Shannon Bajwa in Year 8. She has not had it since before the summer holiday and it is very easy, when all blazers are identical, for someone to accidentally take the wrong one.

### **PTA Cheese & Wine Evening**

Thursday 6 October 7 - 8.30pm

We have a superb PTA at Pattisons who, under the leadership of Zig & Sorcha Bentley, raised more than £3,000 last year, which is an amazing amount for such a small school.

The Committee organises fundraising events which enable us to keep the fees as low as possible. The committee does not involve itself in any way with school policies and procedures. Parents know that if they ever have any queries or concerns they are welcome to make an appointment to see Mrs McConnell on an individual basis.

New blood is needed! Come along to the Cheese & Wine Meet & Greet at 7pm on Thursday 6 October and get to know other parents and staff in an informal setting. Hear all about previous successes and get involved. This will be followed by a short AGM where existing members will be re-elected and new members can join. We only meet about 6 times a year. Or, if you'd prefer, you can volunteer to help at different events. We do need your support.

The PTA has gone from strength to strength over the past few years and if more parents and even grandparents come and join us, I am sure will continue to do so.

Some items of second hand uniform will be available to purchase from 7pm, although the cheese & wine evening is not suitable for children.

### **Children in Need and Operation Christmas**

This year we will be raising funds for Children in Need rather than Operation Christmas Child, a charity which we have supported for many years.

As part of Children in Need Pudsey Bear badges will be sold at £1 but also we will be holding a Tap-a-thon on Sunday 20 November for as part of an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest tap dance. Interested pupils of Grade 1 Tap or above, have been given a letter with more details. Funds are raised by ordering a t-shirt costing £10.

Routines will be taught on Saturdays 5, 12 & 19 November at 2.30-3.30.

If you would like to join us and participate please complete and return a form which is available from the office by September 30 at the latest. Thank you

### **Macmillan Big Breakfast 30 September 8am**

A reminder that orders for breakfast need to be handed in by the end of tomorrow in readiness for the Macmillan breakfast on Friday.

### **Returning Paperwork**

Could we please request that Data Capture, After School Registration, LAMDA entry and Coventry Drama Festival forms be returned to school as soon as possible please but by Friday at the latest. Thank you.