

Senior School

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

In taking over the Senior School section of the Paulean I am conscious of the considerable contribution that Dr Hallinan made to it over the years and I do thank him for this.

I would again like to welcome to the Senior School the three new Brazilian Studies teachers who have joined us this term. We have one new História teacher, Mr Sousa, and two new Portuguese teachers, Mrs França and Mr Doze. I know they will be quickly made to feel welcome and we are very much looking forward to their contribution. In addition Miss Queiroz now becomes a Form 1 Tutor, taking over Mrs Burman's group.

Mr Morgan sent a letter earlier in the week with some detailed information about dates, uniform and other matters. We are again grateful to parents for helping us maintain high standards of appearance and, may I stress, punctuality. There have been fewer 'lates' this week, which has been pleasing, but as traffic gets back to normal towards the end of January we would ask that you do try to arrange for children to be at School on time.

One further point of detail has to do with ECAs. We give pupils and students the opportunity to change their ECA option at the start of the Second Term. Many of them stay with what they have been doing up to now. I thought you might be interested to see the vast array of ECA activities on offer: click [here](#) to access the current ECA booklet.

I perhaps need finally to expand a little on the THIMUN Conference (Model United Nations at The Hague), which several of our Lower Sixth students are attending next week. This is a very prestigious Conference to which only selected schools are invited. We have been attending for some years and the event gives our students the ability to debate and present their ideas amongst students from schools around the world. It is a most stimulating and challenging occasion and students in the past have found it to be a most formative experience. My thanks to Mrs Leu and Mr de Oliveira for taking the trip next week.

With best wishes.



Mr Crispin Rowe
Headmaster

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Senior School Important Dates for Term 2 (2013-14)

The whole School Calendar can be accessed by clicking on the *Calendar* link on www.stpauls.br. Click on an event to import it directly into your personal calendar (iPhone, Outlook etc).

Wednesday 22nd January	Pupils to confirm ECA choices for Term 2
Wednesday 5th February	F4 IGCSE Geography Field Trip
Thursday 6th February	F4 Parent Information Evening for Brasília (Chapel)
Wednesday 12th February	F4 Community Service Visit 1/3 (8.20 – 12.30)
Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st February	F4 Trip to Brasília
Thursday 20th February	F5 Parent Teacher Meeting & IB Talk (16.30 – 19.00)
Saturday 22nd February	Fashion Show (17.00 – 18.30)
Tuesday 25th February	U6 Parents' Evening (16.30 – 18.30)
Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March	SCHOOL HOLIDAY: Carnival
Tuesday 11th March	F4 Parent Teacher Meeting (16.30 – 18.30)
Thursday 20th March	F3 Parent Teacher Meeting and IGCSE Talk (16.30 – 19.00)
Thursday 27th March	L6 Parent Teacher Meeting (16.30 – 18.30)
Wednesday 2nd April	F2 Parent Teacher Meeting (16.30 – 18.30)
Thursday 10th April	F1 Parent Teacher Meeting (16.30 – 18.30)
Monday 14th – Monday 21st April	HALF-TERM
Tuesday 22nd April	Winter Uniform Commences
Thursday 24th April	F4 Community Service Visit 2/3 (8.20 – 12.30)
Friday 25th April	U6 Study Leave Commences (12.25)
Monday 28th – Tuesday 29th April	F5 História, Geografia and Portuguese End of Year Exams
Saturday 26th April	School Festival
Monday 28th April	F5 and U6 Prize Giving (Theatre)
Wednesday 30th April	F5 Study Leave Commences (12.25)
Friday 2nd May	IGCSE Examinations start
Monday 5th May	IB Examinations start
Friday 16th May	L6 Study Leave Commences (12.25)
Monday 19th – Tuesday 27th May	End of Year Examinations (F1-4 and L6)
Thursday 22nd May	Last IB Examination
Friday 23rd May	Last IGCSE Examination Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball (20.00 - 00.30)
Wednesday 28th May	No Pupils in School (Exam Moderation)
Thursday 29th May – Monday 2nd June	Recuperação classes
Tuesday 3rd May – Thursday 5th May	End of Year Recuperação Examinations
Friday 6th June	F4 Community Service Visit 3/3 (8.20 – 3.05)
Wednesday 11th June	Senior School Prize Giving (10.00 – 12.15)

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Celebrating Success - Upper 6th 2nd Grade Sheet

The U6th students received their Second Grade Sheets on the 11th of December 2013, the penultimate week of term. We were very pleased with the results as no one achieved less than 24 IB points, which shows that they are on the right track at this stage of the Course. Having said that, some Extended Essays grades and comments were worrying, as they flagged up that some students were behind with the work. We had a chance to talk to the whole group on the following Friday and explain the importance of getting the work completed before the end of the term. This would enable the Upper 6th to use the holiday period to focus solely on proper revision for the Mock Examinations which are being undertaken at the moment.

We were very happy to see so many achieving exceptional results in this Grade Sheet, especially considering the busy term they have had! 7 students achieved 36 IB points or more and no Cs or below for effort and no 4s or below for achievement. These students were praised for their exceptional performance on the second grade sheet and they were:

- ★ Gabriela Arno
- ★ Eduardo Catelani
- ★ Lucas Filshill
- ★ Alma Langshaw
- ★ Pedro Henrique Loureiro
- ★ Guilherme Rauter
- ★ Adriano Zarzur

They made us very proud and we look forward to seeing their results in the Mock Examinations. Keep up the hard work, Upper 6th!

**Ms Ana Carolina Belmonte
and Miss Helen Devine**
IB Coordinator & Examinations Officer
and Head of Sixth Form



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Senior School Workshops

Each department in the Senior School provides extra help to pupils who are having difficulty with their subject through the weekly workshops. On the days listed in the table below, teachers are on hand to go through any problems a pupil may have, from 15:05-15:30. There is no need to make an appointment and you do not need to stay for the whole time.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Business Economics		ITB		ITB
CAS			ITB (13:00-13:20)	
Computer Studies	324	324		324
English	313	313	313	313
French		322		322
Geografia	321			321
Geography	301	301	305	305
História	317	317	317	317
History	303 (12:55-13:20)	303	303	303
Mathematics	306	306	306	306
Portuguese	323	323	323	323
Science	Biology 325 Physics 326	F1 and F2 325	Chemistry 328	Physics 326
Spanish				320

The Computer Studies workshop is open for all pupils, including those who do not study Computer Studies in the Senior School. For example, F4-U6 pupils may want Computer Studies help with their coursework or they may just want access to computers if the ones in the Library are all being used.

If you have an ECA at the time of a workshop, you should attend the ECA and organise an alternative time with your teacher.

I strongly suggest that you use this facility throughout the whole year to solve your doubts rather than waiting until just before the End of Year Examinations.

Mr Neil White

Director of Studies
Head of Mathematic