

A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

Trinity is a Catholic learning community devoted to the common good.

Parental Bulletin – Friday 2nd July 2021

Let Us Pray: The Pope's Prayer Intention for July: Social Friendship



Let Us Pray

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Amen

Senior Assistant Principal (Standards and Sixth Form) - MR ALTON (email: malton@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Bulletin.

We are now three weeks on from when behaviour changes were introduced which were aimed at improving the learning for all in our lessons. Once again, I have to thank you wholeheartedly for your support in this. It is very pleasing to see that the majority of the students who found their way into the Inclusion Room in the first week are now staying in lessons and not being rerouted. This indicates that we have a staff who are working together as a team and a student body who are becoming more and more engaged in their learning and also taking responsibility for their behaviour.

The resilience that is now being shown by these students reflects a step towards making the difficult decisions and treading the difficult path that I spoke about in last week's bulletin. My congratulations to both these students and to all students who give 100% every day.

Year 10 students have received booking information this afternoon for our Sixth Form Subject Taster Day which will take place on Tuesday 13th July. The Year 10 timetable will be collapsed and every Year 10 student will have the opportunity to sample the range of A-level and BTEC courses that we will be running in September 2022. Further details of the schedule and support sessions are attached to this bulletin. You may have seen the article in the Leamington Courier which focuses on the relaunch of our Sixth Form (if you haven't you can find it here: <https://www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk/news/people/leamington-secondary-school-is-set-to-re-open-and-relaunch-its-sixth-form-after-closure-3283601>). We're so proud to be able to offer the Sixth Form to our students again and we are really looking forward to delivering further education to our current Year 11's this September.

I've met with Matt Western MP this afternoon to discuss the rise of COVID-19 infections in schools and the measures that we are taking to minimise transmission. I never feel that it is appropriate for a school leader to boast about low infection numbers in their school (as I have heard a few do). The most important consideration is the health of our children and our community. I'll ask that our students take the LFT tests on Wednesdays and Sundays and upload the results to the Gov.uk website. It's really important that we know of any infections early so that we can take the necessary steps to keep everyone safe.

I hope that you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

God Bless

Mr Alton

Catholic Life - MRS RAYMENT- Lay Chaplain (email: erayment@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

This week has been a hive of activity for the Catholic life of our school. On Monday we trooped down to St Peter the Apostle Church for the Vigil Mass of St Peter and St Paul. The students behaved reverently and we had some lovely

music provided by Mrs Hewitt-Jackson and the choir. A big thank you to all those involved in the Mass, particularly our altar servers, Joanna, Christian and Daniel and our readers, Virginia, George, Jacob and Jennifer. We were able to take three boxes of food donations down to the church for distribution to the local community. Thank you to all those who contributed. I'd like to thank Mr Canales, Ms O'Connor and Mr Foley who gave up their free time to help us safely walk to the church.

Today, we had our 'in-house' Chaplaincy Retreat Day to make up for the trip we had to cancel last week. The students were able to take part in morning worship together (albeit socially distanced!) where our focus was on being called and chosen by God. We heard how the first Disciples were called by Jesus and about the conversion of Saul to St Paul who went on to be one of the most prolific writers of the New Testament. Well done too to the winners of our Bible Treasure Hunt. Much hilarity was had in attempting to decipher the clues and we are all now more confident in finding verses in the Bible!

*Heavenly Father,
We thank you that we are not just called but chosen by you.
That you know all our innermost thoughts and feelings.
Help us to live our lives as faithful disciples.
Fill us up Lord, with your Holy Spirit and send us out,
With hearts full of your love.
Amen.*

Assistant Principal – MRS HAYDEN (email: dhayden@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Transition

We are looking forward to meeting virtually our new Year 7 parents/carers and students on Monday 5th July 2021.

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Fun program for our new Year 7 students will take place Monday 23rd August to Thursday 26th August.

Quality of Education

On Wednesday 7th July, our final staff insert day will be taking place. Staff will be receiving training on supporting mental health in schools and curriculum masterclasses delivered by key educationalists.

Inclusion Manager and Deputy Safeguarding Lead - MISS CROSSMAN (email: lcrossman@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Through the Holiday and Activities (HAF) programme, WCC is working with families to provide children and young people who gain benefits-related Free School Meals free activities during the summer holidays.

Find out if your family is eligible for Free School Meals and apply today. More information on the HAF activities over the summer holidays will be coming soon. Please follow the link below for further information.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 5th July 2021



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The Word of the Week is: Vac – empty (Latin word root)

Trinity Social Media Channels

We use our social media channels to promote student achievements, subject information and generic educational information. You can find these by searching:



@trinitycathschool



@CatholicTrinity



tcs_learnington



YouTube^{GB} @CatholicTrinity

Free School Meals Information

Free School Meals

To check eligibility for Free School Meals:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Please check any emails sent by Mr Marr about Free School Meals and contact reception to update any contact numbers or email addresses.

Key Dates: 19th April to 21st July 2021 (Summer Term)

- **Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 7th July 2021 (school closed to students)**
- Year 11 Prom: Tuesday 20th July 2021 – Chesford Grange Hotel
- **End of Term: Wednesday 21st July 2021**

Friends of Trinity

Dear Parents/Carers

Friends of Trinity would like to offer second-hand uniform for sale via The Friends of Trinity Facebook Page over the summer. If anyone has any unwanted uniform we will be collecting donations outside the front of school on the morning of Friday 9th July, or alternatively please email our Chair, Liz Burley (elizabethjburley@gmail.com) if you have uniform to donate after this date.

Many thanks for your support.

Friends of Trinity

Attendance Reporting - Attendance Manager – MRS LYTWYNIW (email: plytwyniw@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Reporting Student Absence (Illness/Medical and Other)

A reminder to all parents/carers you are required to notify the school of all student absences (Year 7 to Year 12). This should be done by either:

- using your Edulink account or
- leaving a telephone message on the Student Absence Line - **01926 462929** stating:
 - your name
 - child's name
 - form group
 - reason for absence

If your child is absent for several days, it is important to report the absence every day that they are off school. Medical evidence may be requested for absences. In the event that we need to contact you, please check that your Edulink account contact details are correct and up to date.

Job Vacancies

Trinity Catholic School/Our Lady of Lourdes MAC/Holy Family Catholic MAC



For job vacancies at Trinity Catholic School, please click on link below:

[Trinity Catholic School - Current Vacancies \(trinity-school.org.uk\)](http://trinity-school.org.uk)

For job vacancies within Our Lady of Lourdes MAC, please click on the link:

<https://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies>



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Multi-Academy



For job vacancies within Holy Family MAC, please click on the link below:

<http://www.holyfamilycatholicmac.org/>

Uniform and Standards and Attendance - MR MARR (email: smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Uniform and Standards

A reminder that all students should be registering at 08:55am each morning in their respective form groups. Tutors will register, conduct a uniform check, and ensure they are fully equipped for the day. Whilst they are in the minority, we do have the odd student who arrives to school without the correct equipment to learn.

I have included the link to the uniform policy, but the main points are listed below:

- No hoodies are to be worn on the school site
- Outside jackets are to be removed before entering the school building
- Uniform to be correct in line with our uniform policy
- Students must have the correct equipment for learning (pencil case with blue/black pen, a multi colour pen for peer/self-assessment, pencil, rubber, glue stick and ruler). Some subjects will require specialist equipment such as a calculator <https://www.trinity-school.org.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=33>

If you would like further information or support with uniform or equipment, please contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Attendance

Our students have made an excellent return school and I am so please that they are back learning with their peers. I do have concerns with how the media are emphasising how behind young people are behind and this will no doubt create anxiety and stress amongst students, parents and teachers. Every tutor group in the school was given this message "you are starting back in exactly the same position as every young person in the country and across the world". Therefore, we are all at the same starting point.

The government is, quite rightly, pushing on attendance and whilst we are continuing to report all our absence to the local authority and Department for Education (DfE) there is going to be more scrutiny around improving attendance in schools. There is often a misconception with attendance especially if a student is attending 90% of the time, then that is okay. The government classes 90% as persistent absence and schools must have a plan to address any student who is below 90% or is in danger of failing into that category. The national average for schools currently is 94.5%, but most schools will expect attendance to be no lower than 96%.

The rationale behind having high attendance is that students have more opportunity to experience high quality teaching in the classroom and to achieve their goals. The DfE report that attendance is intrinsically linked to achievement and wellbeing. If students achieve, from an achievement and social and emotional wellbeing point of view they will ultimately have more opportunities open to them when they leave school. One of the main reasons we become teachers is to see children grow, be happy, achieve and have more opportunities later in life.

Each child is important to us and we want to ensure they are happy and enjoying school. If your child has any concerns or questions the school must be informed, as soon as possible. Your child's form tutor should be the first point of call, then their Head of Year and then the lead for pastoral care. Our attendance team are well equipped to support students and parents whenever help is needed.

Whilst we must drive attendance forward, we do appreciate that exceptional circumstances will play a part at some point through a child's life. If your child is absent, please report any absence to our Attendance Officer each morning.

Attendance Percentage		Days missed over a school year
100%		0 days
95%		10 days
90%		20 days
85%		30 days
80%		40 days

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing - MR MARR (email: smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

We will be sending reminder messages, twice each week about testing for Coronavirus. To maintain consistency, please can this test be carried out on a Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. The test should be logged via the NHS website, and you only inform Trinity if your child's test is positive. Testing kits will continue to be distributed via reception, however if you need an additional kit, please contact reception directly.

Please see the original message sent out last week:

Thank you for continuing to record your child's lateral flow test via the NHS website. If you have not registered, please can you do so to help monitor the spread of Coronavirus and to ensure we have enough new testing packs delivered to the school. Testing should take place twice each week with a space of 3-5 days between each test. When reporting the result Trinity's post code must be linked to the record. Please note that you cannot report a result after more than 24 hours and you can only report one result at a time.

Before reporting the result, you will need:

- The barcode on the test strip or the ID number printed under it (the test strip is the part of the kit that shows your result).
- A mobile phone number so we can text you to confirm we've got your result.
- An email address to register.

How to report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result, please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Once on the website, click 'start now' and register (this will take a couple of minutes and save time later). When recording your child's result, you will need to click on 'they took the test for school' and then type in the Trinity's post code CV32 6NB.

You can also report by phone:

You can also report your test result by calling the phone number in your test kit's instructions.

If you have a problem with your test kit call 119 or report the problem online.

For any further advice, please refer to the documents we sent out at the start of the testing process, or follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test>

Who are you reporting a result for?

Myself

Someone else

Continue

Would you like to sign in or create an account to save your details?

Sign in or create an account

We'll save your details each time you report a test result. Creating an account only takes 2 minutes and you'll save 5 minutes when reporting each test result.

Continue without an account

Your details won't be saved for future tests and all information will have to be re-entered.

You will need your email address and mobile easily accessible to confirm registration.

During the registration and reporting process, you will need to click on the educational setting (school) and follow the next few steps. When recording the result, you will need the test kit barcode to record the results.

Head of Year 7 - MR DEMPSEY (email: pdempsey@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Well done to Year 7 students: Jessica F-P and Zakaria J who have received the most reward points this week. Keep up the good work!

Head of Year 8 - MISS HANSON (email: lhanson@tcs.loudesmac.org.uk) & **MRS MALLE** (email: jmalle@tcs.loudesmac.org.uk)

As we approach closer to the end of the academic year, it is very common to feel tired and standards start to drop, but please can I ask for your continued support in ensuring that students maintain their behaviour and attendance. Miss Hanson and I have had to deal with a few issues this week, which could have been avoided had students followed school rules and met the standard expectations that we have for all students across the year.

I would also like to inform you of a technical issue that has affected only Year 8 students, and their Parent Pay regarding the canteen.

As you may be aware, we are a cashless school and students pay for lunch via Parent Pay which you are able to top up. If your child receives Free School Meals, then this is automatically added to their account each morning.

On 18th May, a technical fault from a third party from outside the school added £2.30 to every student in Year 8 making them all Free School Meal accounts.

This was only brought to our attention yesterday from two parents (who I would like to thank); but this does mean that since the 18th, through no fault of their own or yours, students have been spending money to purchase food that wasn't paid for by yourselves.

As a result of this error being corrected, a lot of the students accounts have been put into negatives to 'pay off' the deficit.

Can I ask that if you put money on your child's account, that you check the Parent Pay via Edulink and check their accounts. The students will stay in minus until the money spent by them since the 18th May is paid off. If your child is a Free School Meal student, then you do not need to do anything as this has not affected their account in anyway.

Unfortunately, as this is a third-party error, I am not aware of the full details that caused this error as it happened outside of school and not done by Trinity or the catering team. The catering team are trying their best to rectify the situation within school, but rest assured we will not be allowing students to not eat or use their account.

Should you wish to know further the details, I ask that you contact Cunninghams at [Education Solutions | CRB Cunninghams](#) who are responsible for the till systems we use in school. Or you can contact myself and I will do my best to answer your questions.

On a more positive note, Miss Hanson has asked me to share the following:

The winner of the form books this week is Blue! It was a very close competition with Blue winning by 1 point!

Top students in the excellent column this week:

8 Red: Emanuella V
Samantha W

8 Blue: Elsie A
Mason G

8 Green: Shay D
Chloe B

8 Yellow: Billy A
George J

Well done to Year 8 student: Sheridan B who have received the most reward points this week. Keep up the good work!

Head of Year 9 - MR MUSSON (email: emusson@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

We hope that you are safe and well.

All of the Year 9 students who attended school on Thursday created their own personalised CV and Letter of Application. These documents can be used when applying for work experience in Year 10. Year 10 students were also part of a careers investigation lesson which involved a tailored experience based on the interests, skillset and education of the individual. Thank you to the Careers Department and Year 9 tutors for all their support of the students this week. Year 9 students also took part in a Duke of Edinburgh training event today. I hope that the students found the challenge beneficial and rewarding. Congratulations to those who took part. Thank you to Mr Jones for his hard work and making the event happen.

Well done to Year 9 students: Emily B, Rosko E and Gwen I who have received the most reward points this week. Keep up the good work!

Head of Year 10 - MR WILLIS (email: awillis@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

I am genuinely proud to be Head of this year group and be in the privileged position to see the students grow and develop over time. This has been evident this week in the behaviour and maturity of the group in different circumstances. Being able to see the whole year group on the tennis courts at 0855hrs, standing in their tutor groups, dressed smartly, and waiting in silence to enter school for registration in a respectful and calm way is now firmly part of our routine. I am also proud of the way that our students work through problems. We are all dealt a difficult card sometimes, and the way we learn to deal with these issues is the most important aspect of these experiences. There is an understandable impulsion to 'step-in' and act upon our children's behalf or try to 'fix' an issue for them when we see one. I have found that in many instances our students find a way when we give them some trust and responsibility. Of course, we are there as adults to support and act when we need to, but the space to make those mistakes, and learn from them, is also important. The power and worth of self-reliance cannot be underestimated.

Well done to Year 10 student: Finley R who have received the most reward points this week. Keep up the good work!

Head of Year 11 - MR MARR (email: smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

11 Prom

Due to recent announcement, the Prom date has changed to Tuesday 20th July and will still be held at Chesford Grange. Please return permission slips and OSA2 forms to reception and payment must be made via Parent Pay.

Foundation Programme Co-ordinator - MR LIGNIER (email: jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Year 12 have completed their final exam week, which have dealt with seamlessly. Well done to them on how they've conducted themselves during this time.

There is a final English speaking assessment which is due to take place on Thursday 8th July. This is only for students who, this time around, are taking a new level of assessment (not re-taking an element).

As well as exams, students enjoyed a careers day on Wednesday where we had some guest speakers from local colleges. Students were given some very valuable advice as well as exposed to different options they can take with regard to their futures; apprenticeships as well as different college courses and the routes to get on them.

Students should have finalised their educational choices for next year by now, it is great to see that lots of current students are staying with us and we hope to see as many faces back as possible. We are able to cater for the varying abilities here at Trinity, from those who still need to learn more English to those who could join GCSE classes.

Our School Motto
Equal by means of God's image