

A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

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

Parental Bulletin – Friday 10th January 2020

Let Us Pray: The Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Amen

Head of School - MR SHIRES (email: shires.j1@welearn.365.com)

Firstly, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back for the start of the Spring Term. Hopefully, you managed to have a peaceful and restful Christmas. Whilst most people think the Christmas season is over, in the churches calendar, it is still the season of Christmas until after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, after which the colours used in church change from white and gold to green to reflect Ordinary time.

The New Year offers us a moment to be still, reflect on the highs and lows of the past year, and also look ahead and make plans for 2020. Are you one to set New Year's resolutions in January? Or, are you like Jurgen Klopp, the Liverpool Manager? He doesn't like to follow the traditional New Year cycle. He says: 'Our New Year starts at the middle of May - so we have season resolutions, not New Year resolutions'. Teachers and students are in a similar boat to Mr Klopp, with their New Year starting at the end of August. Today, we are about half way through our season, and the whistle has just blown for the start of the next half!

Senior Assistant Principal (Inclusion and Pastoral Care) - MR ALTON (email: alton.m1@welearn365.com)

Following numerous reporting of health issues during Christmas and New Year, we have arranged for the School Nurse to be in school on Thursday 16th January. If your child has persistent health issues following the holiday and you have been unable to see your GP, please make contact with your child's Head of Year who will make the School Nurse Referral.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Elsie A (7 Blue) is the first student this year to reach 50 reward points. A superb achievement Elsie, well done.

The Parents Evening for Year 11 takes place on Wednesday 15th January. Parents of students from other year groups are reminded that they can also make appointments with teaching staff on that evening. Parents of students on the SEN register can make appointments with either our SENCO or a member of our Learning Support team.

Catholic Life - MR SHIRES (email: shires.j1@welearn.365.com)

I would like to thank Mrs Hewitt-Jackson for her guidance and oversight of Catholic Life at Trinity. She has been a passionate advocate of ensuring that all students have the opportunity to take an active role in the Catholic life of the school, regardless of their beliefs or background. She will be stepping down from her previous role as Director of Catholic Life to focus on developing the Music department.

To ensure that the momentum, progress and development of Catholic Life made under Mrs Hewitt-Jackson continues, Trinity will be supported by Mr Beesley, Assistant Headteacher from Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School. We will also be looking to recruit a part-time Lay Chaplain, in the near future.

Feast of the Epiphany

During Liturgies this week, we have been focusing on the feast of the Epiphany. Whilst for many people Christmas finished after the 25th December, in other parts of the world particularly in the Christian Orthodox Church, presents are not exchanged until this day, to reflect the moment the Magi (three Wise Men) presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. During the Epiphany, we hear the story of the Magi's arrival. The Magi's inclusion in the Nativity story helps us understand that Jesus' birth heralded a new era: where all people, whatever their background or belief, are to be welcomed and valued in God's name. The Epiphany reveals something of Jesus' mission through the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Through Jesus' words and actions, we would be shown a new way to live together, while his death and resurrection would reveal the power of God's love to restore life and restore hope. The

star in the Epiphany story reveals to us the guiding light offered through faith in a loving God. Just as the Magi of their own free will chose to be steered by the star through the wilderness, we too, are guided through dark and difficult times when we follow the example of Christ.

Baptism of the Lord

Next week's Liturgies will focus on how Jesus is baptised by John in the waters of the river Jordan. Water is a very important part of baptism, but it is also really important in our lives for other reasons. We all need water to live. I encourage you next week to think about all the ways we use water in our lives.

Form Masses this Half-Term

Mass provides an excellent opportunity to offer our problems and worries to God. Just as the Magi embarked on a long and arduous journey, so do our Year 11 students embark on the final 15 weeks of their GCSE journey. Having time to contemplate, is an important aspect of keeping a perspective on matters that are troubling us. Form Masses this half-term will take place every Wednesday for Year 11.

Reflection

A reflection "The Work of Christmas" composed by Howard Thurman:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

Parish News

Unite Catholic Youth Leamington & Warwick – Fearless Weekend

The Fearless weekend retreat is running at Alton Castle from the 6th-8th March 2020 and promises to be filled with adventure, adrenaline, times of prayer, worship and an opportunity to enter into the sacraments. You can watch the video of last year's fun at catholicleamington.org.uk/youth-news.

As always this retreat is open to all young people and young leaders in Years 5 through to Year 13. Cost: £75pp This includes meals, activities and accommodation for the weekend. If we have a large enough group of young people wishing to go, we will hire a minibus. Young leaders will be based at Soli House whilst the main group will be located in the castle.

If you would like to book a place please complete the attached form and return it with payment to the Parish Youth Leader by 7th February 2020. Forms can be posted to Emma Rayment, St Peter's Parish Office, Leamington Spa, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA, emailed to catholicyouth7@gmail.com or handed to Emma in person. Cheques should be made payable to St Peter Apostle Church.

Much love as always, Emma Rayment, Parish Youth Leader Catholic Parishes of Leamington & Warwick, email: catholicyouth7@gmail.com 07876 345307; www.catholicleamington/youth.org.uk.
'Let all that you do be done with love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14 V

Key Dates: 6th January to 14th February 2020 (Spring term)

- Year 13 Mock Exams: 13th to 22nd January 2020.
- Form Group School Photographs: 15th January 2020.
- Year 11 Parents Evening: 15th January 2020; 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
- Year 10 Work Experience: Monday 27th to Friday 31st January 2020.
- Year 10 Parents Evening: 5th February 2020; 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
- Year 10 & Year 11 Berlin Trip: 7th to 10th February 2020.
- February Half-term: 17th to 21st February 2020.

General Notices

Form Group School Photographs

Form Group School Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Your child will be notified by their Form Tutor of timings for the day.

Trinity Catholic School - 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:

Facebook = trinitycathschool
Twitter = @CatholicTrinity
Instagram = trinitycsleamington

Word of the Week – Week Beginning 13th January 2020



Word of the Week for the week beginning 13th January is **Mono – one, single.**

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Attendance Matters - Attendance and Cover Manager - MISS GLACKIN (email: glackin.r@welearn365.com)

Student Absence

This is an important reminder that all parents are required to notify the school by 9.00am the day their child is not able to come to school. This has important implications:

- 1) As a health and safety concern, the school needs to know who is on site by the close of registration.
- 2) From a safeguarding perspective, the school (and parents) need to know that a student is safe.

Informing the school can be done either through Edulink or via the Student Absence Line (Years 7 to 11) on telephone number 01926 462929, please leave a message. If you know your child will be absent for several days, it is important that you telephone the Student Absence Line for every day your child is absent. Medical evidence may be requested, if a child's absence is becoming a concern owing to illness.

Leave of Absence in Term Time Procedure

In order to notify the school that you will be taking your child out during term time, you will need to complete an application form for Leave of Absence. Parents wishing to complete a form will be required to meet with the Attendance and Cover Manager, where the application process will be discussed. **All referrals from 1st January 2020 will be automatically referred to Warwickshire Education Welfare Service.**

Contact Details

In the event of the school needing to contact you, please ensure that the school has up to date contact telephone numbers and to make sure you are 'contactable', if necessary.

Acting Head of Year 7 - MR PETTLE (email: pettle.m1@welearn365.com)

Welcome back to all of our Year 7 students and their families. Though we have only been back at school for a week, Christmas already seems like a distant memory as our students have thrown themselves back into a new term. It's been lovely to see the year group re-energised after their break, and raring to learn!

Yesterday saw our third PSHE&C day of the year, and I was incredibly impressed by the maturity and enthusiasm that our students approached each topic with. Some wonderful work was created, and I had lovely feedback from the Year 7 form tutors.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind students of our expectations as we enter a new term. They are all aware of our behaviour and uniform policies and I expect the students to be upholding these standards at all times.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Acting Head of Year 8 - MISS MALLE (email: malle.j1@welearn365.com)

I wish to welcome back everyone from hopefully a lovely restful break. As we start our 2020 journey, I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support in ensuring uniform is correct. Students should not be wearing trainers unless they have a medical reason (something you can contact me directly with) and false nails and lashes. I will be sanctioning those students accordingly.

This week we held our first PHSE&C day of 2020 with the students looking at themes of faith within British Values, protective behaviours as well as the Australian bushfires. Students will now have chosen as a form group what charity event they will run in order to raise money for those affected. I will look to run these events within the coming weeks and any support you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Word of the Week (Mis and Miso)

8 Green: Abi D
8 Yellow: Lexie - over 200
8 Red: Roxy K - 18

Have a lovely weekend.

Head of Year 9 - MR WILLIS (email: willis.a@welearn365.com)

I hope all have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Welcome back to the new term and the routine of school. I know that my children needed it, as they were sleeping in progressively later by the day and seemed to be finding increasingly more to argue about!

This term is an important one in Year 9. There will be an increasing focus on the GCSE pathway and KS4 study. The decisions made over the next few weeks will inform personal future education and maybe career. Your support and engagement in this process is essential. The need to settle into good habits and an expectation of good presentation and attitude towards school will make the next steps easier to take and to maintain.

Our third PSHE&C day took place this week, and students had opportunity to cover a range of topics including Radicalisation, Refugees and Asylum, Sex and the teachings of the Church and the importance of Transferable Skills in the modern work environment. I hope that students found it valuable and interesting.

Well done to Ellis O, Nathan G and Joe S who represented the school in Basketball this week.

Work of the Week (Mis and Miso): Also congratulations to Daisy D, Erin B and Lorna T for their quality of effort in using our Word of the Week.

Head of Year 10 - MR MARR (email: marr.s1@welearn365.com)

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a safe, restful and enjoyable break. The start to the year has been extremely busy and on Thursday, Mr Shires led the Liturgy on Epiphany and wise men visiting Jesus. Mr Shires discussed how this event is important for every student to make the most from their own gifts, and to make the right decisions when faced with challenges. This is especially important for Year 10 students with Work Experience and their GCSE preparation.

The Word of the Week for 6th January 2020 is mis - wrong and miso - hate. Students and teachers have been asked to attempt to use these words during their lessons and recording this in their red books.

During PSHE&C Day, students follow a different timetable and study a range of topics based upon government guidelines. On Thursday students looked at:

- The Catholic teaching on sex and contraception – the importance of a loving a respectful relationship.
- Child sexual exploitation – looking into the signs of CSE and ways to remain safe, especially online.
- Work Experience preparation – what to expect from and tips for a successful work experience.
- Work Experience Booklet – partial completion of their work experience diary and who to contact at their place of work.
- Resilience – analysis and strategies to develop resilience which is so important for young people.

If you have any forms to return, or any queries about Work Experience, please contact me, as soon as possible. A reminder that Work Experience week is Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January 2020.

Head of Year 11 - MR MUSSON (email: musson.e@welearn365.com)

Year 11 mock exam results will be available for parents to pick up in the Library during Year 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 15th January. Please collect the results from 3:30pm-6.00pm prior to attending appointments with subject teachers. Please discuss how to consolidate or improve these mock results with subject teachers during your appointment. Results that are not collected by parents during the evening will be available to students the following morning during form time.

The Year 11 pastoral team would like to welcome Mr Reading as the new Form Tutor of 11 Yellow. There are 14 school weeks of the 30 weeks in Year 11, therefore we are well in to the second half of the academic year for the cohort. Students should be studying homework and revising a total of 10 hours per week, as per the government guideline, to ensure that all subject content is understood prior to the Year 11 exams.

Word of the Week (Mis and Miso)

11 Blue: Harriet B and Jack D

11 Green: Alec V

Head of Year 13 - MR JOHNSON (email: johnson.m3@welearn365.com)

Year 13 Mock Exams

All Year 13 students have access to their mock exam timetable since November, so even with minor adjustments made they should be clear on exactly when their exams are. It is sincerely hoped they have suitably prepared themselves over the last few months with effective revision and dedicated time in and out of school.

9.00am exams – students should be outside the old Sixth Form Common Room for 8.50am.

1.00pm exams – students should be outside the old Sixth Form Common Room for 12.50pm.

Students with alternative exam arrangements have been notified of their allocated rooms and timings.

No timetabled lessons will take place during the mock exam period for Year 13 students. However, coursework based subjects should be maintained independently during this time where possible. Lessons return to normal from Period 3 on Wednesday 22nd January.

I wish all students the very best of luck over this challenging period of their study.

PSHE&C Day – Thursday 9th January 2020

I sincerely thank those students who attended and accessed a range of important sessions on Stress Management; Sexting/Sexual Imagery; Community; and the Student Budget Challenge. Many thanks our external speakers and Mr Patel for their time and efforts during the day.

Attendance Matters! – Student Absence (Year 13 only)

A reminder that a telephone call or email to Mrs La Spisa, before 9.00am where possible, if your child is absent on any given day would be appreciated. Her direct line telephone number is 01926 462949 or email: laspisa.m@welearn365.com. On return to school, we ask students to discuss any work missed with subject staff to consolidate any gaps in work covered.

PE Department – News and Extra-curricular Activities

MR MURPHY (email: murphy.r@welearn365.com); **MISS HANSON** (email: hanson.l@welearn365.com); **MR WILLIS** (email: willis.a@welearn365.com)

KS3 Basketball Tournament at Myton School – Wednesday 8th January 2020

Our first official KS3 Basketball tournament was a brilliant performance by all the students from across years 7, 8, and 9. Our team players were Nathan G, Patrick C, Thomas N, Joe S, Ellis O, Owen G, Ethan G and Ryan D. Each student brought an individual quality to the game both physically and mentally. We played Myton School in our first game and then Kenliworth School straight after. Each student performed to their very best and showed a great level of resilience and discipline.

Basketball takes place on a Wednesday at 3:15pm-4:15pm. All are welcome.

PE Department - Extra-curricular Activities

Monday

Football: KS3 - 15:15-15:45; Field with Mr Murphy

Tag Rugby (Girls): KS3 - 15:15-15:45; Field with Miss Hanson

Wednesday

Basketball: KS3 - 15:15-15:45; Sports Hall with Mr Murphy

Thursday

Badminton: KS3 - 15:15-15:45; Badminton Hall with Mr Murphy

Friday

Rugby (Girls): KS4 - 15:15-15:45; Field with Miss Hanson

Netball (Girls): All Year Groups - 15:15-15:45; Tennis Courts with Mr Murphy

School motto: Equal by means of God's image