

**A Catholic School for All**

## Our Mission Statement

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

### Parental Bulletin – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### Let Us Pray: The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation



#### Let Us Pray

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth,  
to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Amen

#### Head of School – MR SHIRES (email: jshires@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

##### Sixth Form Subject Taster Day

A big thank you to Mr Alton, Mrs Sturgeon and Mrs La Spisa for organising the online Sixth Form Subject Taster Day. Staff were extremely pleased with the number of Year 11 students that attended the individual sessions. Students found the day very informative and were able to sample lessons and find out more regarding the course content and future pathways. We were also joined by several staff from St Augustine's and St Benedict Catholic Schools to provide further information relating to pathways and enrichment opportunities available between all three schools.

##### Return to School – Monday 8th March

All staff were on site today to receive training regards the measures that school has put in place for the safe return of students and staff. Many of these measures have been in place since last September and will continue to be in place with the addition of the Government's recommendation that students wear mask in classrooms where social distancing is not possible. The latest risk assessment can be found in the COVID-19 section on our new school website under the news and events tab on the homepage.

Staff also received training related to mental health and well-being. Selected staff will be trained to become qualified mental health first aiders to support any students experiencing anxieties upon their return.

##### Testing

You should have received further guidance from Mr Marr with regards to testing and the phased return of students next week. I appreciate that students may not be enamoured by the thought of regular testing, but the key and vulnerable students soon came to terms with it in the first few weeks of January and hopefully students will realise that they are contributing to the common good through participating in regular testing. Mr Marr has made a short video regarding COVID-19 LFT process for students, link: [COVID-19 LFT at Trinity Catholic School - YouTube](#)

##### Year 9 Parent Evening and Options Evening

Next week parents/carers of Year 9 students will have the opportunity to discuss GCSE options choices with subject teachers. Very few students tend to know exactly what career path they would like to pursue in the future at this stage, but staff will be able to advise on post-16 pathways related to their courses.

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

This week our students and form tutors have been creating and sharing their own liturgies. Their efforts have been marvellous and I have been so impressed with the results. It has been lovely to see our community engaging in scripture and spending time in reflection and a real joy for me as lay chaplain to see more students joining our chaplaincy team.

This week our chaplaincy team reflected on our creativity and the fact that we all have different ways of expressing ourselves and sharing our talents. In September we hope to re-launch the house system with each tutor group 'colour' representing a different Saint. The path to holiness is something as Catholics we are all called to journey towards and as such we are hoping to name our houses after 4 young modern day Saints, the lives of whom we can

all aspire to emulate. The chaplaincy team have been asked to put forward suggestions and ideas of how we can challenge each other in creative ways with sport, artwork, music, creative writing and even STEM based challenges. There will be a chance for all students to share their talents and shine!

**Senior Assistant Principal (Inclusion and Pastoral Care) - MR ALTON** (email: malton@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

### Health and Wellbeing

We're really looking forward to welcoming our students are back in face to face education from next week. Education is a basic right of every child and we will endeavour to work with parents and students who have had a difficult time during the lockdown. However, we must remember that many of our students have had no regular face to face education for an extended period of time and that now is the time for full time education to continue on the school site.

I've attached a letter regarding the mental health support that the school has in place. We are focusing on:

- **Preventing** mental health concerns by ensuring a consistent environment for our students to learn and ensuring that they are supported and educated effectively
- **Identifying** mental health concerns quickly using our safeguarding platform
- Ensuring that our students and parents have access to **Support** from using our diagnostic packages
- Providing an opportunity to **Access** specialist support where this is needed

### Sixth Form Taster Day

I'd like to thank all Year 11 students attended sample post-16 courses that will be delivered at Trinity Sixth Form from September this year. It was incredibly encouraging to see so much enthusiasm from the whole of Year 11 during the day and we welcome the very positive feedback that we have received from the students following the day.

We are committed to supporting all of our Year 11 students beyond this academic year, even if their choice of destination is not Trinity Sixth Form. We would of course want all of our Year 11's to be part of what is a very exciting time for the Sixth Form.

Our applications will remain open during next week and if your child is interested in applying, the application form can be accessed by clicking on the following link - [Trinity Sixth Form - Application Form \(September 2021\)](#)

### Year 9 Parents Evening (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March) - Virtual Parents Evening platform

This event will provide Year 9 students and parents the opportunity to discuss course choices with teaching staff prior to choosing options from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**Week beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
'rupt' meaning - break up (Latin word root)

### Free School Meals Information

**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.

### COVID-19 LFT - MR MARR (email: smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

Lateral flow test at Trinity Catholic School (same video on two different platforms)

[COVID-19 LFT at Trinity Catholic School - YouTube](#)

[Trinity Catholic School | Facebook](#)

Locate the video at Trinity Catholic School Facebook if the link doesn't work.

Testing date and time slots	Start back at school
Year 11 – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 9am-12pm	09:00am Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 10 – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 12:30-3:30pm	09:15am Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 7 – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 9am-12pm	09:00am Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9 – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 12:30-3:30pm	09:15am Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 8 – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 9am-12pm	09:00am Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March

Please book your child's appointment via the 'eventbrite' links sent through Edulink by their Head of Year. We are very much looking forward to having your child back in their classrooms from next week.

### Key Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (Spring Term)

- **Sixth Form Applications open for September 2021** from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- **Year 9 Parents Evening/Options Evening (virtual):** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (4.00pm to 6.00pm)
- **Year 9 Option Choices Deadline:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

- **Year 11 Finalised Assessments:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- **End of Term of Spring Term:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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

As part of our commitment to ensure that Trinity is up to date with the latest educational research, I am currently completing a piece of research with University College London (UCL) into strategies to support knowledge retention amongst G.C.S.E students.

As part of the research evidence, I will be asking a random selection of students to complete some questionnaires regarding different learning strategies. All the surveys will be anonymous, and the results will form part of the final research paper.

**Attendance Matters! - Attendance Manager – MRS LYTWYNIW** (email: [plytwyniw@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto: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 at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)**

Current job vacancies within Our Lady of Lourdes:

Help Desk Technician  
1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Line IT Technician

See OLOL website for details [www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies/) vacancies under Lourdes IT.

**Inclusion Manager & Deputy Safeguarding Lead – MISS CROSSMAN** (email: [lcrossman@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:lcrossman@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))

As school returns next week, I have attached a couple of resources that that families and students may find useful, especially after how difficult recent times have been.

The link below is to an animated short film designed to help bereaved children and families to understand their grief and how to manage it.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/the-invisible-suitcase>

The link below provides another chance to see the Returning to a school Webinar from July 2020.

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/replay-of-returning-to-school-webinar-for-parents-carers-and-professionals/>

**Head of Year 7 - MR PETTLE** (email: [mpettle@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:mpettle@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))

As the final full week of remote learning comes to a close, there is a sense of excitement amongst the staff at school. No-one enters the teaching profession to simply sit in front of a computer, and when I became a Head of Year I certainly didn't expect to oversee a year group of icons on a screen. It will be lovely to reunite our Year 7 team next week, and our COVID-19 LFT team have been working wonders to ensure that everyone is as safe and supported as possible when attending the school site.

You will now have received your booking link and return information as an EduLink message; please ensure you book a slot for your child to attend Lateral Flow Testing on Tuesday, ahead of their return to school on Wednesday. It's important that every child has booked a slot as form tutors and myself will be doing well-being checks alongside the testing of students; I am aware of some instances whereby students can't be tested at this time, but it would still be lovely to see them on Tuesday morning to check in with them.

I want to now take the opportunity to say "Thank You" to everyone that has supported the Year 7's throughout this time.

*Parents and carers:* your continued help and support is very much appreciated. This has not been an easy time for anyone, but by working alongside the school, you have helped us to make this period as easy for our students as it could be, given the circumstances.

*Form Tutors:* I am incredibly lucky to work alongside such a talented and supportive pastoral team, and your support of your tutor group through "virtual registration" has been greatly appreciated. Form Tutors are often the first port of call in supporting students, and I've been really proud of the lengths that the Year 7 tutors have gone to to ensure that this has continued throughout lockdown.

*Learning Support:* The Learning Support team are, and continued to be throughout lockdown, an integral part of the pastoral team. Through one-to-one sessions, well-being phone calls, and continued support of students that have attended the school site, Learning Support have been an invaluable asset to me in supporting our Year 7's.

As we approach our return to the "new normal" I'd like to leave you with a quote from the Book of Romans:  
*"God promises to make something good out of the storms that bring devastation to your life."*

Wishing you and your families a happy and restful weekend.

**Head of Year 8 - MR DEMPSEY** (email: [pdempsey@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:pdempsey@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))

Wednesday will see our Year 8 students return to school for their testing prior to the resumption of teaching in lessons on Thursday 11th March. Details of the plans for return have been sent via Edulink and I'm sure you are already familiar with them.

I can understand there perhaps being a little anxiety on the part of parents, carers our students, but we are confident that the school has been thoroughly prepared for their return and we are looking forward to this immensely.

On Wednesday we will be in the hall to welcome back our students with a smile and taking the opportunity to chat, checking uniform and making sure that our students are ready to hit the ground running. Please make sure that your child has a reading book and that they have a fully stocked pencil case ready for the resumption.

These past months have been challenging in many ways and I am very proud of the way they have risen to this challenge. The skills they are developing will be valuable in future life and the ability to cope and deal with changing situations should help build resilience.

I want to thank 8 Yellow for their form liturgy on Thursday which was delivered to the year group. In particular I wanted to thank Samantha W, Zoe P, George J, Jenny S, Elliot L and Clement B for their efforts.

With the emergence of Spring and the return to school of students I thought I would share the following with you with this from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar which tells us that we hold the keys when it comes to shaping our future.

**It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves. – William Shakespeare**

I hope you have a safe and peaceful weekend.

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

I hope that you are safe and well.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 students back to school for full school days from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The government have instructed that students should receive three COVID-19 tests in school, at a minimum of three days apart, prior to two further tests that are to be issued to parents to administer at home. Prior to every child returning to school, Year 9 students will be invited into school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, between 12.30pm and 2.50pm, for their first COVID-19 test. Students are to arrive at the Sports Hall, in full school uniform, to be greeted by their Head of Year and Form Tutor. Following this first COVID test, Year 9 students will then leave site, prior to returning to school by 9.10am for school the following day.

Year 9 students are to register and access their lessons at home for both the full day of Monday, as well as the morning of Tuesday, prior to coming into school for their COVID-19 test. As staff will be in school during this time, lessons will be set via MS Teams or Edulink for students to access at home.

To adhere to social distancing protocols, 'lateral flow' tests will take place using an appointment schedule. A booking appointment must be made prior to the test in order to give parental consent to the testing process. To book your preferred appointment time, please refer to an EduLionk message sent to you on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The Year 9 Parents'/Options Evening booking system is live. An Options Booklet will be distributed today to support your teacher discussions. Please read the following instructions prior to booking an appointment.

#### **For Parent Access**

1. Select the **Links** function in **Edulink**
2. Select **Parents Evening System Parent Login**
3. Enter your details (Title, First Name, Surname, Email, Confirm Email)



4. Enter student details (First Name, Surname, Date of Birth)
  5. When presented with the choice of parents evening that you wish to book for; please select Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 4-6pm.
  6. You will be given the option of: Automatic Bookings or **Manual Bookings**. Please ensure that you select **Manual Bookings**, where you can choose your appointment times for each teacher.
- If you have any access issues, please raise a ticket with Lourdes IT at <https://help.lourdesit.org.uk/support/home>

Please ensure that student uniform and appearance adheres to the school uniform policy. Key points to ensure compliance: hair colour should be all one natural colour, piercings should be an ear stud only, jumpers must be a black or grey V-neck, footwear must be all-black shoes in leather or leather style, no hooded tops with or without zips, false nails are not acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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

I'm excited to be able to say that we are all looking forward to welcoming students back next week. I hope that you have all received details of our return procedure via Edulink and have managed to book your slots for testing prior to the start back. This appointment will also be a useful time to check in with students and see how they are. I will also be able to check uniform and hopefully iron out any issues prior to starting lessons. Please do make sure that a booking is made for every child, regardless of whether they have had COVID-19 within 90 days of this point.

Please ensure that your child is in correct uniform and that any issues are resolved prior to our start. All students will not require PE kit for the first week back, thus allowing us to address any uniform issues and avoid any confusion. Students will be required to be in PE kit for the week after (week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March) on days when they have their timetabled PE lessons only. This should be Trinity PE kit under a Trinity blazer (hoodies are not allowed under any circumstances).

Our expectations, schedules and routines will be clearly shared with students upon their return and any support you can give in reaffirming these at home would be much appreciated. I truly believe that this will give each child the best chance in being successful.

Good luck everyone.

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

The liturgy this week was delivered by 11 Blue to the whole of year 11. Mr Shires and I thought that the preparation and delivery was fantastic! To deliver a liturgy to around 100 students take practice and confidence - well done 11 Blue and Mrs Compton. The scripture from Hebrews 12: 1-3 discussing the need for perseverance and fixing our eyes on Jesus. The concept of resilience (which is one of our school values) and reflecting on how difficult it is to be resilient but how important it is for our young people to allow their resilience to grow. Also, reflecting with The Beatles Hear Comes The Sun was a lovely end to wonderful liturgy, helped by the beautiful weather we had last weekend.

I have sent out information for our return to school and the time slots to book your child's 'lateral flow' test in advance of coming back into school. I have included part of this letter below:  
*We are looking forward to welcoming all our young people back and in the classroom. To ensure this happens a safely as possible we are operating a staggered return from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The government have said that students should take three COVID tests in school at a minimum of three days apart. Following these two further tests, to be administered at home will be issued to parents. Before every child returns to school, year 11 will be invited into school in full uniform for their first test and to see their form tutor and myself, they will then return home and continue their studies.*

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 9am-12pm – Year 11 students will arrive in full uniform, register at the Sports Hall then meet their tutors and myself and undertake their first lateral flow test. MS Teams live register will take place for any student not taking the test. Following the test, they will leave the school site and return home, they will be expected to access their online lessons during period 4 and 5. Please note that staff will be in school and lessons will be set via MS Teams or Edulink. All Year 11 students will return to school at 09:00 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

To adhere to social distancing 'lateral flow' tests will take place at different times during the morning. A booking appointment must be made prior to the test to give consent. To book your preferred appointment time please click on the link below:

[Year 11 - Monday 8th March - 9:00-12:00](#)

[09:00-09:30](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-11-covid-19-lateral-flow-testing-at-trinity-sports-hall-tickets-144250662615>

[09:30-10:00](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-11-covid-19-lateral-flow-testing-at-trinity-sports-hall-tickets-144244712819>

10:00-10:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-11-covid-19-lateral-flow-testing-at-trinity-sports-hall-tickets-144241206331>

10:30-11:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-11-covid-19-lateral-flow-testing-at-trinity-sports-hall-tickets-144246217319>

11:00-11:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-11-covid-19-lateral-flow-testing-at-trinity-sports-hall-tickets-144246478099>

We will also be posting a short video to demonstrate what to do when arriving to school for their test. I know that the students we have on site have already had tests, but we feel it is important to share this with everyone.

#### Year 11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 3rd March 2021 4-6pm

Thank you to parents, students and teachers for Parents Evening on Wednesday night.

#### Year 11 IT Information

If you are having issues with your email, password or Edulink the LourdesIT help desk contact details:

Help Desk: 01527 359 999; <https://help.lourdesit.org.uk>; [help@lourdesit.org.uk](mailto:help@lourdesit.org.uk)

7.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday

All resources, assignments, live and pre-recorded lessons will no longer be available via the welearn365 platform that students previously used.

#### **Foundation Programme Co-ordinator - MR LIGNIER (email: [jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))**

As we approach the end of school lockdown, I just wanted to be clear about arrangements for next week.

On Monday 8th March and Tuesday 9th March, school will continue in 'lockdown fashion' for Year 12s. School is open to all Year 12 students, we will continue with learning in the Language Lab. On Wednesday 10th March, COVID-19 LF testing will occur for Year 12 students. If you would like your child to get tested, please ensure you have completed the consent form. Testing will occur from 12.30pm-3.15pm. Nevertheless, due to school buses running in the morning, it may be easier for you to come into school on Wednesday morning and stay for the day, including your test in the afternoon. Provided that the tests come back negative, all Year 12 students will be back to normal school on Thursday. Therefore, all students MUST be in school from Thursday 11th March.

If you have any queries, concerns or questions, please contact me on [jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk).

#### **Message from the PE Department**

All students will not require PE kit for the first week back. Students will be required to be in PE kit, week starting 15<sup>th</sup> March on days when they have their timetabled PE lessons only. This should be a Trinity PE kit and Trinity blazer. **Hoodies are not allowed under any circumstances.**

#### **Challenge 21! How many hours of exercise can you complete in 21 days!**

A huge well done to all who took part, a lot of fantastic effort and determination. The PE department were very impressed by the number of hours completed! Below are the top three winners for each year group. Certificates will also be handed out to those students who also took part for their fantastic effort.

##### **Year 7**

1. Erin C; 2. Rhys O; 3. Amey G

##### **Year 8**

1. Mason G; 2. Jorja M; 3. Elanor G

##### **Year 9**

1. Chloe C; 2. Emme L; 3. Daniel B

##### **Year 10**

1. Finley R; 2. Patrick C; 3. Emily S-M

Congratulations on your Sport's direct vouchers. You will be notified when these are ready for collection!

**Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) - MRS LA SPISA & MRS KITE (email: [trinitycareers@welearn365.com](mailto:trinitycareers@welearn365.com))**

#### **Post-16 Pathways**

When it comes to the question of what students can do following GCSEs, there are a lot of options to consider. Therefore, the Department for Education has put together a 2-minute animation – showcasing and explaining each choice in a simple, dynamic, and visual manner [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_xAQNni4pA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_xAQNni4pA&feature=youtu.be)

### **Coventry & Warwickshire Virtual Careers Show**

This event is available to students and their parent/carers for approximately 30 days. If you would like to explore the careers show, please click on the link <https://cwcareershubs.vfairs.com/>

There are:

(1) 28 stands that cut across a diverse group of Colleges, Universities, Independent Training Providers, Employers and Careers Education Stakeholders

(2) 9 webinars that cover:

- a. Apprenticeships within the training environment and workplace
- b. Careers in different workplace settings
- c. What is a T-Level?
- d. Adult course provision at an FE College

### **Year 11 1:1 Careers Guidance Meetings with Mr Robinson**

Now that we are approaching the end of the school lockdown, Year 11 1:1 Careers Guidance Meetings will recommence in school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in the Careers Hub with Mr Robinson. We are making good progress within the year group to support our students with post-16 pathways choices.

**Our School Motto**  
*Equal by means of God's image*