

A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

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

Parental Bulletin – Friday 12th 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)

Return to School

It was a pleasure to welcome all our students back to school this week. I imagine they are looking forward a sleep in this weekend. That said their conduct and engagement this week has been exemplary, and staff have commented how impressed they have been with their work ethic in lessons. It makes a refreshing change to teach students face to face rather than through a screen. Until Easter, staff will be focussing on reviewing students learning during lockdown and identifying areas to re-cap. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have ensure that students have returned in the correct school uniform and with the appropriate equipment. I am sure many are relieved that they are back in school.

Year 9 Parent/Options Evening – Wednesday 10th March 2021

There was an excellent turnout for the Year 9 Parent/Options Evening. Hopefully, both parents and students found it informative with regards to GCSE subjects which are available in September 2021. If you were unable to discuss subject choices with the relevant member of staff, please don't hesitate to contact them via email as staff are more willing to discuss their courses.

COVID-19 LFT

A big thank you to Ms Bingham, Mrs Barrero, Mrs Kite and Mrs La Spisa and parent/carer volunteers who have overseen the administration of the testing process this week. We were able to process the LFT within the timescale set for students to return to school.

Students conducted themselves in a mature and patience manner whilst waiting to carry out their test. By the end of next, I am sure they will be more than competent with regards to the process and will be able to carry out home testing.

Year 6 Transition Evening – Thursday 11th March 2021

Many thanks to Mrs Hayden and Mr Pettle for organising a live online MS Team meeting with parents, carers and students who will joining the Trinity community in September 2021.

It provided an opportunity to answer any questions and highlight the transition events planned for the summer term subject to COVID-19 restrictions being eased.

We are extremely pleased that the number of students that will be joining us in September has increased significantly to the point that we now have a waiting list.

Tutor Group Liturgy

Well done to all the tutor groups that planned and delivered liturgies both last week and this week. It is really pleasing to see students develop their leadership and teamwork skills to lead collective worship for peers in their year group.

It's been a busy week and we wish you a restful weekend.

It has been so lovely this week to see both staff and students enjoying being back together. Again, we have had some beautiful tutor group liturgies so well done and thank you for all the effort being put into these. Our next goal is to revitalise the prayer spaces in each of our classrooms. Now that the weather is getting (slightly) better, we will also be working on our prayer garden. If you have any gardening tools or equipment like birdfeeders or plant pots you might not use, please consider donating them for us to use on this project. Likewise, any donations of plants would be most welcome. Contact me on the above email and I can collect.

In chaplaincy we are preparing our Holy Week Stations of the Cross which will form the liturgy for that week. We will also be livestreaming Mass from St Mary Immaculate Church in Warwick. Next week I will share with you the Holy Week and Easter Mass times in our local parishes. Don't forget to think about donating to our Lenten charity this year which is St Chad's Sanctuary. The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic MAC is joining forces to raise money and awareness for St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham. The Sanctuary is a place of welcome for Asylum Seekers and Refugees which provides practical support, English classes and welfare support. You can donate quickly and simply via a link on the ParentPay website.

Lord,

We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support.

That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who fled persecution at his birth and at his last triumphed over death.

Amen.

Sixth Form

A reminder that the application window for Trinity Sixth Form is still open, however the deadline for applications is *Tuesday 16th March*. Currently, 40% of Year 11 have submitted applications to the Sixth Form and we are looking forward to welcoming many of these back in September to embark on the next stage of their journey.

The Sixth Form application form can be accessed

here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MKcd5G15b0SG85FNYTlvOB1UjkaHqEREmAHdRL_985VUQVQ2RDhKRU9VMjQ5NU5DQUpBMEpaVzRXNi4u

We're also collaborating with St Benedict's in Alcester and St Augustine's in Redditch to bring a **Post-18 Event** on Tuesday 20th April. This event will be open to Trinity students who are interested in attending university when they finish A-Level study. The event will focus on University courses, university life and pathways of study.

If you are interested in attending this event, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/fAN4d4bmHk>

Behaviour

The respect and resilience shown by all students on their return to school has been incredibly impressive. I extend my thanks to all parents who have secured the social and emotional mental health of our students through these uncertain times. All of our teachers have been extremely pleased with the effort shown by our students so far.

We will continue to improve the standards across the school by:

- Making sure that the Behaviour and Relationships Charter makes sense to both students and parents
- Making sure that expectations are clear and regularly communicated
- Understanding the individual needs of our students and addressing the needs to ensure that expectations are met

Attendance

We thank all parents who are continuing to secure their child's social, emotional and education progress by ensuring that attendance is consistent and that absences are kept to a minimum. Students are clearly benefitting from the return to education and we are in a position to support students in a way that we couldn't remotely. After a period of settling back into the school routines, it is important to note that Stage 1 and Stage 2 warning letters will be sent to parents whose children's attendance is either between 95% and 90% (Stage 1) or below 90% (Stage 2). The [Attendance Policy](#) is clear on the expectations of attendance and the actions taken in relation to absence. It is also important to note that absences in relation to COVID-19 incurring self-isolation periods will not be considered in the absence response taken by the school.

Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 15th March 2021



Week beginning 15th March 2021: Scope – Look/see (Greek 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.

Key Dates: 4th January to 1st April 2021 (Spring Term)

- **Sixth Form Applications open for September 2021** from Thursday 4th March
- **Year 9 Option Choices Deadline:** Friday 26th March
- **Year 11 Finalised Assessments:** Friday 19th March to Thursday 1st April
- **End of Term of Spring Term:** Thursday 1st April 2021

Learning Support – MRS PRICE (email: jprice@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

We have been pleased to see more of our students back in school and ready to access our support. Students have done well over lockdown, in their contact with their Learning Support or Peter's Place Key Worker; for some this has been in school and for others this has been online and the efforts of all involved has helped many students with additional needs to have a successful return to school this week.

Also, a reminder of the SEN Parent Consultation Days which will be bookable through the usual Parents' Evening system online.

24th March 2021 09:30-15:30

6th June 2021 09:30-15:30

Attendance Matters! - 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 at Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL)

Current job vacancies within Our Lady of Lourdes:

Help Desk Technician
1st or 2nd Line IT Technician

See LOL website for details www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies/ vacancies under Lourdes IT.

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

As the age old saying goes, "you don't know what you have until you've lost it!" In the case of the return to school, I didn't truly realise what I had missed until Year 7 returned! It has been lovely so see the life breathed back into the Year 7 "bubble" as the students returned to school. My own lessons with Year 7 this week have exemplified to me the hard-work, enthusiasm and commitment that our Year 7 students have applied to their remote learning. Their knowledge of topics and understanding of different lesson concepts has been fantastic, and will stand them in good stead moving forward in their education.

Year 7 are now almost halfway through their first year at Trinity Catholic School, and I don't think anyone could have anticipated it panning out the way it has. The students' resilience has been commendable, and hopefully sustainable as the year progresses. I know that not all students will have found the transition back to in-class learning as seamless as others; if you or your child have identified any particular difficulties, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we can discuss this in more detail.

Big thanks must be extended to 7 Red (and Ms Graves and Mr Rai) and 7 Blue (and Mr Jones) who have created and delivered our year group liturgies last week and this morning. They were very well researched and brilliantly delivered. I look forward to seeing Green and Yellow over the coming weeks.

After a busy and, at times difficult week for our students, my message is to "switch off" for the weekend; spend time with the people that matter, doing the things that make you smile. In amongst the pressures of COVID and remote

learning, we don't always make time for ourselves, but I encourage every Year 7 (and their parents) to do that this weekend. Despite the challenges and tribulations, hold onto the fact that *"at the end of the rain comes the rainbow."* Wishing you and your families a happy and restful weekend.

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

After a few weeks of anticipation, we finally welcomed Year 8 back to school. I met with them all prior to their tests and really felt humbled by their enthusiasm. I was so impressed with the way they conducted themselves during the testing on Wednesday and the adherence to our high expectations of uniform.

Yesterday saw their first full day of school and again it was wonderful to see them so engaged and keen to resume their studies. The resilience and integrity displayed during lockdown was in evidence as was the desire to get straight back into school routines. I would like to thank you for your support during this process. One final note with regards to the return several Year 8 students still didn't have a school reading book so could you please help us by ensuring they bring one to school,

8 Red shared their form liturgy with the rest of the year group, and it was another beautiful and well-presented liturgy. The news clip of the young blind boy teaching younger students in a bombed-out school was poignant, heart-breaking, and inspirational in equal measure. Congratulations to all those involved.

The next challenge is to build on the very successful return to school and enjoy our time together whilst enjoying the first signs of Spring. Before we know it, we will be enjoying summer and hopefully a lifting of the restrictions we are currently following.

Finally, I want our students to grasp the opportunities to reconnect with friends and their studies and to believe in themselves and to see the past few months as simply a break. I would encourage them to not listen to the voice that shouts, 'What if I can't?' but rather the one which whispers, 'what if I do?'

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt." – William Shakespeare

Once again thank you for your continued support of us in all that we are trying to achieve. Have a wonderful, and restful, weekend.

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

We hope that you are safe and well. Thank you to all students, parents and staff who took part in the Year 9 Parents'/Options Evening on Wednesday; I hope that you found the evening informative. I was very pleased to receive some kind messages from parents following the event, including the following statement, 'Just want to say parents evening was superbly done by all the staff. Really impressive. My first enjoyed zoom style event. It was a pleasure to engage with such dedicated staff.'

The online options process is live until Friday March 26th. Please discuss the option choices with your child, prior to your child selecting their options via the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MKcd5G15b0SG85FNyTlvOPvuiKGyQ1pKgPI_UAamjF5UQIhBOFFQMzJIT0pQM05JQVlaTk9DSVIBUS4u

Thank you also to Year 9 parents that have ensured that their children are appropriately dressed and are following our uniform expectations. It really is appreciated and makes such a difference. Several compliments have been passed on to me via Trinity members of staff, stressing how impressed they are with the presentation of Year 9 students. I will be passing these compliments on to the students themselves. I am proud to lead a year group that wish to do achieve well and conduct themselves with pride for the vast majority of the time. Have an enjoyable weekend.

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

Well done on the first week back everyone! I think that it's fair to say that these first few days have been strange for everyone after such a long-time away, however my overriding emotions have been those of relief and happiness in seeing students back. In core PE lessons this week we have tried to build in space and time for students to organise their thoughts and ease their way back into the demands of school life. I believe that most found this time useful. Next week students will need to wear their PE kit under their blazer on the day of their timetabled PE lessons and we look forward to getting students physically active and interacting with each other. Please ensure that students have the same high expectations of dress, the only change here is that they wear their PE kit under their blazer with suitable trainers, instead of their full uniform (no hoodies or non-school jumpers, etc).

Thank you so much for your support with your child's uniform. I know it is not always easy to source and fund uniform and school shoes during these times, I am grateful for all your efforts. I have been really impressed with how smart the year group look, and we will be consistent in ensuring that this remains the case. We are now down to the last 3 students in unsuitable school shoes (black trainers are not suitable), and only 3 students in unsuitable school jumpers (jumpers must be black V-neck, not round neck). We are working hard to remove any barriers to wearing the correct school uniform; please do continue to work with us to help us to remove these barriers.

Finally, it has been good to see students leading Liturgy over the past 2 weeks. To hear students speaking about our Values and important themes on our Liturgical calendar has been rewarding and inspiring. Tutors have worked hard to support students in delivering these Liturgies over MS Teams. 10 Yellow and 10 Green have led the way, with 10 Blue and 10 Red to follow. Well done to all those involved.

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

The liturgy this week was delivered by 11 Red to the whole of year 11. It has become abundantly clear how adept our young people are with researching and delivering whole year group liturgies. The theme concentrated on hope for the future and looking at how coping with the recent challenges will make us stronger, not physically, to cope with everything life throws at us. Paul's letter to the Ephesians 3: 16-21.

I'm asking God to give you a gift from the wealth of his glory. I pray that he would give you inner strength and power through his Spirit. Then Christ will live in you through faith. I also pray that love may be the ground into which you sink your roots and on which you have your foundation.

This way, with all of God's people you will be able to understand how wide, long, high, and deep his love is. You will know Christ's love, which goes far beyond any knowledge. I am praying this so that you may be completely filled with God. Glory be to him, whose power working in us can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine, glory be to him, in the church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.

After a busy return to school, our young people look to be happy returning to familiar lessons and friends. I certainly have enjoyed everyone being back at school and it is already getting back to some form of normality.

Year 11 students had their second lateral flow test on Thursday, and they will have their third one on Monday 15th March 2021. During their third test they will receive the home testing kit - further details will be in the testing section of the newsletter.

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

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)

We have welcomed the Year 12s back in and it has been excellent to see all of them commit to keeping the community safe as they were given their first round of COVID-19 tests. Please be aware that the students will have 2 more tests at school over the next fortnight before home testing kits are sent out for students to do. Students will be familiar how to conduct these tests by the time they are sent home.

Our School Motto
Equal by means of God's image