

A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

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

Parental Bulletin – Friday 26th 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)

Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grade Information Evening

Thank you to Mr Alton for organising and presenting the Parent Information Evening outlining how the school we be determining teacher assessed grades for Year 11 students. There has been considerable collaboration between Trinity, Saint Augustine's and St Benedict Catholic Schools to determine a process that allows staff to award the grades students deserve. I'd also like to thank all those parents and students that attended online.

Link Governor Catholic Life Monitoring Review

Today we were joined by Mr Colin Beesley, Link Governor for Catholic Life. He spent the whole day talking to students, teachers and support staff about the Catholic ethos of the school and how it manifests itself in day-to-day relationships and interactions. At the time of writing, he had already expressed how impressed he was with the leadership qualities students have shown in recent weeks through delivering student led liturgies.

Mental Health Training

Since the last Parent Bulletin, five staff now have completed Mental Health First Aider training so that we have additional capacity to support staff and students in school.

Quo Vadis

In this current climate and time of crisis, there is an urgent need to empower young people with confidence and hope for their futures. Lockdown has left them with questions about their faith and anxiety about the future. As a consequence, Trinity will be offering a new programme to our students: 'Quo Vadis'. This programme will ask them the question: 'Where are you going?' with the aim of supporting them with the tough questions surrounding their faith, supporting them with mental health and well-being, to empower them to make choices and enable them to reflect and 'gather' as a Catholic community through shared experience, even during a time of social distancing. The 12 week sessions will equip students to mentor younger students with support and additional training. Therefore, extending the reach of the sessions and enabling young people to respond to their experiences in a positive way. Through the sessions and journal young people will be able to articulate their recent experiences and process their own thoughts and feelings connected to lockdown.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are also delighted to announce that the school has signed up to offer to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme this week. This will initially be offered to Year 9 students this year and then the Silver award for Year 10 students the following year culminating in the Gold awarded when students join the Sixth Form in Year 12. This has been made possible using the expertise of staff from Saint Augustine's High School to train Year 9 form tutors to support students as they undertake the different challenges.

Lent is almost at an end and as we enter into Holy Week to commemorate the passion and death of our Lord. For the people that lived at the time of Christ's passion events didn't unfold how they thought they would at the start of Palm Sunday. This did not fit the narrative. In their minds, this wasn't how it was supposed to play out. They were

crushed. Just like the events of the last year doesn't fit into the narrative that we imagined for our lives. But that is when we need to hang on and trust that God has a plan.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

This week, I want to say a huge thank you to parents Sally and Aurelie who very kindly offered their time and skills to help me clear the space which will be our school prayer garden. They worked tirelessly, pulling up roots and clearing rubbish so that we can begin planting in the garden when we come back after Easter. At the moment the space is a blank canvas so any contributions of seating benches, plants, windchimes etc would be most appreciated. We are still looking for a statue of Mary or Jesus. If anyone has contacts in their local Churches, perhaps you might ask if they have one they no longer use. Creating the garden will be our Chaplaincy project for the summer term.

Next week is Holy Week so do check the Catholic Leamington website for Mass times and other events happening over the course of the holidays: <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk>

On Good Friday at 6.00pm some of our Trinity students will be leading Rosary prayers via Zoom for parishioners. If your family would also like to join, please email catholicyouth7@gmail.com for the link.

Thank you to all those students who recorded the readings this week to go into our Stations of the Cross liturgy for next week. We will be unable to have our usual end of term Mass due to Covid restrictions, however, I hope that by taking part in this liturgy our community can come together virtually to reflect on the journey Jesus made to the cross and what his death and resurrection means for us.

Blessings as always, Emma

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

Teacher Assessed Grades - Year 11 - 2020/21

We have been working to provide guidance, clarity, and a set of procedures to be followed in order to provide exam boards with accurate teacher assessed grades that fairly reflect the achievement of Trinity Catholic School Year 11 students as a result of the cancellation of exams brought about by the pandemic.

The OFQUAL guidance document containing information is provided below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965005/6747-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf

In determining students' grades, the following key principles must be adhered to:

- Teachers must only assess students' performance on content that has been delivered to them.
- Teachers can use evidence from across the whole taught course but every effort must be made to ensure that the work is not plagiarised or that they have had additional support or input to achieve a grade that they would otherwise not have been able to produce independently.
- Teachers should provide assessed grades as late in the course as possible so that teaching can continue for as long as possible.
- Grades must be based on a broad range of evidence and Heads of Centres will be required to provide confirmation that students have covered sufficient breadth to enable progression to further study.
- Teachers are NOT being asked to predict students' grades; instead teacher assessed grades should be supported by clear evidence that demonstrates the level a student is performing in order to justify the grade awarded.

In deciding upon a fair grade that accurately rewards students for their current level of performance, a broad range of evidence should be used that could include:

- Mock exams
- External tests provided by exam boards
- Teacher tests & in-class work
- Performance during remote learning
- Coursework or NEA where appropriate

Year 11 Final Assessments

In order to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their performance and capabilities and collate some high-quality evidence which will be used to form part of the holistic judgement, we will hold a final assessment period for Year 11. This assessment period will be part of a collapsed timetable and will take place between Tuesday 4th May - Friday 21st May

Year 11 Parents Information Session - Teacher Assessed Grades - the video from this session will be available on our website on Monday for parents who were unable to attend.

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

Mental health is at an all-time low. Please remember that the following support is out there for anyone to access:

Respect (Domestic Abuse) 0808 8024040

Anxiety UK 03444 755 774

Young Minds 0808 802 5544

Papyrus (Suicide) 0800 068 4141

Samaritans 116 123

Calm 0800 58 58 58

Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 19th April 2021



Week beginning 19th April 2021:
Script/scribe – write (Latin word root)

Free School Meals Information

The government have not announced any support for Free School Meals over the Easter holidays. I have sent an email to all parents/carers who are eligible for Free School Meals about a hamper collection just prior to the Easter break. Please check your email inbox and follow the steps outlined to access the hamper.

If you need further support, please don't hesitate to contact me on smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk

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)

Testing at Home throughout the Easter holidays for Schools and Colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Please pass on this message to all of your staff, students and parents:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- leave three days between each test
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

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

- **Year 9 Option Choices Deadline:** Friday 26th March
- **End of Term of Spring Term:** Thursday 1st April 2021

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.

Friends of Trinity AGM

Friends of Trinity will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm via MS Teams. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Sturgeon (email: jsturgeon@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk) who will send you a link.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Liz Burley

Job Vacancies at Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy Company (LOL)

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

[Vacancies – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy \(lourdesmac.org.uk\)](http://lourdesmac.org.uk)

News from the English Department – Head of English - MRS McCRAKEN

Poetry Competition

During lockdown, Warwick based care home, Leycester House, joined with healthcare charity, Kissing it Better, in a mission to help residents who are currently missing their families. Combining this mission with World Poetry Day, schools across Warwickshire were invited to take part in a poetry competition. The theme for the competition was: 'What happiness means to me.'

Entries were judged by the residents of Leycester House, and six winners were chosen from over seventy entries. Natalia S, 9 Red, was chosen as one of the winners and was invited to read her poem to the residents on Wednesday afternoon. She will also be crowned with a certificate of Creative Thoughtfulness.

Natalia read her poem out beautifully to the residents and was a fine representative of all of the Trinity school values.

What happiness means to me – Poem by Natalia

*As I lay calm and still
I reflect the day of wonder and thrill
Staring at the stars, so bright
Beautifully lighting up the night
Thinking of our world, so much to see
Opportunities out there for you and me
Though times have been rather uncertain
And lives have been hard for every person
Though light was missing in the dark
There was always that tiny spark
It's with us when we live and grow
And can often come and go
I look at the world, undisguised
Seeing the true beauty in my eyes
I look in time and see
A life waiting ahead of me
I don't want to sit and see life pass by
But live a life, taking risks and to try
A world of peace, love and unity
Joy, hope, excitement and equality
Is just so wonderfully beautiful
For mine and every soul is suitable
The smiles of faces on rainy days
And the laughter of children as they play
Meeting new people everyday
"Enjoying the smallest things", that's what they say
The presence of family or any friend
On their love, we depend
Steps taken on every walk
Laughing, smiling as we talk
Though many of us feel quite afraid
Look on the bright side of everything we made
We've learnt to love and appreciate each other more
And help each other regardless if rich or poor
Some of us found our true spirits
Or unleashed our creativity in minutes
Supporting each other through every season
Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn
That spark will always be there, isn't that awesome?
A dream to live my life my life to the fullest, being who I want to be,
That's what happiness means to me*



Well done, Natalia, we are very proud of you and your achievement.

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

This week, Year 7 took part in their 3rd PSHE day of their time at Trinity Catholic School. PSHE days are an important part of the curriculum, allowing us to dedicate an entire day to focus on topics and issues that are relevant and important to each year group. After 12 months in which the world has changed beyond recognition, we focussed this PSHE day on the topics of Mental Health and Online Safety; it was an important opportunity to have discussions as part of a wider year group community, sharing experiences and looking for the best ways to support one another.

The morning centred around Online Safety, culminating in the students developing ideas for their own social media platforms. This allowed students the opportunity to explore the rules around existing social media channels, and the best ways to keep ourselves safe online. One particular highlight from this was "TweetWalks", a platform that would

see people sharing experiences of countryside walks with likeminded individuals. We certainly have a few budding entrepreneurs within the year group, and I'm sure we'll be seeing these ideas presented to *Dragon's Den* before too long!

We then focussed the afternoon on positive approaches to protection our Mental Health. Some fantastic discussions were had in each of the form groups, demonstrating a really mature approach to a complex topic. Each form group had the opportunity to try 4 different approaches to protecting their own (and others') Mental Health. We ran around the field, tried a variety of mindfulness activities, took part in yoga with Mr Rai, and tested out journaling for mindfulness.

My thanks go to the Year 7 tutors for their continued commitment to supporting our Year 7's wellbeing, and to the Year 7's for their hard work and enthusiasm within every aspect of the day.

Wishing you and your families a happy and restful weekend.

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

I hope that this bulletin finds you well and that you are looking forward to Easter. I have always loved Easter and enjoyed the immense passion and reverence that comes with this most sacred religious season. I remember being enthralled as a schoolboy with the depiction of Christ and his ministry in the beautiful and profoundly moving Jesus of Nazareth starring Robert Powell.

I was struck by the depiction of the human and the divine and finding the whole series uplifting. I also relish the sense of renewal that Easter brings with it. This term has really been a term of two distinct phases. The lockdown and online schooling which preceded the second phase, the return to full time schooling here on site. I, like my colleagues, have enjoyed being back in the classroom and interacting in real time. Year 8 have now fully immersed themselves in their school routines and the forthcoming holidays will give them a chance to recharge.

This week it was the turn of 8 Blue to share with us the form liturgy and it was another very thoughtful and wonderful liturgy. I have been immensely proud of the students from all 4 tutor groups who helped create these reverential liturgies. I would also like to thank Year 8 tutors for their guidance of their forms and Mrs Rayment who has also been so generous with her time and support.

One unwelcome development that I have noticed is a growth in students bringing in fizzy, sugar-based drinks. In some cases, the sugar content is high. Could I ask that students bring in water or healthy drinks to quench their thirst. I would also like to thank you for your support in encouraging your child to bring their own reading book into school. Literacy and good attendance do so much to help our youngsters achieve whilst at school.

I wish you a sacred and blessed Easter and a welcome rest. I leave you with this from the Beatitudes:
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

We hope that you are all safe and well. The third PSHE&C day of the academic year was taught on Tuesday 23rd March. Topics included: 'Resilience', 'Sexually Transmitted Infections', 'Consent', 'Online Safety' and 'Knowing My Rights and Responsibilities'. As before, we again used Ten Ten resources to provide at least one of the five lessons. Ten Ten Resources help school communities grow in faith, love, understanding and compassion. Ten Ten state that they do this by creating a wide-range of unique media-rich programmes and resources, inspired by our Catholic faith. The resilience lessons were added to the PSHE&C curriculum following student voice feedback, where students requested one mental health lesson each half term. The Online Safety lesson was added to the curriculum following the increased usage of online forums during the recent lockdowns. The pastoral team have taken feedback from both staff and students to improve our PSHE&C provision year on year to ensure a high quality of provision. Thank you to all the Year 9 students who engaged with the lessons with maturity, **respect** and **integrity**. I hope that the lessons have equipped our students with the knowledge required to make informed decisions in the future.

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

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

The link is now updated so that students can resubmit their option choices by 26th March, if they have changed their mind.

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

It has been an interesting and busy week for Year 10 students. Our PSHE&C day was thought provoking and gave students the opportunity to express and explore ideas in some sensitive topics. I hope your child found the day valuable. The end of the week has brought us a reminder that as we move towards more positive times, we are not yet 'out of the woods' with regards to Covid-19. A positive LFT was returned by a student in our year group and all students that had been in close contact were isolated, parents informed, and students sent home. You do not need

to be concerned if you have not been notified. Please do remind your child to continue to be vigilant and responsible and act in a way that reduces any risk.

From next week Year 10 students will have sole and exclusive use of PE changing rooms for their PE lessons. Therefore, from Monday, your child should arrive at school in full Trinity uniform with their PE kit in their bag. There is no need to come to school wearing PE kit as changing facilities will be available to them.

The date for our rearranged Parents Evening will be Wednesday 28th April. We will be in contact closer to this time with arrangements for the event.

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

The liturgy this week was delivered by 11 Green to the whole of Year 11. I would like to thank Miss Malle and 11 Green for the excellent liturgy about Ascension. John 14:12 very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.

Christians believe that after Jesus rose from the dead, he did not die a second time. Instead, 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus left the Earth by being taken up, body and soul, to Heaven to re-join God the Father. The event is called the ascension, and it was witnessed by Jesus' remaining eleven apostles.

Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe. Faith isn't believing without evidence; Biblical faith is trusting in what you have good evidence to believe is true.

Students were then welcomed to reflect on the following questions:

What does faith mean to you?

Can you have faith without believing?

This was the fourth form liturgy in as many weeks and we will plan for this to continue with forms leading collective worship after Easter.

Year 11 Parent Information Session

I hope you all were able to join the Parent Information Session on Thursday 25th March 2021. I would like to thank Mr Alton and all the teachers who have dedicated many hours of their time to ensure this process is fair, rigorous and supports our young people in this unique and challenging situation we find ourselves in.

Year 11 PE Changing Rooms

From Monday 29th March, we have arranged for Year 11 students to change from their uniform into PE kit using the downstairs changing room. Therefore, students will be expected to be in full uniform when arriving and leaving school.

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; 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)

Thank you to all students who have handed in their OLOL BACS Bursary forms. The bursary money should be in the bank accounts shortly. Please be mindful that some of the bursary payment will be needed to purchase business-wear as the students will need to wear smart clothing following the Easter holidays.

Just to clarify what is meant by business wear, please see the advice below:

Dress Code

The expected dress code for Trinity Sixth Form is 'smart business wear'.

- Suit or smart trousers + smart jacket/blazer or smart skirt/dress + smart jacket/blazer
- Smart shirt (tie optional) or smart blouse
- Smart shoes – no trainers/pumps/canvas shoes/mules/ sliders.
- (Optional for cold weather) Jumper or cardigan – no big logos, sports tops or hoodies

We respect students' right to wear clothing that is specific to their religious faith.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please contact: jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk.

Food Technology

Year 12 had another superb week in Food Technology this week. All the students produced some amazing fruity tarts. Star of the week goes to MP who did his first practical and showed off his food styling techniques.



Thank you once again to Miss Triassi and Mrs Haven.

Have a great weekend.

Our School Motto
Equal by means of God's image