

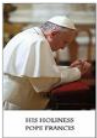
A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

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

Parental Bulletin – Friday 30th April 2021

Let Us Pray: The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights



Let Us Pray

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Amen

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

Wider Reopening of School

Yesterday a Year 8 student had to ask me how to get to the Library. Initially, I was surprised given its proximity and prominence within the school but then given that KS3 students especially had not been in school from March to September last year and then only been taught in one room for most of this academic year, it shouldn't come as a surprise to be asked that question. As the country moves towards the next stage of easing lockdown measures, we too are currently consulting staff with regards to how we can move towards the wider opening of the school and students returning to some form of normality. This would enable staff to teach from their specialist classrooms, meet and greet students, allowing for a focused and prompt start to lessons rather than them having to move from class to class, constantly having to spend time connecting and disconnecting laptops to projectors, pack resources into travel case used to transport resources for the whole day behind them. Once we have consulted with staff, we will send the proposed plan for the wider opening of school for parents to consider next week before any final decision is made.

Year 11 Assessments

Next week Year 11 students will commence their assessments which will contribute towards their teacher assessed grades. The staff have been very impressed with the maturity and attitude they have shown in preparing for these assessments. We wish them all the best over the coming weeks.

Primary Outreach

A big thank you to Mrs Rayment who has been working with our local primary helping to prepare students to receive the sacraments. As a school we are developing our outreach program and several local feeder schools have already expressed an interest to take part in some of those activities.

Pop Icons

We are very proud to announce that local video game software giants, Codemasters, known for the official Formula 1 video game, Dirt, and the Fast and Furious games, will be supporting future Music and Performance events at Trinity Catholic School.

We are very excited to take this opportunity to make links with the world-renowned gaming industry in Leamington Spa. The first music event, supported by Codemasters, will be revealed in coming weeks.



Watch our school social media for more information over the coming weeks.

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

This week, I had the privilege to visit both Our Lady and St Theresa and St Anthony's primary schools to deliver some Sacramental preparation workshops. It was really encouraging to see how engaged the children are with their Catholic faith. Over the coming weeks, I will also be visiting St Mary Immaculate and St Peter's primary schools. My hope is that we can work together to provide ongoing support for those children transferring to secondary school so that their faith experiences can be built upon and become even more deeply rooted.

Our Mass this week was held with Year 7 doing our readings and prayers. They all took part enthusiastically and respectfully, well done 7 Blue!

Yesterday 29th April was the feast day of St Catherine of Siena. I'll leave you with one of my favourite quotes of hers,

“Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

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

Year 11 Final Assessments (Tuesday 4th May - Friday 21st May)

We hope the preparations for the final assessments are going well. In support of your child's preparations, we have attached the task sheets (which provide details of each assessment) and the assessment timetable (plus details of revision sessions).

Students will be expected to attend timetabled lessons in full school uniform unless they are sitting an assessment or taking part in a revision session.

Year 7 Parents Evening - Wednesday 12th May (4pm - 6pm)

Appointments can be made with your child's subject teachers for the Parents Evening which will be held on our remote parents evening system. You will need to access the 'Parents Evening system Parent Login' via Edulink (you will find this under the Links section of Edulink) to make your bookings.

If you have difficulty in accessing the parents evening system, please contact the LourdesIT helpdesk via <https://help.lourdesit.org.uk/support/home>

Enrichment Events

We are expanding our enrichment calendar where events will take place mostly on Thursday's, but the events can take place at other times. Please see the enrichment events which are listed on this bulletin.

Year 10 Support Sessions

We have a number of support sessions taking place throughout the week. Please check the attached schedule for support sessions delivered by our departments.

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

The Brunswick Hub in Leamington Spa can help and support residents with a wide range of issues and concerns. Currently the centre is offering support services including a long COVID-19 survivors' group, bereavement advice, mental health support, help to access services and foodbank support.

Please use the following link for further information <https://brunswickhlc.org.uk>

Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 3rd May 2021



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Sol- alone, only (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_learmington



YouTube^{GB} @CatholicTrinity

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.

Friends of Trinity

Dear Parents/Carers

There will be a Friends of Trinity meeting via TEAMS on Tuesday 4th May at 7pm.

Why join the Friends of Trinity? Be part of a group of parents *just like you* who want to be involved with their child's school, their child's education and the education of everyone in their community by joining a local PTSA. With schools facing constant, ever changing challenges, the PTSA is more important than ever. If you would like to attend via TEAMS, please email me at jesturgeon@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk, with your name, your child(ren)'s name/tutor group and your email address so that I can send you an invite.

Bag2School – Friday 11th June 2021

Please find attached poster for Bag2school collection Friday 11th June 2021. Please help us by having a good sort out and donate your "good quality" unwanted textiles. More information including a list of suggested donations is on the poster.



Thank you in advance of your support.

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

- **May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 3rd May 2021**
- Year 11 Final Assessments: Tuesday 4th May - Friday 21st May 2021
- Year 7 Parents Evening (remote): Wednesday 12th May 2021; 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- **Teacher Training Day: Friday 28th May 2021**
- **Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 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.

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

Our students have made an excellent return school and I am so pleased 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 falling 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 Manager 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

Uniform and Standards

Thankfully, we are all back in the classroom and have settled back into the familiar routine of the school day. I hope that this does not sound draconian, but I would like to press upon you our need to maintain standards across the school. Maintaining standards not only shows respect to our friends and the school but it also demonstrates our core value integrity. Therefore, I would like to reinforce uniform and standards expectations with you all. I have included a short summary below, but for further guidance please refer to school policies on the website.

- 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>

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)

Vacancy – Chef Manager

Please see attached post for further information.

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

As Head of Year 7, most excerpts that I write for the Parental Bulletin have an element of “change” to them: the transition from primary to secondary, learning new subjects, new opportunities, and the preparation for students to move up through our school community. Today’s “change” that I will speak about is a slightly more personal one. Becoming part of an academy has opened up many opportunities to our school community, but in the interests of collaboration it has also opened up opportunities for other schools within our wider Multi Academy Company. This week I have been asked to support another school with our community, and so from Tuesday 4th May, I will be taking up a secondment as Assistant Headteacher of a school in the Cotswolds for the remainder of this academic year. Due to the quick turnaround of this post, today will be my last day “on site” at Trinity Catholic School until September.

I have spoken to the whole year group this morning to assure them that nothing will change in terms of the pastoral support that they receive; I will be in regular communication to support their form tutors to continue to deliver the same high level of pastoral care that they always do. On that note, I must extend my thanks to the Year 7 tutor team: Señora Baggott, Mr Coop, Miss Crossman, Ms Graves and Mr Rai. Their energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the students in Year 7 is unparalleled, and it has been a privilege to work alongside them this year!

This year’s Year 7 cohort have received a transition to secondary school unlike any other before due to the pandemic. The mature and resilient manner in which they have approached this change has amazed me on a daily basis and I am sure that each and every one is destined for great things in the future.

So, thank you to you, the parents/carers who have done an incredible job of nurturing and supporting our students through these difficult COVID times. It hasn’t been easy, nor straightforward, but your support of our school and its community has always been greatly appreciated.

I send my very best wishes to you and your families and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

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

This week we learnt of the passing of Michael Collins, one of the crew of Apollo 11, who took man to the moon in July 1969. I vividly remember my father waking me up and bringing me into the front room to watch this momentous event. Even though I was only 6 years old, I could see it was something very special. In their own way our youngsters have lived through an equally momentous time.

I hope they will look back on the past year and recognise the tremendous resilience and fortitude they have demonstrated. They inspire me with their 'can do' attitude and the way they live up to our school virtues and values.

I wanted to thank you for the support with regards to the drinks our youngsters are bringing to school and your help in reinforcing our uniform code. This support goes a long way in ensuring that we can concentrate on teaching and learning.

Year 8 have been issued LFT kits to take home for the next couple of weeks' worth of testing. Once again, we thank you for your support in managing the testing regime and helping the school stay healthy.

With the Apollo 11 mission in mind and the values within our school prayer I wanted to share the following which encapsulates the wonders that we can achieve when we aspire and collaborate:

“Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man’s desire to understand.” Neil Armstrong

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

More than half of the Year 9 students have expressed an interest in taking the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award: a fantastic response. Just to remind you, the deadline to register your interest in taking the DofE Award with Mr Jones is Friday 30th April. Interest can be registered by either submitting the form linked on a previous EduLink message from Mr Jones, or simply sending Mr Jones a message via either Edulink or email: djones@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk

Mr Jones has set up a group in teams called 'DofE Bronze Award'; all the names of students that have expressed an interest so far have been added to this MS Team. If you have expressed an interest and believe that you have not been added to the group, please inform Mr Jones. You can now complete the enrolment form via the assignments tab of this group.



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

It was good to see so many parents at this week's Parents Evening. I hope you found it a valuable experience and a perfect opportunity to understand your child's attitude and performance in specific subjects. It was also important for clarity in understanding what is expected of students over their final year of secondary school. Parents clearly know their children best, but it is the subject teacher that knows your child best in their classroom. Please continue to take the opportunities available to you to communicate with your child's most valuable resource, their teachers.

Having spoken to many parents within the 2 hours available, I have found our new system very efficient although brutal if you are still talking at the end of the 5 minutes! Every conversation I had with parents was positive and I'm glad that you feel that your child is happy, making good progress and knows how to improve further.

This week's Liturgy was led by 10 Red and spoke of St Catherine of Siena and Persistence. I hope the whole year group understand that they will need to be persistent and show our school value of resilience over the coming weeks. It is clear that if they demonstrate this with the determination and dedication required, plus the attitude they have so far this year, they will have a successful last term in Year 10.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

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

The liturgy this week was a unique experience for me to see all four forms leading the liturgy at the same time. I would like to thank tutors and students for preparing and creating such a wonderful liturgy for me to witness. The liturgy was lead via MS Teams to ensure bubbles were maintained and alternated between students in different classrooms reading different parts of the liturgy. I have taken one scripture reading from Acts 2:1 and one interpretation reading from the liturgy:

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”

“Traditionally the gifts of the Holy Spirit, given at Pentecost were. Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Respect for God. These are Given to help the disciples, to allow them to achieve amazing things.

Sometimes we need this sort of 'gift' something from outside of us to move us forward. It could be a word from a friend, encouragement or a teacher with the information we need to make sense of something we do not understand.

Pentecost reminds us how Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.

The clear message for our students is to show love and respect to each other and to go forth and achieve amazing things with the gifts they all have.

Spirit of Wisdom,
guide our actions so they show God's love.
Spirit of Truth,
open our eyes to see the world as it really is.
Spirit of Power,
enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.
Spirit of Love,
inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.
May we be strengthened and inspired as we work to build a community of love and respect.
Amen.

Year 11 Final Assessments and Notices

Mr Alton included this in his section of the newsletter last week, but please find the dates for the assessment period below:

Tuesday 4th – Friday 21st May 2021

Key points:

- JCQ (examinations) insist that writing (logos) is not permitted on clothing, bottles of water and pencil cases. Therefore, all students will be in full uniform for these assessments.
- If they have an assessment at 09:00 they are to go directly to the Gym and line up at 08:50am. If they do not have an assessment, they are to register in form as normal at 08:55.
- If they have a revision session prior to an assessment then attend, if not, they will attend their normal lesson.
- Like the assessments at Christmas, if they have an afternoon assessment, they will have lunch at 12:00-12:30. If not, they will take their lunch at the normal time of 13:30.
- Hoodies will be handed out on Thursday 27th May.
- If they would like friends to sign a shirt, bring a clean fresh shirt and not one they are wearing at the time – trying to keep a stinky old shirt for memories is not advisable.
- Their last day is on Thursday 27th May and they will have a Leavers Assembly on that Thursday at 2.00pm.

Year 11 Standards

I have always asked Year 11 students to lead with standards, whether this is behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality, or attitude to learning. I have high expectations of all students, but especially Year 11 and we must not lower our expectations in the coming weeks. Maintaining standards not only shows respect to our friends and the school but it also demonstrates our core value integrity.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

I sent out another message via Edulink because the link from the previous newsletter did not work. The deadline to place an order will be on Sunday 9th May 2021. Orders are to be placed via the website below and size, colour, nickname and payment can be made. Please note that any nickname must be appropriate, and the company have asked us to check this before processing.

<https://www.superlogo.co.uk/trinity-catholic-school-leavers-hoodies-2021>

Year 11 Prom

We are working hard to secure a venue and a date for a prom to take place. Obviously, after the impacts of COVID and the current backlog for events, venues are booked up with weddings and certain venues have increased their prices significantly because of the demand. Please rest assured that this will take place, and we will be in touch to confirm details as soon as possible.

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)

Year 12 have had a really busy week preparing completing their first set of maths and English exams. They conducted themselves excellently and we are hoping to see some excellent results when their grades come through.

Students only have their English speaking exams to complete now. They have been preparing in lessons with Mrs Baggott and have also had another specialist teacher coming in this morning to help them prepare for their exams

next week (starting Tuesday 4th May). Once these are completed, we will begin to prepare for the next levels that the students are aiming for in terms of their English and maths qualifications. The next examination period will be in June.

Uniform standards have continued to improve and we will continue to monitor the students' attire as they come in each day.

Have a great bank holiday weekend, and as always please send any queries or concerns onto jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk.

PE Department – Information and Enrichment Activities

Year 10 GCSE PE Badminton: Wednesdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm Sports Hall with Mr Murphy.

Leamington Lawn Tennis and Squash association are providing an after-school Squash club for **9 weeks** starting on **Monday 10th May from 3:30-4:30** at a price of **£54 per student**, this would include court fees and equipment hire, helping students to develop or improve their Squash skills, no experience is needed. Limited availability to first 5 participants. Those who are interested should speak with Mr Murphy.

Harbury RFC are launching the Harbury Hawks who will be competing in the U16/17 Warwickshire Colts league for their inaugural season in 2021-22, preseason will begin in July. If your child is interested, please contact Mr Murphy. An exciting opportunity available, Year 11's Football trails taking place at Rugby Borough FC. Please see attached poster for more information.

Our School Motto
Equal by means of God's image