

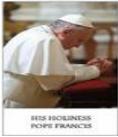
A Catholic School for All

Our Mission Statement

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

Parental Bulletin – Friday 7th May 2021

Let Us Pray: The Pope's Prayer Intention for May: Universal Intention – The World of Finance



Let Us Pray

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Amen

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

Wider Opening of the School

Thank you to all those parents that sent in comments relating to the wider opening of school. The new Risk Assessment which will be uploaded to the school website shortly under the COVID 19 section and addresses some of the comments raised. Below are some of the school's responses to some of those questions raised:

Year 7 will be collected from the outside Key Stage 3 area and taken to their lessons next week so that they can familiarise themselves with other areas of the school.

Classrooms will continue as they have been to be ventilated.

As is usual practice each class will have a seating plan to identify where students sit in lessons.

During break and lunch times, each year group will be given a designated area on the playing field during dry weather and will use their form bases during wet weather whilst Year 11 complete their assessments.

We are still unable to allow students to use lockers at this moment in time. If your child is in Key Stage 3, please can you support the school by encouraging them to pack the necessary books and equipment the night before, as they will be moving from classroom to classroom.

I am sure most students are looking forward to being able to move between lessons and being able to stretch their legs.

Students have been briefed with regards to the wider opening of the school which was also communicated to parents/carers on Wednesday of this week.

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

This week our Mass was shared virtually with St Mary Immaculate Primary school in Warwick. Thank you to our Year 10 who took part in our Mass, especially to Erin, Reuban and Katie who read our readings and bidding prayers and to Freddie for playing the piano. I was impressed with the reverence which the students showed and their full participation in the Mass.

Our Chaplaincy team continued working in our prayer garden and we have begun planting the borders. Already it is looking greener. Thanks to a donation of chairs from a member of staff, we were also able to sit and share our lunch in the garden together. Our bird feeder was also refilled, which I think they were pleased about, since our birdie friends gave us a loud musical accompaniment through the window during Mass!

Please continue to pray for our Year 11 students who are currently sitting their assessments and also for the Catholic life of the school as we move forward with lifting some of the restrictions that have been in place over the past year.

This week was also the feast of the English Martyrs, the day on which we remember those persecuted for their faith. On 4 May 1535, at Tyburn in London, there died three Carthusian monks, the first of many martyrs of the English Reformation. The true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for their faith cannot now be reckoned. The persecution lasted a hundred and fifty years and left a permanent mark on English culture: there were rich and poor; married and single; men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

We pray for those around the world who are still persecuted for their faith, particularly this week, after the increase in restrictions on Christians living in China. As our social liberties begin to resume in the coming weeks, we remember those who are still facing enormous struggles with coronavirus, particularly the poor and vulnerable in India.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

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 that the final assessments are going well so far. 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 attached to 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)

Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people

Kooth is a place where you can:

- Chat to friendly counsellors
- Read articles written by young people
- Write in a daily journal
- Get support from the Kooth Community

Whatever the reason, it is important for young people to know they are not alone.

Get Support from ACT on Energy

Act on Energy can support families by providing funds to repair or replace broken heating, servicing of boilers, debt relief for energy bills, oil and LPG fuel top-ups. Freephone 0800 988 2881 or email info@actonenergy.org.uk.

Free Parenting Guides

There are lots of guides to help parents and carers in Warwickshire feel more confident. Please click the following link for further information [Free online guides to help parents feel more confident – Warwickshire County Council](#)

Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 10th May 2021



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Sub- under/below (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

Bag2School – Friday 11th June 2021

The Bag2school collection will take place on Friday 11th June 2021. Please help us by having a good sort out and donate your “good quality” unwanted textiles.



Thank you in advance of your support.

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

- 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.

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

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)

Head of Year 7 – MR DEMPSEY (email: pdempsey@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)

We are often asked to take on challenges or tasks that we weren't expecting, and this week has once again shown me we must be prepared for anything! I am delighted to be asked to take over as Head of Year for Year 7 and to offer them pastoral support and guidance over the coming term.

I am very familiar with the year group as I see them most mornings when I meet the year groups as they assemble. I am also familiar with their qualities and strengths as Mr Pettle was extremely proud, not only of them but also of how quickly they had settled here at Trinity. I will try my very best to ensure continuity and the same high quality pastoral care that they have experienced thus far in their time at Trinity.

With the prospect of leading Year 7, I thought I would share the following with you:

“Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.”

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

As some of you may be aware Mr Pettle has been seconded to help at another school in our family of schools. As a result, I have been asked to take over Year 7 for the remainder of the term. It is a real wrench for me to take up the challenge and new role as I am incredibly proud of our Year 8 students and have been honoured to see them develop and become mature young adults in the most challenging of circumstances.



However, I know that Miss Malle and Miss Hanson will be excellent in their new role, and I am confident that our Year 8 will continue to grow in maturity and confidence. Fortunately, I will keep my day-to-day contact with my Year 8 classes and I will continue to interact in and around the school site. Thank you for your support during the past school year. I wish you all a peaceful and restful weekend. I leave you with advice the Bard gave about taking each day a step at a time to achieve our aspirations:

Dream in light years, challenge miles, walk step by step - William Shakespeare

Message from Miss Hanson and Miss Malle

We really look forward to working with you all as we both take on the role as Head of Year 8 for the remainder of the academic year. Between us, we have had the opportunity to teach every form group in the year and look forward to working with the students in our new pastoral roles.

If you have any concerns or queries, do not hesitate to contact us via email:

lhanson@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk
jmalle@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk

Best wishes,
Miss Hanson and Miss Malle

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

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 plain black or plain 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. Parental support is greatly appreciated.

Please ensure that you have a working Edulink login and that your child has a working separate Edulink login. If you do not, please contact our IT support (<https://help.lourdesit.org.uk/support/home>). Edulink enables parents to monitor several options, including your child's attendance, behaviour, timetable, homework and canteen purchases. When logged in to Edulink, please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date.

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

All students will now have been briefed as to the arrangements for next week. It will take some time I'm sure to remind ourselves of some of our 'old ways' and get back into some semblance of routine. Our year group has dealt with the relentless changes over the last year or so in a very impressive way, and I truly believe that the skills that we have had to employ over recent times will serve all our young people in future. Many enforced changes have resulted in positive outcomes, and I am hopeful that we retain some of that positivity throughout the remaining weeks of Year 10.

By adapting and changing to our environment we face continued challenges that must be overcome. One such challenge is the need to retain respect and kindness regardless of the forum of communication. The vast majority of our year group are kind and respectful in all their interactions, and the way our new students are welcomed is an indication of these qualities. The recent 'Social Media Blackout' over the last weekend by some, highlighted this issue. We do address internet safety, sexting and safe behaviours online in our PSHE&C curriculum, however I have been reminded this week that the need for respect and kindness has never been more prevalent in all of society including our community. Please do monitor your child's social media, or at the very least have an open discussion about their communications online.

Finally, on a technological theme, a reminder that mobile devices are not allowed to be used in school. If a member of staff sees a child with a mobile device, then they could confiscate it until the end of the day. The student can collect the device from reception at 3:15pm. Students should respectfully hand the phone over upon request without issue, to avoid any escalation. Your support in emphasising this expectation would be much appreciated.

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

Year 11 students have now started their assessment period and are showing incredible reliance and aspiration as they prepare and undertake these assessments. I have challenged Year 11 students to maintain high expectations and to always try their best, I am pleased to say they are responding well, and we are all extremely impressed by them.

The assessment period will take from Tuesday 4th to Friday 21st May 2021. Please see the attached schedule for exact dates and times of these assessments.

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 12:35.
- 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 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

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 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)

Students have now rounded off their first set of exams with their English speaking tests that took place this week. Early feedback from the examiner has suggested very positive results, so well done to all the students.

Just so all are aware, we will now be preparing for a second round of exams after the May half term. Students will have a chance to re-take exams that they did not pass in the first instance or try to achieve the next level certification in English or Maths.

As we continue to push on uniform, it is pleasing to see those adhering to standards. Letter's home and parental/carer meetings are being set up to those who consistently do not meet the standards.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me for any queries or problems via email: jlignier@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk.

Our School Motto
Equal by means of God's image