

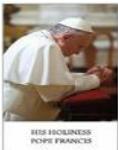
**A Catholic School for All**

## Our Mission Statement

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

### Parental Bulletin – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

##### Transition Visits

Our Transition team have begun to visit our new Year 7 students at their primary schools in preparation for becoming a member of the Trinity community in September.

These students were provided with a student Welcome Booklet explaining key aspects of school life and a copy of "Go Big" reading book by Matthew Burton. This is the first event on our transition calendar which will continue throughout the summer term.

##### Duke of Edinburgh

We are pleased to announce that we are now a registered centre for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. A big thank you to Mr Jones for all his hard work in getting the programme up and running.

##### Trinity Experience Days

This week a number of our feeder primary schools have received an invitation to join us for a day during our Trinity Experience week, 14 to 18 June 2021. This will provide Year 4/5 students with an opportunity to attend workshops delivered by our Design Technology, Modern Foreign Languages and Science departments. We welcome Mr Payton, Head of School from St Bede's, a middle school in Redditch, who is assisting us with transition and outreach.

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

This week our prayer garden planting was completed and I am looking forward to seeing it grow and bloom over the coming months. A huge thank you to Mrs Guardino who has given a lot of time and plants to the project over the last few weeks. Without her, I wouldn't have known what to put where! Next week we will be writing Bible verses that inspire us onto slate and placing them in amongst the flower beds.

We also had episode 2 of our Trinity TV broadcast by Year 11 and this time, thanks to Mr Tubbs in IT, we had sound! Our presenters shared with students our new house patrons and each tutor group has been challenged to create a reflective prayer space in their room:

Yellow tutor groups- St Maximilian Kolbe  
Blue tutor groups- St Mother Theresa  
Red tutor groups - Blessed Carlos Acutis  
Green tutor groups - St Josephine Bakhita

I have chosen these modern day Saints who have shown great integrity, fortitude and resilience because I believe they are wonderful role models for our young people to respect and aspire to. Students have been asked to research these names and find out about the extraordinary lives they led and sacrifices they made. The prayer spaces will be judged by our school governors and Mr Foley has promised a 'Pizza Party' to the winning tutor group.

I had the pleasure of visiting Our Lady & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School this week to support them in their preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. My thanks go to one of our Year 11 student, Honor who accompanied me and helped to teach the Year 6 class.

This week, Year 8 had their Mass and it was streamed to the studio for those students who couldn't squeeze into the chapel. We were also joined virtually by the primary school children at St Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School in Warwick. Thank you to our readers who had been prepared well by their form tutors. Students in the chapel showed great maturity and reverence.

I am delighted to announce that due to the excellent behaviour shown in Mass today I was able to appoint two new altar servers to our chapel ministry. Christian, a student in year 8, is an experienced server and he will be assisting Fr Patrick each Friday morning for Mass. Jose Ignacio will be assisting myself on a Friday morning with the liturgy and order of Mass. Mr Foley is very pleased that these students have agreed to develop their own faith by serving our school community in this way.

Blessings as always.

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

### **Sixth Form Subject Taster Day - Monday 24th May**

All Year 11 students will have the opportunity to sample Sixth Form courses and development sessions on Monday and currently all Year 11 students are signing up for the sessions. We have attached a schedule of the day.

Points to note:

1. Year 11 students will not be required to wear school uniform. We would ideally like for all to attend in business wear, but we are also understanding of the difficulties in arranging such items at short notice. Shirt, trousers, skirt, shoes are examples of smart business wear.
2. All Year 11 students will have access to the Sixth Form Common Room at break and lunchtime on the day.
3. All Year 11 students will be required to attend a session at each time slot.

We do feel that this day will be extremely beneficial regardless of destination in September.

### **Year 11 Final Assessments**

I would like to thank all Year 11 students for their conduct and application during the final assessments. I am hoping that all will feel that they have given the assessments their very best and we wish the very best of luck in the grades that will follow.

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

### **Free support and advice from Compass for Parents**

Compass Warwickshire is a free, confidential substance misuse service for children and young people who need support around their own or another person's drug or alcohol use. They have now set up a free confidential support line to provide advice and support to parents with concerns about their children's drug or alcohol use. Their caring and friendly health and wellbeing workers are available at a time that suits you and at a place where you feel comfortable. If you're struggling, call Compass on 08000 887 248 or email [compass.warksypsduy@nhs.net](mailto:compass.warksypsduy@nhs.net)

### **Word of the Week – Week Beginning: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



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Tele- far (Greek 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\_learnington



YouTube<sup>GB</sup>

@CatholicTrinity

### **Free School Meals Information**

#### **Free School Meals – May Half Term Hamper Collection**

Mr Marr will be sending some information out regarding the hamper collection prior to half term. Please check your emails over the weekend for further information.

## Free School Meals

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: 19<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (Summer Term)

- **Teacher Training Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**
- **Half Term Holiday: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**
- Friends of Trinity: Bag2School Collection – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Attendance Reporting - 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 Trinity Catholic School and Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy Company (LOL)

#### Art Teacher Vacancy

For many years Trinity has built a reputation for expressive and exploratory art. The department has encouraged students to find their own voice and expression through a wide range of media. Now, as part of an academy, we are looking for a full-time teacher of Art and Design to take that tradition forwards and enable our students to be the best they can be. Further details can be found via the link below. *Mr Hill – Head of Art and Design Department.*

For job vacancies at Trinity Catholic School, please click on link below:

<https://www.trinity-school.org.uk/page/?title=Current+Vacancies&pid=128>

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

<https://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies>

### Pop Icons.... Coming Soon.... July 2021!



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.



### Uniform and Standards – MR MARR (email: [smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:smarr@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))

#### Uniform and Standards

A reminder that all students should be registering at 08:55am each morning in their respective form groups. Tutors will register, conduct a uniform check, and ensure they are fully equipped for the day. Whilst they are in the minority, we do have the odd student who arrives to school without the correct equipment to learn.

I have included the link to the uniform policy, but the main points are listed below:

- 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>

If you would like further information or support with uniform or equipment, please contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

**Learning Support Department – MRS PRICE** (email: [jprice@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:jprice@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))

As always, time flies and again, we cannot believe that students we met in Year 6 for transition are now Year 11.

All the staff in the Learning Support Department and Resourced Provision, have been proud to see students we have worked with, complete their final assessments in Year 11. We will continue to support some students through their post 16 transition steps next half term.

We wish them all well for the future.

Looking forwards transition work for Year 6 students has started with Mrs Chamberlain visiting students at primary schools to gather information about their needs for September 2021. Peter's Place staff are also meeting new students and planning transition visits to the Resourced Provision. This provision has developed into a really welcoming space since the relocation in January; this is due to the effort of staff in creating a positive environment and their work with the students in creating displays and work for the walls.

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

We are fast approaching half term and as always, this time of the academic year is very hectic. This year has been no exception. Our Year 7 have coped admirably with the changes of the past two weeks and are quickly finding their way around the school. They attended their liturgy in the Theatre this morning and their behaviour and reverence were a joy to see.

I am also really pleased that they will experience real school life or as close as it can be in the current circumstances. They have really lived up to our virtue and values this year and I'm confident they will flourish in Year 8 in September. Today's liturgy looked at remarkable examples of resilience all around us and it was a powerful reminder and inspiration to show us what the best version of ourselves could be.

I would like to thank you for your support in our drive to push up standards and adhere to high expectations. The Year 7 uniform is, in the vast majority of cases, excellent and our students look smart and ready to give of their best. We cannot achieve that without your support so once again thank you.

Finally, today will mark the last day at school for my son. He leaves his 6th Form having completed his A-levels and the time has literally flown by. With that in mind I'd like to share this quote with you all:

***While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about. ...***

**Head of Year 8 - MISS HANSON** (email: [lhanson@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:lhanson@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk)) & **MISS MALLE** (email: [jmalle@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk](mailto:jmalle@tcs.lourdesmac.org.uk))

The focus of the Liturgy this week was on Mary, Mother of the Church, who in all her actions exemplifies the mission of the Church. Mary is often described as the Mother of God. This title refers to her as the mother of Jesus. The Greek term for this is Theotokos, which means God bearing. Miss Malle and I look forward to seeing 8 Blue lead the Liturgy next week. Today, we also had the Year 8 mass. A big well done to those students who volunteered to read at the mass, demonstrating resilience and aspiration in this role.

A reminder of the school expectations for Year 8 students in the morning.

- To be at school ready for registration at 08:55am
- To be dressed in full uniform
- Have all the necessary equipment for that day – black/green/red pens, calculators, PE kit...
- To always carry a reading book with them

Year 8 students will also be receiving their immunisation next Tuesday.

I hope all students have a positive last week before the half term break and continue to conduct themselves in the positive manner they have demonstrated so far.

Miss Hanson

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

Year 9 students will receive their immunisations on Monday. Students who have yet to return their immunisation consent forms should bring the forms in with them on Monday morning at the latest.

Year 9 students will be together in the theatre on Tuesday to take part in collective worship. As a community, we have waited all year to be together in one room. We look forward to this landmark event.

Please ensure that Year 9 students are in the playground by 8:55am at the latest, ready to be led into class by their form tutor each day. Year 9 students no longer need to wait outside school to adhere to COVID guidance. Students should arrive at school with appropriate equipment, including a reading book. Please support the school by ensuring that your child has their reading book and pencil case to make sure that they are ready to learn.

Students in the cohort have fewer than eight school weeks remaining prior to beginning their GCSE studies. The pastoral team will support Year 9 students in becoming role models of behaviour and appearance. Please ensure that your child is wearing all black leather footwear, as well as not bringing a hoodie on to the school site. 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'd like to draw your attention to the Assessment Schedule that is attached with this weekly Parental Bulletin. The Year 10 Assessments will run from Monday the 14th of June until Friday the 25th of June. The Assessments will largely take place in the Sports Hall and will be a valuable and important experience. There is of course, always trepidation around assessments and exams. All being well our year group will be the first to sit GCSE examinations for 2 school years. This opportunity is only a year away.

In our GCSE PE lessons, when covering sports psychology, we discuss the similarity in feeling between nerves and excitement; how those butterflies in the stomach, the sweaty palms, and the increased heart rate are experienced in both emotions. Assessment is often framed as something that can be failed rather than an opportunity to show how well we can do, and I express on our students to take the opportunity to demonstrate how hard they have worked and how well they have prepared.

Your help in supporting your child to be as prepared as possible would be truly appreciated. You will be aware of the Intervention sessions that are running before and after school, and you would have received the outline of assessed topics with suggestions of where students should access revision. Please make sure that your child is doing all they can to be the best that they can. The famous Basketball Coach, John Wooden defined success as 'knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming'. The sentiment recalls the line in our school prayer which asks God to grant us the Aspiration to become the best version of the person He created me to be. I sincerely wish this for all students in our year group.

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

**Year 11 Final Week - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

I will need the support of all parents and students to ensure this all runs smoothly and is rewarding for everyone. Part of our values, aspiration, resilience, and integrity, I expect all Year 11 to meet behaviour and attendance expectations.

Next week will be busy because we have planned to allow catch up days for any missed assessments and full days for the Art assessment to take place. We have planned for transition lessons to take place, NCS to speak to students, enrichment opportunities, a mass, and of course the Leavers Assembly. We must also remember that there are additional Year 10 exams taking place as well as lesson for the rest of the school. It is my full expectation that behaviour and attendance remains in line with the standards expected of any student in the school. I want students to maintain standards for the rest of the school, enjoy time with their peers and to celebrate their achievements during the Leavers Assembly and the Prom. Also, if a student does not adhere to our attendance or behaviour policy, and I am unable to trust them to behave during the Leavers Assembly or Prom then we will need to review whether they should be attending these events also. For example, if a student truants and chooses to avoid school, but then arrives just to attend the Leavers Assembly or the Prom, then this is not acting with integrity and is not in line with the ethos of the school.

Mr Alton has sent information out about the Transition Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, and we will also have additional life skill sessions. Please note that the guidance on Monday will be for business attire, but full uniform for the remainder of the week.

Several assessments taking place next week:

Key points for assessments

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> and they will have a Leavers Assembly on that Thursday at 2.00pm.

### **Year 11 Prom**

I am pleased to announce that the Prom will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 6pm-10pm. The Prom will be £25 per student and will include the hire of the venue, dancefloor, buffet food and a DJ. I will be finalising details, including payment shortly. We are committed to make the prom happen, so if circumstances change which are out of our control, I will look at other options including holding it at school. I will need you to sign a medical form and authorisation for your child to attend the Prom. Additionally, there will be a section about ensuring students do not consume alcohol beforehand or attempting to bring alcohol onto the site.

### **Year 11 Leavers Hoodies**

All orders have been processed and they will be distributed at the Leaver's Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> May. A reminder, 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.

### **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))**

We are currently in the process of finalising Year 12's second set of exams. A provisional date of the week beginning 21st June will hopefully be confirmed soon. This will give the students enough time to prepare themselves for the step up in level after the half-term break.

Please be aware that school is closed to students next Friday as it is teacher training day, therefore students will finish for the half term break on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

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