



NPCAT Parent and Carer Update

SEPTEMBER 2020

Update from the CEO

Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our second complete week of term and enjoy some belated beautiful weather, I wish to update you on our ongoing progress in our family of 27 schools within NPCAT.



St Hedda's Catholic Primary School

Firstly, I want to welcome St Hedda's Catholic Primary School, Egton Bridge as our 27th school. This Outstanding school in the Esk Valley led by headteacher, Mrs Hilary Thompson delivers the highest quality education in the most picturesque, rural setting of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park.

Capital Investment

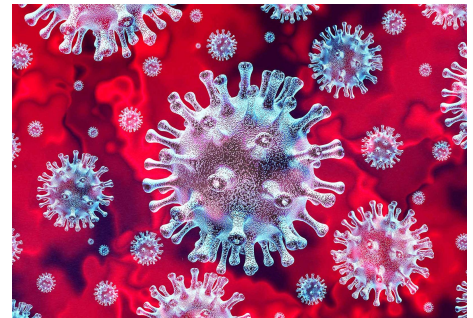
Over the summer, significant investment has been made in our educational facilities and estate. Summer is a time when significant capital works can be commissioned and this summer has been no different in terms of scale. However,



with the COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately, some of those projects are in the final phases of completion and over the coming weeks, all will be signed off. Christ the King Primary, Thornaby, St Margaret Clitherow's Primary, South Bank, St Pius X Primary, Middlesbrough, St Bede's Primary, Marske and All Saints Primary, Thirsk have all benefited this summer from trust funding, enhancing and developing new outdoor play and enrichment zones. In addition to this, many roofs and boilers have been upgraded in preparation for the winter ahead. Naturally we do not stay still and this week, we have announced significant funding for St Peter's Catholic College, South Bank. Further major announcements will be made in the next two weeks on additional capital investments in 3 further campuses.

COVID-19

Our headteachers and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the safe return to school for all our pupils has been the paramount concern. I am delighted that all schools are working collaboratively in partnership with parents and the local health authorities to establish and maintain the highest standards of hygiene and social distance protocols. Your continued support and vigilance is deeply appreciated. Please accept our thanks for supporting our school community in the shared drive to minimise the negative impact of COVID-19 in our schools for all our children.



Year 6

The Year 6 transition programmes have been impacted by the pandemic, yet as a trust we are committed to supporting you in the process. As you will be aware all four of our secondary schools are hosting virtual open evenings to support you in arriving at a well-informed decision on your choice of school for your child for the next phase of their schooling. I am

confident that you will get a genuine appreciation of the significant offering in Trinity Catholic College, St Peter's Catholic College, St Patrick's Catholic College and Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School through these events, equally as members of our family of schools please do engage directly with the headteachers and heads of school in our primary schools if you would like direct meetings with any of our secondary school leaders.

I must draw your attention to the reality that as a consequence of the recognised and significant improvement in outcomes, behaviour and wider educational experiences in our secondary schools, some parents have been left frustrated over the summer as a consequence of not placing an NPCAT secondary as a school of choice on the relevant local authority admissions forms. It is vital that if you want to avoid being placed in a school that sits outside your choice that you complete the form accordingly. Mr John O'Boyle at the Trust HQ or any primary headteachers can be contacted to ensure your form reflects your preferences.

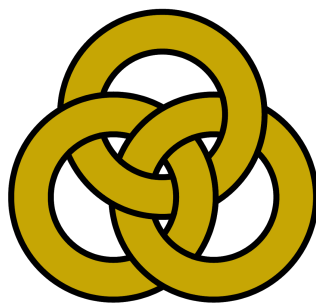
SECONDARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENINGS

The graphic is a purple-bordered rectangle containing the following elements:

- At the top center is the logo for Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust, featuring a cross and a book within a circular emblem.
- Below the logo is the main title "Year 6 Open Evenings 2020" in large purple font.
- Underneath the title is the subtitle "YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE NPCAT FAMILY" in green and yellow text.
- At the bottom, there are four school logos arranged horizontally, each with a corresponding date and time in a purple box below it:
 - Trinity Catholic College**: Logo with three interlocking rings. Date: Tuesday 6 October, 6 - 8pm.
 - Sacred Heart Catholic Academy**: Logo with a heart and the letters 'SH'. Date: Wednesday 23 September, 5.00 - 7.30pm.
 - St Patrick's Catholic College**: Logo with a shield and a cross. Date: Tuesday 22 September, 6 - 8pm.
 - St Peter's Catholic College**: Logo with a shield and a cross. Date: Wednesday 30 September, 6 - 8pm.

Finally on behalf of all the team in the trust, may I wish you and all your children a wonderful year and I look forward to updating you further as we progress through the year and in particular we celebrate school life together across our most wonderful family of schools.

Keep up to date with the schools' content on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



TRINITY
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
AND SIXTH FORM

Trinity Catholic College, Ofsted Visit

Trinity Catholic College yesterday welcomed a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors. The focus of the visit was to scrutinise how the college was addressing the needs of the pupils and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senior leaders set out the impressive recovery curriculum which has been developed to identify gaps in understanding and knowledge and how these are being bridged. Mrs Dwyer, headteacher, identified the additional targeted resources and strategies including the use of one to one tutors, additional ICT and wider emotional and pastoral support package being deployed by the college.

The Ofsted visit reviewed how staff had generously given up their time during lockdown to ensure all children were supported and with over 5000 parental contacts and an uninterrupted provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers, the college demonstrated a truly remarkable collective effort based on its Catholic ethos.

The new leadership team impressively set out their in-depth understanding of the key challenges of returning all pupils safely to school and how, within just a matter of a couple of weeks behaviour norms and high expectations have been re-established.

The Ofsted inspectors visit is part of a national programme of visits focusing on provision of education during COVID-19 and Trinity's excellent provision was set out coherently and impressively.

