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Dear Parents/carers

As we end the spring term I would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents for your continued drive for excellence. The hard work and focus of our pupils and staff has been superb and we have lots to celebrate as a community. This term we are delighted that we received almost 500 applications for our Year 7 September 2021 intake which equates to a whopping 200% above our capacity! From our applications we have allocated 174 of those places to our Year 6s from our Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust primary schools and we already have a significant waiting list! This is testament to the work of the senior team, teachers and support staff who are constantly raising the standards and expectations here at Trinity Catholic College. Moreover, we have offered 120 Year 11 students from Trinity Catholic College and our other trust secondary schools conditional offers to our Sixth Form and we are still taking applications!

Furthermore, we welcomed Mr Wilson; Trust Behaviour Lead, who brings with him a wealth of experience in supporting pupils to fulfil their God given potential. Mr Wilson has already made a significant impact with our young people and we look forward to seeing the expectations and standards continue to improve.

In addition, Mr Murray has continued to share with our community the fantastic work our pupils deliver via PROUD Thursday and Rewards Friday. Mr Murray and Miss Sumner have added a new addition to our rewards with Attendance Matters. As a school we are committed to ensuring that our pupils have excellent attendance and that is why we are rewarding good attendance and supporting pupils and parents where attendance falls below our expectations. Furthermore, Mr Murray has launched our Parent in Partnership group and we would like to say a massive thank you to all those parents/carers who are already involved.

As we move into the summer term we will continue to raise the bar on our standards and expectations and we would like parents/carers and pupils to take note of the following:

Uniform

We understand that due to lockdown it has been difficult to purchase uniform items however, as lockdown eases and shops reopen from Monday 12th April it is imperative that on return to school Monday 19th April we will be expecting all pupils to be uniform compliant. **That means pupils should not be wearing trainers and must wear school shoes. Pupils must wear a tie and blazer. A school bag and equipment must be brought to school.**

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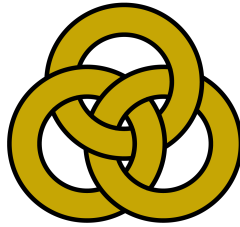
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A reminder that Trinity Catholic College **does not have a summer uniform**. Pupils must return after the Easter break in a shirt, tie and blazer and **not a polo shirt**. This adaptation of uniform was removed when I took up my post as headteacher in September 2019.

Mobile Phones

We do not allow pupils to use mobile phones in school. Those who persistently use their phone will not have the privilege of having it on their person and we will confiscate it and parents will have to come to school to collect it. Technology is wonderful however, research suggests that constant use of a mobile phone does hamper a young person's progress. The art of conversation is one that we want to promote at our vibrant school and we believe that mobile phones hinder this. Please ensure that your child does not abuse our mobile phone policy.

Attendance

Arriving at school everyday and on time is imperative for our pupils well-being and success. Research shows that the more time pupils spend in schools the better their outcomes and the brighter their futures are. The global pandemic has hindered attendance significantly but as we return to some form of normality we expect that pupils should be in school every day unless they have a valid reason in line with our policy. As a school we will continue to support pupils with below average attendance in order that we help improve their life chances. If that support is not accepted, we have no choice as a school but to fulfil our legal duty and issue fixed penalty notices to families. We ask that all parents/carers encourage their children to attend school every day.

Climate for learning

Returning to school after the third lockdown has been a huge success. The pupils of Trinity Catholic College have embraced school life, enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers and are seeing the fruits of their labour in their assessments and rewards. For the overwhelming majority of pupils I want to thank you for your grit, determination and perseverance. Unfortunately, a very small minority of pupils have found the transition back to school a little more difficult. As your headteacher I want to reiterate my values and the ethos of the school. We expect that everyone in our school follows Jesus, helps build our family and fulfils their God given potential. For those that do not support or adhere to these values we will continue to use our policies in a relentless manner to ensure that those that do buy into our culture are not disadvantaged by a tiny minority.

COVID 19 Track and Trace

As you are aware all pupils have been issued with home testing kits for over the Easter holidays. It is imperative that pupils continue to test on a Monday and Thursday in addition to Sunday 18th April before we return to school Monday 19th April. As a school we will continue to track and trace any positive tests up until Friday 9th April. Therefore if your child tests positive between Friday 2nd April to Friday 9th April please

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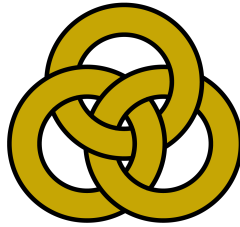
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email the following covidpositive@trinity.npcat.org.uk After this date please use the NHS Track and Trace service.

Final Reflection

As we move towards the end of Holy week I would like to take the opportunity to reflect as a community on our core purpose; to be of service to one another. On Holy Thursday, Jesus the Son of God washed the feet of the disciples, "If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet." John 13:14. This is the ultimate act of service, a King, The Trinity, demonstrates that to be first we must be last. As you take some time to rest and be with your families, remember to serve your neighbour and to love one another as Jesus loved us.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in the summer term and wish everyone of you a very happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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