



Trinity Catholic High School

Headmaster: Dr P C Doherty OBE, BA (Hons), DPhil (Oxon), FRSA

7th September 2023

Letter [A]

Dear Parents & Students,

1. School has reopened after the long vacation. Welcome back! We look forward to the Beloveds settling down bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. We extend a special welcome to our new Years 7 and 12. I hope to meet you all sooner rather than later. I do hope you and your families had a very pleasant and restful summer holiday.
2. I am very pleased to give you a summary of our excellent examination results at GCSE and A' Level, please see the attached. My warmest congratulations to students and their families. My most heartfelt thanks to Senior Managers and all the staff at Trinity. Our school proved to achieve truly remarkable results.
3. The structure of the school day

The school timetable has changed slightly this year (*Outlined below*). Students are expected on site by 8.35am and will begin form time at 8.40am. KS3 students will finish at 3.15pm and KS4 and KS5 students at 3.20pm. Lessons for all will finish at 3pm on Fridays.

8.35am	All students on site
8.40am – 8.55am	Registration and Form Period with Form Tutor
8.55am – 9.05am	Commuting or start of lesson for those on same site
9.05am – 10.20am	Period 1
10.20am – 10.35am	Break
10.35am – 11.50am	Period 2
11.50am – 12.35pm	Lunch
12.35pm – 1.50pm	Period 3 (10 min reading period for Y7-9 Mon-Thurs)
1.50pm – 2.05pm	Break
2.05pm – 3.20pm	Period 4 (Period 4 ends at 3.15pm for KS3)
3.00pm (Fri only)	The school will close at 3pm on Fridays only

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4. Tauists:

This is a group which meets every Friday at 12.05 pm, in the Lower Site Chapel to say some prayers before the Blessed Sacrament during the hours of Christ's passion.

The group takes its name from the Greek letter 'TAU' the first letter in the Greek name for God. It was also the sign St. Francis of Assisi used to seal his letters. Students stay for about 15 minutes and then go back to their respective sites. Every Tauist will be given a rosary ring, a prayer card and a guidance pack. The word Tauist will be stamped in their journal. The first meeting of the Tauists will be on Friday 15th September.

5. Headmaster's Forum:

The Headmaster will be in the Lower Site dining hall every Thursday from 11.50am – 12.10pm. Any student may approach him on any matter.

6. The new Acclamation for 2023/2024.

Morning and afternoon lessons at Trinity will begin with the following acclamation:

*"Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.*

*Come, you Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come, you light of all that live!"*

7. Our Head Boy is Fred Davies and Head Girl is Lily Parchment for this new academic year. We wish them every success over the coming months.

8. Warning about early closures: Parents should be aware that we intend to close early on three occasions this term. All occasions are most necessary to the life of this school.

- Wednesday 27th September the school will close early at 1.50pm in order to prepare itself for the statutory Prospective Year 7 Open Evening for students who are applying for admission for Year 7 in September 2024.
- Wednesday 29th November the school will close at 1.50pm to prepare for our Prospective Year 12 Open Evening.

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The days following the above two early closures, will be a late start to school when lessons will begin at Period 2. **Students should be on site at 10.20am on Thursday 28th September and Thursday 30th November.**

- Thursday 21st December the school will close at 12.45pm for the last day of term.

Many thanks for reading this. I do hope and pray for a very successful academic year.

Kindest regards,

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE
Headmaster

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