



Trinity Catholic High School

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

11th October 2021

An apology from the Headmaster

My Dear Parents,

I do profusely apologise for this begging letter. However, I do hope you understand the circumstances. I am now asking/pleading for the usual parental levy which is £50 per family per term or 79p per day. I do appreciate that we live in very difficult and strange times. I thought I'd never be asked to wear a mask in a bank! If you can pay this levy, I'd be very grateful to receive your donation through the usual route www.parentmail.co.uk I also ask you to make your return by the end of half term. So, if you can pay this, that would be fantastic. If you'd like to pay more, I shall certainly remember you when I win the lottery. If you cannot pay, then I fully understand. I appreciate that I am begging. I am also aware of the hardship which has hit so many families. Anyway, I have made my plea and, whatever the outcome, I thank you for reading this letter. Finally, if you wish to covenant/gift aid your donation the relevant forms are available on our website.

Other items:

The Blessing of the Bikes

I am a cyclist and I bike in from Leytonstone. At times, this can be a very interesting exercise. On the one hand, I am pleased the number of Trinity cyclists has increased, on the other, I am concerned at the health and safety of my fellow bikers. Accordingly, on Friday 15th October, the 8.20am Mass on the Lower Site, (by kind permission of Father Quentin OFM), will be dedicated to praying for the health and safety of all our cyclists. After Mass, Father Quentin OFM has kindly agreed to bless the bikes and I will give each cyclist a small rosary ring and a St. Francis card to enhance divine protection! So, if you are a cyclist, join us at Mass. Non-cyclists are equally welcome!

Keep the Coal Fires Burning

As I wrote above, I appreciate times are hard. I assure you I have known poverty. I still remember standing before the coal fire in our house in Middlesbrough waiting for my underwear to dry before I could go to school! Remarkable times! I also remember my mother buying us coats from the "Army and Navy Stores." They were always too big but my mother assured us we would grow into them. They are still too big! Times can be very hard and I've been there. I appreciate some families may be facing financial distress especially in the run up to Christmas. We do have a Families in Need Fund. This is supplemented by an income from a number of sources. For example, the proceeds from my History Mystery lecture this Thursday 14th October as well as the income from raffling from my novels will be directed to this fund. Any mum or dad who would like help, should contact my PA Sally Parry (SParry@tchs.uk.net). I assure you, any request will be dealt with in the most professional and confidential manner.

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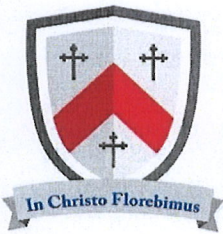
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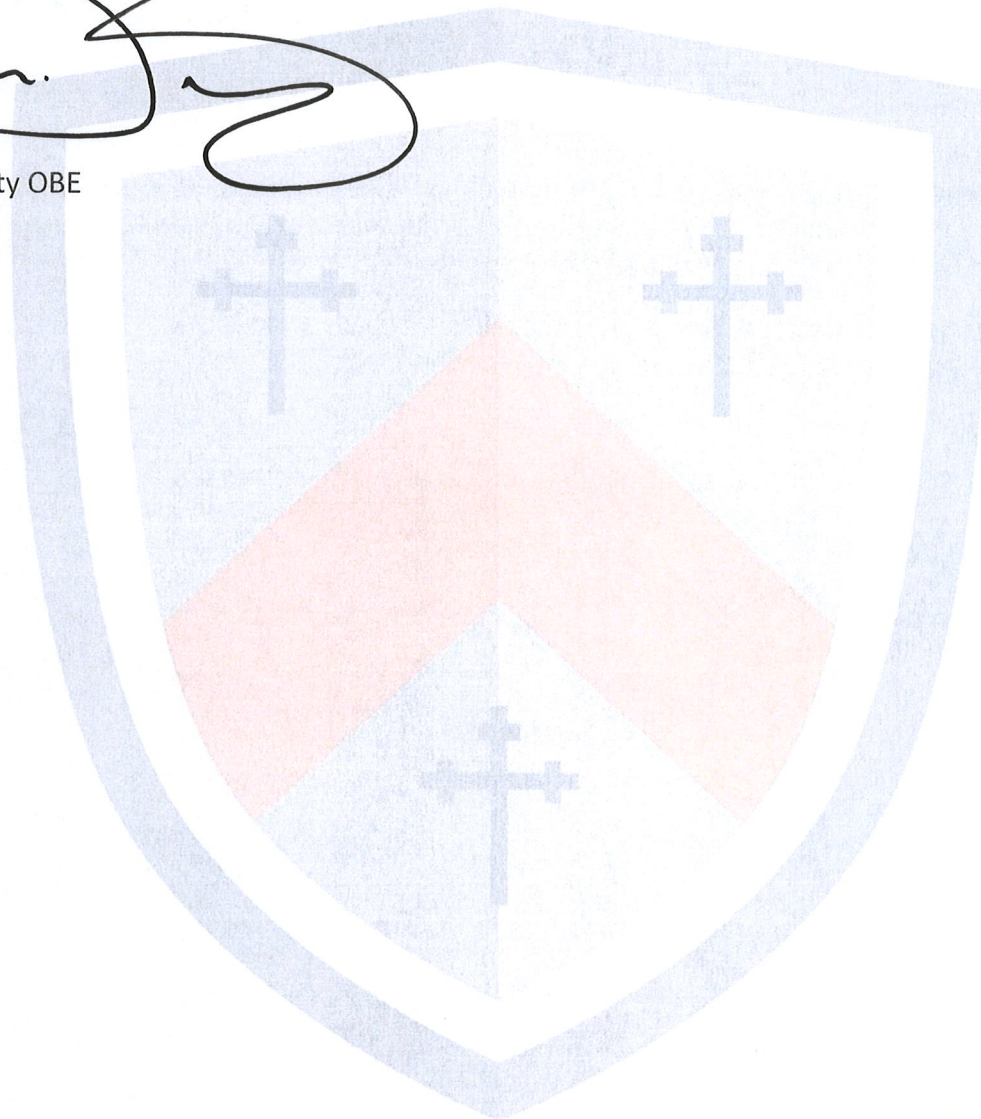
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Please remember the History Mystery lecture, 7.30pm Ratcliffe Hall, Thursday 14th October (admission £2.00). Please also remember that Thursday is also a non-uniform day.

I thank you for reading this.

My best regards,

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE
Headmaster



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