



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019



Dear Parent,

As we approach the final days in Lent, we start to focus upon the meaning of Holy week. On Thursday night the triduum begins with Holy Thursday. The action of Jesus washing his disciples' feet symbolises the act of humility and also of his leadership in serving others. To this end we have been emphasising the need to put others first and I am delighted to see a large number of students doing this on a daily basis. I am always deeply impressed by students who, at break and lunchtime, volunteer to pick litter across the school grounds in attempt to make their community a better place to spend time.



On Easter Sunday the liturgy invites us to contemplate the fate of Jesus, the suffering of the Lord. It maybe that we are tempted to doubt God's love, however this can be quickly dismissed when we look at Christ crucified. Here God's love is revealed. St Augustine said "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love". We are constantly reminded of this in every room of the school as a crucifix adorns every wall. Recently, we have been very honoured to receive a new Crucifix for our school chapel, donated by the Royal Air Force, and which once hung at the chapel in RAF Holtham near Aylesbury. We are very grateful to Padre Neil Galloway for the very generous gift and look forward to its dedication in the near future.

Additionally, constant improvements for the school have been seen with the arrival of two new table tennis tables, kindly donated by the Parents and Friends of Holy Trinity Academy association. We are very grateful to the PTFA for the new tables which have been purchased in order for pupils to take part in other lunchtime activities.

For next year we have been busy planning the introduction of a new award for students in Years 7 and 8. The 10:10 award serves to develop the enriching opportunities at Holy Trinity Academy and reward pupils for getting involved and immersing themselves in all of the opportunities that we offer here. The award focuses upon seven areas and includes: achievement, resilience, responsibility, service, compassion, teamwork and internationalism. The hope is that all pupils experience outdoor adventure through walking up the Wrekin and overnight camps here at school and on the Long Mynd. I am hoping that the award will be highly prized by pupils and enable them to deepen their own inner resolve and put others first; be part of a team and truly strive to do their best.

Can I wish the whole community of Holy Trinity a joyous and peaceful Easter time,

Yours sincerely

Mr Angus Neal

MESSAGES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As a new term starts it is important that I remind all parents that all uniform needs to be adhering to the standards as stipulated in the school uniform policy and which is clearly identified on the school website. Please do check the website and indeed our uniform suppliers, Baker and Sons, to ensure the uniform you are purchasing meets our requirements, particularly in respect of trousers and skirts. Skirts must be of knee length.

During the Easter holidays the school is installing electric gates to the car park. This will mean no visitors will be able to access the car park unless they have to drop their child off based on medical needs or for a pre-planned meeting. For those students and pupils on the bus, they will still have access to the front of school. All other pupils will be accessing the school via the side gate which was the original intention when the school opened. It is important to note that the side gate will be locked at 8.43am promptly and all pupils later than this will have to come to the front pedestrian gate and receive the corresponding late mark.

On a further note for parents, we have recently purchased some new software which hopefully will aid communication with parents and carers. The 'edulink one' app is downloadable to your PC and mobile phone and collates all of the school systems onto one portal and will save you having to remember all of your passwords for the previous apps and portals we have previously used. A letter will be sent out to all parents and carers outlining instructions to download the app.

Pitch It!



Students at HTA were very lucky to have the day with Mr Siddiqui who has regularly appeared on Channel 4's 'Gogglebox'. A former ICT teacher and Departmental Head, Mr Siddiqui worked in education for 10 years and has now set up Siddiqui Education to devise and run inspirational workshops for schools and colleges across the UK. He is passionate about inspiring and motivating pupils by sharing his experiences in television to educate them on different career choices.

Year 9 students were introduced to the "Let's Pitch It" programme. Students worked in small groups to create an idea for a new and original television show and then researched, planned, created and presented a two-minute promotional advert for their television show or media concept.

Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Welsh said "The feedback from students was very positive. At Holy Trinity Academy we take every opportunity possible to provide students with a wide range of IAG opportunities. This was a valuable enrichment activity which will encourage the students to be creative and original in their thinking and lead them to consider a wide range of career paths."



Music Exams

Congratulations to the following students on achieving success in their recent instrumental exams:

Stuart Olliver- Grade 4 Drum Kit with Distinction

Charlie Rockell- Grade 1 Drum Kit with Distinction

Ben Garbett- Grade 1 Drum Kit with Merit

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL

The focus of communications should be to advance student progress either academically or socially.

Parents can communicate by :

- emailing enquiries@holytrinity.academy
- using the 'contact us' form on the website
- calling the main office on 01952 386100
- by writing a note in the student planner

Please do not use systems such as Show My Homework to communicate with staff.

Whatever the form of communication, please provide brief details of the nature of the concern.

The school operates a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Whilst we appreciate that parents may be contacting the school regarding a disagreement, it is essential that the matter is dealt with in a professional manner in order to ensure the best outcome for our students. Abuse and rudeness towards staff will not be tolerated.

Please understand that teachers will need **up to 4 working days** to respond to communication requests, as schedules are very busy at school and the answer may involve meeting with other teachers who may have valuable input. More complicated issues may take longer to fully and effectively resolve.

Please do not attend school without having previously made an appointment as this can be very difficult to accommodate due to teaching schedules and other meetings before/after school. You can arrange for an appointment via the main school office.

Reception staff will ask for brief details of the nature of the communication in order to direct you to the most appropriate person.

Any major behavioural concerns or urgent safeguarding issues should be dealt with via a phone call to the main office to ensure a quick and positive outcome if required. Urgent safeguarding concerns can be reported to Family Connect on 01952 385385. The Pastoral Team will endeavour to deal with urgent issues as quickly as possible, within 48 hours. Please note the pastoral office closes at 3.30pm.

The subject areas and point of contact for communication should be as follows:

AREA OF CONCERN	FIRST POINT OF CONTACT
ACADEMIC	Subject Teacher
PASTORAL (low level)	Form Tutor
PASTORAL (medium level)	Pastoral
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS	SENCo
ADMINISTRATIVE / FINANCIAL / SIMS Parent Online	School Office

ANNUAL DEBATING COMPETITION IN CHESTER

On Friday 8th March, four of our Year 10 students represented Holy Trinity Academy at the annual debating competition held at the Queen's School, Chester. The competition saw schools from across Cheshire and Shropshire compete in debates on this year's topic 'Society and the Individual'. During the course of the day students also took part in a workshop and lecture from Dr Rebecca Wright, pictured with our students, who is an international human rights activist and a UK criminal barrister. Dr Wright's inspirational lecture included many stories about the various projects and criminal cases she has worked on in countries such as Afghanistan, Qatar, Syria, Libya and Egypt. The girls demonstrated brilliant team work throughout the day and spoke eloquently in all rounds of the competition.



If your son or daughter is interesting in debating and would like to know more, please encourage them to attend the debating club during Friday enrichment with Mrs Card or speak to Ms Ford in the English department.

Fighting Crime – The Academic Way

Crime Conference – 12th February



As part of the ASPIRE to Higher Education programme, a group of Year 9 students attended a Crime Conference on Tuesday 12th February at Wolverhampton University. The conference gave the students an insight into different aspects of crime from the viewpoint of different academic disciplines including law, criminology, business, marketing and sociology. They took part in a number of exciting activities and workshops, igniting interest and enthusiasm to find out more about the variety of different subjects that shed light on our understanding and investigation of crime.

Auschwitz Poland

On Wednesday 13th March two of our Year 13 students joined the 'Lessons From Auschwitz' project on their annual trip to Poland. After landing in Krakow students visited Oswiecim and its local museum which commemorates the former Jewish inhabitants of the city. Late morning they arrived at Auschwitz 1 for a guided tour of the Nazi concentration camp before moving onto Auschwitz-Birkenau after lunch. After an in-depth tour of both sites, a service of remembrance was held with all the students and staff in attendance from across the West Midlands. Rabbi Barry Marcus led a deeply spiritual and moving ceremony in which prayers sung in Hebrew remembered all the lives lost during the Holocaust.



Students now have the opportunity to follow up their visit to Poland with a project in which they will pass on their learning about the Holocaust and the events which led to this and other genocides.

TELFORD SINGS TELFORD SINGS



HTA Music students had a fantastic time at the 'Telford Sings' Workshop and Concert on Wednesday 20th March at Oakengates Theatre, alongside 160 students from other local schools.



Year 11 Ace your Exams!

The 18th December was a significant day for year 11, not only was it mock exam results day and parents evening but it was also the day of their exams workshop. Students were led in a study skills seminar called **'Ace your Exams'** by Elevate Education. Elevate have worked in over 850 schools concentrating on improving student performance. The focus of these seminars was on what students need to do in order to revise well and how they can replicate the performance of top students. The seminars were entertaining and really well led by the Elevate providers Alice Morley, Chavonne Brown and Marcus Paragpuri. The students completed a survey after the event and 100% said their time was well spent and that they would recommend the event to their peers. Students said the activity was "enjoyable", that the "young presenter was relatable and informative" and that the seminar "was very motivating."



FLAME 2019

Students from Holy Trinity Academy were part of an 8000 strong crowd at Wembley Arena for Flame 2019, the largest event for Catholic young people in England and Wales. The theme for the day was 'Significance' and defined as 'worthy of attention', 'with meaning'



and 'important'. Organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFED), the young people were addressed by the Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin and worship was led by artists including Tim Hughes and Guvna B, while the line-up also included Premier Gospel's Ibe Giantkiller and Premier Praise presenter Candice McKenzie. There was drama by the Christian drama group RISE Theatre. The American Christian and worldwide speaker Robert Madu urged the young people to keep their eyes well and truly fixed on Jesus who loves them and not to get caught in the trap of comparing themselves with others and not to let social media define their sense of self-worth.

Behind the Scenes of a Professional Football Club

Visit to West Bromwich Albion – 26th February

West Bromwich Albion Football Club played host to a number of schools this week, showing students what goes on behind the scenes in professional football. As part



of the 'Aspire to Higher Education' programme, students from Holy Trinity Academy were given an insight into the many different roles and careers associated with the sport. They saw the WBA Football Academy in action which develops young players of the future and they heard from coaching, medical and marketing professionals, revealing just how many career opportunities there are within this high profile sport.

CHARITY DONATIONS FOR THIS TERM

**Friends of The Holy Land
£535.82 raised from a Mufti Day**

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

LEAP Ensemble Workshop and Concert



In keeping with the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire's long tradition of reaching out to communities and musicians of all ages and abilities, the LEAP (Learning and Participation) programme came to Telford on 3rd April where HTA musicians were able to take part in workshops and a concert held at Old Park Primary School. The programme was delivered by professional music tutors, helping to further develop our students' musical skills and hopefully enlightening them on progression routes into Conservatoire education. Following their workshops and final ensemble performance, the students were treated to a live performance, by 20 professional musicians, of music by the likes of Purcell, ELO and Adele.

"I really enjoyed the visit to Old Park. Everyone was friendly and the staff were very approachable. The event was held by some of the musicians from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. The first task we took part in was an interactive activity to help us get to know one another. After the first task we went off in groups to work on two music pieces to perform at the end of the day in front of the school. After we performed, some of the musicians performed in an orchestra and played a few pieces, which was very enjoyable and inspiring to listen to".

Sukhpreet Goraya, Year 7 (Flute)

Coming soon...

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May.

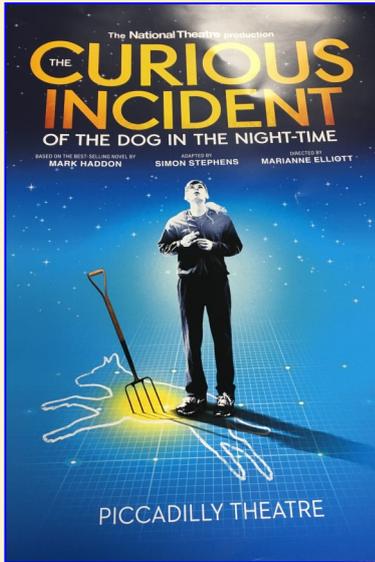
Tickets available now

from Ms Monks or Mr Harper.

Holy Trinity Academy
Musical Production Society
presents...



LONDON THEATRE TRIP



On Saturday 30 March, thirty seven year 9 and 10 GCSE Drama students boarded a coach to the Piccadilly Theatre in London to see the National Theatre production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, based on the best - selling novel by Mark Haddon, adapted by Simon Stephens.

A smooth trip down (with, of course a stop off at motorway services for the purchase of copious amounts of food – where do they put it all?), we arrived in plenty of time for the production.

A compulsory part of the GCSE course is Live Theatre. Students must be prepared to answer an essay question on either performance or production in their written paper

and this really is an amazing production, full of memorable performances, sound, lighting and setting elements, with the addition of physical theatre content. The physical theatre was choreographed by Scott Graham, Artistic Director of a company named Frantic Assembly. We



had already worked in the studio here at HTA, on two on-line workshops led by Scott, so were familiar with some of the movement, having tried it ourselves before seeing the production. In addition, we had worked with the script and had analysed the characters, all leading to a greater understanding of the show.

Many of the students had decided that it was going to be 'Sartorial Saturday' and, as you can see by the photograph, they looked extremely smart! (I must admit that as they arrived at school on that Saturday morning, I did have a bit of a proud moment..... that is until Logan displayed the huge coffee stain, which he had just acquired, down the front of his previously pristine white shirt. Never mind, it was under his jacket!).

Back at school, we continued our study of the piece, in preparation for the future examination paper.

Ms Monks

Head of Performing Arts



SCHOOL UNIFORM

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

It is the policy of the Governing Body of Holy Trinity Academy to require students to wear our distinctive uniform neatly and to follow the appearance requirements. Below is a list of the various items.

Parents are asked to ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with the student's name.

GENERAL UNIFORM

Blazers must be worn at all times unless permission is given to remove them by a member of staff. No form of 'hoodie', track suit top or sports top must be worn as an outer coat, it will be confiscated and parents will be asked to come in and pick it up. The Blazer will become the outer coat whilst in School.

Trousers must be sensible tailored school trousers not jeans, fashion trousers that are too tight or have belts, buckles or other ornamentation. Skirts should be a decent length, no higher than just above the knee.

Outer coats should be black or navy only.

JEWELLERY & MAKE UP

Jewellery should not be worn. If students have pierced ears, a maximum of two small plain gold or silver studs (one in each ear) on lower lobe is allowed. Nose studs, upper ear piercings and facial piercing, including tongue studs, are not acceptable. A recent piercing is not a valid reason for wearing unacceptable jewellery. The use of plasters as a means of covering up is not acceptable. No rings, bracelets, or chains (except a small crucifix if worn)

No make-up or any cosmetic products, for example - false tan, tinted moisturiser, tinted eyebrows/eyelashes or false eyelashes are allowed. This list does not cover all the cosmetic appearance enhancers, so please contact the school before you choose to use anything that we may deem cosmetic. Students will be given sanctions and asked to remove any of the above. A bigger sanction will be given for applying cosmetics that cannot be removed instantly.

Students who arrive wearing make-up or nail varnish will be told to remove it before they are allowed in class. For safety reasons finger nails should be kept to a reasonable length. False nails are not acceptable under any circumstances.

HAIRCUTS

We appreciate that fashions in haircuts are constantly changing and schools have to cope with trends. However, students should have hair of a 'natural colour' not have streaks, etched or engraved designs or cuts or styles that are extreme or below a **Number 2**. Long hair should be clean, tidy and be tied back at all times.

This is not an exhaustive list. To avoid possible anxiety please talk to the school before allowing your child to opt for a hair style or piercing that could get them into trouble

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2018

Attendance

- Students are registered at 8.45am prompt. Students arriving after this time are marked **Late**.
- Absences should be reported **by 9am** on the absence line **01952 386102**. A phone call should be made on each day's absence.
- Hospital and Orthodontist appointments will be authorised if supported by hospital letters/appointment cards.
- General doctor/dentist/opticians appointments will not be authorised and should be made outside the school day or in the school holidays.
- If a student has an appointment in the middle of the school day we would expect the student to register as normal in the morning, go to their appointment at the required time and then return promptly back to school to minimise the amount of lesson time missed.
- Students with attendance **below 95%** will be monitored by our Educational Welfare Officer.

Leave in Term Time

Holiday and other requests for leave in term time are only approved in **exceptional circumstances**. A 'Leave of Absence from School in Term Time' form (available from reception) should be completed in advance by parents/carers and returned to school. The Headteacher will make a decision on whether the leave of absence will be authorised. Parents/carers will be informed of the decision in writing.

Details of our new school uniform and PE kit are available on our website and from Bakers Schoolwear in Wellington.

School opening times
A reminder that the school gates open at 8am each morning when students are supervised on the playground. Students are only allowed into the school canteen area after 8.20am unless they need to use toilet or homework facilities, or in the case of inclement weather. Food is available after 8.20am.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE



EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that we have the latest contact details for every student. Can we please ask that if you change your address, telephone number or email address that you inform school as soon as possible.

Follow the link <http://holytrinity.academy/update-details/> to update your details automatically.



ParentPay

CASHLESS CATERING ACCOUNTS

REMINDER

Please remember to top—up your Parentpay account. If your child does not have sufficient funds it will not be possible to purchase food / drinks as there is no credit available.

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

TERM DATES

2018 – 19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3 September PD DAY

Tuesday 4 September STUDENTS RETURN

Start of half term: Monday 29 October 2018

End of half term: Friday 2 November 2018

End of term: Friday 21 December 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

Start of Term Monday 7 January 2019

Start of half term: Monday 18 February 2019

End of half term: Friday 22 February 2019

End of term: Friday 12 April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

Start of term: Monday 29 April 2019

May Day: Monday 6 May 2019

Start of half term: Monday 27 May 2019

End of half term: Friday 31 May 2019

End of term: Thursday 18 July 2019

PD DAYS

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2019

FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019

MONDAY 22 JULY 2019

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TERM DATES

2019 – 20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2 September PD DAY

Tuesday 3 September STUDENTS RETURN

Start of half term: Monday 28 October 2019

End of half term: Friday 1 November 2019

End of term: Friday 20 December 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

Start of Term Monday 6 January 2020

Start of half term: Monday 17 February 2020

End of half term: Friday 21 February 2020

End of term: Friday 3 April 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

Start of term: Monday 20 April 2020

May Day: Monday 4 May 2020

Start of half term: Monday 25 May 2020

End of half term: Friday 29 May 2020

End of term: Friday 17 July 2020

4 PD DAYS TO BE AGREED

SUMMER TERM BEGINS

ON

MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2019

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY TERM DATES
2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1 September PD DAY
Wednesday 2 September STUDENTS RETURN

Start of half term: Monday 26 October 2020
End of half term: Friday 30 October 2020
End of term: Friday 18 December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Start of Term Monday 4 January 2021
Start of half term: Monday 15 February 2021
End of half term: Friday 19 February 2021
End of term: Thursday 1 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Start of term: Monday 19 April 2021
May Day: Monday 3 May 2021
Start of half term: Monday 31 May 2021
End of half term: Friday 4 June 2021
End of term: Wednesday 21 July 2021

4 PD DAYS TO BE AGREED

PARENT
WEEKLY
BULLETIN

**A Reminder that
the Parent
Weekly Bulletin
is now available
every week on
the website with
latest school
information and
events.**

SUMMER TERM

**A reminder that students return on
MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2019.**