



HOLY TRINITY

ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the Michaelmas term, our attentions are brought to the season of Advent and our families preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

To this end, we as a Christian school have been asking this year for donations to local charities. The two charities; STAY and St Vincent de Paul both serve the needs of the most vulnerable in society and we, as a community, are humbled by the small part we can do to make someone else's life better.



The parallels between the nativity story and the plight of many cases in today's society are not forgotten. In both cases the families were, and are, in a situation not of their own choosing, both suffered rejection when they needed help but in Mary and Joseph's case they were eventually helped with a small act of kindness. This is where we as a community can make a difference by bringing in items of warm clothing, toiletries and small donations of money so both the STAY charity and St Vincent de Paul can spread some well needed cheer at Christmas. As we are all aware, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus and a time to celebrate the goodwill that he brought - this goodwill can be extended a little further afield this year to people who are outside our immediate circle of family and friends, with the help of your generous donations.

Please can I ask that you send your donations into school via your child's tutor group. On Friday 20th December the gifts and donations will be brought into the Advent liturgy service with your child, to celebrate as a House. A symbolism of how the three wise men brought their gifts to Jesus, we too can replicate these acts and share Jesus' love with the neediest in society.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at Holy Trinity, can I wish you and all your family a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Angus Neal
Headteacher.

Pebbles Painted Poppy



This Year the History Department at HTA asked pupils to add to an existing eye-catching display by painting a poppy pebble.

We would like to thank all students who have contributed to this year's 'Painted Pebble Poppies Project'. Hard at work are Grace Simms, Fay Simms, Lena Llkow, Ruby Davies, Kizzie Smith and James Manley.



Outstanding Bebras Results

Bebras, an international initiative aimed at promoting Computer Science and computational thinking among students of all ages ran a competition consisting of very challenging puzzles set across different age ranges. Supported by Google and Oxford University, this increasingly popular contest attracted almost 200,000 students across the UK, along with more from 40 other countries. Thirteen students from HTA achieved scores in the top 10% in the UK and have qualified for the next round of the 2020 Oxford Computing Challenge. Very well done to you all and we wish you well in round two.



Governor's Trip to Zambia

Students at HTA raised and donated over £740 to help fund missionary work in Zambia. Chair of Governors, Mark Anderson and his wife Kate travelled to Zambia in the summer where they worked on Our Lady of the Rosary Mission in the remote bush village of Nabwalya, in the north-eastern part of the country. The Nabwalya Mission has been supported by Fr Michael Hartley from St Mary's Madeley, who is also a HTA Governor. This year the parish of the Good Shepherd, which serves south Telford, raised over £2,500 which Mark and Kate were able to take directly to the mission. The



journey was not for the faint hearted, starting with a 15 hour long flight followed by 17 long hours by road. They helped carry out much needed work on the mission and involved themselves with the local community during their four week stay. One poignant memory for them was the village school which had very few facilities and typical class sizes of over 100. One lasting memory they had was of every student taking great pride in their school uniform. They were always immaculately turned out which must have been a real challenge when most of the local dwellings were mud huts with grass roofs. Much of the funds donated are being used to purchase maize in bulk. This is stored on the mission and distributed to support the hungry local communities in the coming months, due to poor harvest this year. The weather around the time of hurricane Adai, passing just south of this area washed away many of the young crops. We thank Mark and Kate Anderson for sharing their experiences with us on what was a very worthwhile and interesting journey.

Remembrance Service

Students and staff of Holy Trinity Academy and our invited guests observed a two minute silence today to honour our fallen and to pay our respects to our armed services, past and present. Our Service of

Remembrance was attended by representatives of the Royal British Legion who along with students, shared quotes, poems and prayers. The Last Post and Reveille were played either side of the two minute silence during which we were all able to reflect on the unimaginable sacrifices made. Special thanks go to our students who wore uniforms to represent their cadet forces during our service.



PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



EDULINK ONE

A reminder that school now communicates through the EdulinkOne Communication App for letters, information and reports. If you have not signed up to this system, please request a form from the school office.



CAROL SERVICES & CAROL SINGING, St Peter's Parish, Priorslee

Thursday 19 th	Cartlidge House	11.00am
Thursday 19 th	Frizes Leasowe	2.30pm
Thursday 19 th	St Peter's Priorslee with the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble	7.00pm
Sunday 22 nd	Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood	4.00pm
Sunday 22 nd	Holy Trinity Oakengates	6.00pm
Christmas Eve	St Peter's Carols around the Tree	5.00pm

NATIVITY/CRIB SERVICES

Christmas Eve	Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood	2.00pm
Christmas Eve	Holy Trinity Oakengates	3.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

This year we have made a slight change to the service pattern for Christmas Eve with St Peter's celebrating Bethlehem Mass at 9pm to coincide with midnight in Bethlehem for those who don't feel able to stay up that late (no Midnight service at St Peter's) and each of the Holy Trinity churches celebrating Midnight Mass at 11.30pm when we remember that first Christmas and share in Communion together.

9.00pm	Bethlehem Mass at St Peter's with Revd Debbie Loughran
11.30pm	Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Oakengates with Revd Lisa Harper
11.30pm	Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood Revd Debbie Loughran

There will be a united Benefice Christmas morning service of Holy Communion on 25th December at 9.30am at Holy Trinity Oakengates. Come and join us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, in a service suitable for all ages.





Two non-uniform 'Mufti' days and a sponsored Fun Run, where students were able to choose outrageous outfits for the staff to wear, raised an amazing £2,000 in total which we are delighted to have donated to the

[@TeenageCancer](#)Trust to help them continue their life-changing care. A very well done to all our students for their hard work and initiative, raising such an outstanding amount of money for a very worthwhile cause.

Thanks also go to the staff for being such sports.



Successful Fundraising Supporting Chosen Charities

In the last academic year and particularly during the Spring and Summer terms, students at Holy Trinity Academy set out to raise much needed funds for their House charities. Severn Hospice, The Brain Tumour Charity (in memory of John Lote), the World Wildlife Fund and Make a Wish UK were the charities chosen by each House. Fundraising events included the sponsored Wrekin walk, seasonal fairs, cake sales and the ever popular non-uniform days (aka Mufti days). The students organised and participated in all these events raising a total of £2,000 therefore £500 has gone to each of these aforementioned charities to help enable them to continue the marvellous work that they do. Well done to all involved.

Chester Cathedral – Y11

Year 11 Students have visited Chester Cathedral where the Knife Angel is currently on display. This National Monument against Violence and Aggression has been dedicated to victims of knife crime and was made



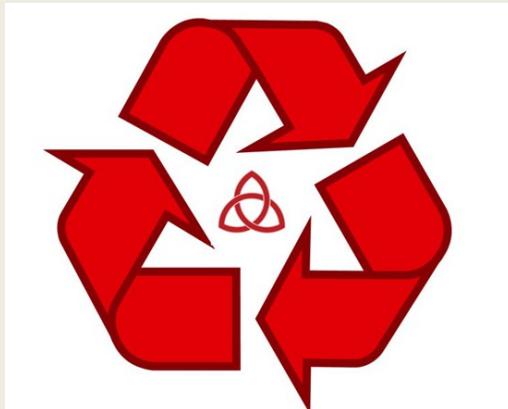
completely from knives. The students were also given a guided tour of the magnificent cathedral itself. Also on display at the cathedral was an illuminated Christmas Tree made entirely from recyclable plastic bottles by the artist Jacha Potgieter.



Recycling School Uniform – PTFA Uniform Shop



The PTFA are in the process of setting up a Uniform Shop. If you have any old outgrown HTA uniform items still in good condition, the PTFA would be very grateful for your donations. All donated items can be handed in to the school office. Thank you.



Careers Fortnight 2019

Year 8 students have been learning about future careers in their subject classrooms. This will help them with the option choices they have to make. Students have been carrying out research and have made good use of the new 'Careers Library', created with the support of the English department. Options assembly for year 8 is Tuesday 17th December.

Mrs Simmonds



SCHOOL UNIFORM

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

It is the policy of the Governing Body of Holy Trinity Academy that students 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 2020

Attendance

- Students are registered at 8.25am 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.



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.

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

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

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

Monday 6 January **PD DAY**

Start of Term Tuesday 7th 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: Friday 8 May 2020

Start of half term: Monday 25 May 2020

End of half term: Friday 29 May 2020

End of term: Wednesday 15 July 2020

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

THURSDAY 16TH JULY

FRIDAY 17TH JULY

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TERM DATES

2020 – 21

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

SPRING TERM BEGINS

ON

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020