PARENT NEWSLETTER

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

Week beginning Monday 7th December 2020
Week 2

Whole School Spirituality

Theme: Perfection

This C19 pandemic has certainly highlighted many imperfections that our society has (and many good things as well!). And as hard as we try, sometimes we, as humans, just never get it right. However, that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. Effort, resilience and determination are admirable qualities. And so is the quality of having high expectations of ourselves.

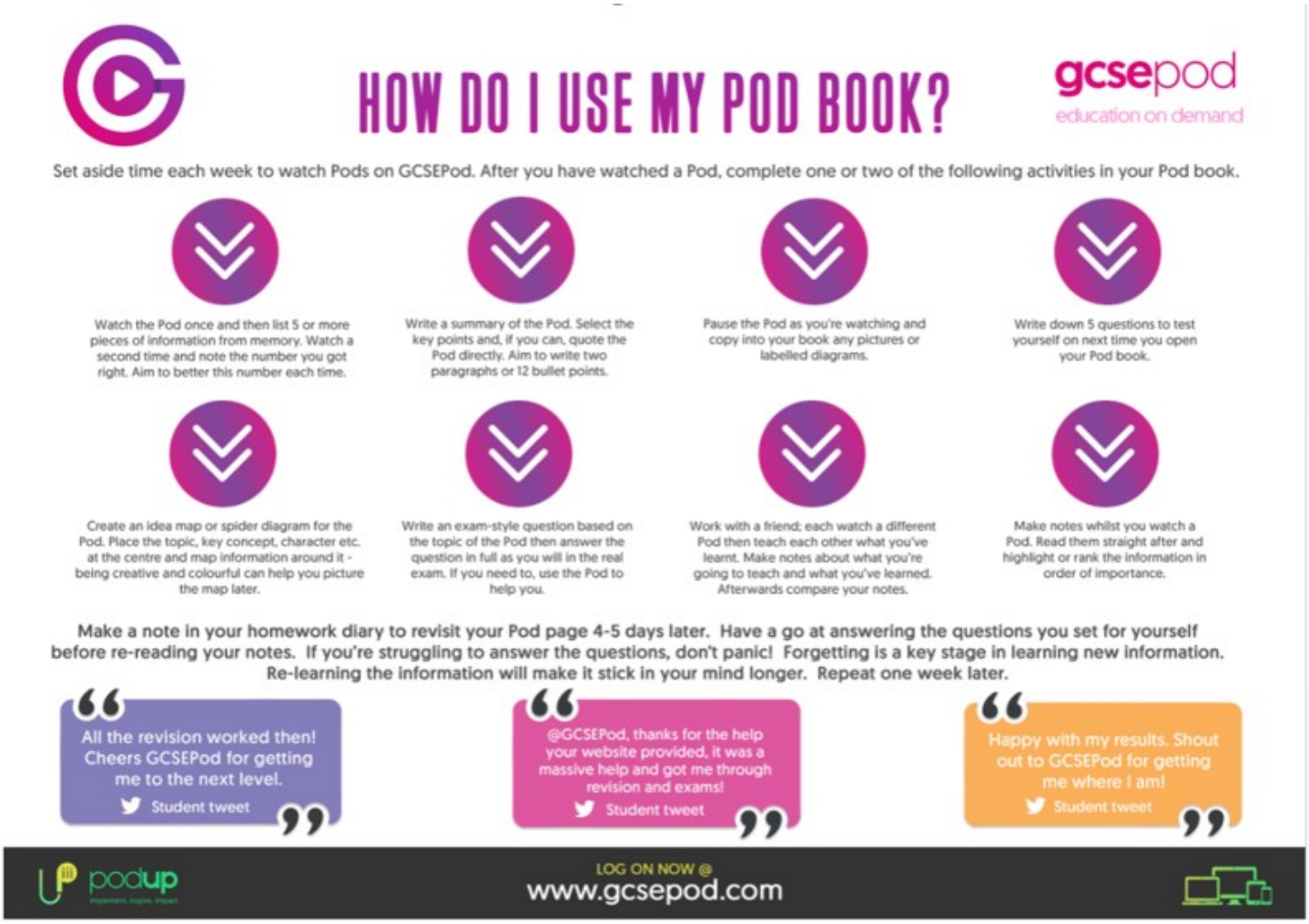
This week we move away from the Sunday Gospel reading and focus on Mary. This week sees the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is easy to confuse this with the baby Jesus and Christmas, but it is actually the remembrance and celebration of Mary being born without sin. For in order to give birth to Christ, Mary must herself have been in a sinless state. This is why Mary is a role model for our Christian community. The aspiration of leading a sinless life is what we strive for and often fail to achieve. But you just keep on trying.

[Mr Doust]

Pope Francis

"The attitude of Mary of Nazareth shows us that *being* comes before *doing*, and to leave the doing to God in order to be truly as He wants us "

Details of GCSE Pod booklet have been added to the school website under the revision section. A summary is provided below.



Set Changes

Any set changes for after Christmas will appear on Edulink.

All students should check their timetables.

Parents of Year 7

Please remember to complete the Settling-in survey

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9KS5HPF

Many thanks to all students for taking the time to share their thoughts. Some of the comments received are listed below.

"I love being at HTA because I feel safe and it is really fun and I'm really proud to call my school HTA"

"That it is a very kind, making good friends school."

"I really like the Covid timetable because we are not running around the school anymore and it is just easier because then i do not have to worry about going to 5 different lessons in one day and bringing lots of books and making my bag really heavy and then having to go up and down stairs lots"

"I think the way the school has handled the virus is really good."

"I think that the Covid timetable is alright because you do not need to pack your bags as often and I get more focused knowing that I have a lot more time to do my work"
"I really like the Covid timetable and feel like i get a lot of work done"

You said	**We did**
Teachers tell us that we can come to them if we need help with homework, some of the time it is due in the next day. So if we need help we have to ask people at home.	Remind teachers that h/w should not be set for the next day
year 7 go before year 8 for lunch	Alternate early and late lunch
it is perfect the way it is except for the amount of homework	Continue to monitor and share findings on amount of work set
i like the new timetable because it allows me to do more work during the day. But in only some lessons will we get a break between during the day.	Remind teachers to ensure that students get a break
Some subjects tell us when we need to bring key-boards by putting a message on SMHW which has really helped us, as we don't have to carry them around all of the time when we may not need them.	Share with teachers

IMPACT DAY ***10th December***

when Year 8 students will spend the day looking at options. Coming soon — a video explaining the forthcoming options process

Notice for Services / Ex Services Parents and Carers:

A new project has been launched recently at the King's Centre for Military Health Research (KCMHR).

'Real Stories' is a new online gallery of images submitted by military-connected families to reflect family life today. Members of the UK Armed Forces Community (anybody who is related or in a partnership with somebody who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces) are invited to submit an image and take part in the virtual exhibition.

Details can be found here: https://kcmhr.org/real-stories/

The aim is for this virtual gallery to be educational and informative, to help raise awareness and understanding within the public perception of the Armed Forces community. There's also an opportunity to include a written contribution to go alongside your submission about what the image represents or means to you, which will be presented in our Reflections booklet (these comments can remain anonymous if you wish).

It would be lovely to see members of our Holy Trinity Academy community represented in this project!

Mrs Woodvine
Lead Teacher for Pupil Premium

parentzone
The experts in digital family life

Do you struggle knowing how best to support your children online?

ParentZone have excellent up to date information and advice.

This article may be helpful, 5 Parenting rules that really matter:

https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/the-5-digital-parenting-rules-that-really-matter

PHOTO COMPETITION

'Light in times of darkness'

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2021, we are calling on young people, aged 14-25, to submit a photo which celebrates the people, groups, places and objects which bring us and others light in times of darkness.

Winning entries will make up a unique digital exhibition, which will be launched for HMD 2021, on 27 January.

Please submit your digital entries to Mrs Card by email or 'Show My Homework' before the 17th December. I will then enter you into the national competition.

Please make sure you include your full name, age and tutor group when contacting me.

jennifer.card@holytrinity.academy

Autumn/Winter Weekly Well-being Checklist

It has become apparent since returning after the lockdown that many students are feeling overwhelmed by the changes to the current way we are living and struggling with finding positives about their days.

The sheet below is a good way of journaling the positives of the day, sometimes when we reflect we realise there have been many positives and usually a lot more than negatives within our day.

Please feel free to print this page and try this with your own child if they are feeling overwhelmed and struggling to openly talk about their feelings.

Autumn/Winter Weekly Wellbeing Journal

Week Commencing: _____

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Today, I'm Feeling:	Today, I'm Feeling:	Today, I'm Feeling:
Daily Gratitude:	Daily Gratitude:	Daily Gratitude:

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Today, I'm Feeling:	Today, I'm Feeling:	Today, I'm Feeling:
Daily Gratitude:	Daily Gratitude:	Daily Gratitude:

Sunday	Daily Random Act of Kindness:
Today, I'm Feeling:	Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday ☐
Daily Gratitude:	Reflections of the Week: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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Puzzle Number

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Entries open: Mon 30th Nov **Entries close:** Sun 6th Dec

scan to enter

Ekta has 23 fidget spinners to sell.

After selling some of them, Ekta increased the price by $2 and then sold all of the rest of her stock.

In total the 23 fidget spinners sold for $95

How many fidget spinners did Ekta sell before she changed the price?

Extension: Why would this puzzle not work if Ekta was selling 30 fidget spinners?

www.puzzleoftheweek.com
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Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe (@asharpeducator)

Advent - a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world and remembering the real meaning of Christmas. We are counting down with our own life-sized advent calendar filled with images and prayers.