

Whole School Spirituality

Lent - Jesus Dies on the Cross



Reflection:

Not long before his death, Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, confirming his identity as God's Son. But now he is dead, the victim of the most gruesome assassination; surely his disciples were confused.

Surely some doubted who Jesus really was. No wonder they fled the scene. Jesus' closest friends affirm for us that doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is part of it.

Pause for Thought:

Are you ever troubled by doubt or confusion?
How are doubt and confusion natural human attributes?

What faith do you have?
Who or what do you have belief in?
What does Christ's death show us?

Information for students and parents about Covid-19 home testing

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

Please remember to:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice-weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Thank you

SCHOOL TIMETABLE CHANGES

Changes will be made to KS3 timetables. There have been a small number of set changes.

All students should check their timetable on Edulink before returning after the Easter holidays.

Summer Term begins Monday 19th April



Year 11 Parents and Students letter

Latest Guidance

Exam grades

A letter has been sent out via Edulink to parents / carers of all Year 11 students with the latest information and guidance from the Exam Boards and we will continue to update you as further information becomes available.

Years 7 & 8 Data

**will be available to view on Edulink
from Tuesday 29th March**



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 1st April

In aid of CAFOD'S 'WALK FOR WATER'

REMEMBER

MUFTI
DAY!

- Bring £1
- MUFTI Rules Apply



The last day of this term is **Thursday 1st April** and we will be closing earlier than usual.

Times of the Day

	Start	Early Finish Time
Year 11	8.15am	12.45pm
Year 10	8.30am	1.00pm
Year 9	8.45am	1.15pm
Year 8	9.00am	1.30pm
Year 7	9.00am (front gate)	1.30pm

Students who normally travel on school transport will be picked up from Holy Trinity at 1.30pm

A reminder that the Summer Term begins on Monday 19th April 2021.



Telford and Wrekin Music teachers will be returning to school after the Easter break to resume lessons.

These will stay within year group bubbles. If you have had lessons previously or your child has been learning remotely, you will receive more information from your child's instrumental teacher.

If you would like your child to start instrumental lessons, application information is available at:

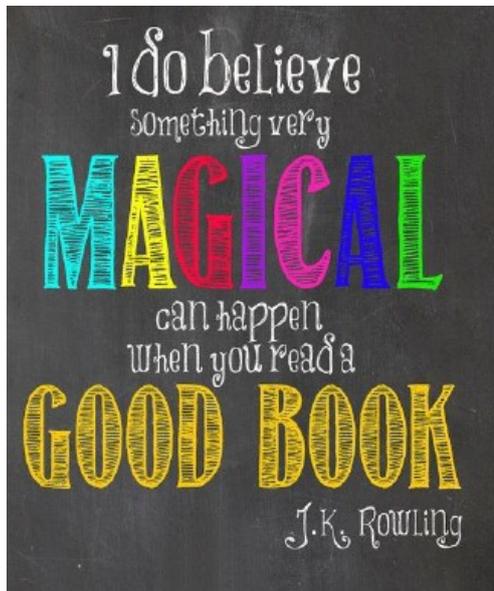
<https://www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/>

Parents

**Please remember to top-up
your child's ParentPay
accounts for purchasing
their school meals.**

Thank you

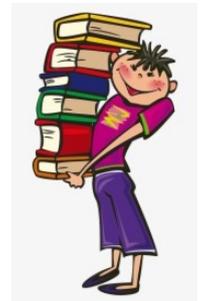




Finding ways to support your child with their reading can be difficult. We have created a parental support booklet to give you some guidance on the ways to engage and motivate your child to read. In the leaflet there is a list of books which would appeal to all age ranges; perhaps you could read the same book, at the same time. We hope you find the information helpful!

Go to:

<http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/e-booklet-Parent-Support.pdf>



**BAKER & SON
SCHOOLWEAR**

School Uniform – Message from Baker & Son

Although schools are now open we are unfortunately classed as non-essential retail and not likely to re-open the store until after Easter.

We are still operating our online sales:

<https://www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk/>

where orders can be placed and delivered to home.

We've now added a "click and collect" option for customers to collect from the shop on a Monday, Wednesday or Saturday between the hours of 10am to 12noon starting from the Monday 1st March.

If parents do need to get in touch with us, the best form of contact is email sales@bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk or through our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bakerandsonschoolwear>.

Safeguarding



Talking about life-changing topics

Unfortunately things do happen that can turn young lives upside down. Separation, illness and death obviously have a huge effect and talking about them needs to be treated very carefully.

You should also be ready for things to get very emotional and perhaps distressing too. So, before starting the conversation, there's a great deal to get straight in your own mind:

- when and where to have the conversation – choose somewhere that will be comfortable for you both with no interruptions
- if you have children of different ages, will you speak to them together or separately
- who else should you tell before your child, so they can be ready to give emotional support
- think about the sorts of questions your child's likely to ask you, so you can have the answers ready

When the time comes to break the news, remember to explain everything slowly, in words that your child will easily understand. It's also very important to make sure they know that they're not responsible or to blame in any way for what you are telling them.

Having difficult conversations is hard, but if you handle it well it can bring you and your child closer together and help you to understand each other a bit more.

So put a little time and thought into the planning and it won't just help to resolve or explain an issue, it could make your relationship even better too.

Taken from NSPCC Website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Find out how you can use GCSEPod to support your child's learning.

Join a GCSEPod webinar and find out how you can use GCSEPod to support your child's learning plus get tips and guidance on effective home learning practices. All your questions will be answered by a GCSEPod expert and you will learn about the best way to make full use of the resource during this time. Spaces are limited so please book your place below.

Webinars are free but spaces are limited so secure yours today:
www.gcsepod.com/gcsepod-webinars/

All webinars start at 5pm and last 1 hour.

22TH MAR

7TH APR

22ND APR

5TH MAY

<https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>

Student motivation webinars

With the UK's #1 motivational speaker

In need of motivation and self-belief? Look no further than Cameron Parker. Cameron is the leader of the younger generation: world-class youth coach and speaker. Join his free webinar and get motivated.

Take a look at some of the feedback from the last webinar.

"I'm not going to lie I was sceptical but this was truly amazing. I learnt more about myself in one hour than I have in a while!"

"I don't think I've ever felt so motivated and positive about my future!"

Tuesday 30th March or Wednesday 12th May @ 6pm

BOOK

<https://www.gcsepod.com/students/>





Mother Tongue or Other Tongue Competition

Mother Tongue or Other Tongue Competition

Date: Wednesday 17 March 2021 to Wednesday 26 May 2021 - 17:00 hrs

Event Type: Competition

Region: West Midlands

Location: West Midlands Schools

A multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages currently spoken in schools across the UK.

The aim of the Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition is to **celebrate languages, culture and language-learning**, giving secondary school students the opportunity to practise and improve their foreign language skills (any language they are learning in school) and appreciate their heritage, using poetry. The regional competition is being led by **Routes into Languages West Midlands** at **Aston University**.

The idea was originally developed by the Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Manchester Metropolitan University and Routes into Languages North West and due to its success, was rolled out across the country.

Programme: **The competition**

Mother Tongue entries will be in two parts: The first part is the poem. This can be an original, creative piece, or a poem or song that is 'remembered' – i.e. something in your first language that you recall, or that has been told to you by a relative. This can be in any language but English. The second part should be a short explanation of the inspiration behind the piece, where it comes from, or why it is important to the person submitting it (no more than half a page). This part must be written in English and is the part your entry will be judged on.

Other Tongue entries must be an original poem written in a language that is not the first language spoken by the person writing it. Entries are welcomed in **French, Spanish, German or Italian**.

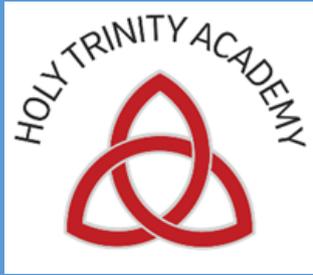
The competition is open to all students in KS3, KS4 and KS5

There will be one Winner from each of the three key stages. Each of those winners will receive a Winner Certificate and an Amazon Voucher to the value of £25.

Each entry must have a cover sheet. (attached - or asked Miss André, Rm 235 for a paper copy)

The deadline for entries to be received by Miss André is Friday 21st May.

N.B. In the event of insufficient entries of good quality for a Key Stage, no prize will be awarded; the Judges' decision is final.



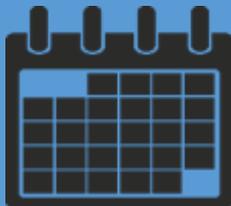
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Learning

Pathway School

SUPPORTING HIGH PERFORMANCE LEARNING AT HOME

Register now for the first in our FREE summer series of online webinars exploring high performance learning for parents:

- What is High Performance Learning?
- What does the research say?
- Mindset
- Home/school collaboration: working together
- School and beyond
- Unlocking potential
- Practical strategies and quick wins



Monday 19th April 2021

4.30-5.00pm

**BOOK your place via Edulink
or by contacting the main school office**



Knife Angel Art Competition

West Mercia Police has now launched its latest Steer Clear campaign against knife crime. Last year, to coincide with the Knife Angel coming to Telford, West Mercia Police in conjunction with Telford & Wrekin Council, held an art competition for schools based on a theme of Compassion, Community & Courage. We are delighted to announce that Sophie in Y8, was the overall winner across the borough. Her artwork will now be used in all of the Steer Clear campaign literature which can be seen in our website article at :

<http://holytrinity.academy/hta-news/winning-artwork-leads-campaign/>



Keren in Y7 who entered whilst still attending primary school was 2nd runner-up in her category and we had the honour of presenting both Sophie and Keren with their prizes, following a virtual presentation with the West Mercia Police Steer Clear coordinator Michelle Thomason.



This Lent, several staff here at Holy Trinity Academy have decided to not just TALK about the importance of helping others but are WALKING the TALK by collectively 'donning' their walking boots to take on the

Walk for Water Challenge.

We have been walking (some running, skipping and even dancing!) 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. Watch us in action:

<https://twitter.com/HTAPriorslee/status/1371913731345686535>

[and there's still time to donate and help transform lives.](#)

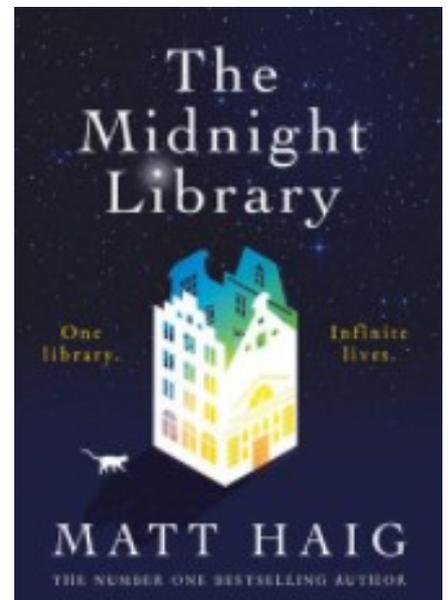
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/hta-walk-the-talk>



The English Department are planning to launch a virtual reading club for parents and staff. We thought we would begin with the current bestselling 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-midnight-library/matt-haig/9781786892737>

More details will follow shortly.



Mental Health and Well-Being Student Team

CAN YOU HELP ?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE TEAM?

We are looking for students to -

- ◇ have their voice and share ideas about mental well-being
- ◇ create and choose resources to support mental well-being in school
- ◇ Post-COVID restrictions - Organise well-being events with the Mental Health Lead.

Tuesday's

Year 11 and Year 10 8.00am-8.20am

Year 9, 8 and 7 8.30am- 8.50am

All students are welcome to attend the meetings.
The meeting will take place in the Conference room



Please speak to Mrs Handy if you would like to know more information.



Our School Mindfulness Club

Would you like to join?

Every Monday starting Monday 19th April

Club to be held in the Conference Room

Years 11 and 10

1.45pm - 2.15pm

Years 9, 8 and 7

2.15pm - 2.45pm

Things we will look at:

- What is mindfulness?
- Mindfulness techniques and how to use them at home
- Looking at gratitude and mindfulness
- Wind-down techniques
- Yoga techniques /strategies
- Deep breathing



Your body is present.



Is your mind?



Past

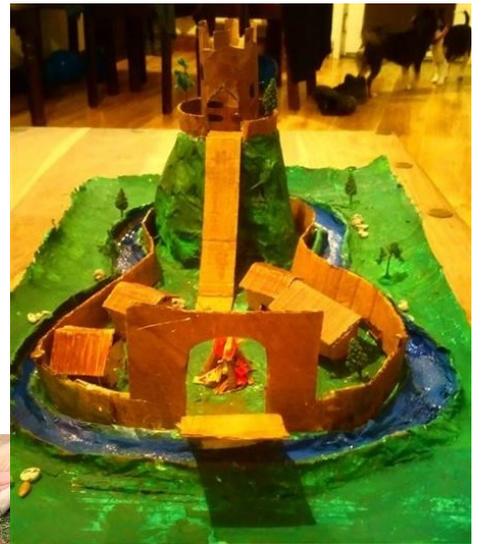
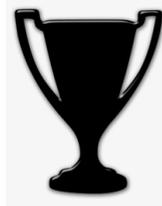
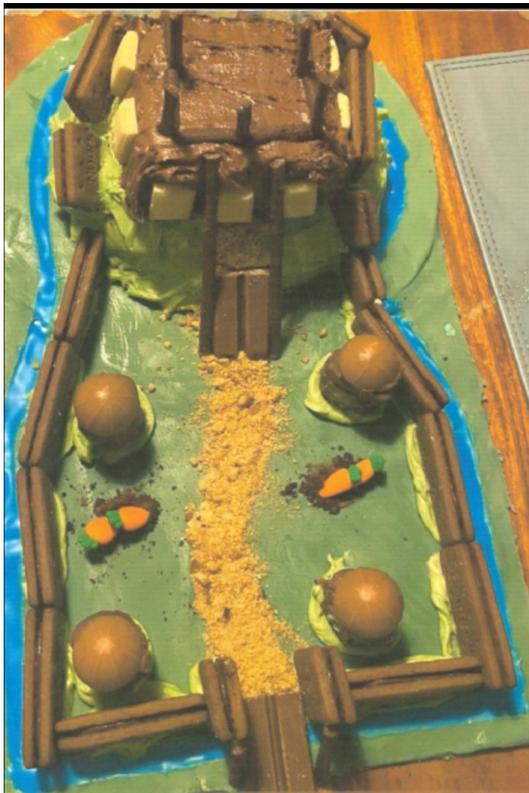
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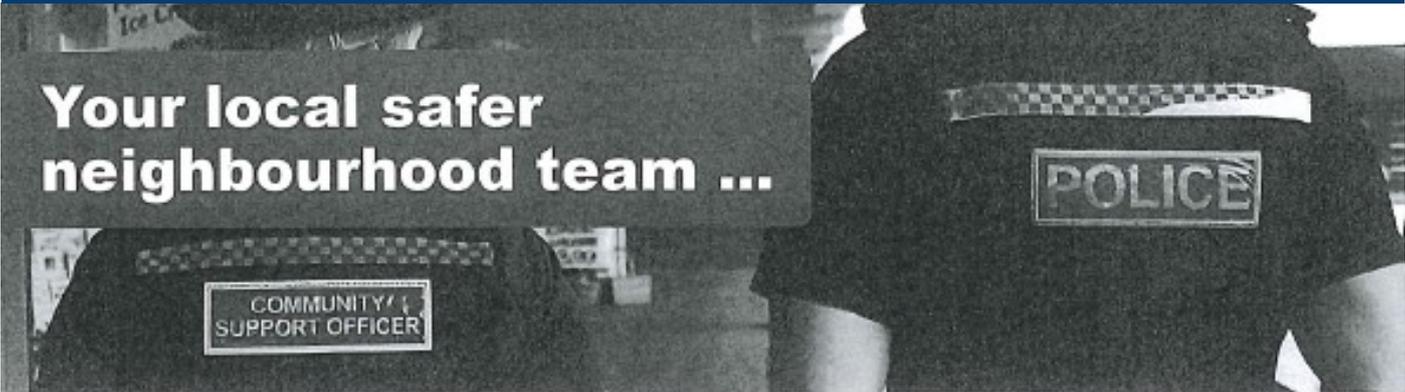


Year 7's Create a Castle Competition!

The History Dept would like to share with you the top 5 winning entries for the Year 7's 'Create A Castle' Competition. Entries (*clockwise from the top*) are Harvey, Adam, Alfie, Dion and a very seasonal **chocolate** creation below by Phoebe. Well done !



POLICE NOTICE



**Your local safer
neighbourhood team ...**

Priorslee, St Georges & Muxton Safer Neighbourhood Team

We are appealing for information following an indecent exposure in Telford.

At around 11am on Monday, 22 March a man was seen near to the A5 in Priorslee where he exposed himself.

The man was described as mixed race, aged in his late 20s, with short dark hair. He was of average height and build and was wearing dark or black jogging bottoms, a white shell suit top with blue detailing (possibly stripes).

At this time, this appears to be an isolated incident.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be increasing patrols in the area over the next few weeks. Please come and speak to us if you have any concerns or can provide any information. Alternatively you can report online through the 'tell us about' section of our website.