

# PARENT NEWSLETTER



Week beginning  
Monday 17th  
May 2021  
Week 2

## Whole School Spirituality Easter 7: Commission & Ascension

Not considering myself to be a particularly emotional person really, I always thought that watching each of my children attend their first day at infant school wouldn't affect me. Perhaps that by the time it got to child number 3, the novelty would have worn off ... but no, I was filled with as much anxiety, worry (not to mention fighting back the tears!). That sense that they were now stepping out into the world ... or at least stepping out from under our feet for the weekdays ... was a big step for me as well as for them. I remember issuing instructions to them at the door of the classroom about what to do, what *not* to do, what to not forget ... like a 4 year old was going to take this all in!

And so the focus this week sees Jesus leaving his disciples and returning to His Father in heaven ... leaving his disciples (children) to get on with things on their own. Jesus must have known deep down that they would be okay and would stand on their own two feet. Like a true parent, He had given them instructions about what to do and was hoping that they remember everything. All the lessons He had taught them ... everything was over to them. We as a Christian community now need to carry on with those instructions and lessons ... sharing the Good News with all those that we meet.

Our Father in heaven loves us, but it is time for us to step out!

[Mr Doust]



# WELCOME TO Mellors Catering Services

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Dish</b>	Baked turkey meatballs with garlic and herb potatoes 	Chicken biryani, homemade naan bread and chilli and coriander chutney	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing and gravy served with creamy mash potato	Beef bolognese pasta bake 	Crispy battered fish goujons with chunky chips
<b>Vegetarian Dish</b>	Vegetarian sausage and bean gratin with garlic and herb potatoes	Piri piri Quorn™ fillet with lemon couscous homemade tomato salsa	Vegetable and bean stew with a cheesy cobbler top and creamy mash potato 	Squash and chickpea Balti with pilau rice 	Mexican Quorn™ burrito with homemade guacamole and salsa 
<b>Accompaniments</b> 	Steamed broccoli Carrots Salad bar	Green beans Roasted courgettes Salad bar	Roasted parsnips Sautéed leeks Salad bar	Crisp mixed salad Garden peas Salad bar	Crushed minted peas Corn on the cob Salad bar
<b>Street Food</b>	Spicy sausage pasta	Vegetarian meatball pasta	Beef Keema with yellow rice	Italian chicken pasta	Pad Kee Mao – spicy Thai chicken and vegetable noodles
<b>Hot handheld Special</b>	Crispy bacon, lettuce and tomato ciabatta	Beef and onion pizza	Chicken gyros in wholemeal pitta bread, tzatziki and Greek salad 	Classic Margherita pizza	Piri piri pork with apple and fennel slaw on a toasted brioche bun 
<b>jacket</b>	Veggie sausage & bean or baked beans or slaw or cheddar cheese	Chicken curry or baked beans or slaw or cheddar cheese	Veggie bean casserole or baked beans or slaw or cheddar cheese	Bolognese or baked beans or slaw or cheddar cheese	Baked beans or slaw or cheddar cheese

## Parents

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

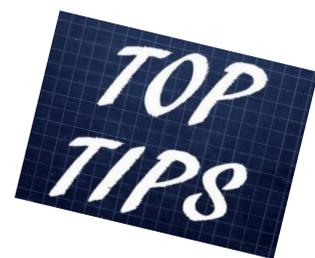
Thank you





As a High Performance Learning Pathway School we will be sharing with you “Top Tips” on how you can support you child/ren with developing the High Performance Learning skills at home. There are 30 of these skills broken down into the two categories of Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics (ACPs) and Values, Attitudes and Attributes (VAAs).

This week we look at the VAA of **Risk-taking** (the ability to demonstrate confidence; experiment with novel ideas and effects; speculate willingly; work in unfamiliar contexts; avoid coming to premature conclusions; tolerate uncertainty)



### **Top Tips on.....Risk Taking**

1. Model the belief that you and your children are capable learners
2. Talk about decisions that you have made that went well and those that went not so well and why
3. Play games that encourage them to take risks (not physical ones!) e.g ‘Risk’
4. Intellectual risk-taking is a high order skill. It is about taking a considered approach to something – not a rash one. Consider opportunities that allow for risk so that there can be greater progress in learning e.g. how to make good decisions – provide scenarios and talk these through
5. Take a current news issue and speculate on it. Talk through your speculation demonstrating that you are considering a range of views. Encourage your child to do the same. What is the speculation built on?



## High Performance Learning Survey

As a HPL pathway school, we are keen to review parent views towards teaching and learning.

The survey below will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/r/msWrDUJDdh>



Summer half-term reports are now available to view on Edulink



We have a large number of outdoor coats and other uniform items in our Found Property store. None of the items are labelled with the students' names.

Please check with your child that they have theirs.

Any items left over at the end of half-term will be donated to the PTFA uniform shop or given to charity.

**Student Guide  
to Awarding  
Summer 2021**



Ofqual have produced a guide for year 11 students and their parents.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/984766/21-6780\\_Student\\_guide\\_to\\_awarding\\_in\\_summer\\_2021\\_pdf-a.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984766/21-6780_Student_guide_to_awarding_in_summer_2021_pdf-a.pdf)



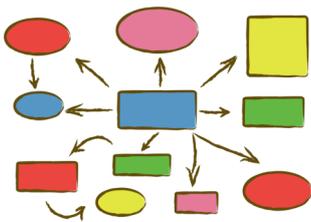
**Student  
guide to  
awarding  
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2021**



GCSEs, AS and A levels, vocational,  
technical and other general qualifications



**Super Speed Study Skills** for Year 10's this week with **Positively Mad**, a high-impact interactive learning experience created to show students how to develop their study skills and adopt positive and effective study habits.



Next week, Year 9's will be learning all about **Mind Mapping**, helping them to boost their recall and understanding.

Next month they're back offering Year 10's a range of tools and techniques to overcome mental blocks, improve memory and promote all the necessary skills to be **Exam Busters**.



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Puzzle Number

**PUZZLE OF THE WEEK**

Entries open: Mon 10th May

Entries close: Sun 16th May



scan to enter

1 nurse and 2 doctors vaccinate 180 people in 2 hours.  
2 nurses and 1 doctor vaccinate 120 people in 1 hour.

All the doctors vaccinate people at a constant rate and the same rate as each other.



All the nurses vaccinate people at a constant rate and the same rate as each other.

How many minutes would it take 1 nurse and 1 doctor to vaccinate 210 people?

**Extension:** It takes 1 dentist 30 minutes to vaccinate 20 people. How long would it take  $x$  nurses,  $y$  doctors and  $z$  dentists to vaccinate  $n$  people?

# Y7 Parents Evening

## Wednesday 9th June

The booking system opens on Friday 21st May  
and closes on Friday 28th May 2021

EduLink Parents' Evening Guide:

<http://holytrinity.academy/edulink-parents-evening-guide/>

EduLink

<https://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login>



### PE CLUBS & ACTIVITIES MAY - JULY 2021

	<b>AFTER SCHOOL 2.30 – 3.30</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>YR 7 &amp; 8 CRICKET YR 7 &amp; 8 ROUNDERS</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>YR 7 &amp; 8 ATHLETICS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MEETINGS ATHLETICS FIXTURES</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>YR 7 &amp; 8 TENNIS CLUB</b>

**\*\* Students will need to be in kit for all activities \*\***



HM Government

**NHS**

Test and Trace

## Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home  
Report online  
Keep life moving

- **New test kits have been issued to students**
- **Please continue testing and reporting results**



Let's take this next step safely.

**GET YOUR TESTS**  
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE



Safeguarding



**HEALTH FOR TEENS**

**NHS**

Text your School Nurse for confidential

health advice and support on

**07520 619051**

or visit

**www.healthforteens.co.uk**



**Mental Health and Well-being**



It doesn't have to be Mental Health Awareness Week for us to focus on what's so important amongst us – our mental health. This year's theme is nature, encouraging us to get out and about and take in all the beauty around us. We must learn to take care of ourselves and this guide is an ideal reminder of what we can do to look after our mental and physical health <http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Self-Care-Guide.pdf>

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# BEDROCK STARS PRIZE DRAW



KS3 parents,

There is an exciting opportunity for your children to be a part of a national competition for Bedrock Vocabulary.

All KS3 pupils have their logon and have been completing Bedrock as part of their English homework weekly.

They now have the chance of winning up to £250 worth of technology and runners up get £10 in vouchers if they gain more than 120 Bedrock points.

Please see the poster above/ your child's Bedrock account for more information.

Deadline for Bedrock points = 28<sup>th</sup> May.



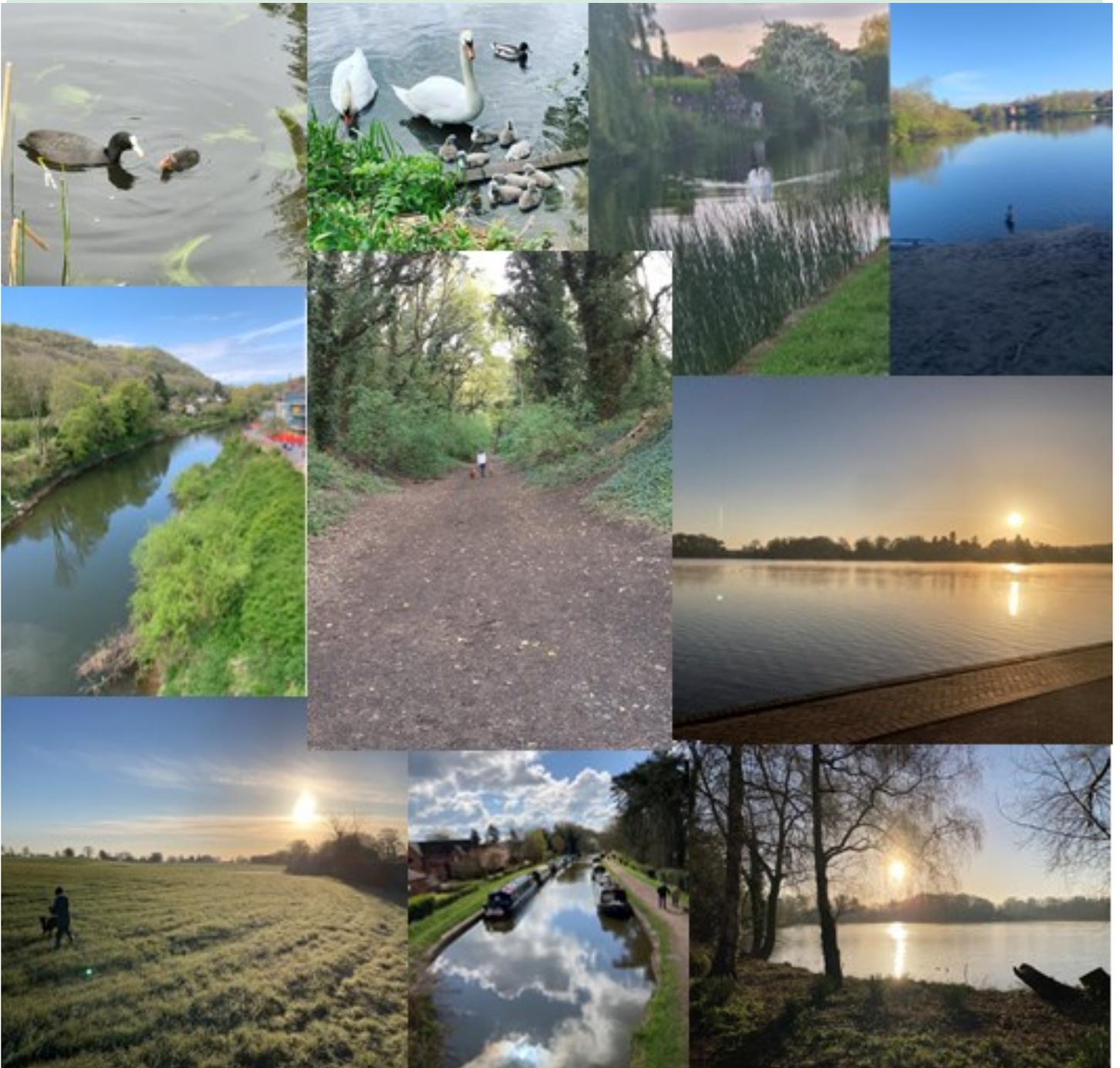
# Mental Health Awareness Week

10-16 May 2021

# NATURE

#ConnectWithNature  
#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

**Staff have and students have been taking part in exploring nature as part of Mental Health Awareness Week**



# The Tree of Life

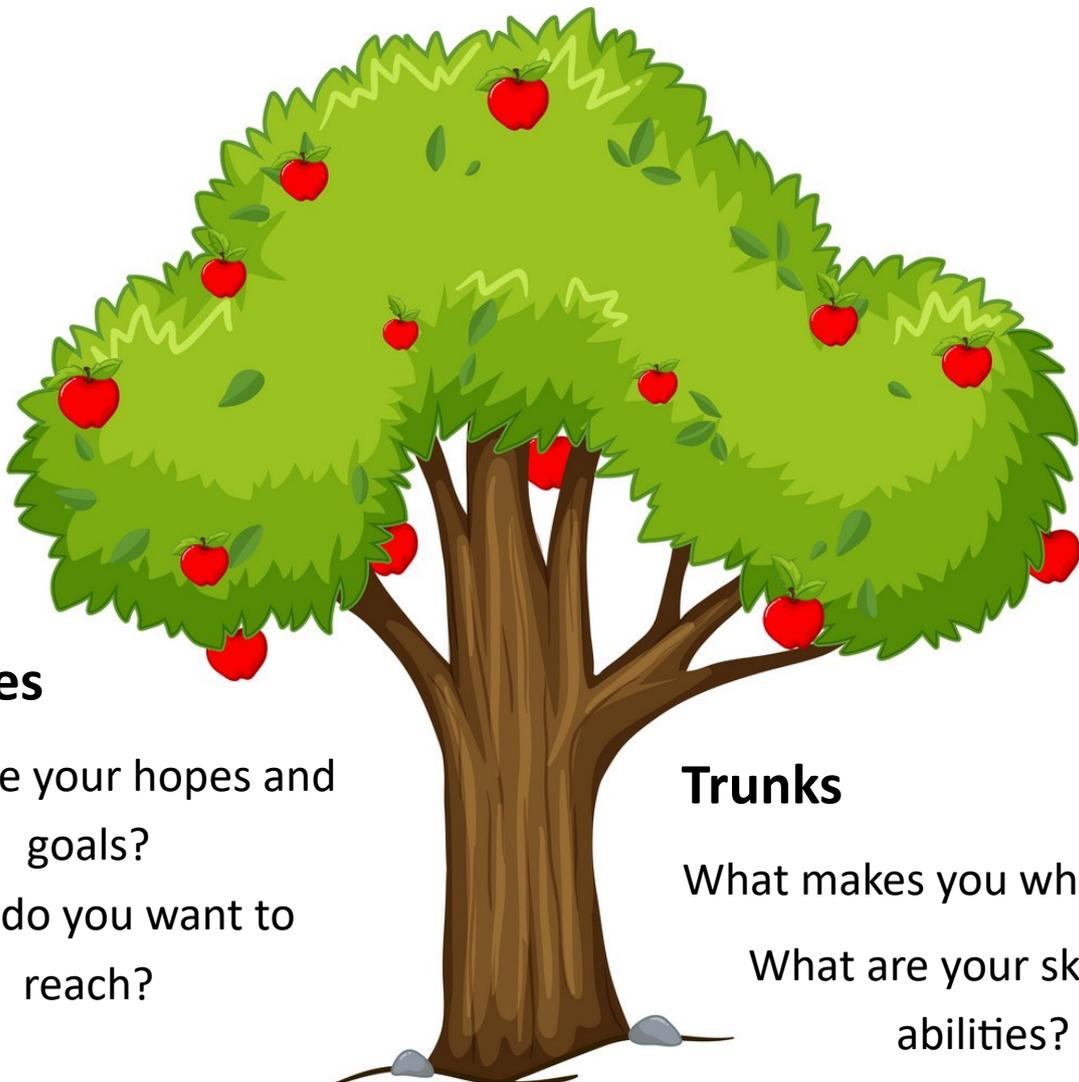


## Leaves

Who plays an  
Important role in  
your life?

## Storms

What challenges have you  
experienced in the past?



## Branches

What are your hopes and  
goals?  
What do you want to  
reach?

## Trunks

What makes you who you are?  
What are your skills and  
abilities?

## Ground

What is the ground like in your life?  
What do you do on a daily basis?

## Roots

Where do you come from?  
Who are your roots?

# Year 11 Pastoral Drop-in Service

17th-28th May 2021

## How to book an appointment



If you would like to book an appointment to speak to a member of the pastoral team or Mental Health Lead about your mental health or well-being, please message on the **Heart system**.

Please make sure you give **24 hours notice** that you would like an appointment slot.

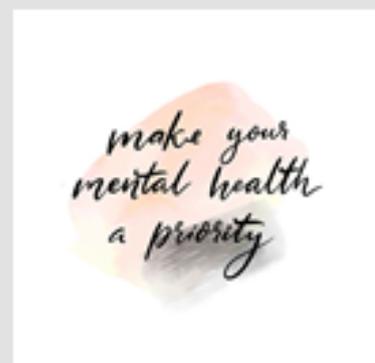
## **Appointment slots:**

**9am - 11am**

## Information to include:

Which member of the team you would like to see.

*This will be on a 1:1 basis*



**Mental Health Wellbeing**

# Year 7's 'Create A Castle' Competition Winners



Congratulations to our five winners of  
the Year 7 'Create a Castle' Competition  
held during lockdown !

Seen here, (from L-R) are Dion, Alfie, Phoebe, Harvey and Adam after receiving their prizes from Mrs Green and Mr Neal. Their cleverly crafted castle creations were outstanding, even the chocolate one ! The winners each received a certificate, more chocolate and a book.





# Year 11

INFORMATION

## **Leaving service - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**

As you are aware this year has been very different with regards to timings of assessments and the cancellation of formal exams. It has meant that the timescales have altered in order to fit in with the exam board deadline of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Whilst the official leaving date for students remains as 25<sup>th</sup> June, we will not require all year 11 in school as a whole year group after Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. There will be an ongoing need to bring individual students back in for re-arranged assessments due to absence as and when required.

We are therefore proposing to hold the Leavers Service on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. The students do not have to come into school in uniform and must come in through the front entrance of the school. The service will last for about 30 - 45 minutes and at the end, there will be a chance for students to say a proper goodbye to each other and their teachers, socially distanced of course! With this in mind they should obviously bring in their shirts on this day if they want them signing etc.

## **Other information:**

The sixth form taster days begin on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and there will be a number of activities for students to access and complete virtually from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Volunteers**

All year 11 students are encouraged to volunteer to support the year 6 summer school during the week of 9<sup>th</sup> August. Please see Mrs Welsh for further details.

## **Results day**

Results will be issued to students on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 10:00 – 12:00pm. If a student is unable to collect their results on this day, they must provide a letter signed by the candidate stating the name of the person who will be collecting who will need to be prepared to provide proof of identity.