



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week commencing Monday 18th October 2021

Whole School Spirituality

Discipleship & Sacrifice

‘ I was very selfish as a child. When you are one of four children then a lot of things became competitive ... the consumption of food at the dinner table being a prime example ... it was a race to get the second helping. Sort of survival of the fittest. We were competitive over most things. Sometimes in a good way and sometimes in silly ways. I'd like to think I have grown out of this mentality now that I'm older but I am sure that there are some people who would not be so sure about this.

It is a sign of immaturity to simply put oneself first. In a previous job before teaching I had it drilled into me that one should ‘Serve to Lead’ ... you put those that you are responsible for first; that they are your priority; their interests come before your own. This soon became the basis of life as it was known back then.

This week sees two of the twelve disciples asking Jesus if they could sit on His left and righthand side when they come into heaven ... much to the annoyance of the other ten disciples! Jesus reminds them very quickly that true disciples do not push themselves to the front of the queue.



They are here to serve others. They are here to help all others before themselves. And so this means that sacrifices will have to be made ... no more self-interest. We today are called to be disciples and make the same sacrifices. (Mr Doust)



Traffic Management during Pick-up and Drop Off Times

Dear Parents / Carers

You may have seen a recent presence from Telford and Wrekin Council Traffic Enforcement Officers during drop-off and pick up times.

They have requested that we remind you not to park on the zigzags or the double yellow lines at any time as doing so will result in an on-the-spot fine.

It was noted that some pupils are waiting to be collected in these areas so please instruct your children to wait for you outside of these zones.

Please also respect our local residents when parking and waiting.

In the interests of accident prevention, please also consider your speed when approaching school at these busy times.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation with them as they work to keep the traffic moving whilst ensuring the safety of everyone .

Protecting your child against flu

Flu immunisation in England
Information for parents and carers

All parents will now have received a letter and consent form via Edulink, from the NHS Flu Immunisation Team.

They will be in school on **Tuesday 9th November** and will immunise all students who have consent and have returned the consent form. If you decide you **do not** want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the form indicating *'no consent'*. This will help them plan and improve the service.

Please complete and return the consent form to school by **Monday 1st November at the very latest**. If you cannot access or print the consent form, copies are available from school. If you have any questions regarding the immunisation programme, please call the Immunisation Team on 01743 730028 or email shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net

as staff at Holy Trinity Academy cannot give immunisation advice.

All information can be accessed here ...

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>





Etiquette

Etiquette is the code of polite behaviour for specific situations

HPL FOCUS

Evolutionary & Revolutionary Thinking

The ability to create new ideas through building on existing ideas or diverting from them



**High
Performance
Learning**

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 fortnight we look at the ACP of **Evolutionary & Revolutionary Thinking** (the ability to create new ideas through building on existing ideas or diverting from them)

Top Tips on..... Evolutionary & Revolutionary Thinking



1. Encourage conversations that start with "I wonder what would happen if?" or "What would it look/sound/feel like if you created..?!"
2. Explore new ideas together by trying to come up with a unique invention or further \ developing something that already exists. What improvements/modifications could you make to something?
3. Research someone that has been innovative or diverted away from existing ideas. Someone like Heston Blumethal for example, who is more revolutionary in his cooking than most by incorporating a scientific approach to his methods
4. Encourage confidence in giving new ideas a go! Part of what it is to be a high performer is seeing how ideas can flourish and develop; often something like a visual organiser or diagram can help someone to see their ideas and next steps in their thinking
5. Encourage entries into the Word of the Week. How can the word be used in different ways/contexts?

With our recent accreditation as a World Class High Performance Learning school, I am seeking more parents to join our HPL parent working group. It is an opportunity to consider strategies, ideas and experiences to support our students on their High Performance Learning journey.

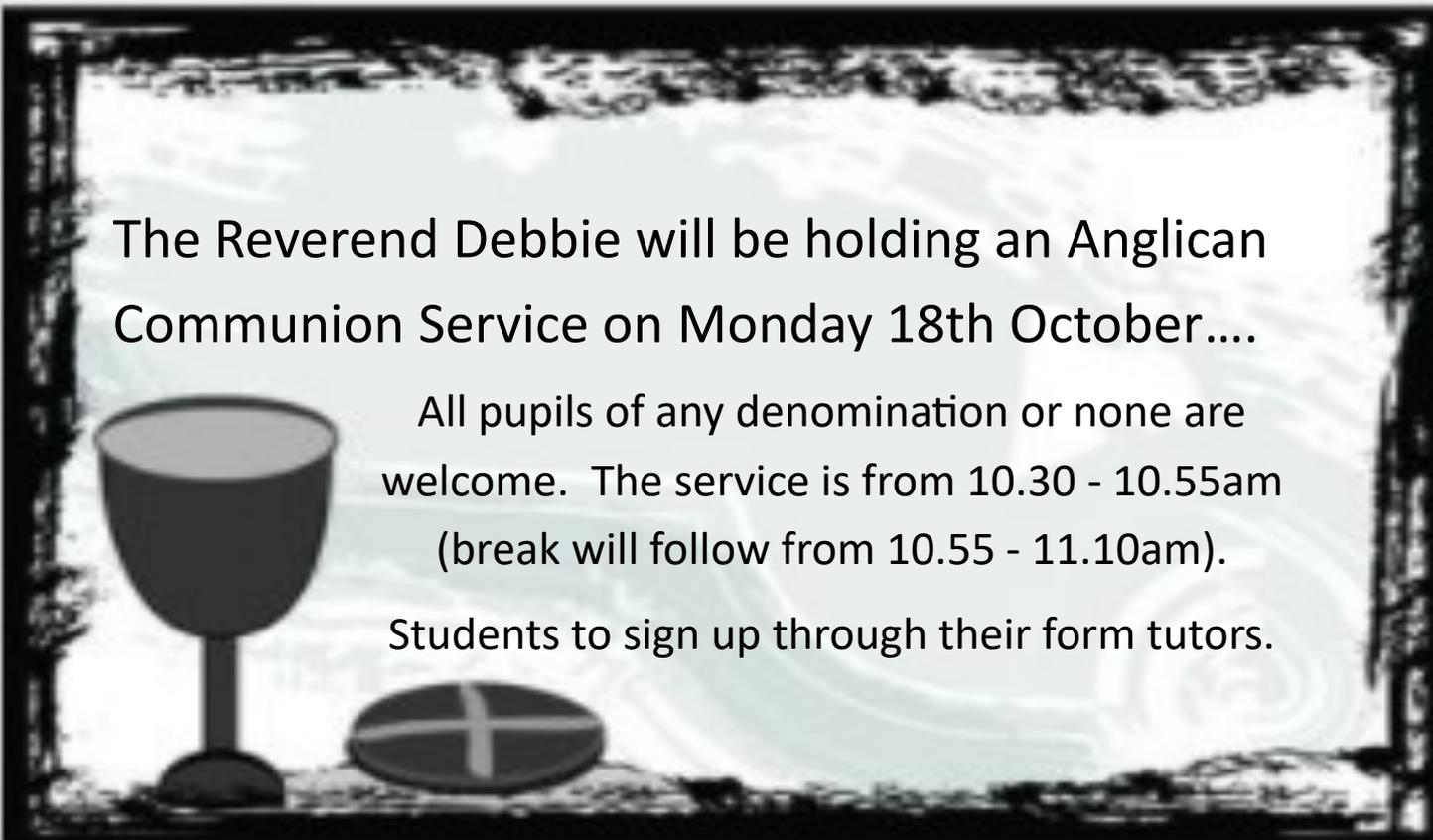
My intention is that we meet once a term for approximately 45mins-1hour. Last year we met online and it worked well so I intend to continue with this model for this year.

A big thank you to those parents who have already expressed an interest. If you would be interested in joining us please do get in touch via an email to enquiries@holyltrinity.academy putting

FAO Mrs Smith in the subject heading and

I will make contact with you.

Thank you



The Reverend Debbie will be holding an Anglican Communion Service on Monday 18th October....



All pupils of any denomination or none are welcome. The service is from 10.30 - 10.55am (break will follow from 10.55 - 11.10am).

Students to sign up through their form tutors.



WELCOME TO Mellors Catering Services



MENU

TRY OUR STREET FOOD GRAB AND GO
FOR HEALTHY MEALS ON THE GO



BE A
HIGH-FLYER.
A HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH
SUPPORTS YOUR LEARNING

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Pork sausage, red onion gravy and champ mash potato	Fiery Mexican chilli, brown rice, sour cream and salsa	Apple glazed roast pork, crispy roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Singapore noodles	Crispy battered fish with chunky chips
Vegetarian Dish	Sweet potato and squash stew with pea and mint couscous 	Quorn™ and vegetable lasagne with crusty garlic and herb bread	Cheesy potato and leek pie topped with puff pastry served with crispy roast potatoes	Aubergine and chickpea Dhansak, pilau rice and cucumber raita 	Falafel in a wholemeal pitta, crunchy slaw and chunky chips
Accompaniments 	Roasted root vegetables Braised red cabbage Salad bar	Crisp mixed salad Corn of the cob Salad bar	Steamed carrots and broccoli Salad bar	Green beans Roasted butternut squash Salad bar	Garden peas Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
Street Food	Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Sweet potato and vegetable masala, Bombay potatoes and coriander and green chilli chutney	Chicken and bacon pasta	Red Thai chicken curry with steamed rice	Vegetarian pasta bolognese
Hot handheld special	Turkey meatball sub	BBQ Chicken pizza	Slow roasted pulled pork brioche, red slaw, gherkins and home pickled red onions 	Roasted vegetable pizza	Jumbo hot dog & fried onions
Jacket potato	Veggie stew or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Veggie stew or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Veggie stew or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Veggie stew or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Veggie stew or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw

Parents

Please ensure that your child's account is in credit and that there are sufficient funds for their purchases.

Thank you





Star of the week



Every week tutors will announce their group's
Star of the week during form time.

The star of the week will be wearing a star badge for that
week.

Please praise the students who wear one.

Star of the week will be chosen based on overall conduct.

A small number of set
changes will take place
for after half-term.
Please check Edulink



Johnson House News



- Tutor Group of the Week: 18
- Pupil of the Week: Jake Sawyers
- Thank you for donations for Harvest
- Next week Remembrance activity
will be launched

Important Information for all Parents



We would like to remind you that it is illegal for any child under the age of 18 to use or carry a VAPE.

Our school has a **zero tolerance** on any student bringing a VAPE into school.

Students have been informed that these are not acceptable and sanctions will be given as a result of usage or having them in their possession.

Please be advised that any suspicious behaviour or outside information will result in the school searching students' possessions:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674416/Searching_screening_and_confiscation.pdf



For more information and advice, go to:
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/e-cigarettes.html>

PUPIL PREMIUM

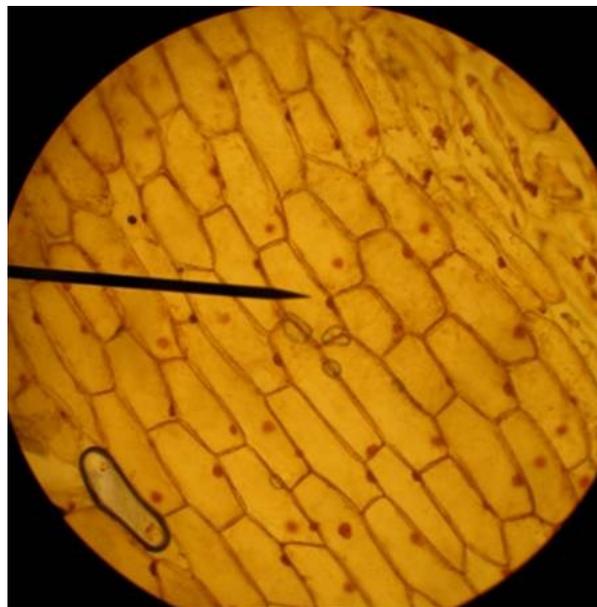
Spotlight on

Session 6:

Science



In this week's Session 6, our Year 7 Future Group students have been having great fun using microscopes to examine plant cells.



ALL SAINTS' DAY



On Monday 1st November
we will celebrate
All Saints' Day

There will be a
Service of Celebration held for
all students and staff from
2.15pm to 2.40pm



Homework Club for SEN students will run every day
from 2.40pm until 3.20pm in Room 338.
Any student on the SEN register can attend.



**Congratulations
Year 7 girls on a
great team effort
in your first
football game
representing HTA**



**The team secured a 2 - 0 victory in a friendly
game at Charlton School. Well done !**



Mental Wellbeing

Theme of the week: Thoughts



One way of working with thoughts is to think of them like traffic moving past us - we don't have to direct the traffic, we can just watch it - and it's the same with our thoughts. We don't have to let them bother us, we can just watch them pass.



Change **negative** thoughts to **positive** ones

	All-or-nothing thinking	Thinking in extremes. For example, something is either 100% good or 100% bad
	Catastrophizing	Jumping to the worst possible conclusion
	Over-generalizing	Seeing a pattern based upon a single event
	Mental filter	Only paying attention to certain types of evidence ("That doesn't count")
	Disqualifying the positive	Discounting positive information or twisting a positive into a negative
	Jumping to conclusions	Mind reading or predicting the future
	Low frustration tolerance	Saying things like "this is too difficult", "this is unbearable" or "I can't stand it"
	Minimization	Discounting the importance of something
	Emotional reasoning	Assuming that because we feel a certain way our hunch must be true
SHOULD MUST	Demands	Using words like 'should', 'must', and 'ought'
	Labelling	Assigning labels to ourselves or others ("I'm rubbish")
"This is my fault"	Personalization	Taking too much or too little responsibility

PSYCHOLOGYTOOLS*



Another call for your help! Refugees from Afghanistan

"I was a stranger and you made me feel welcome"

(Matthew chapter 25 verse 36)

No doubt you are aware that Telford and Wrekin Council have welcomed a number of families from Afghanistan who have fled the capital Kabul and the terrible treatment by the Taliban. These refugees have been granted asylum and safety here. The resettlement of these families in Telford is well underway and the local authority are asking the local community for help and support. Holy Trinity Academy have pledged to support the resettlement of these families through a collection of much needed resources.

You can appreciate that these families, full of fear, were forced to leave their homes at short notice and in the clothes they stood up in and with whatever they could carry in cabin luggage.

Whilst the council is providing clothing and food, these items are still urgently needed:

Toiletries

Smart phones

Hair and beard trimmers

Baby wipes

Nappies size 4/5

Women's Incontinence Underwear

If you are able to donate an old phone, ideally it needs to be unlocked from previous networks and, if they are Android phones or iPhones, need to have previous owner's Google account or Apple iPhone account deleted from the phone.

Donations have already begun to come in and if you are in a position to help with anything from the list please hand into the school reception or via your child to staff/reception.

Many thanks and God Bless

Ms O'Neill



Students in Y10 and Y11 who recently completed their expedition, should now have finished their Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections. There are a number of students that have not uploaded Assessor reports on edofe. Students will not be able to complete their award and gain their certificate without these sections being completed. Please could all students therefore aim to have assessor reports on the system by the end of the October half term. If any help with assessor reports is needed please contact Mr Sawyer. The assessor report has to be provided by the assessor named for the activity. This can be written on-line by the assessor or on the card included with the student registration pack which students can then upload onto edofe. Students can drop in to room 1:33 after school on a Monday to get help with completing any remaining sections. If students need help with any aspects of edofe please see Mr Sawyer.

A presentation evening (COVID allowing) for certificates is being arranged for November/December and it is therefore important that all students aim to complete their awards asap so that they are able to receive their certificates at this evening. Students in each group will also need to prepare a group presentation on the aims of their expedition for delivery at this evening. Details on Silver awards for current Y10 who have completed Bronze will be provided shortly.

New students undertaking Bronze Award in Y9 will have received enrolment details on Show My Homework. Students not taking part in DofE enrichment will need to attend an after school session each week on Tuesday evenings in room 1:33 where training will be given on using edofe and the various skills needed for the expedition section. This will start on Tuesday 19th October. It is important that students attend this every week for 1 hour in order to gain all the necessary skills ready for the expedition in Summer 2022.

Mr P Sawyer

A reminder about
twice weekly
Lateral Flow Testing
at home

(Test kits available in school)

HOWEVER

Lateral flow tests should not be used if students have any covid symptoms

- **Cough**
- **Temperature**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

Students with any of these symptoms should

- **NOT attend school**
- **Book at PCR test**
- **Isolate until the PCR test result arrives**