



# HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

## PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week commencing Monday 1st November 2021

### Whole School Spirituality

ALL  
SAINTS'  
DAY



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

with a Service of Celebration to praise and thank God for  
what He has done for us through these holy people.  
The service will be held for all students and staff  
from 2.15pm to 2.40pm

*Let the light of these Saints fall on you on this special day  
and make you follow Jesus in all days of your life.*



## **Dark Nights Ahead**

**Here are some useful links to help keep your children safe during the forthcoming dark evenings as we set the clocks back one hour.**

**A Parents' Guide to Road Safety** - <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

**Cycling at Night** - <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

**Teaching Road Safety** - <https://www.brake.org.uk/how-we-help/raising-awareness/schools-and-families> & <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

**Be Bright - Be Seen** - [https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be\\_Bright\\_Be\\_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf) & <https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/>

## **A reminder about twice weekly**

### **Lateral Flow Testing at home**

**Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school. This is the latest later from the DfE regarding home testing:**

**You should encourage your children to continue testing and report results twice a week, at home, throughout the October half-term school holiday and take a test before returning to school/college. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void.**

**Your children should collect home test kits from school at the end of the day and bring them home with them. Please check if your child has received enough of these test kits to continue testing over the half term break. You can help them to take the test and report their results. Testing is free of charge. If you do still require more home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can also order more online through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.**

**By testing your child twice a week over half term, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep your child in school and Holy Trinity Academy open to minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household.**

**Please contact the main office, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.**

**Thank you for your support.  
Mr Angus Neal (Headteacher)**

# Year 11 Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for Year 11 will take place on Wednesday 10th November from 3.00pm - 6.00pm in the form of a 5 minute telephone call from your son/daughter's teachers.

Appointments can be made on Edulink from Saturday 6th November.

*Booking system closes Tuesday 9th November.*

*See our guide:*

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

*and log in at:*

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

A letter containing all necessary information can be found on Edulink and here:

<http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Y11-Parents-Evening-10Nov21.pdf>

# Y7 Parents

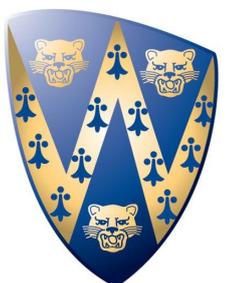
A letter can be found on Edulink to all Y7 parents regarding daily testing.

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



Thank you to all who donated a food item during our recent appeal for good causes, supported by the local Anglican Church.

The Rev'd Debbie is seen here collecting the donations made to HTA.



SHROPSHIRE  
CRICKET BOARD

There is a FREE half-term holiday cricket activity available for boys and girls aged 8-15 at Donnington. For more information go to:

<http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DONNINGTON-CRICKET-FLYER.pdf>

## Protecting your child against flu

Flu immunisation in England  
Information for parents and carers

***A reminder that the Consent Form from the  
NHS Flu Immunisation Team can be found on  
EduLink and here***

***[http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/  
uploads/2021/10/Flu-Consent-Form-Fluenz-  
2021.22-final.pdf](http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Flu-Consent-Form-Fluenz-2021.22-final.pdf)***

***and must be returned by 1st Nov***

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](mailto: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/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/)**





## *Explicit*

The word explicit describes something that is open and easy to see and understand

## 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 your 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 Blumenthal 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?



World Class School 2021

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@holytrinity.academy](mailto:enquiries@holytrinity.academy) putting

**FAO Mrs Smith** in the subject heading and

I will make contact with you.

Thank you



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
**POPPY APPEAL**



This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies, commemorative badges and other merchandise can be found at the school's Reception for an appropriate contribution to this very worthwhile appeal.

Badges range from £1 to £4

Wristbands & Bracelets £1

Paper Poppies and Reflector Poppies 50p

Get yours in time for our Services of Remembrance



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

Thank you





**Johnson House News**  
**Tutor Group of the Week**  
**18 again !!**



**Thank you for a great start to the term**  
**Next week - Have a great week**



Well done to  
**Form Number 27**  
for winning the  
**Liddell House**  
**Best Conduct Trophy!**  
Enjoy your treats 😊  
Miss Zych



**Do you want to make  
a difference in our school?  
Do you want to be a student leader in  
Liddell House?  
Why not apply to be a  
Liddell Student Representative**



<http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Be-a-Liddell-Student-Leader.pdf>

# eventbrite 'Meet the Pathologists'

## Virtual Careers Talks for 13 to 18 year olds by the Royal College of Pathologists on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout November

If you're between 13 and 18 years of age and interested in a career in medicine or science, attend one of our virtual careers talks in November. These sessions, to be held on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the month, will give you the chance to learn more about what pathologists and clinical scientists do and what it is like to work in this fascinating area.

[Wednesday sessions on 3, 7, and 10 November](#) will be held at 4pm.

[Friday sessions on 5, 12, and 19 November](#) will be held at 2pm.

Each session will run for 30 minutes and be followed by a 15-minute Q&A where students will be able to ask questions. Sign up through Eventbrite at the links below; it's a quick online registration and you'll be sent a Zoom link closer to the date.

Teachers can book via the link for the whole class or students can sign up individually and join the event from their own devices at home.

Wednesdays: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-pathologists-virtual-careers-talks-for-13-18-year-olds-tickets-160732682781>

Fridays: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-pathologists-virtual-careers-talks-for-13-18-year-olds-tickets-160737611523>



The Royal College of Pathologists  
Pathology: the science behind the cure

# PUPIL PREMIUM

This week, I have been meeting with the Year 10 Services students. I already mentor the Year 11 Services students, but this was an opportunity to chat to the Year 10s and see what support we could offer them.

Next half-term I will be meeting with the Services students in the Year 7, 8 and 9.

A reminder that our plans for the supporting of our Pupil Premium students can be found on the school website:  
<http://holytrinity.academy/pupilpremiuminfo/>

If you have any questions about Pupil Premium, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Woodvine

## Year 11 Autumn Half-Term Reports

These are now available to view on





**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 and there is no need to book.



**“I’m rubbish at Maths!  
How can I help my child?”**

We often hear parents concerned that their own Maths skills are not as good as they would like and they feel they cannot support their children. Numeracy is the everyday Maths that children and adults alike should be comfortable with – National Numeracy is a charity to help raise levels of numeracy and to promote its importance. They have lots of resources to help adults to improve their own numeracy and support their children’s understanding too.

### **So how do I improve my own Numeracy skills**

[www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/improve-your-maths](http://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/improve-your-maths)

Attempt the National Numeracy Challenge by clicking on the above link. It will review your current skills and then provide you with the necessary support to improve your overall numeracy.



### **How do I help my child with their Maths**

1. Be positive about maths. Try not to say things like "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school" - your child may start to think like that themselves.
2. Point out the maths in everyday life. Include your child in activities involving numbers and measuring, such as shopping, cooking and travelling.
3. Praise your child for effort rather than for being "clever". This shows them that by working hard they can always improve.

National Numeracy have a Family Maths Toolkit which provides lots of ideas and resources that you can use with the whole family [www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk](http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk)

Ms Fletcher

(KS3) Lead Teacher of Maths

# Looking after your wellbeing



Every Friday Mrs Handy will have 1:1 and group slots available to book between **14:40-15:15** for students to have some extra support with their mental wellbeing.

- **Stress and anxiety support**
- **Self-esteem intervention**
- **Mindfulness**
- **Managing exam worry**
- **Emotions and feelings**

Please speak to Mrs Handy if you are interested in staying after-school for support..

# Wellbeing Session

## 'Mindfulness'

Years 10 & 11

When: Friday's

Time: 8:00-8:20am

Where: Reflection



Years 10 and 11 can be very stressful years at school. You have work to keep up on homework, revision and assessments as well as keeping up with friendships and your social life.

All of these are important to ensure you achieve the best you can and enjoy being a teenager. Sometimes though, this can come at a price...

this can affect our well-being.

We can become tired, emotional and overwhelmed.

Each Friday morning Mrs Handy will be running a 15 minute mindfulness session. This will allow 15 minutes peace into your busy week.

A mindfulness meditation will play and you can choose to sit or lie and listen to it in peaceful surroundings.

# 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
- ◇ to create and choose resources to support mental well-being in school
- ◇ Organise well-being events with the Mental Health Lead
- ◇ Help to put together resources for our weekly theme board

**Every Wednesday:**

**KS3 & KS4**

**8:00am-8:20am**

All students are

welcome to attend the meetings.

The meeting will take place in the hall.



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

# Another call for your help! Refugees from Afghanistan

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

(Matthew chapter 25 verse 36)

May we thank those of you who have already kindly donated to the Afghan Refugee Crisis.

We have received many generous donations of the much needed

Toiletries

Smart phones

Hair and beard trimmers

Baby wipes

Nappies size 4/5

Women's Incontinence Underwear

but there is always room for more.



This week Alex Beyer from the St Vincent de Paul Society, a local Christian group who are working hard to support the newly arrived refugees, has collected from us a huge amount of supplies.

The Whitmore family who are heavily involved in the Telford Community Support Group on Facebook launched an appeal on our behalf and the result was overwhelming.

A big thank you to them and to all other families that have donated.

Many thanks and God Bless

Ms O'Neill

# PUPIL PREMIUM

## Spotlight on

### Session 6:

# English

All of our Year 8 students have been studying Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice' this term. In the play, the father of the beautiful and highly-intelligent heiress, Portia, has devised a test for Portia's suitors to pass: they must choose to open one of three caskets. The first man to open the correct casket has permission to marry Portia. Any man who choose the wrong casket will be punished by being banned from ever getting married to anyone.

In our Session 6 time, 8y1 have been making the caskets for use in a dramatisation of this scene. Pictured with the caskets are Ashton, Archie and Brandon. Well done boys!

Special thanks to Mr Welsh for allowing us to use his art room – and art supplies – for this project.



# Results



The results of the Biology Week Science Quiz are:

Johnson - 722

Liddell - 446

Fry - 445

Assisi - 30

The top three performing tutor groups were:

26 - Score of 446

21 - Score of 326

23 - Score of 227