



# HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

## PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week commencing Monday 13th December 2021



### *Whole School Spirituality*

## *Acts of Kindness*



*When I was very young, neither me nor my siblings were particular fans of vanilla ice cream. We would always opt for strawberry or chocolate flavoured ice cream because the taste and flavour was, in our opinion, better (but never mint-choc chip! ... you have to draw a line somewhere!) We were, at that age, of the mindset that vanilla ice-cream was what you got if you took all the chocolate out of chocolate flavoured ice cream!*

*However, now that I'm older and wiser, I have come to learn that vanilla ice-cream has a flavour all of its own.*

*The same is with kindness.*

*Kindness is not just 'not being rude' or 'not saying something hurtful'. Kindness is actually something in and of itself. It is compassion. It is gentleness. It is love. I could stay in bed all day and not be rude or unpleasant, but it would not make me kind or loving. I actually have to do something.*



*So, this week we are asking all those in our school community to think about what they could do ... what act of kindness could they do that expects nothing in return.*



# Exaggerate

To exaggerate is to make something or something's features appear more extreme than they are.

## HPL FOCUS

### Speed & Accuracy

*The ability to work at speed and with accuracy*



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 **Speed and Accuracy**.

(the ability to see how what is happening in this instance could be extrapolated to other similar situations)



### Top Tips on..... Speed and Accuracy

1. Practise, practise and more practise is the way to perfect automaticity – emphasise this message consistently
2. Encourage your child to check their work for any mistakes. Leave time after the completion of work to do this e.g a day later
3. Discuss occasions when they have made mistakes and how they learnt from them
4. Support your child with memory techniques. How can you train your brain to remember more? Make this a challenge – who can come up with the most effective way to remember something
5. Emphasise that ways of thinking and behaving can develop in exactly the same way that practical skills can. How do we become more natural in practical skills? How can we do the same for our thinking skills in order for them to become more 'automatic'?

# End of Term Arrangements, Christmas 2021



**Years 11 - 13 only will finish at  
12 noon on Friday 17th December.**

**Years 7 to 10 will finish at 1.10pm.**

**The school buses will depart at 1.15pm**

**A letter has been sent out on  
Edulink regarding start of term  
arrangements and testing.**





## **Book Fair**



### **When:**

**Friday 10th - Wednesday 15th December**

**Where: OUTSIDE ENGLISH**

### **WHAT TIME:**

**BOTH BREAK TIMES, AFTER SCHOOL AND DESIGNATED KS3 ENGLISH LESSONS**

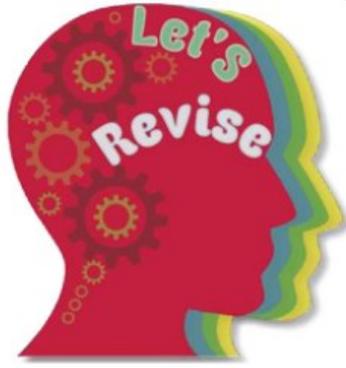
This year, all Futures Group pupils will receive a free book of their choice from the fair; they are welcome to obtain their book at any of the time slots listed above.

If your child would like to purchase books from the book fair, please can you send your child in with cash monies.

Change will be available directly from the book fair.

If you would prefer a cashless payment, due to Covid-19 restrictions, alternatively you can purchase pre-paid gift vouchers from the Scholastic website.

They are available to purchase directly from here:  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>



## Year 11 Revision Updated Timetable

1 Monday

**Health & Social, Art, English**

1 Tuesday

**Maths, Geography**

1 Thursday

**Comp Science, D&T, Engineering,  
RE, Science**

1 Friday

2 Monday

**Health & Social, Art, English**

2 Tuesday

**Maths, Geography**

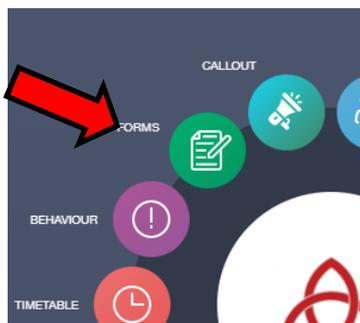
2 Thursday

**D&T, Engineering, RE, Science**

2 Friday

# Years 10 & 12

**Years 10 & 12 Autumn Term reports  
are now available to view on Edulink**



**Please remember to update your 'digital  
publicity' consent on Edulink/Forms**



**NEWSLETTER**

# PUPIL PREMIUM

Please check the Pupil Premium and Services Premium sections of the school website for more information about the way your children are supported at HTA. You will find more information on there, including a list of criteria to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals, and a link to the Telford and Wrekin application form.

<http://holytrinity.academy/pupilpremiuminfo/>



## Spotlight

### on Session 6 Y8 Science

The students in Year 8 are currently carrying out a practical investigation. They have planned an experiment to test an hypothesis, identifying variables, using key scientific terms, such as the names of equipment and explaining how to work safely.

Last week they carried out the practical experiment that they had planned and recorded their data in a suitable table.

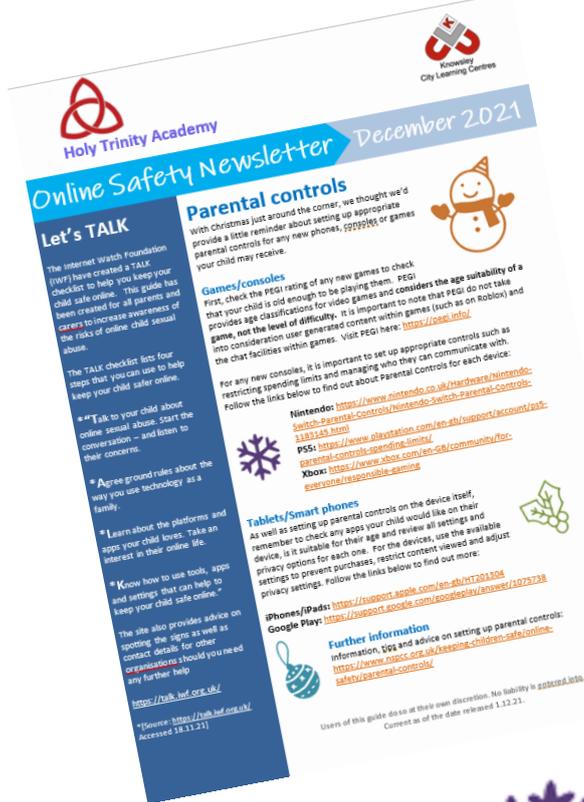
This involved measuring volumes of liquids, masses of solids and recording temperatures. They have developed confidence and skill when using Bunsen burners as well as a range of other practical equipment.

This week we've been applying their new practical skills to making Christmas bath bombs!

The key focus will be following a written method and using apparatus with care and accuracy.

# Online Safety Newsletter

December 2021



Be sure to click on the link for this month's Online Safety Newsletter. Advice on setting up parental controls on any new games consoles, tablets or smart phones your child may receive this Christmas. A guide to 'tools', 'apps' and 'settings' and Digital Safety Toolkits



[http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Dec-2021\\_Holy-Trinity.pdf](http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Dec-2021_Holy-Trinity.pdf)

We have a mounting collection of lost property in school including a large number of coats.

If your child has lost anything in school please get them to search in lost property (located opposite reception).

Any items left will be taken to charity at the end of term.

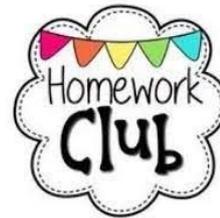
Any named items have been returned. Please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly named. Thank you.





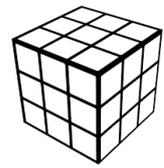
## REMINDER

Both Homework Clubs  
(including SEN below)  
will finish on  
**Wednesday 15th December**  
and will resume on  
**Monday 10th January 2022**



If your child requires a fidget toy due to SEN needs, these must be issued by the SEN department.

Rubik's cubes are not classed as a fidget toy and must not be used in lessons.



Data consent forms for Year 11 access arrangements must be returned by **Wednesday 15th December**.

# IMPACT DAY

## Year 7– Mental Health and Wellbeing

I would like to send my praise to students in **7Y1, 7Y2** and **7Y3** who spent an hour each with me (Mrs Handy) on Thursday morning during impact day.

The students were well mannered, well behaved and showed empathy for those in the room who needed it. The students were very mature whilst talking about a very important topic.



## A reminder of where students years 7-11 can access support for their mental wellbeing outside of school:



Web address: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Helpline: [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

### Who are Childline?

Childline are there to listen to you, whatever is on your mind and to help support and guide you with making choices if you are worried.

Family, friends  
and school staff -

A trusted person can be a big support when you need it.  
Don't be afraid to ask.

Web address: [www.kooth.com/](http://www.kooth.com/)

### What is Kooth?

Kooth is for online mental well-being support. You can chat with the team using the app or on the computer. You can also use the app to keep a daily journal or check out the magazine articles.

### ThinkNinja App- FREE

It helps to build resilience, manage your emotional health and to fulfil your potential.

For 10-18 Year olds

A range of videos to support specific areas of wellbeing



Web address: [childrenssociety.org.uk](http://childrenssociety.org.uk)

### What is **BEAM**?

'Be kind to your mind'

They are an emotional health and well-being drop in service for young people.

#### Where is **BEAM**?

9 Market Square

Wellington

TF1 1BP

Mondays and Tuesdays- 12pm-7pm

Saturdays- 11am-4pm

## Parents

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

Mellors Catering Services do not facilitate credit.

Please note: Crediting might not be instant so allow good time for funds to reach the account.

Thank you.



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Dish</b>	Turkey meat balls with Stir Fry noodles	Chicken biryani, homemade naan bread and chilli and coriander chutney	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing and gravy served with crispy roast potato	Beef bolognaises pasta bake 	Crispy battered fish goujons with chunky chips
<b>Vegetarian Main Dish</b>	Vegetarian sausage and bean gratin with garlic and herb potatoes	Cheese and Broccoli Quiche	Lentil and cheese hot pot with Roasted 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 New Potatoes Salad bar	Roasted parsnips Sautéed leeks Salad bar 	Crisp mixed salad Garden peas Salad bar	Crushed minted peas Sweetcorn Salad bar 
<b>Hot Handheld special</b>	Crispy bacon, lettuce, and tomato ciabatta with Cajun wedges	Pepperoni Pizza	Chicken gyros in wholemeal pitta bread, green salad 	Veggie Goujon Wrap and Mixed Salad	spicy chicken and vegetable noodles
<b>Street Food</b>	Pomodoro Pasta	Vegetable Meatball Pasta	Beef Keema and Yellow Rice	Classic Margherita pizza	Piri Piri pork with apple and fennel slaw on a toasted brioche bun 
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	Grated Cheese Or Baked Beans	Tuna Mayo or Grated Cheese	Coleslaw Or Baked Beans	Grated Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans Or Coleslaw
<b>Dessert</b>	Selection Of Tray Bakes and Fresh Fruit	Selection Of Tray Bakes and Fresh Fruit	Selection Of Tray Bakes and Fresh Fruit 	Selection Of Tray Bakes and Fresh Fruit	Selection Of Tray Bakes and Fresh Fruit



A reminder to all Bronze students in Y10 and Y11 that activity assessor reports should be completed by end of next week on eDofE.

See Mr Sawyer if any help is needed on this.

For Y9 Bronze students after school sessions for those not involved in DofE enrichment will continue on Tuesday evenings, the last one this Term is on 14<sup>th</sup> December and then will resume on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Students in Y10 that have completed Bronze and are interested in Silver need to return the forms previously sent out on Edulink, before the Christmas break.



# House Sport



**Years 7, 8 and 9** are to come to school in their P.E kit on their house sport day.

**Years 10 & 11** are to come to school in uniform and change for the competition.

Boys are playing football  
(outside - boots required)  
and girls are playing netball (in the sports hall).