



PARENT
WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK
BEGINNING
6/5/2019
WEEK 2

DIARY DATES—WEEK BEGINNING 6th May 2019

We have 1 school week left until public exams begin

MONDAY 6th May

BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 7th May

FRENCH GCSE
SPEAKING EXAM

WEDNESDAY 8th May

THURSDAY 9th May

YEAR 11 LEAVERS
SERVICE

FRIDAY 10th May

Year 9 and Year 10 Bookmark

House Competition

Want to have fun, be creative, earn achievement points and the chance to win prizes, AND revise for English Literature? Then why not enter our amazing bookmark competition?

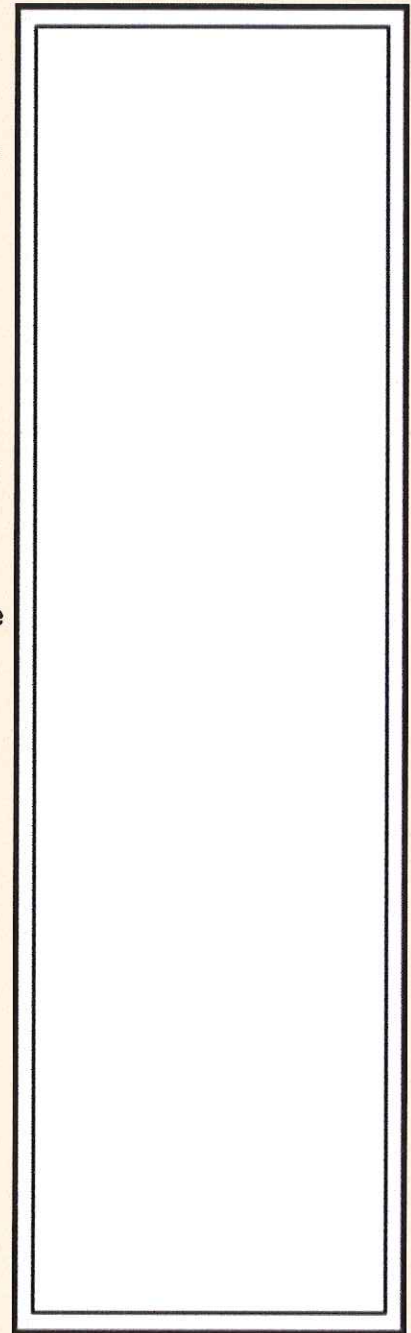
All you have to do is design a bookmark with pictures, colour, and most importantly QUOTATIONS from your Literature exam texts – ‘Romeo and Juliet’, ‘An Inspector Calls’, ‘A Christmas Carol’ and/or poems from the AQA Love and Relationships anthology.

This competition is open to all Year 9 and Year 10 students. You can handwrite/ draw your bookmark or use a computer. There is a bookmark template on Show My Homework for you to use.

2 achievement points will be awarded to each good quality entry and there will be prizes for the best Year 9 entry and the best Year 10 entry. Our favourite entries will be displayed around school for people to admire; they will also be made into professionally-produced bookmarks and sold to students, with profits going to the charity appeals.

Deadline for entries: Monday 13th May.

Please submit your bookmarks (named) to Mrs Woodvine OR to your English teacher to pass on.



HORRIBLE HISTORIES

On Thursday 11th April, 45 Year 8 students spent the morning watching Horrible Histories at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury. The performance called Terrible Tudors included plenty of gory stories and silly songs. Apologies to parents who are sick of hearing “divorced, beheaded and died, divorced, beheaded, survived” it’s a real ear worm! Students were a credit to the school with their excellent conduct throughout the trip.

Mrs J Card - History department

DIARY DATES

PD DAYS 2019-20

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2019

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020

THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2020

FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2020

Open Evening for September 2020 intake will be Tuesday 1st October 2019.

History Trip to France 27-28 June

- Please ensure students have a passport with extended time left on it.
- Students also need E 1 11.
- All students should return the data letter to school.
- Parent's evening is 6pm 21 May. It is strongly recommended that you attend.
- Please bring passports to this evening.

Many thanks

Mrs Simmonds

PTFA

The PTFA continues to work hard raising funds in order to provide our students with opportunities, activities and equipment. They have been working closely with staff and students over the last two and a half years to help raise money through various events at school. This term, as a result of successful fundraising, the PTFA have purchased two outdoor Table Tennis tables as requested by the students. The help and support from staff, students and parents to provide ideas and put these events together is very much appreciated. A big 'thank you' to all those of you who have been involved. If you are interested in joining the PTFA or would like some more information, please do get in touch with school or email Neha Deol on nehadeol@hotmail.com



REMINDER—ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

The electronic entrance gates are currently being installed. Students should now be entering and leaving from the side gate off the foot path, next to the community field. Parents needing to access the car park to pick up students with medical conditions should request a pass, if they have not already been provided with one.

REVISION TIPS

MATHS

Follow this link for further revision hints

<http://holytrinity.academy/maths-year-11-revision/>

Corbettmaths 5 a-day quizzes are a great way to complete the little and often revision that is needed for Maths. Follow the link to access the daily quizzes and answers.



<https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/>

We've noticed that some students are forgetting some of the key facts and formulas for GCSE Maths. Why not help them revise by quizzing them on the formulae they need to know, this can be found here:



<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/mathematics/2015/misc/gcse-maths-formulae-sheet-a5.pdf>

We also recommend the following app which students can use to quiz themselves: <https://www.keycardsrevision.co.uk/>

A preview can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK9CMIY0bQg&feature=youtu.be>

ENGLISH

Year 11 pupils now have an online revision calendar to follow for English in addition to a range of resources to help support and stretch and challenge them. They are also able to access blank knowledge organisers to fill in for revision. They have been told how to navigate the website.

Here is the link:

bit.ly/revisiony11

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING, 14TH MAY

Year 7 booking system for parent's evening goes live on 3rd May and closes on 10th May

Year 10 internal assessments will be starting on 10th June

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL

The focus of communications should be to advance student progress either academically or socially.

Parents can communicate by :

- emailing enquiries@holytrinity.academy
- using the 'contact us' form on the website
- calling the main office on 01952 386100
- by writing a note in the student planner

Please do not use systems such as Show My Homework to communicate with staff.

Whatever the form of communication, please provide brief details of the nature of the concern.

The school operates a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Whilst we appreciate that parents may be contacting the school regarding a disagreement, it is essential that the matter is dealt with in a professional manner in order to ensure the best outcome for our students. Abuse and rudeness towards staff will not be tolerated.

Please understand that teachers will need **up to 4 working days** to respond to communication requests, as schedules are very busy at school and the answer may involve meeting with other teachers who may have valuable input. More complicated issues may take longer to fully and effectively resolve.

Please do not attend school without having previously made an appointment as this can be very difficult to accommodate due to teaching schedules and other meetings before/after school. You can arrange for an appointment via the main school office.

Reception staff will ask for brief details of the nature of the communication in order to direct you to the most appropriate person.

Any major behavioural concerns or urgent safeguarding issues should be dealt with via a phone call to the main office to ensure a quick and positive outcome if required. Urgent safeguarding concerns can be reported to Family Connect on 01952 385385. The Pastoral Team will endeavour to deal with urgent issues as quickly as possible, within 48 hours. Please note the pastoral office closes at 3.30pm.

The subject areas and point of contact for communication should be as follows:

AREA OF CONCERN	FIRST POINT OF CONTACT
ACADEMIC	Subject Teacher
PASTORAL (low level)	Form Tutor
PASTORAL (medium level)	Pastoral
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS	SENCo
ADMINISTRATIVE / FINANCIAL / SIMS Parent Online	School Office

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Support for Students: GCSE English Language Lunchtime Intervention

Dear Parents/Carers

As discussed at Parents' Evening, I would like to invite your child to selected English Intervention sessions on Tuesday lunchtimes. I want to ensure your child feels confident and secure in their English revision programme, and would like to offer them the opportunity to work in small groups on selected areas of their English Language exams. Some pupils will be selected by their English teacher and others will be available to sign up on a first-come-first-serve basis (signup sheet outside room 236).

English Language Paper 1 exam date - 4th June 2019 (am)

English Language Paper 2 exam date - 7th June 2019 (am)

English Literature Paper 1 exam date - 15th May 2019 (pm)

English Literature Paper 2 exam date - 23rd May 2019 (am)

Date	Topic	Extra Information
22/01/2019	Inferences/ overview	Overview/differences between the two language papers.
29/01/2019	Inferences/ reading	Focusing on two sources - pre 19 th century/modern text.
05/02/2019	Paper 2 - Q2	Summary/synthesising.
12/02/2019	Paper 2 - Q4	Comparing viewpoints in two texts.
26/02/2019	Internal Assessments	English teachers will be available in room (214) at lunchtime for any questions/support for their English examinations.
05/03/2019	Internal Assessments	
12/03/2019	Paper 2 - Q3	Language analysis.
19/03/2019	Paper 2 - Q5	Planning/6 paragraph structure/generating ideas.
26/03/2019	Paper 1 - Q5	Planning/6 paragraph structure/generating ideas.
02/04/2019	Paper 1 - Q2	Language analysis.
09/04/2019	Paper 1 - Q3	Structure analysis.
30/04/2019	Paper 1 - Q4	Evaluating a statement/how to plan for this question.
07/05/2019	TBC	Pupils' choice.
14/05/2019	Public exams start	Mrs Olnier will be available in room (214) at lunchtime for any questions/support for English.
21/05/2019	TBC	
28/05/2019	TBC	

The session will start at 1.40 and end at 2.15pm. Students are welcome to bring their lunch to the revision session.

There will also be revision sessions after school on Wednesdays focusing on GCSE English Literature.

Kind regards

B J Olnier

Mrs B Olnier (LeadTeacher of English)

Year 11 after school revision 2019

Summer Term

Mon	Science (priority) Art/Photo/French/Business Studies
Tues	Maths (priority) Geog (week 1 only) Music
Wed	GCSE PE / English
Thurs	R.E. (priority) Computer science / PD History

Transport to central locations is available.

Students must book onto the minibus at the main school office 24 hours in advance.



Homework Club

The homework club will run between 3.15pm and 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 3.15 - 4.15pm on a Friday. During this time your child will have full access to the computers and printers at the school to aid their learning. I must re-iterate that this a study session and not a forum for students to be looked after. The sessions will be supervised by a member of the school leadership team.

If there are any issues with any students regarding behaviour, attendance or poor work ethic then they will not be allowed to attend homework club and parents will be informed.

It is vitally important that all pupils sign in at reception to show they are on site after 3.15pm.

Consequently, any student who is booked into homework club and then chooses to leave school instead of staying on site will have their place removed. As you will appreciate this is for safeguarding reasons.

The cost of the homework club is £50 per term. Any pupil who is in receipt of pupil premium can attend the club without charge but must still complete the slip on the letter.

All monies must be paid on a termly basis by cash or cheque, made payable to Telford & Wrekin Council (this should be placed in an envelope with the child's name and form clearly written on the front). Please note that payments booked are non-refundable.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS FACILITY, PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD TO REQUEST A LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OR YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A COPY FROM OUR WEBSITE UNDER 'LETTERS'

Pupil Premium: Information for Parents

May 2019

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

Who is eligible?

Holy Trinity Academy is awarded Pupil Premium funding for children who meet any of the following criteria:

- have been entitled to free school meals within the last 6 years/ are currently entitled to free school meals
- are 'looked after'
- are covered by a residency or guardianship order
- have been adopted from care
- have a parent in the armed forces

What is the money spent on?

On our website, you can find details of how the additional funding is spent:

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



Revision guides and reading books

Some of the additional funding we receive is spent on resources. This year our Pupil Premium students have been provided with a number of study guides, as well as English Literature texts such as 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Romeo and Juliet'.

The English department has produced guides to the English Language and Literature GCSEs for our Year 11 parents and these were distributed at our Year 11 Intervention Evening in February. A copy can also be found on the school website.

The History department have produced parent guide packs, ensuring that all of our Pupil Premium parents have a copy. They have also taught a GCSE History lesson to Year 10 and 11 parents on 13th February; the session was well-attended, with PP parents invited receiving personal invitations, and the feedback from parents was extremely positive.

Corbett Maths revisions cards were ordered for Year 11 students; Pupil Premium students received theirs for free.



School trips and visiting speakers

Since January, our Pupil Premium students have benefitted from a number of educational visits, including theatre trips to watch 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' for Performing

Arts and 'Horrible Histories' with the History department. In March, a small group of Pupil Premium students attended the 'Celebrating Women in Maths' event at Wolverhampton University, with a view to increasing aspirations. They listened to people speaking about potential careers in Maths and participated in a range of activities designed to encourage students to see the ways Maths skills can be used in real life. Students found the day interesting and reported that they were now considering taking Maths at 'A' level.

In October 2019, a group of Y11 students will be going to Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury to watch a performance of one of their GCSE texts: 'An Inspector Calls'; Pupil Premium students will have their places funded.

Many of our Pupil Premium students have enjoyed the experience of hearing outside speakers talk to their year group on a range of topics to support them with post-16 aspirations as well as broaden their curriculum. Speakers have included Embrace Mentoring, Positively Mad, Female Engineering, Titan STEM lorry, Pitch it, Elevate Education and Speakers for Schools.

Enrichment

Our Friday afternoon Enrichment sessions continue to provide all of our students with the opportunity of developing new skills or introducing them to new interests. The Spring term's sessions have included a range of activities, such as cross country, dodgeball, Youth Alpha, golf, learn to build a computer, learn to cook, trading cards, Young Enterprise, debating, art, Minecraft, Yell study, Production, music, netball, football, basketball and Krav Maga.



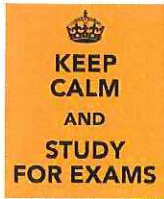
Student interviews and 'passports to learning'

At Holy Trinity Academy, we value the role 'student voice' can play in helping us to identify the level of support students need and want. Form tutors regularly interview Pupil Premium students from Year 7 to 11 to ensure that they feel fully supported and to identify any barriers to learning. Mrs Woodvine has also interviewed all of the Pupil Premium students in Year 11 and produced student passports with them; the passports are used by members of staff to inform their teaching and enhance positive relationships with the students.

Workspace

After talking to our Pupil Premium students, it became clear that we needed to provide a quiet workspace with access to computers and printers for Year 11s. Since October, room 214 (Mrs

Woodvine's room) has been open every lunchtime from Monday to Thursday for all our Y11 students to revise and complete homework.



In Computer Science, a lunchtime club for Key Stage 3 students has been established to provide students opportunities to complete ICT work and/or receive extra support.

If you have any further questions then please speak to Mrs Welsh (Deputy Head) or Mrs Woodvine (Lead Teacher of Pupil Premium).