



PARENT
WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK
BEGINNING
4/11/2019
WEEK 1

DIARY DATES—WEEK BEGINNING 4 November 2019

MONDAY 4 November	RETURN TO SCHOOL D of E meeting for students after school.
TUESDAY 5 November	
WEDNESDAY 6 November	SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS 2020. ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND
THURSDAY 7 November	
FRIDAY 8 November	Enrichment

WEEKLY NUMERACY PROBLEM



INSTRUCTIONS

Questions and previous week's solution will be shared on a Monday.

Solutions should be placed in the box by the main reception with students name and tutor group clearly written.

Correct solutions will be awarded points.

The Pythagorean Triple Threat is a coed softball team. League rules require the batting order to alternate boy-girl-boy-girl... (or girl-boy-girl-boy...). If there are five girls and five boys on the team, how many different batting orders are possible?

Dear Parent / Carers

Holy Trinity Academy is a High Performance Learning (HPL) Pathway School on its journey to becoming accredited as World Class.

In order to have a baseline measurement from all of our parents /carers we would be extremely grateful if you could use the link below and answer a 5 minute survey about teaching and learning.

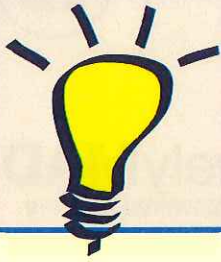
The questionnaire will close on Monday 4th November

<https://forms.gle/eNGyMTpSNAWbA1Gf6>

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Smith
Assistant Headteacher



LAST WEEK'S NUMERACY SOLUTION

The intersection of two sets includes all the elements (or members) that are in both sets. So set $X = \{A\}$.

GENERAL MESSAGES

Results and actions for year 11 have been shared via Edulink for year 11.

Parent booking system for year 7 settling in evening goes live on 4th November.

Many thanks to all parents who attended the year 7 PP meeting. As a result of feedback from parents the weekly menu will be included in the parent bulletin.

Enrichment choices for the spring term will be shared via the bulletin nearer the time.

Printing – all students have access to a limited amount of free printing in school. Homework can be printed before school.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

From 4th November, the facility for adding cash to dinner money accounts in the school canteen will be removed. Therefore all parents will need to make sure they have a Parentpay account set up in order to top up student accounts.



Aspire

activity



'Making Informed Decisions'

Friday 18th October, in hall.

Year 10 took part in this activity which was an uplifting, interactive and aspiration raising workshop designed to improve soft skills. The particular focus was on communication, decision-making, critical thinking skills, raising confidence and aspirations along with developing a positive mental attitude. The students were able to take part in a debating exercise and participated in a 'what would you do' decision-making activity.

Students said:

"I loved it because it made me think about my future and what I need to do to achieve my goals."

"It was good for my education and it inspired me to be a better person."

"It has given me an idea of what to do in the future."

"I loved this because it helped me build my confidence and has helped me realise the truth about work."

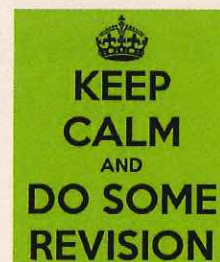


SKI TRIP 2021

A reminder that deposits for the school ski trip are due in by Thursday 14th November.

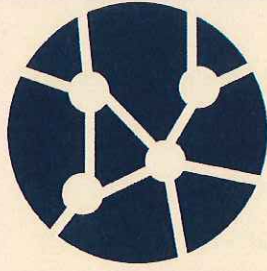
Year 11 after school revision 19-20. Autumn term

Mon	Art & Photography
Tues	Maths
Wed	
Thurs	R.E. French & computer science (priority RE)
Fri	Art & Photography



Transport to central locations is available for PP students.

Students must book transport at the main office 24hours in advance. Students will be charged for transport that is booked but not used.



Computer SCIENCE

Year 11 Computer Science Revision Sessions

Thursday afterschool in room 303 – 2.40 to 3.40pm

Focus Autumn Term 2 – Paper 2 Mock Actions

All Yr 10 and 11 Computer Science students are welcome to attend but it is an expectation that you attend if you did not meet your target for paper 2 in your latest mock exams. A letter will be sent with more information.

1. 7th November - Searching and sorting algorithms
 2. 14th November - Computational logic (logic gates and truth tables)
 3. 21st November - Binary calculations
 4. 28th November - Abstraction and Decomposition
 5. 5th December - SQL
- 12th December - Practising Algorithms including IF ELSE/LOOPS/
ARRAYS (Different past paper questions)

PARKING NOTICE

Ricoh have requested that parents / carers collecting children by car from school, refrain from parking in the entrance to their factory. Ricoh have numerous heavy goods vehicles using the entrance on Priorslee Avenue and have expressed serious concerns about the number of vehicles parking in this entrance to pick up students from Holy Trinity Academy.

Thank you for your co-operation

PROGRESS 8 SCORES

Holy Trinity Academy achieved a progress 8 score of +0.27 this year.

Another brilliant year for us and our students.

Well done.

Dear Parents/Carers

The governing body of HTA met on Wednesday 9th October and I had the privilege of being elected to be Chair of Governors for this year. Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to Maggie Langdale who led the Governors since the school opened in 2015. Maggie decided to retire from the governor role having served as Chair at both BRJ and HTA. Maggie led the governors through the first Ofsted inspection, which was a great success as well as many other challenges as HTA was opened and grew rapidly. We also said goodbye to Joan Furlong who retired from the governors in August. I would like to record the thanks of everyone associated with HTA to both Joan & Maggie for their service.



Now we are focussed on this new academic year with a positive outlook, working with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure the whole school continues to develop and remains compliant to regulations.

To give you an overview, the Governing Body consists of 14 people (Including Mr Neal). These people are drawn from many different backgrounds and are all volunteers. Many people are appointed either as foundation governors by both of our sponsor diocese or by the Local Authority. Some roles are elected, such as staff and parent governors.

Currently there are three vacancies, two for foundation governors, one appointed by the Anglican Diocese of Lichfield and another by the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury. The third vacancy is for a Parent Governor and I would ask you all to consider joining our governing body. If you are interested, please check out the school website which gives more details of the parent governor role. This link also contains the application documents so you can judge if you feel you have the time and skills to contribute to the leadership of our school community.

Mark Anderson – Chair of Governors.

NOTICE OF PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Holy Trinity Academy currently has one vacancy for a parent governor. Please log into our edulink communication system or the website to access further information.

All nominations and completed paperwork should be returned
by 3pm on Monday 4 November 2019.



**YOUR
PTFA
NEEDS
YOU**

Wednesday 6th November

5.30-6.30pm @ HTA

Christmas Fair Planning

New members welcome!



Any students who have done Dof E in the past, must come with evidence of all sections to a meeting after school on Monday the 4/11/2019 for an hour.

All must attend.

School Trousers /skirts

After half term we will be monitoring school trousers and skirts.

The recent trend of **trousers** that come just above the ankle length with trainer socks will not be permitted. If you child's trousers are too short can you please rectify this breach in school uniform.

"Trousers must be sensible tailored school trousers not jeans, fashion trousers that are too tight/short or have belts, buckles, pockets or other ornamentation".

Skirts

School skirts must be no higher than just above the knee

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

After half-term, Pizza will only be served every Friday in the canteen



Keeping teenagers safe

More crimes are committed against teenagers than any other age group, but here are some things they can do to keep safe on the streets:

- stay alert, and keep personal stereos/MP3 players turned off, so they can hear what's going on around them
- stick to busy, well-lit roads, and avoid short cuts through alley ways
- if your child thinks someone is following them, they should cross the road or go to a place with lots of people around, like a bus stop or shop
- your child could carry a whistle or shrill alarm around their neck or on a key chain to warn off suspicious strangers
- when travelling by bus, your child should try to use bus stops on busy roads
- if someone tries to take something from your child, tell them never to fight
- tell them to keep mobile phones and other valuables out of sight, and to turn off their mobile phone ringer to avoid attracting attention
- don't let your child carry weapons because they are more likely to be used against them, and it's illegal
- encourage your child to speak up if they are being bullied or feel they might be in danger



UK BEBRAS 2019

Computational Thinking Challenge

4TH - 15TH NOVEMBER



Secret Message

Agents Boris and Bertha communicate using secret messages.

Boris sends Bertha the secret message: *MEETBILLYBEAVERAT6*

He writes each character in a 4 column grid as shown below.

(He puts an X in any unused spaces.)

The secret message is created by reading from top to bottom and column by column starting from the left: *MBYVTEIBE6ELERXTLAAX*

Bertha then uses the same method to reply to Boris. The secret message she sends him is: *OIERKLTEILH!WBEX*

Question:

What message does Bertha send back?

Possible Answers:

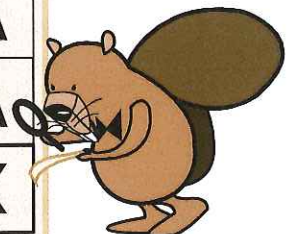
OKWHERE TOMEET!

OKIWILLBETHERE!

WILLYOUBETHERETOO?

OKIWILLMEETHIM!

M	E	E	T
B	I	L	L
Y	B	E	A
V	E	R	A
T	6	X	X





UK Beaver Computing Challenge

4th – 15th November 2019

All Holy Trinity Academy Computer Science pupils in all years will have the opportunity to take part in a national problem-solving competition that will test their computational thinking, decomposition, algorithms, and problem-solving skills. The tasks can be solved without prior knowledge but instead require logical thinking.

This competition consists of challenging puzzles set across different age ranges. This is an increasingly popular contest which previously has students from over 40 countries entering the competition, which is supported by Google and Oxford University.

The first round of the competition is held in school and students have to try and solve as many problems as possible in the allotted one hour time slot.

There are six age categories and the highest scoring students from the four oldest age groups (Elite, Seniors, Intermediate, and Juniors) get the opportunity to be invited to the Department of Computer Science at Oxford for the finals over two weekends in February.

All students entering will receive points for their house, and generous personal reward points for the overall winners.

Have a go at the challenge on the next page!

More past competitions can be found at:

<http://www.bebras.uk/prepare.html>

Mrs Edwards

Computer Science Department

Project Green House. #Peace Garden

Please support the students of HTA to build their sustainable **GREENHOUSE** made completely out of recycled plastic bottles. They are desperately in need of as many 2 litre plastic bottles or any plastic bottles with tops on.



The students are working alongside the Waste Management Company - Reconomy - to make this a sustainable reality. A greenhouse that they can then use to grow their own plants and vegetables. To take something so harmful to the environment and turn it into something that can create natural heat and energy would be fantastic. So PLEASE help by giving us your plastic bottle waste along and don't forget tops as well!

The students also need items for the school **PEACE GARDEN**. Although still in its infancy stage the garden is slowly showing signs of life and colour all down to the hard work of the students who have recently braved the wind and rain to get their spring bulbs down! The students are working very hard with a student from Chester University (also a parishioner from The Good Shepherd Parish, Telford), to make this a peaceful place to relax and de-stress.

A place they can feel calm and rested away from the daily demands.

Do you have any old plant pot holders or anything that the students can use to enhance this much needed space?



If so please bring to the school for the attention of Ms O'Neill and the Green House Peace Garden Project. Help the students make this dream of a sustainable healing space a reality.

With thanks from

The Greenhouse and Peace Garden Enrichment Project Group





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