



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week commencing Monday 20th September 2021

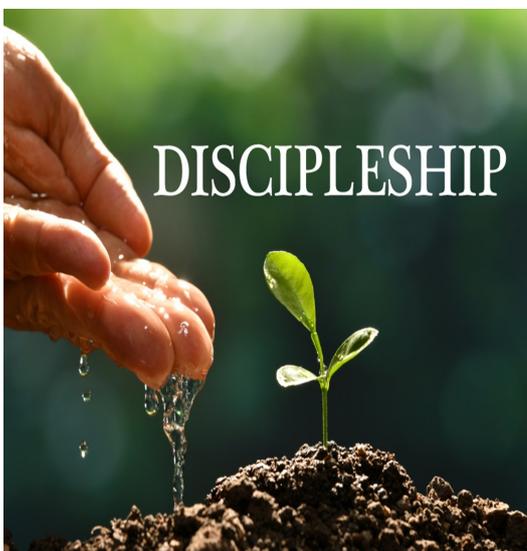
Whole School Spirituality

Discipleship Be A Servant To All

Everything in moderation is what my elders always used to say ... although there may be a few exceptions to the rule. The ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, believed the virtuous person was one who found the middle ground between excessive behaviours ... it was okay to be brave but not okay to be rash nor cowardly.

In schools today, there is a huge emphasis on self-esteem. Having self-esteem and self-worth is good. However, a sense of self-importance and inflating one's status over others is not good.

In the scriptures this week, Christ teaches us that self-importance [at a detriment to others] has no place in our lives nor in society.



We should put others first. I suppose if I put everyone else first ... and every one does the same, then there would be no need to fight one's way up high on to life's pedestal. There's room for us all on top.

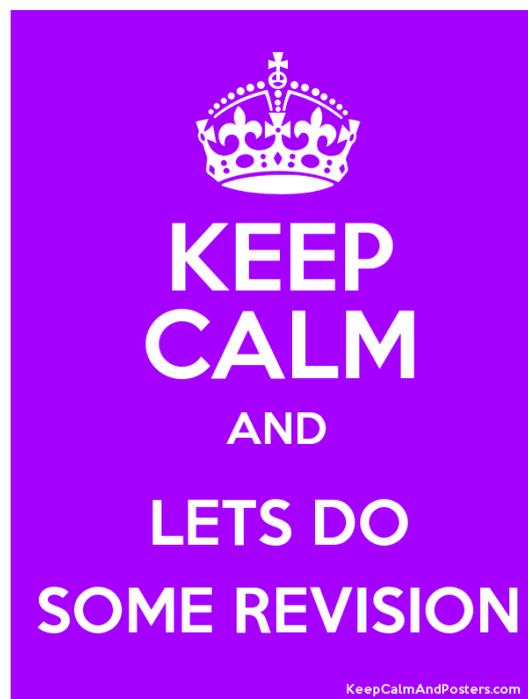
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Year 11 After School Revision

The Year 11 After-School Revision timetable is as follows:

Day	Department request
1 Mon	Health and Social, Art
1 Tues	Maths
1 Thurs	Computer Science, D&T / Engineering
1 Fri	
2 Mon	Business, Art
2 Tues	Maths
2 Thurs	D&T / Engineering
2 Fri	

This timetable will start from
Monday 20th September





Algorithm

An algorithm is a set of steps that, when followed, will carry out a specific task.

HPL FOCUS

Fluent Thinking

The ability to generate ideas



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 **Fluent Thinking** (*the ability to generate ideas*)



Top Tips on.....Fluent Thinking

1. Encourage the rethinking of ideas, so not settling for the first idea as thinking this is the best one.
2. Encourage listening to others in order to collaborate on ideas e.g. brainstorming
3. Encourage independent brainstorming – recent research is suggesting that this is most productive
4. Encourage your child to come up with as many answers to the same question as they can
5. Discuss how you generate ideas when faced with different situations at work or at home



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 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake	Creamy chicken and leek pie with a golden pastry top served with mash potatoes	Roast beef, Yorkshire puddings and gravy with crispy roast potatoes	Traditional beef lasagne with crusty garlic and herb bread	Jumbo fish fingers served with chunky chips
Vegetarian Dish	Mixed bean and aubergine tagine with couscous	Vegetable moussaka	Vegetarian toad in the hole with gravy and crispy roast potatoes	Spiced vegetable jambalaya 	Roasted Mediterranean vegetable calzone 
Accompaniments 	Roasted Mediterranean vegetables Steamed broccoli Salad bar	Spring greens Carrot batons Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Cauliflower cheese Braised red cabbage Salad bar	Green beans Crisp mixed salad Salad bar	Garden peas Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
Street Food	Malaysian Beef Rendang with coconut rice	Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Aloo tikka patties with tomato and onion seed chutney and a paratha	Hoisin pork noodles	Firecracker chicken with rice
Hot handheld Special	Tandoori chicken burgers cucumber raita 	Greek pork souvlaki in a warm pitta with tzatziki and Greek salad 	Roasted vegetable pizza	Chicken shawarma, salad, houmous and Khobez bread 	BBQ chicken pizza
Jacket	Mixed bean tagine or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Meatballs or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Tuna mayo or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Tuna mayo or baked beans or grated cheddar or slaw	Tuna mayo 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



PUPIL PREMIUM

Breakfast meeting for Pupil Premium (not Services) parents:
Wednesday 29th September at 9.00 am

I am writing to invite you to a breakfast meeting for parents of students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to key members of staff who will support your child at HTA.

We will also share with you details of the support that your child is entitled to as well as seek your views about how we might best support your child. Technical staff will be available to offer support with Edulink, SMHW, GCSE Pod and the parent's evening booking system.

Further details can be found on the letter on Edulink.

Please note that younger children are very welcome to attend.

If you are able to attend the meeting, please contact the school as soon as possible so that catering and free resources can be made available.

Mrs Woodvine
Lead Teacher for Pupil Premium



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT
WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK



COMPLETE THE ONLINE
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

Apply now: www.bigdiff.co.uk





Reminder to all DofE Students

Please can all DofE students ensure that equipment from last weekend's expedition is returned ASAP and in the same condition as it was distributed.

The equipment also needs all items intact so students need to arrange as a group to make sure tent poles and pegs are in the same bag as the tent so the tent is complete. If equipment is handed in at reception, students need to ensure that it is clear which group the equipment belongs to so it can be booked back in.

Assessor reports will only be completed for the expedition when all equipment has been returned by a team.

Bronze award will be offered to students in Y9 and above and has been included in an enrichment option. Interested students will be given further information in the next few weeks and the D of E website (www.dofe.org) provides lots of information on the award.



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.



As you may be aware, Telford and Wrekin Music offers a wide range of music lessons to pupils of all ages across Telford & Wrekin. The lessons are carried out during the school day in small groups. All students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

We are currently offering lessons in

Keyboard/Piano Guitar (Electric, Acoustic and Bass)
Drum Kit/Percussion Violin and Viola Singing

Your child will receive 10 lessons per term at a cost of £8.75 per lesson for group lessons (30 minutes in a group of 3 or 20 minutes in a group of 2), and £16.00 per lesson for individual lessons. This can be paid termly or in monthly instalments. Lessons are free of charge for pupils who are entitled to pupil premium (futures group) or are a child in care. For parents currently on Working Family Tax credits you will receive a discount of 25% on lessons by providing proof of eligibility. If you are interested in music lessons at school and would like your child to learn to play or continue to play a musical instrument, please apply online at <https://www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/> and click on 'lesson application form'. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01952 386100 or Jothan.Harper@holytrinity.academy

As an introduction to our wonderful peripatetic music teachers, watch their amazing arrangement of Earth, Wind & Fire's 'September'....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jd21NP0J8t8>



September by Earth Wind & Fire

Performed by the teachers of
Telford & Wrekin Music Service

ON WITH THE SHOW

This year's production will be a medley of songs from popular shows, choreography and acting with a focus on scenes from musical theatre.



Audition information:

- You will need to collect, learn and rehearse a script with one other person**
- and prepare a two minute song to perform as an individual (*no backing track required*)**

If you are a dancer:

- Prepare a short solo, duo or group piece in any genre**



Audition Dates:

Thursday 23rd September

Friday 24th September

Monday 27th September

2.50pm - 4.00pm

Sign up in pairs for a 10 minute time slot on one of the above dates

Mental Wellbeing

Theme of the week: *Where can I access support outside of school?*



Web address: 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.

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

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



kooth

Web address: 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.

Where can I get some support?

Who can I talk to?



Communication 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 SMHW 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

Thank you for your co-operation



HM Government

NHS

Test and Trace

Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home

Report online

Keep life moving

- **New test kits always available to students**
- **Please continue testing and reporting results**

Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

