



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week commencing Monday 14th February 2022

Whole School Spirituality

Beatitudes

I think it would be fair to say that my wife has the ability to murder a song when she sings it. She can sing in the same way that Les Dawson could play the piano. And yet when she sings, she still seems to ascertain some joy and happiness from it. The rest of us have usually left the room.

The scripture this week wants us to focus on what makes us truly happy. The Beatitudes reminds us that true joy and happiness lie in how we treat one another and do God's work through our words and actions.

The Psalm this week is a song of joy that we should sing to celebrate this pursuit of true happiness. And our Saint of the Week used another artistic form, that of painting, to celebrate the faith. So does it matter whether you can actually sing or paint or be artistic? Not at all. The Christian faith is there to be expressed and celebrated ... and if that means hitting a few wrong notes, then so be it.

(Mr Doust)



—Year 11 Mock Exams—

Mock exam timetables for Year 11 have been released on Edulink in the exams section. Please see Mrs Welsh if there are any issues.

Year 9 Parents Evening

A letter regarding the Year 9 Parents' Evening has been sent out on Edulink



MUFTI DAY! THIS THURSDAY

All students have the option of coming to school in Mufti clothes on Thursday 17th February.

They have all been briefed on the mufti day guidelines.

All pupils participating are asked to pay £1 in aid of the Shropshire Epilepsy Support charity following the sad news that one of our former pupils had recently passed away.

She suffered from epilepsy and we would therefore like to donate to this charity.

Pupils can attend in uniform if they do not wish to take part.

Clear guidelines for the day have been presented to the students. Staff will not be having discussions with parents on the day or after the day regarding appropriateness of clothes. Thank you.

HPL FOCUS

Flexible Thinking

The ability to abandon one idea for a superior one or generate multiple solutions



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 **Flexible Thinking**.

(The ability to break down a task, decide on a suitable approach and then act)

Top Tips on..... Flexible Thinking

1. Create a scenario which has a number of different approaches/solutions – discuss which one is best and why
2. Research someone who has invented something – find out how they adjusted and tweaked their invention to come up with their final product e.g. Dyson who had thousands of prototypes before arriving at the finished product
3. Ask your child to tell you about a book/computer game/ board game/activity/story that they have read/played/taken part in that has meant they have to make decisions about which path/route to take -ask them to explain why they made that decision above another one – what was their rationale/thinking
4. Ask your child to reflect on something new they have learnt recently (about anything) and then present their learning in 2 very different formats e.g. a diary entry v an artefact, an essay v an image
5. Talk to your child about learning requiring us to sometimes abandon ideas and that it is ok to approach learning in different ways or to start again. The importance of being open to a range of possible solutions to a problem or challenge enables us to think more broadly about our learning and in turn, possible solutions.





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*Absorb all the attention
or interest of*

This week, all Year 8 students will have received their letter and consent form for the forthcoming HPV vaccinations here in school on 9th & 10th March. Please return your completed consent forms to school by Monday 28th February at the latest.

All the information you need is here:

<http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/HPV-Leaflet.pdf>



Year 9 & 10 students who didn't receive the vaccine last time but have already returned their consent forms, can also be vaccinated. They will be contacted and reminded nearer the time. Any queries regarding the vaccination programme are to be emailed to shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net



The school has been supporting a group of refugees from Afghanistan and we have a fresh appeal NOW for sports trainers!

A group of the men will hopefully be using our sports facilities after school but can only do so if they have trainers to wear. If anyone has any spare trainers that they are happy to donate, we would be grateful, size 38 upwards so that more of them can participate. Thank you



Having achieved scores in the top 10% of the national Bebras competition, 27 students from Years 7 - 12 were invited to put their programming and computational thinking skills to the test today in the Oxford University Computing Challenge.
Good Luck to all!



Puzzle of the Week will return!

The first puzzle will be on the 14th February 2022

Teachers: You can register your school with the button below.
Students: If your school is participating then you can register as a user with the button below.

Website link:

<https://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/>

Staff, Students & Parents/Carers can all have a go! Each individual must register to enter using the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/HTA-POTWUserReg>

There will also be an optional assignment added to SMHW with the link for all students as a reminder.

In previous years we have had issues with the data received to award achievement points to students (and staff!), however we have been told this should not be an issue this year.

Achievement points will be issued as follows:

+1pt for every entry (max. 1pt per person)

+1pt for every correct answer (max. 1pt per person)

You must have registered stating Holy Trinity Academy as your school for your answers to be added to our school's data!!

Good luck!

Ms Fletcher

Year 8 Options

Y8 Options Business and Health & Social

Choosing a new subject for a GCSE must be an informed choice. Your child has been given a brief overview in their options talk by Mrs Welsh of these subjects. If they wish to find out more as they are now considering the subject, they should watch the pre-record giving more detailed information. In addition, for both subjects there is a suggested task so that they can see if it is a subject which is of interest. This information can be accessed via Teams Assignments in their IT/Computer Science team or by following the sharepoint links below:

Business [Link](#)

BTEC Health and Social Care [Link](#)

If you or your child requires further information they can come and find me, Mrs Evans, in school (Form room 312) or contact via email either with a question or to request a telephone call: Lucienne.evans@holytrinity.academy.

The logo for 'Kidz in Focus' features the word 'KIDZ' in blue with a red dot over the 'i', 'IN' in red, and 'FOCUS' in blue. All letters have a white outline and a drop shadow effect.

Year 11 Leaver's Hoodies can now be ordered directly from Kidz in Focus at a cost of £24.50

Designs, illustrations and details of how to order can be found here: <http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Holy-Trinity-Leavers-Hoodie-2022.pdf>

Deadline for orders is 20th April

Careers and Education Information and Guidance Update



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK

7th to 13th February 2022

- Last week was National Apprenticeships Week and Year 8 students at Holy Trinity Academy were able to join the 'Big Assembly Live' to hear all about apprenticeships. Please see the links below for further information.
- Apprenticeships or University?

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/480/Should-I-Apply-for-an-Apprenticeship-or-University%3F>



- What qualifications can you get through an apprenticeship?

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/912/apprenticeships-qualifications>

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

11th - 15th July 2022

- There are still a number of Year 10 students with Work Experience forms outstanding. Please return these forms as soon as possible so that they can be checked and returned to students for uploading on to the Enterprise Business Link website for crucial insurance verification.
- There is an exciting opportunity for two students to complete their work experience with Willmott Dixon, the construction company completing HTA's new school building! If your child has a strong interest in either construction or business, they can see me in Rm 241 for more information.

YEAR 12 VIRTUAL INSIGHT WEEK AT PwC

25th - 29th July 2022

- Applications for the summer 2022 programme are now open for students in Year 12. The week-long programme allows students to gain valuable skills and to explore further education and career options. Follow the link below to find out more and to apply.

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html>

Miss Sutton

CHECK THIS OUT!



Online Safety Newsletter February 2022

Go to: http://holytrinity.academy/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Online-Safety-Newsletter-February-2022_Holy-Trinity.pdf

for the latest help and advice

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Broadband controls



what is

Discord



and all you need to know about ...

Yubo

Social networking

- Gaming – has your child been offered gifts?
- What is your child playing online?



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Online Safety Newsletter February 2022

Broadband controls

Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

Sky:
<https://www.sky.com/help/disc-no-ctrls/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

BT:
<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-in>

Talk Talk:
<https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/keeping-your-family-safe/bd-p/ksfishub>

Virgin:
<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control>

Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your internet, so ensure you set up parental controls on those devices too.

Further information:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guides-and-resources/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

Further information:
• <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/safety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kid-can-use-it-safely/>
• <https://discord.com/safety>



Discord

Discord is a social networking app that is used by gamers to chat to each other. There can be in app purchases through Discord's premium subscription service. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The Apple App store rates it as 17+.

How does it work?
Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server and they can either be public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups.

How can I make it safer?
Discord have created this article, which outlines four steps to creating a safer account, including how to block users.
<https://discord.com/safety/360043897791-Four-steps-to-a-safer-account>

How is it linked to other games?
Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat about the game (rather than the game's own chat facility).

What do I need to be aware of?
We always encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use different apps/websites and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It's important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article, which answers common questions:
• <https://discord.com/safety/360044149591-answering-parents-and-educators-top-questions>

Further information:
• Discord app safety – What parents need to know:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/safety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kid-can-use-it-safely/>
• <https://discord.com/safety>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.02.22.



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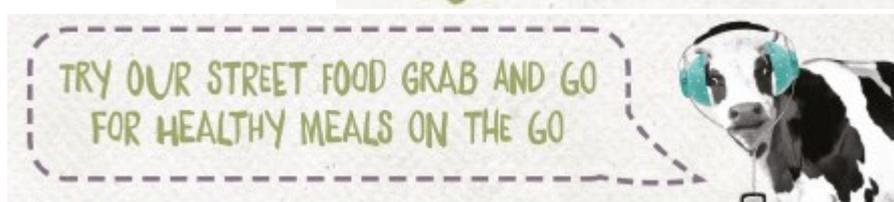
Parents

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.

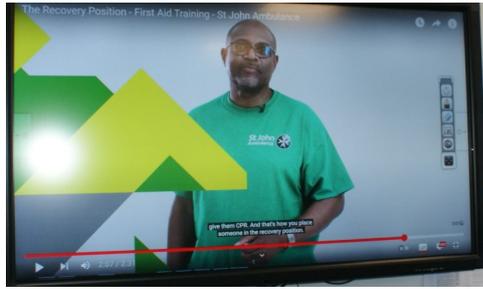


Week 1	Monday <small>MEAT FREE</small>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Fiery Mexican chilli, brown rice, sour cream and salsa	Pork sausage, red onion gravy and champ mash potato	Apple glazed roast pork, crispy roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Singapore noodles	Crispy battered fish with chunky chips, Curry Sauce
Vegetarian Main Dish	Sweet potato and squash stew with pea and mint couscous	Quorn™ and vegetable lasagne with crusty garlic and herb bread	Cheesy potato and leek pie topped with puff pastry served with crispy roast potatoes	Aubergine and chickpea Dhansak, pilau rice and cucumber raita	Falafel in a wholemeal pitta, crunchy slaw and chunky chips
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn and Green Beans Salad bar	Roasted Root Vegetables and Green Cabbage Salad bar	Steamed carrots and broccoli Salad bar	Mixed Vegetables Roasted butternut squash Salad bar	Garden peas Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
Hot Handheld Special	Hot Turkey Meatball Subs	Roasted vegetable pizza	Hot Chicken Kebab Wraps with Salad	Hot Dogs and Onions	Vegetable Pizza
Street Food	Italian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta	Sweet Potato and Vegetable Masala with Rice and Bombay Potatoes	Chicken and Bacon Pasta	Red Thai Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice	Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles
Jacket Potato	Grated Cheese Or Baked Beans	Tuna Mayo or Grated Cheese	Coleslaw Or Baked Beans	Grated Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Baked Beans Or Coleslaw
Dessert	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



Impact Day on Thursday saw students participating in activities and workshops away from their timetable.

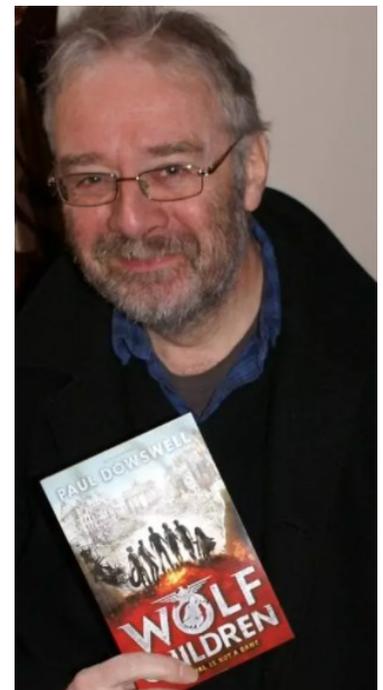
They engaged in a wide variety of activities ranging from first-aid, art, practical science and Year 7 students had the



privilege of listening to local, award winning children's author Paul Dowsell.



Paul talked about one of his best-selling books 'Wolf Children'. He spoke about the history and inspiration for the book and had a Q&A session afterwards.



Year 7 students all received a free wrapped book from the English department to complete a BookBuzz swap challenge. Inside those books were 8 lucky golden ticket winners who won a signed copy of 'Wolf Children'!

