



Holy Trinity Catholic School
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Update for parents and carers: Monday 9th December 2024 – Monday 24th February 2025

We have now started the holy season of Advent which marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Advent means 'arrival' and each week in December celebrates something unique that Jesus brought to earth when he was born: **hope, peace, joy, love**. The idea of using candles on an Advent Wreath is to be able to see the light growing brighter each week as we get closer to the birth of Jesus as the "**Light of the World**." Hopefully, we will feel a little brighter inside at the end, too! We prepare for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day and remember his first coming; we also look with great hope to Jesus' second coming and return.

We pray this special 'Walk with Me Prayer during Advent':

Lord God, our light and our salvation,

We praise you for your gifts of life and faith.

We thank you for the desire that you have planted in our hearts,

our yearning to see your face.

Help us to meet you in prayer,

to walk in your ways,

and to speak to others of our joy

and consolation in your presence.

Give us faithfulness in this present life

so that we may come to know

and praise your beauty,

with all our brothers and sisters,

in the life to come.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

We pray that the light of Christ's 'hope' fills your hearts and that of all those you love, during this Advent season.

At Holy Trinity we remain committed to the fulfilment of our school's Mission Statement:

'Holy Trinity Catholic School serves the local community; Christ is at the centre of our school and our greatest example. Our school is a place where uniqueness and diversity is celebrated and respected because we know and believe that we are united as children of God and created in His image. Through acts of love and learning, we grow in knowledge and spirituality, we are inspired to become successful citizens and are understanding, compassionate and loving to all of humanity'

We still look back with enormous pride following *Ofsted* inspection that took place over a year ago (September 2023). In amongst an exceptional report, were these following evaluations about our school:

Pupils experience a truly inclusive & holistic education at Holy Trinity

'The school is highly ambitious for all pupils especially pupils with special educational needs and / or disability (SEND)'

'Personal development is integral to all that school does. The school provides an extensive range of opportunities to develop the strengths and interests of pupils outside of the classroom'

'Pupils rapidly develop the exceptionally positive behaviours expected by leaders and teachers. Where pupils fall short of these, the school takes highly effective action to help them succeed'

We continue this academic year, highly determined and motivated to improve once again!

School Admissions Consultation:

We are currently consulting on our Admissions Arrangements for academic year 2026 /2027. The consultation period is from 25th November 2024 to 6th January 2025. All information can be found on the School Website. Please contact Geraldine McLeish via School Reception if you require any further details. Thank you.

Curriculum Update: Mrs Henvey

As we reach the end of this term, we're excited to share some of the incredible opportunities and achievements our students have experienced so far. It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks, with a mix of academic enrichment, cultural exploration, and personal growth activities. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to:

Family Learning

Our family learners enjoyed a magical trip to the *German Christmas Markets*, soaking up the festive atmosphere, and a visit to the cinema to watch *Garfield*. These experiences provided a wonderful chance for families to bond and create lasting memories.

Year 8 Discovery Day

Year 8 students had an inspiring day at the *University of Birmingham*, where they explored post-16 pathways in Maths and Science. The experience gave them a glimpse into the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in these fields.

Key Stage 4 Careers Insight

Some of our KS4 pupils visited the HSBC offices in town to learn about the diverse career roles within the company. This was a valuable experience that broadened their understanding of potential career paths in the financial sector.

Forward Thinking for Key Stage 3

A group of our Key Stage 3 pupils also visited the *University of Birmingham* as part of the Forward Thinking programme. This initiative helps raise aspirations and gives pupils a taste of university life.

Chaplaincy and Community Engagement

Our Chaplaincy team attended the *Red Wednesday Mass* at *St Chad's Cathedral*, celebrated by the Archbishop of Birmingham. This powerful event highlighted the importance of standing in solidarity with those persecuted for their faith.

Year 7 Maths Competition

Year 7 mathematicians showcased their skills at the *Catholic Schools Maths Competition* at *St Edmund Campion Catholic School*. They worked hard and represented our school brilliantly—well done to all involved!

Envision Group Mentoring

Our Envision group had a productive session with their business mentors, building essential skills for their future careers.

Year 11 Support and Staff Training

Year 11 pupils participated in a dynamic revision and exams workshop led by *Positively You*, helping them prepare for the months ahead. Staff also then received excellent training on retrieval and revision strategies to better support student learning.

Unforgettable Trips

This term featured two major trips that brought learning to life:

- ***Tower of London***: 100 Year 8 pupils immersed themselves in Tudor history with a day at the Tower of London, making their studies even more engaging.

- **Barcelona:** A group of 40 pupils and staff had an unforgettable trip to Barcelona. From exploring the stunning architecture to embracing the local culture, it was truly a trip to remember!

For photos and detailed write-ups from these events, please read additional information available on our website.

GCSE Pod Launch

We are thrilled to have launched GCSE Pod with Year 10 and 11 pupils. This fantastic resource has been shown to boost grades by a whole level when used consistently. We're already seeing great commitment from our pupils—well done!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extra-curricular programme is now in full swing, offering a range of exciting clubs and activities. Check our website for the latest updates and how to get involved.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for making this term so successful. Here's to a productive and enjoyable remainder of the term!

Holy Trinity Sports Update:

Football report

Our Year 7 boys football team have had a positive start to their season. They won their first two games against *Yardley* and *BOA school*. The results were 3-2 and 2-1 respectively. They were then narrowly beaten in a thrilling game by *Waverley School*, the final result was 5-4. Let's hope they can bounce back to winning ways when they play *Tile Cross* in the first round of the Cup.

Our Year 9 boys football team have continued their successful season from Year 8 by beating *Starbank School* in a 'double header' 6-1. They then played *KESH* away in a repeat of last year's final and narrowly lost 4-2. The team then bounced back to winning ways against *Small Heath School*, winning 4-1. In the next round of the Cup the team will play *Yardley*, which will be scheduled in the New Year.

Year 10 boys football team remain unbeaten and are now top of the League after winning their opening four games, scoring 34 goals and conceding none! Wow! They are also in the Semi-Finals of the *Jeff Hall* cup after beating *Cockshut Hill* in the quarter finals. A very positive start to the season, keep it up!

Year 8 boys football team lost their opening game of the season in a tight game against *BOA*. They now have two important games coming up, first is a league game against *Starbank* followed by a first round cup game against *Hall Green Secondary School*.

Year 11 boys football team started their Cup campaign with an impressive 4-0 win away at *Waverley*. *Marvel*, *Ayman* and 2 goals from *Zinedine* got Holy Trinity a well-deserved victory!

They team will next play *Yardley's School* in the Semi-Final which will take place in the New Year.

Table tennis

The Year 7/8 team have been competing in the *Birmingham School League* this year and got off to a winning start when they played against *Moseley School*, where they won 8-2 in rubbers. They played *Cockshut 'B'* in their next game and managed to draw 5-5. The team then travelled to *St George's school* and were narrowly beaten. During their latest match against *Small Heath* the team drew 5-5 in a closely fought contest. A special mention needs to go to Kermalli and Josh for their commitment to the sport, if they could, they would play every day!

Badminton

The KS4 badminton team competed in the *Central Birmingham Partnership Tournament* on 13th November. After playing in a League-style Competition on the night the 'A' Team were the overall winners, having not lost a game! The 'B' Team finished 4th overall. A massive congratulations to all the players who were involved but a special mention to Raza in Year 10, who now plays for a badminton clubs outside of school and plays to an excellent level, well done to all.

Basketball

Well done to our *Girls' Basketball Team* for finishing in second place at the *Central Sports Partnership Tournament*. The girls showed great determination, resilience and teamwork, but unfortunately could not secure the win. A massive well done to the squad!

Netball

Our Year 9 girls Netballers lost their first game this year against *Bordesley Green Girls School*. Let's hope they turn things around in their upcoming games and tournament. Our Year 10 Netballers are on a winning streak so far this year! They have won all their games against local schools convincingly. Hopefully they continue their success, in the upcoming Netball tournament.

Holy Trinity remains committed to developing high levels of pupil literacy and oracy:

Please access the following document from the '**Reading**' tab on this website: '**Guide for parents to support pupils with reading at home**'. School expectations for reading and suggested reading lists for KS3 are included within this document.

Holy Trinity recently had a very successful '**No Pens**' day in school on Wednesday 27th November! Feedback from Mrs Smith (Literacy Leader) is as follows):

'Pupils have absolutely loved all of the different activities they've been involved in!' There were so many wonderful examples of pupils improving their oracy skills, without even realising that's what they were doing: group discussions, debates, drama activities, presentations, reading, games, quizzes, even castle building! So many brilliant and creative things happened

today that students will remember. Overall, this was a day that our pupils will remember for a long time and a chance for them to feel that their voices are valued and important- plus we have raised over £130 to support *Speech and Language UK* with the work that they're doing to help children with speech and language difficulties- amazing!.

We are delighted to share the latest publication of our school newspaper: 'The Trinity Times'. Inspired by their work with *The Guardian Newspaper*, Year 9 pupils have been the 'creative masterminds' behind this publication. We hope that this is the latest of what will be many publications in the years to come! Well-done pupils! You can access our newspaper through the following link:

Direct link to file: https://holycrc.com/public_html/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/The-Trinity-Times-Issue-3.pdf

Paper copies are also available from reception. Enjoy!

Teaching & Learning Update: Mrs Wall (Assistant Headteacher):

It has been a fantastic autumn term filled with creativity and wonder. Pupils have been exposed to more exciting teaching and learning acquiring new knowledge and developing their contextual and academic learning further. Students are happy and love learning. In a recent whole school *Challenge Deep Dive* leaders observed students in every faculty and with almost every teacher. It was fascinating and amazing to see pupils learn, thrive and be open to the difficulties of challenge. Pupils are ambitious and welcome challenge at Holy Trinity - the lighthouse that broadens minds, brightens experiences and guides students to their harbour.

Pupil Progress & Extra-tuition update:

Mrs Pritchard (Assistant Headteacher) & Mr Woolgar (Associate Assistant Headteacher):

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to the academic year. At the beginning of the term, students met with Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Smith to discuss their effort, progress, and strategies to ensure success throughout Year 11. These discussions were designed to help them set clear goals, stay focused on their studies and to ensure that they allow time for every subject when revising and completing homework.

Additionally, all Year 10 and 11 students took part in study sessions with an external provider *Positively You*. These sessions provided students with a range of study skills and tips about managing their time effectively. Students also took part in study skills sessions with Mr Woolgar and Mrs Pritchard, where they learned how to create a structured revision timetable to help them prepare for upcoming mock exams.

Parents have now received the first Year 11 progress report, along with a mock exam timetable, ensuring they are informed of their child's progress and the upcoming exam timetable. Mock exams will begin in January, and it is crucial that students fully prepare for these exams. The mocks will provide them with valuable insight into their strengths and the areas that require

further attention, helping to identify any gaps in their knowledge. Keep up the good work Year 11 - you are already doing so well.

Mrs Daw (Deputy Headteacher):

Safety and Pastoral Updates for parents and carers, December 2024:

Pupils are reminded of our 'no hands' policy which is in place to protect the safety of all.

Holy Trinity is a Gold 'Rights Respecting' and 'Safe' school

We work hard to make sure that we look after each child 'like our own' at Holy Trinity. As you will agree, all children have the right to be safe inside and outside of school. At the heart of our school ethos are the core values of 'Respect' and 'Equality'. Being made in God's image we 'Learn to love and love to learn' in order to be the best we can be and to affect positively the lives of others and society in general. We are creating the next generation of pupils who are leaders, who know right from wrong and are able to develop a clear sense of responsibility and morale purpose in their decisions and actions- those who can work hard to foster a strong sense of social justice; to improve both their own opportunities and quality of life as well as that of others. We are proud to have been awarded very recently the *Rights Respecting Gold School Award*. We remind our parents and carers that if they have any concerns around the safety of their children in school to contact either your child's Head of Year or a member of the Designated Safeguarding Team (DSL team). Names are available on the website or via reception.

Promoting positive mental health and wellbeing

At Holy Trinity, we are a community in which all are respected, have a sense of belonging and feel safe, are able to talk openly with trusted adults and see good mental health as something to be valued and nurtured. If parents and carers are worried about their child's mental health and wellbeing, we would always suggest a discussion with the family GP in the first instance. Additional information is available for parents and carers via the school website where useful signposting to support agencies (such as Kooth, School nurse virtual drop in, Pause) can be found. Pause in Birmingham also offer a drop in clinic available to parents and children over the break. Click on the link for further information- <https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause/>. Additional support around positive mental health and wellbeing can be found on the following links:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/information-for-parents/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/parenting-and-mental-health/>

<https://holytrc.com/parents/exam-anxiety/>.

Early Help for families

If anyone in your family needs more help from public services or community groups, they can contact voluntary sector local leads from the ten areas, which can then connect families to support across the city:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_childrens_partnership/2218/from_birmingham_with_love/8

Early Help teams can offer support and signposting around finance issues, parenting, housing, Domestic Abuse. You can also contact school and ask to speak with one of the DSL team who can signpost or make a referral.

The link below for Family Lives has a range of online supports and signposts, which may also be of use:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Developing and understanding risks of the online world

We continue to remind parents and carers of the importance of monitoring the digital usage of their children, including the internet and social media usage. On our school website, there are several resources to support parents and carers with understanding how they can keep their children safe in this digital age. Additional info is available at the following link.

<https://holytrc.com/esafety/>. It is important that all understand that online behaviour should always remain civil. There is never any excuse for any behaviour, which might be verbally threatening, abusive or intimidating. All children have the right to be safe inside and outside of school. Key to this is to remind children and parents that no inappropriate or threatening images and or videos should be created and or shared online with others. Such matter and content crosses the threshold into criminal behaviour. If you are concerned that your child is sending or has received inappropriate messages, videos and or images do not hesitate to contact your child's Head Of year the first instance. We will always seek to educate, support and to signpost. CEOP (Child Exploitation Online) offer some useful resources and signposts for parents including information and advice on keeping children safe and how to report incidents. Please access this link: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

Food bank and support with food parcels

School is fortunate to have sourced regular donations of food and toiletries during term time delivered via an external company. School is also able to offer signposting and referrals into to Early Help and Support as part of *Birmingham Children's Trust*. If you require support during the holidays, families can self-refer. Further information about a range of support is available at the following link, 'From Birmingham with Love'-

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_childrens_partnership/2218/from_birmingham_with_love/8

Tesco 'Fruit for schools'

School has received a grant to allow fresh fruit for to pupils free of charge throughout the term. Over the coming months pupils will be able to access a range of fruit free of charge to be eaten on site throughout the day. We would like to thank Tesco for this award. As part of our campaign to 'eat five a day' and to encourage, young people to maintain a healthy diet this fresh fruit will allow our pupils to enjoy these benefits in and around school.

A reminder to remain safe in the community- Contextual safeguarding

We ask our parents to remind their children to make sensible and safe choices during these winter months. We are aware that sometimes there may be risks posed by other children and or adults linked to violence, grooming and exploitation. If you have any concerns about your child's safety when outside of school during the holidays, please contact local police (if a

crime has been committed, 999 in an emergency and 101 to discuss none urgent incidents) Additional information around exploitation can be found at the link below.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/safety-wellbeing/child-exploitation/>. Parents can also seek help from the Early help support team https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_childrens_partnership/2218/from_birmingham_with_love/8, or by contacting Birmingham children's trust, <https://www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk/families-and-carers>.

West Midlands police also provide valuable updates and information linked to youth violence and knife crime and this is the following link:

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/lifeorknife/>

Domestic Abuse

If you or a family member are suffering from Domestic Abuse please contact Women's Aid <https://bswaid.org/>, Call 0808 800 0028- web chat is also available, Monday to Friday 10am-4pm by clicking onto the website. Further information and support is also available from Birmingham council,

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50047/crime_and_safety/2823/get_help_for_victims_and_survivors_of_domestic_abuse

Support for males suffering from Domestic Abuse is at Respect, <https://mensadvice.org.uk/>. Telephone, Freephone 08088018327

In the instance of any imminent and or significant harm, police should always be contacted as an emergency using the 999 number.

Safety in the community: Water safety (Dangers posed by ice and Rail safety)

Winter weather will bring with it dangers linked to open water. Please find below a link to information about water safety from the Royal Life Saving Society.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/news/the-dangers-of-frozen-water>

It is important that parents and carers familiarise themselves with the information shared here and that they make their children fully aware of the dangers of frozen water. As a country, we do not experience temperatures very frequently, which result in frozen lakes, rivers and canals. It is important therefore that children and families are aware of the risk posed by frozen water. A reminder to all parents and carers that any form of trespassing on railways lines is illegal and clearly poses a significant risk to those who choose to do so.

Network rail share useful safety tips for children and parents around general and specific rail safety and travel on their website- <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>

Inclusion update from Mrs Sian (Assistant Headteacher SENCO):

Drexel continues to be a lighthouse for many students who visit us day to day - they are welcomed with open arms and we support many students and their needs. Our students feel safe in the environment and they continue to use and spend time in our sensory room and take

many an opportunity, to simply talk to an adult about their day or any issues or feelings they might have that day.

We continue to be so grateful of the relationships we have with our families, communities and students. We work as a partnership as we navigate ourselves through interesting times in education. Many thanks to all the parents who attended our recent coffee morning; it was a pleasure to welcome new Year 7 parents into the school.

We have supported the needs of new and existing students this year by adding handrails around school where needed and painting all curbs yellow to support students' movement around school. We have also extended the lighting around St Catherine's block to ensure the safety of all members of our community. As always, we focus on being an inclusive school and supporting every student.

A reminder of our High Standards and Expectations:

A series of 'Standards Checks' over the course of this term has shown that standards are back to their highest level as they were in September 2023 when the school received 'Outstanding' *Ofsted* judgements for Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development. It is imperative that these high standards are maintained throughout the year.

Standards reminder:

- Pupils must have a blazer, tie and shirts to be tucked in at all times.
- Pupils must wear plain black footwear without any coloured logos/laces.
- Pupils will no longer be permitted to arrive to school in their PE Kits, they will have access to specialist Sports Hall facilities for changing.
- Pupils must have an appropriate pencil case containing essential items such as:
 - black/blue pen
 - green pen
 - pencil
 - ruler
 - rubber
- Punctuality to form time and lessons must be excellent.
- PE kit must be in line with our Uniform Policy, there should be no branding on kits as they must be plain.
- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn, all coats/jackets must be worn on top of blazers.
- Jackets/coats must be plain with no large branding, denim jackets and gilets are not permitted to be worn in School.
- One small set of plain metal stud earrings are acceptable for all pupils but all other piercings and jewellery must be removed.
- Hairstyles should be practical, clean and safe. Tramlines, or patterns shaved into hair or eyebrows is not permitted. Extreme hair colours are not permitted.
- During the winter, it is essential that your child wears a suitable waterproof coat for school. As stated, hoodies are not permitted and should not be worn in place of a suitable

outdoor coat. Balaclavas, ski masks, snoods and comparable items of clothing are not permitted. Items will be confiscated if they are seen in school.

- Pupils must be highly organised ensuring homework and other tasks are completed on time when set by their teachers.
- In line with our annual practice, this existing Uniform Policy, is to be reviewed with school stakeholders during the summer term in anticipation of next Academic Year.
- Please access the full school uniform policy from the front page of this website. At Holy Trinity, we are committed to maintaining high standards and are open to changes that may support your child's positive progress in school.

Attendance and Punctuality Update from Ms Hodson (Senior Assistant Headteacher, Personal Development):

Pupil Attendance and Punctuality:

We have made a strong start back to the academic year with our attendance. We continue to thank our parents and carers for their support in getting children to school on time, each day.

387 pupils have good attendance of **96%** or above! Their resilience will be commended as we celebrate this good news before the Christmas break.

175 pupils across Year 7 to 11 have **achieved 100%** attendance this term and will receive their bronze award as part of our 'Going for Gold' initiative. This runs termly and pupils have the chance of securing Gold at the end of the academic year.

It's not too late to join the winning team! Pupils who have not made 100% this term, have the chance of starting a fresh in January. They still have the chance of picking up the Silver Award in the summer.

Attendance 'shout outs'...

Year 7 are our best attending year group with attendance of **93.1%**. This is above the national average, which is superb!

Our **boys** continue to achieve great attendance week on week and have an overall attendance of **93.5%**. This is above the national average. Excellent!

A big well done to **Miss Akhtar and 9P** who are the best attending form of the autumn term. They have achieved **97%** attendance to date! Brilliant!

In further good news, Holy Trinity has received an award for being in the **top 25%** of good attending schools in 2023/24.

All pupils should be aiming for an attendance of **96%** or above.

Our **second attendance draw** for the academic year will take place on **Friday 20th December 2024**. All pupil must attend a full week if they are in with a chance to win a £10 voucher. There will be ten vouchers up for grabs!

Every day missed, results in lost learning.

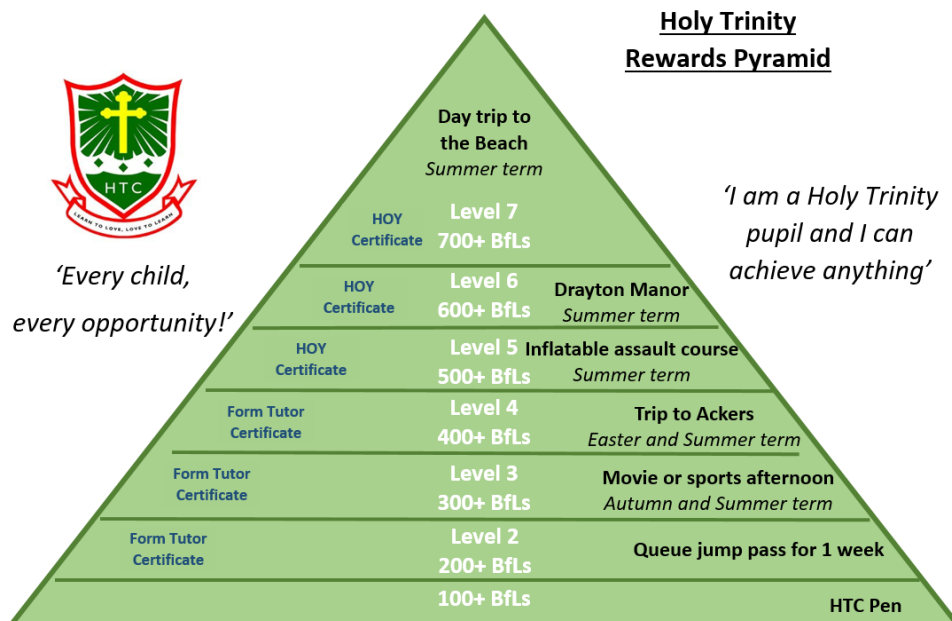
Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

Maintaining excellent attendance will put your child in the best position for achieving academic success in their **GCSE** exams.

It is a statistical fact at Holy Trinity that our most successful pupils at the end of Year 11 are the pupils who have the very best attendance to school and don't miss out on specialist teaching. Our intention is for each and every pupil to be in school and achieving a very high quality of education.

Please visit the school website or contact the attendance team for more information.

Pupil Rewards at Holy Trinity:



The rewards pyramid continues to thrive! Due to the overwhelming success of our rewards pyramid, we are continuing to challenge the students to work hard and give maximum effort to secure the exciting opportunities above. Already we have over 250 students on Level 1 achieving 100 BfLs!!! Keep encouraging your child to demonstrate positive and courteous behaviour; complete homework and give that extra effort and I am sure they will be enjoying a trip to the beach in summer 2025!

Careers provision at Holy Trinity:

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next steps after school, we will now be using *Unifrog*.



Unifrog is the universal destinations platform, designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures, and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each pupil has their own account where they can explore all the career and next step options available to them and find information on everything from managing their workload to writing a winning CV:

Section of the platform	Examples of what students can do	Suitable age range
Quizzes	Finding their interests, personality type, preferred work environment, and skillset.	Years 7-11
Exploring pathways	Explore careers, career sectors, subjects, and sign up to free webinars, explore MOOCs and courses, and find wider reading materials.	Years 7-11
Recording what you've done	Record their in-class and extracurricular activities, record examples of their skills, and see the record of CEIAG events the school has added to their accounts.	Years 7-11
Searching for opportunities	Find scholarships, activities, and bursaries to support their HE journey. Find and compare degrees in the UK and overseas, live apprenticeships, and FE courses.	Years 10-11
Application materials / Making applications	Write their CV, cover letter, Personal Statement, and more. Track their applications and record their Post 16 intentions.	Year 11

Parents can also have your own *Unifrog* account. You'll be able to research careers, attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities, and compare pathways so you can support your child in making an informed decision about their next steps.

You can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code

The sign up code you need is: HLTCparents

For more information, go to www.unifrog.org or contact Miss Backhouse or your child's Head of Year

'My Child At School'

We invite you to regularly log into *'My Child at School'* to monitor how your child is getting on at school. You will find out whether your child is completing homework, receiving any consequences or being awarded positive behaviour points. Pupil timetables, the school calendar and attendance records are also available. Please visit www.mychildatschool.com. The school ID is 11389. The school does not have access to your password information. You can request a new invitation code from home or if you have added an email address to the account you can click 'forgotten login details' and follow instructions that will email you the details.

A regular reminder regarding car parking:

In a regular reminder, it is important to remember, that driving and parking near our Oakley Road entrance / exit point, continues to be highly problematic at drop off and collection times. This is something that we continue to work on with local residents & key stakeholders to improve. On Monday 2nd December, Mr Crehan (Headteacher) met with Local Councillor, Raqeeb Aziz, to discuss this issue alongside other wider community concerns. This meeting was a positive dialogue and it was clear that there is a shared commitment towards supporting improvements in the future. I encourage parents to continue being patient and understanding of this situation as we all endeavour to support one another as best as possible. Thank you.

Some key dates / up and coming events in school:

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	'Thoughtful Tuesday' Pupils top make voluntary monetary donations towards Christmas Gift / Hamper Appeal

Tuesday 10 th December 2024	St Teresa of Calcutta MAC Carol Concert (1.15 - 2.00) Available to view via YouTube @ Holy Family Catholic Church, Small Heath, Birmingham
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	'Thoughtful Tuesday' Pupils top make voluntary monetary donations towards Christmas Gift / Hamper Appeal
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Advent / End of Term Masses (9.00 - 11.00)
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	A full Christmas lunch is served with all the trimmings! This includes pudding! (1.00 - 2.00)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Final day of term. Pupils and staff to wear own clothes / something festive. Voluntary monetary donations towards Christmas Gift / Hamper Appeal. Pupils are dismissed at 12.20 to begin their Christmas break.
Monday 6 th January 2024	INSET Day for Staff only Holy Trinity marks the beginning of a special Jubilee year in the Catholic Church: 'Pilgrims of Hope'
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Pupils return to school (8.30)
Monday 13 th January 2025 - Friday 24 th January 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 23 rd January 2025	Year 10 Trip to <i>Oxford University</i>
Monday 27 th January 2025 - Friday 31 st January 2025	Year 9 Options Week
Tuesday 28 th January 2025	Year 8 Trip to Medieval Castle
Thursday 30 th January 2024	Year 9 Parents / Options Evening (4.00)
Monday 3 rd February 2025 - Friday 7 th February 2025	Specialist Curriculum - 'Drama / Performing Arts Week'
Monday 10 th February 2025 - Thursday 13 th February 2025	'Attendance Focus Week'
Thursday 13 th February 2024	Pupils break for half-term holiday

Friday 14 th February 2025	<i>St Teresa of Calcutta MAC INSET Day Staff only</i>
Monday 24 th February 2025	Staff and pupils return to school (8.30)

For more details please access the School Calendar via your 'My Child at School' account.

The continued strong partnership between school and home, is at the foundation of the successes that we continue to celebrate. If for whatever reason you have any issues or concerns, please contact your child's Form Tutor / Head of Year in the first instance. If at any point you require further support in resolving a particular situation, please escalate your concerns to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. As Headteacher, I always welcome dialogue with parents informally on the school gate, through a conversation on the telephone, an email dialogue or more formally in a request to meet with me in person. Please contact school Reception if you wish to speak with me. If at any point you are not satisfied with our school's response, there are further channels available to parents in order to raise concerns. Please contact school reception if you require any additional information and clarity regarding the process for raising formal complaints.

'At Holy Trinity, we want all pupils to leave with a love of all people as equals and an appreciation of the common good. We want all pupils to leave with a world of opportunities at their feet; for them to reach their fullest of potentials; to believe in themselves, and to achieve their wildest dreams'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paper copies of this document are available from reception upon request.

Mr Crehan
Headteacher: Holy Trinity Catholic School

Monday 9th December 2024