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A Specialist Sports and English Academy

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Dear Parent / Guardian

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another hectic Term but more importantly, we are excited and looking forward to welcoming Years 8 – 11 back to school after the Easter break.

Pupils, Parents/Guardians and Staff deserve the highest praise for the fantastic work which has occurred in the past three months and for supporting each other during difficult times. Remote learning can never truly replace the experience of face to face teaching and learning, so it was delightful to resume the business of teaching Years 12 – 14 last week. The Senior Students embraced their school work with great maturity and we are confident that the same approach will be demonstrated by pupils in Years 8 – 11. I also congratulate Year 11 H1 Maths GCSE Group. They have availed of face to face teaching from last week as well, in order to complete their Maths GCSE in 1 year and proceed to Further Maths in Year 12. To all our girls and boys – be very proud of everything you have achieved this Term. You have been outstanding and we are very proud of you.

The **Parent and Pupil Guide to a Return to School v5** has been updated and is attached with this letter. A copy will also be placed on the College Website. Arrangements are as follows:

- ✓ **Monday 12th April – Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 return to school.**
- ✓ **Monday 12th April – Years 12, 13 and 14 engage with Remote Learning at home.**
- ✓ **Tuesday 13th April – Whole School Years 8 – 14 return to school.**

Please read the document carefully with your son/daughter and note our expectations with regard to Health & Safety, Hygiene, Social Distancing, Positive Behaviour, Uniform and Readiness to Learn. We hope the information reassures you that Holy Trinity College is safe for our pupils and staff to return to school, and we will review procedures on a regular basis.

Key to students returning is their well-being. Time will be set aside on Monday 12th April for pupils to reflect, rekindle and re-engage with peers and staff. A pupil well-being programme is in place which Form Teachers will deliver, and emotional support will be provided as required to allay any fears about returning to school, becoming familiar with procedures, and re-engaging in high quality learning. Please also see EA attachment: **Reconnecting: A Guide for Parents.**

Today, staff are finalising subject assessments, the outcomes of which will result in Centre Determined Grades for Years 12 – 14 and Year 11H1. The assessments will occur within the timeframes noted below, in classrooms. An Assessment Timetable will be forwarded to pupils upon the return to school. The Assessments reflect the standard at which your son/daughter is working, taking into account the disruption which your child has faced in their learning throughout this year and last year if applicable.

- ✓ **AS and A2 Level Assessment: 15th April – 13th May**
- ✓ **GCSE Assessment: 22nd April – 26th May**





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We encourage pupils to adapt to new routines in preparation for their return to school, eg, earlier bed time, no mobile phone/electronic device in the bedroom, early morning rise, healthy breakfast, being organised, uniform preparation and looking well for your first day back in school. The Canteen Breakfast Club will operate from 8.00 – 8.30am. Details of Canteen meals are provided on the College website.

We appreciate the large number of students and staff who carried out Lateral Flow Testing on Sunday 28th past. There is no requirement to test during the Easter Holidays so the next scheduled date is Sunday 11 April. The dates allocated for the next 6 home tests are:

Test Number	Date of Test (evening)
2	Sunday 11 th April
3	Wednesday 14 th April
4	Sunday 18 th April
5	Wednesday 21 st April
6	Monday 26 th April
7	Thursday 29 th April

Holy Trinity College is a 'very good' school in terms of academic results, pastoral support and a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. With pupil enthusiasm and motivation, this will continue in Term 3, and pupils will grow and develop into well rounded young people. Pupils are supported by a committed and professional team of staff who simply want the very best for each and every one of our girls and boys.

We thank you for your ongoing support during this Term and wish our pupils, families and staff a happy and holy Easter. Be safe and continue to follow guidelines so that all pupils can safely return to school for Term 3. Should you have any concerns during the Holiday period, please email the College on info@holytrinityc.cookstown.ni.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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