



Holy Trinity College

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A Specialist Sports and English Academy

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Meeting and greeting our Year 12, 13 and 14 students this week and hearing the familiar sound of chat and laughter on our corridors and classrooms, has been a terrific experience for all of us. Students were welcomed back, made to feel at ease and support was available as required. Our young people displayed great maturity, understanding and responsibility, as they familiarised themselves with Health & Safety Procedures and especially that of wearing face coverings in the classroom, corridors, communal areas and buses. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

Whilst remote learning continued for pupils in Years 8 – 11, Senior students including Year 11 H1 Maths GCSE, also returned to face-face teaching, and the demands and expectations of Centre Determined Grades. Staff are finalising assessment requirements per subject in order to provide you and your son/daughter with as much information as possible. Subject evidence is crucial so that exam grades awarded will 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.

Students (who consented) were issued with Lateral Flow Tests today, the aim of which is to test people who do not have symptoms of Covid-19 but who may still be spreading the virus. There are seven tests within each pack. **Test 1 should be carried out on Sunday (28th) evening.** A Test result will be provided within 30 minutes. Test Dates will be provided next week for the remaining six tests. Results of the test should be reported online at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result or by calling **119**, whether the result is positive, negative or void. Should a test result be positive, it is important to isolate and also book a PCR Test to confirm if you have the virus. Please also inform the College if the Lateral Flow Test is positive. The Lateral Flow Test is another measure to ensure that Holy Trinity College remains a safe environment for students and staff. Information with regard to Lateral Flow Testing can be found on the College Website www.holytrinitycollege.org.

The following arrangements are in place for next week:

- ✓ Face to Face Teaching of Years 12 – 14 until 31 March.
- ✓ Face to face Teaching of Year 11 H1 GCSE Maths on Monday 29 March. Pupils should be left into school for 12.45pm and may travel home on school transport at 3.10pm.
- ✓ Remote Learning for Years 8 – 11 until 31 March, finishing at 1.30pm.
- ✓ Supervised Learning for vulnerable children and children of Key Workers until 31 March.
- ✓ Staff Development Day – Thursday 1st April.

Digital Devices: The Education Authority delivered digital devices to the College this week for distribution to Year 10 FSM pupils today.



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Free School Meals: School Holiday Food Grants will be paid to pupils in all Year Groups in receipt of FSM for the two-week period, 29 March to 9 April 2021.

Fareshare: Food Boxes were distributed to more than 30 families yesterday.

At this stage, it is intended that Years 8 – 11 will return to school after Easter. Details will be forwarded to you by Thursday 1st April, after which the College will close for the Easter Break.

All staff in Holy Trinity College will continue to support each and every pupil wherever possible. If there are concerns, pupils should talk to their Form Teacher or Head of Year in the first instance. Equally, Parent/Guardians should contact the College on 028 8676 2420 or email info@holytrinityc.cookstown.ni.sch.uk if you have any concerns.

Please continue to keep safe and look after yourselves. We still need to play our part in following the guidelines so that all our children can return safely to school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

Don't forget! Clocks spring forward this weekend!

