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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well-qualified citizens of the world.”



Keeping Everyone Safe In School

I am sure you have read the news about schools planning 'face to face support' for Year 10 and Year 12 students after half term and have been thinking about what plans we have been making. Our plan is based upon a 'safety first' approach, with appropriate adaptations to the way we would work and can assure you that it is balanced against student, parent and staff pressures at this time.

A letter has been e-mailed to all parents today regarding our plans for after half term, and you can also access a copy through the COVID-19 School Plan section on our school website:

www.trinityhigh.com/covid-19-school-plan

Mental Health Awareness Week

Head of Maple House, Ms Coxon, and the rest of the House team share an important message with us:

“This week is Mental Health Awareness week across the UK. It seems more important than ever that we are thinking about our mental well-being. So what is mental health? When we talk about this we are referring to your psychological and emotional well-being. It is not just about being 'happy' because believe it or not it is impossible to be happy all the time! It refers to you feeling healthy in your thoughts and emotions, you are able to cope with the ups and downs of life.



Sometimes, especially in strange or uncertain times, our mental well-being can suffer and we might find ourselves not being able to manage our emotions or thoughts. This is OK! Most people at sometime in their life will struggle with their emotions or thoughts or both.

Mental Health Awareness Week is a campaign that aims to get people talking about their mental health and ways in which we can make ourselves feel better. This years theme is 'Kindness' - of course it is important to be kind all of the time, but it is even more important to be kind in the current times. It is about being kind to others but also to yourself!

If you feel like you, or your family, are struggling with your thoughts and emotions, then below are some useful links for you to look at. If you want to learn more about mental health and the campaign, then the first website is the one to go to! Remember there is lots of help available online if you are struggling, in particular Kooth has an online chat service.

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week

www.samaritans.org/

www.42ndstreet.org.uk/

www.kooth.com/

www.actionforhappiness.org/

So, during Mental Health Awareness Week the house team would like you to try and be kind, whether that is to yourself, your family, friends or neighbours!”

Art Delivery!

To support our Year 10 GCSE art students, Teacher of Art, Mr Tran, spent his weekend delivering art supplies (at a safe distance!) to our students:

The photos show Year 10 student Lucy with her father, Revd Gareth Robinson, who regularly leads Eucharist services at Trinity:

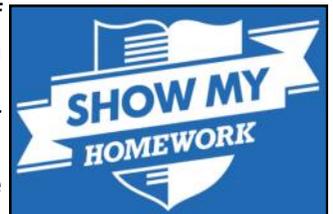


Both students and parents were very appreciative, and one of the messages we received can be seen below:

"I would like to extend my gratitude to the School, the Art Department and Mr Tran in particular. I was initially worried when my door knocked on a Sunday afternoon and I saw a Teacher at the end of my drive, but I was pleasantly surprised when I opened the door and Mr Tran had dropped off art supplies for my daughter. I am very grateful, as is my daughter, for this gesture and I would like to thank all the school staff for their hard work and commitment during the COVID-19 Incident. You have had to adapt your whole way of working whilst staying committed to supporting children and their learning. My daughters have been attending the provision for Keyworker/vulnerable children within school which they have thoroughly enjoyed, I have been contacted by a number of staff members via the telephone to check in on how we are coping during this time and Mr Tran dropped off art supplies to our home which I am very appreciative of."

House Initiatives

Show My Homework Competition The winners of the 'Show My Homework Submission' competition were announced on Show My Homework today. The competition was linked to the greatest number of submissions between 29th April and 20th May. Well done to all our winners - a £10 voucher will be posted to you that will arrive during half term.



Good Citizen Award Congratulations to Harry, Year 9, from Maple House, for creating activities for members of his family during lockdown, including a virtual pub experience - a thoughtful act during a difficult time for all!

Trinity Long Distance Challenge Our second set of results are in for the Trinity Long Distance Challenge:



Springbok House - 199 miles - they would be in Salisbury.



Tiger House - 89.5 miles - they would still be in Worcester.



Wallaby House - 359 miles - they would have reached Charleroi, Belgium.



Maple House - 360 miles - they also would have reached Charleroi, Belgium.

Don't forget to send your Good Citizen Award nominations and weekly 'long distance' totals to the House team: houseleaders@trinityhigh.com

And finally...

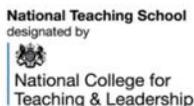
...we would like to wish all our readers a restful half term break and we hope everyone stays safe and well.

I will end with an acrostic poem about lockdown by one of our Year 8 students, Anson:

Mr Julian Nicholls
Head

Lockdown Poem

Locked in a house
Observing the sky
Cramped in your room
Keeping tidy
Drying clothes
Other than that
Well
Now where was I?



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