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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.”



## Remote Learning In School

During the current period of national lockdown, the school is open to a number of Key Worker and Vulnerable Students. These students have been working hard in their year group bubbles to complete their remote learning in school over the last three weeks. Our thanks go to our Teaching Assistants, Cover Assistants and Pastoral teams for supporting students with their work.

## Lockdown Challenge 2021

A message from the House Team:

“You may recall that during the first national lockdown, in 2020, the House Team set a series of weekly challenges. Some were physical challenges and others were non-physical challenges.

As from this week, we will be starting these challenges again for both students and staff. We received a lot of mileage last year that helped boost the travel on our world map of the Maple Leaf, the bouncy Wallaby, the ferocious Tiger and the sprightly Springbok. If you would like to submit your weekly mileage, then please fill in the form below:

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We will also be continuing with our **Non - Physical Challenge**, starting with **Acts of Random Kindness** that students have done during the week. If you want to submit the name of a student, please feel free to do so with a description and/or photographic evidence. Submissions need to be sent to: [houseleaders@trinityhigh.com](mailto:houseleaders@trinityhigh.com) Please ensure that submissions are with us by Monday, 25th January, 2021.

**Please ensure you are following government and NHS guidelines when taking part in any activities.**

A *winner* of the **Non-Physical Challenge** will be announced on the Monday of each week via Show My Homework starting 25/01/2021 and in the weekly newsletter.

The '**Miles Challenge**' will be updated on a weekly basis to account for your Running/Cycling/Walking from the previous week on the school website so keep an eye out!



## Year 9 Options Reminder

A message from our Director of Studies, Mr Johnson:

“Students in Year 9 will soon be making important decisions about the subjects which they will continue to study in Years 10 and 11.

In previous years, we have invited parents and students into school for an 'Options Evening' event to explain this process. As this is not possible this year, we are running the whole options process online on the Trinity school website.

All Key Stage 4 students will study a Core Curriculum of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, RE and Combined Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics for two GCSE grades). Most students will also study three additional courses - we call these courses "options".

During form time on **Tuesday, 26th January, 2021** students will watch a presentation explaining the process. They will have the opportunity to ask their form teacher about aspects of the process after the presentation.

On **Tuesday, 26th January, 2021**, the Year 9 Options section of the website will launch, and parents will be able to access detailed information about the courses that we have on offer. A choices form must be completed online by 12:00 midday on **Friday, 29th January, 2021.**"

## Assemblies

Our assembly pattern has continued online this half term, with new year assemblies led by Dr Revd Birkinshaw and I. Our act of worship included prayers and stories about the baptism of Jesus.

Following the Season of Epiphany, in last week's assemblies, two of our Deputy Heads, Dr Chard and Mr Westmoreland, explored why Jesus came to earth, using the story of the Nazareth Manifesto, and helped us think about joining with God's mission and responding to God's call.

Jesus calls the Disciples  
Matthew 4:18-22



## And finally...

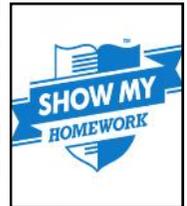
...we're into week three of the latest lockdown, and unfortunately it seems very unlikely that the whole school will return much before Easter. Many parents would think that we would be able to be more specific about school closures and re-openings, but the nature of the virus combined with complicated decision making at Government level within the Departments of Health and Education result in very sudden announcements to close and a very gradual reopening when that is decided. We have been told that parents, students and teachers will be given two weeks notice in advance of our next re-opening.

Last week, we sampled 140 parents about the 'remote education' that their child was receiving at home. The feedback was very positive, with many thanks being passed on to individual teachers, and subject areas. However, I have asked our two new (in September 2020) Deputy Headteachers, Ms Reynolds and Dr Chard - assisted by Ms Russell, our 'Remote Learning Guru', to focus their efforts on three core questions:

1. Are we maximising all the resources we have available to the school to **develop** our 'remote learning' offer?
2. Are all of our teachers working relentlessly to encourage **greater interactivity**?
3. Are we reassured by the evaluations from parents, teachers and staff that our provision is **'high quality'**?



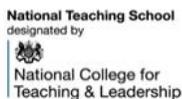
There is no doubt that it's a tough time for the whole community - especially learners and teachers who rely on the 'interactive' teaching and learning process. I am however reassured about the contributions that many of you are making to the education process - from getting the students up on time to be in 'form' at 8:30am, to sorting out student I.T. issues and then helping with many of the practical tasks that have been set - I've just been looking at some wonderful pizzas that have been made in homes as part of the Year 9 food course.



Keep up the great work.

Mr Julian Nicholls  
Head

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Nicholls'.



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