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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: KS3 Diploma

Further to the recent Year 9 Parent's Evening, details are below regarding the KS3 Diploma. All Year 9 students have recently had an assembly to remind them of what the Diploma entails, and have been given a 'current' Diploma standard to see where they are up to at the moment, based on the criteria detailed below. All students are working hard with their tutors to look at where they can improve and strive to reach the best standard possible for their KS3 Diploma in the summer.

This is a relatively new initiative that we have developed at Trinity and intends to give recognition to **all** students for their efforts during Year 9. The Diploma is an award for students fulfilling a range of different criteria across KS3 to include the following:

Key Features of the KS3 Diploma

- 1 Attendance;
- 2 Punctuality;
- 3 Achievement Points;
- 4 Behaviour Points;
- 5 Academic Performance;
- 6 Extra-Curricular Participation (eg Cadets, Football, Dance, Drama).

This will provide a more rounded picture of an individual as they complete KS3 and gives extra credibility to their KS3 studies, it increases engagement and motivation during this important stage of their school career and will be a useful award to have when applying for college courses, apprenticeships or jobs in the future.

What Standard of Diploma Can Students be Awarded?

There are 5 standards available for the Diploma, and the final award will take into account how well they perform in each of the six criteria listed above.

- Platinum
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze
- Credit

Celebrating Success

During the summer term, on Monday 17 July, we will host a 'Celebration Event' for Year 9 students to validate their achievements in the Diploma, and give students the chance to receive recognition for the hard work and effort that they have put into their final year of KS3. Parents, key members of staff and governors will also be invited as we celebrate each student's completion of KS3 and award them their Diploma.

Further details regarding the celebration event will follow during the summer term; should you have any queries or questions regarding the KS3 Diploma in the meantime than please do get in touch or see the school website for more details.

Yours faithfully

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