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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been lovely to be able to see so many parents and carers in school over the last term at our parents' evenings and options events. As the new Headteacher at Trinity, I'm very interested in feedback from our parents and carers and if you could find the time to complete our short survey that would be very much appreciated. The link to the survey is below:

Parent Voice

This term has been an action-packed one with a range of trips, visits and extracurricular activities. We have recently competed in the Rotary Club Design Competition and Maths Feast Competition as well as a number of events outside of school. A good example of this is team Starfish, a group of our students who represented our school at Rheged three weeks ago in the Power of 10 Festival. They are now enthusiastically planning projects to help regenerate some 'Green Spaces' in school.

In Sport there have been many triumphs, and we are particularly proud of the number of teams that we have as County or City Champions and the many more who are soon to compete in the finals for various sports. We have had notable success in Football, Hockey, Netball, Gymnastics, Dance and Cross Country. Other Extra-curricular activities have ranged from Sixth Form Pickleball matches to a 12-hour overnight football competition to name but a few.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been working hard in preparation for the start of exam season this summer. I would like to remind you that we have a range of revision and support materials at our disposal; this includes learning platforms such as GCSE Pod, Mathsgenie, Educake and Sparx Maths. If your child needs any support, please remember that they can always contact their Head of Year who will support them and signpost them to useful resources and the appropriate Head of Subject.

Guiding and supporting students in preparing for their exams is a high priority for us. It is essential that our GCSE and A Level students engage in serious revision and preparation for the forthcoming examinations over the holiday. It is said that good exam results are made in the Easter holidays. There are schools – within Cumbria and nationally, who advise that students should plan to work for up to 7 hours a day most days of the Easter break. This may seem a lot, but the students who get the best grades will be working this hard, and some exams take place in early May. If you work for 14 days, this will amount to approximately 100 hours of revision. Please do remember that it is advisable to have regular breaks and exercise during revision.

We hope that full advantage will be taken over Easter to engage in a full revision programme and to use the various support sessions that are running in school in the run up to exams. Our key message now is to make the remaining time count and to use time productively. I would like to encourage all parents of students with upcoming examinations to emphasise the importance of regular revision.

Our Year 9's are just completing their first whole school examination week. We are hopeful that this will help them prepare for their coming GCSE years. Next term we will also see our first whole school year 7 and 8 examination weeks. Please encourage your son or daughter to use the online revision materials that will be shared closer to the time.



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We have high expectations of our students both in lessons and around school. It is important that students show self-responsibility in their day-to-day life and maintain our high standards in terms of behaviour, uniform and completion of homework and classwork. To support this, please continue to ensure that your child comes to school with the correct school uniform and equipment. This ensures a good start to learning each day.

We are delighted that student achievement logs significantly outweigh behaviour logs and that teacher reported attitude to learning grades are very encouraging. Please remember that you can receive notification of your son/daughter's contribution to these profiles by signing up for the ClassCharts app.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 16th April.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Samson
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