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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that everyone in the Trinity Community is well. I am writing with some reminders and updates that I hope you find useful.

We are using this week as a catch-up week for students to make sure that they have had the chance to complete their work and to submit it to their teachers. This has been in response to several parents who have told us that their child has been finding the volume of work unmanageable at times, which has proved stressful for some. We are aware that some students may have not had this difficulty and may still need new work this week. Please contact your child's Head of Year or individual subject teachers if you would like more work to be sent. If your child is in the Home Group, Mr. Brentnall will clarify the expectations for your child.

Our approach remains largely the same for the majority of year groups and a reminder of this is below:

All Key Stage 3 students (Y7, 8 and 9) should continue working to the modified timetable which includes Maths, English and PE in the morning, followed by subject project work in the afternoon. (The timetable was sent home with a letter after Easter.)

Year 10 and 12 should continue to follow their timetable as far as possible, with work set in chunks of an hour each week. Work should be sent back to teachers for checking, although some teachers may send answers with work for immediate self-checking. There may be some online lessons, particularly for students in Year 12, where group sizes are smaller.

Year 11 and 13 would have now finished their curriculum and be sitting exams. **Year 13** will no longer be set new work and students in **Year 11**, who wish to join our sixth form, should be working hard on the materials provided for them to prepare them for this. This includes some online lesson; which students should attend for their chosen subjects where available. This work is vital to help with the step up to A level, especially after a much longer period away from lessons than normal.

Although we are still unsure of when social gatherings will be allowed, it is looking very unlikely now that the Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Ball will go ahead when originally planned. It is still our intention to offer something to these year groups to celebrate their time with us and to give them the chance to wear their outfits and say goodbye properly to Trinity School and each other. I hope this is sooner rather than later, but we will endeavor to arrange an event for them as soon as it is possible.



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So far, we have not received detailed guidance of what is expected of secondary schools regarding a return to school for students in Year 10 and 12. We know that this will involve some face to face contact with teachers to support them with their study before the summer break. We are planning for all eventualities and will update you as soon as we can, when we have had the appropriate guidance and risk assessments have been done. In any event, I can confirm that school will be closed for the half term for all students from Friday May 22nd and will reopen on Monday 1st June **for students attending the childcare hub only**. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer some teaching for students in Years 10 and 12, but this will be in a very different form to a normal school day to allow for smaller groups and social distancing. It is likely that any face to face time may be in smaller blocks of time, could eliminate social time altogether and will not follow a typical school day. This, of course, will be conditional on the spread of the virus nationally and the government advice nearer the time.

The hub will now be a Trinity facility as the other schools involved move back to their own sites. In order to book provision there is a new email: trinity.childcarehub@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk and you will need to book places by Thursday of the previous week to secure a place. To book your place for the week beginning Monday 1st June, please email by Thursday 21st May due to the half term closure. If we do not receive an email, we cannot guarantee a place and children may be turned away. Please do not ring reception or email any other member of staff as records are being held centrally via the new hub email.

Due to social distancing rules, places may be limited, and we may need to see evidence of essential worker status if numbers are high. We will give priority to students who are youngest and more vulnerable if we have more bookings than spaces available. As we may begin to reopen for other students it is essential that this facility is manageable and safe for all that use it. Students will need to come in full school uniform. A basic catering service will be available with sandwiches, wraps and paninis available to purchase, ordered in the morning. You can also send your child with a packed lunch if preferred. PE kit is recommended as students may have access to non-contact sports at some point during the week. It is likely that there will be some activities and some time to do schoolwork that has been set by teachers.

Finally, a reminder that this week is mental health awareness week. The theme is kindness, which links very well to one of our Christian values, compassion. Below are two links, one to the mental health foundations page and the second to last week's Thought for the Week on compassion.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

<https://twitter.com/TrinSchCarlisle/status/1261356424224837633>

I hope that you stay safe and well. With best wishes to all.

Yours faithfully

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