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Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the halfway point of the half term and life in school continues to be busy and productive. Students in Year 11 are currently sitting their mock exams and Year 13 follow suit in a week or so. We welcomed the Bishop of Carlisle into school on Monday for the opening of our new chapel. It was lovely to be able to stream the event live to the school with each form group lighting a candle along with those in the service. We held our whole school Remembrance Service in the same way a few weeks ago; this was very moving and all the students involved in both events should be proud of themselves. There will be more details in the autumn edition of Trinity Life.

Covid related illness has reduced since the first half term, but we are seeing an increase in the numbers of students accessing the medical room during the day. Unfortunately, we are finding that some students are asking to leave lessons to visit our medical facility for trivial reasons. Students should only come to school if they are well enough to and should remain in lessons, unless essential. Please continue to follow guidance from Public Health about this. We have adequate LFD tests in school and have moved supplies to year group areas for students to take when they run out. Please encourage your child to collect tests and to continue with their twice weekly testing. We know that many positive COVID-19 results have been picked up through testing.

Our risk assessment ensures that there is adequate ventilation by having classroom doors and windows open often. As the weather gets colder, we recommend that students wear extra layers underneath uniform, a sports skin or plain white t-shirt, for example. Students should not wear coats inside school just as they would not at home. We will shortly be sending a letter about closure in the event of adverse weather which includes a consent survey for you to fill in. Thank you in advance for this.

You may have heard on the national news about the issues related to Tik Tok, that encourage young people to engage in dangerous and inappropriate challenges, some which target teachers in schools. Our IT team is regularly monitoring Tik Tok for any accounts that are related to this kind of harassment. If your child uses Tik Tok please ensure that they understand the consequences of creating false accounts or taking part in challenges that could cause harm to themselves or others in the school community. Safe internet use is covered in our IT curriculum and in personal development and we will ensure that this particular issue is addressed with students.

Now that school life is almost back to normal, we would like to seek your views in a short questionnaire. If you would like to give your feedback please follow the link below:

Trinity School Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

We have begun our Christmas planning and are hoping that we can offer more events this year than last. This includes a Christmas Rewards Day, where some students in each year group will be invited to an activity or trip to say well done for their efforts this



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term. Those students selected will receive a letter later this week. There will be lots of other activities, including the return of our Christmas Fayre, the Nativity for Year 7 and our Christmas Service in school. Information about the Carol Service at the Cathedral can be found on the website.

Yours sincerely

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