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Our Ref: PM

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of our school term and indeed the end of our calendar year, I am writing to thank you once again for your continued support of our school throughout 2023. This year has been hugely successful for Trinity HS and it has been a real privilege to share all the successes and achievements of those from our school community with our weekly school blog and our annual Standards and Quality report; both links below will direct you to these on our school website.

[Standards & Quality Report](#)

[Head Teacher Blogs \(contained within News Section\)](#)

### **School Updates**

In addition to the information above I would like to provide an overview of our end of term events and some important information regarding events which will be taking place in January 2024. This month we have celebrated the season of Advent in a variety of ways; most importantly was the opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass each week in our Oratory. We are incredibly grateful to Fr. John and our local Priests for their continued support. In addition to this we have offered prayer services during Religious Education, opportunities to support local charities through event such as the Foodbank Non-Uniform Day and Brightest Star Christmas Jumper Day and various opportunities to join as a community for some Christmas fun! Two highlights during this month have been the Christmas themed Friday Fringes and the S1 Pantomime which took place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

This week we will end our school's Advent preparations with our annual Advent Services, Christmas Karaoke and Social Dancing – a real highlight of our school year!

### **Practice Exam Diet**

Our diet of practice examinations for pupils in S4 – S6 will begin on Monday 15th January. I would like to update you with several matters relating to these assessments. The timetable can be accessed here: [Timetable 2024](#)



- The practice examinations are an important part of the process of preparing pupils for the SQA Examinations which are scheduled to take place during May and June 2024. These practice assessments will be a very good gauge of the current level of progress for each pupil. The information gathered during this time will then be used to inform future learning, teaching and identify possible interventions.
- All current SQA guidance with regards to sitting assessments will be implemented during the practice diet. Each invigilator will remind pupils of these before each assessment takes place.
- Pupils should arrive to the location of the assessment ten minutes before the assessment is due to commence. This will allow the invigilator to carry out a register and inform pupils of any relevant information. Late coming is discouraged; anyone who arrives late (after the assessment has commenced) may not be permitted into the hall and therefore will need to make alternative arrangements with a member of the school Senior Leadership Team.
- Pupils should continue **to wear full school uniform during the assessment diet and attend their timetabled class when they do not have an assessment.** These are important health and safety guidelines, and I would ask for your continued support with this. There is no authorised study leave for these assessments.
- Pupils who are entitled to alternative assessment arrangements (AAA) will be notified of these in advance of their assessment.
- Any pupil who is not able to sit an assessment due to illness or other extenuating circumstances should **contact their Pastoral Teacher as soon as is possible.** Arrangements for 'mop-up' examinations will take place after the main practice diet.
- There will be no formal homework given to pupils in S4-S6 during the practice examination diet. We will aim to give every young person the best possible chance to achieve their full potential in these important assessments.

### **Inspection of Trinity High School**

Last week we were notified that we will be visited by HM Inspectors of Education from Education Scotland during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This is a real opportunity for the entire school community to showcase the fantastic work and excellent partnership working that takes place in our school. Pupils have been completing a questionnaire with the closing date for these to be completed being Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec; please encourage your child to access this via Satchel One and complete if they already haven't done so.

I would like to thank you for your support in the lead up to this important visit; if you have yet to complete our parent / carer questionnaire this can be accessed below; the closing date for this is also Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

[Parent / Carer Survey](#)



## Other Upcoming Events (January 2024)

In addition to the events detailed above I have listed other diary dates for your information:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	S3 Values
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Issue S2 report
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Burns Brunch (Details to be issued by English Dept.)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Careers Pathway Evening for pupils 7 Parents (S1 – S6)

Please continue to keep up to date with all school related matters via our website, Satchel One, School X Page (Formerly Twitter), and Parental blogs / newsletters. The school will close to pupils at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd December and re-open for classes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Once again, I would like to thank you for all your support and on behalf of our entire school community wish you and your family a Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully,



P. Marshall  
Head Teacher

