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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the term, I am writing to thank you for your continued support of our school community. Since we returned after the Christmas holiday there have been lots going on in and around the school which has been a joy to see and be a part of. You will have seen some of these events on our active Twitter (@trinityrenfrew), weekly blog and monthly digital parental newsletter. I would encourage you to continue to check these regularly for updates.

School Update

Pupils within the Broad General Education (S1 – S3) have continued to work extremely hard and will undertake some events during the month of May to prepare them for their transition into S2, S3 and S4. We will keep parents and carers up to date with all events taking place in the school during the summer term. We anticipate the pupils in S1-S3 will begin their new timetable on **Monday 20th May.**

Our Primary 7 transition programme is well underway. Staff from Trinity have been liaising with colleagues in our local Primary schools to ensure a smooth transition. There will be a series of visits from Trinity staff to our associated primary schools as well as our P7 Activity Days and Induction Days which are scheduled for late May / early June.

Senior Phase pupils will finish for study leave on **Friday 19th April.** A letter outlining the advice for students during the examination diet can be accessed here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/public/trinityhighschool/uploads/sites/3045/2024/02/29201656/Senior-Phase-Update-March-2024.pdf>

We will soon bid farewell and good luck to our Sixth Year Students for this session. Their commitment to the school community throughout their time in Trinity is to be admired and we look forward to being able to celebrate this through a series of events:



S6 Graduation Ceremony

On **Thursday 18th April at 5.00pm** we will gather to celebrate the formal end of school for the Sixth Year Students. This ceremony will be an opportunity for pupils to lead guests through a celebration of their six years in Trinity. A text link for a Microsoft booking form has been sent out; if you have not yet received this, please contact the school office. As well as receiving their Trinity Leavers Certificate and Graduation Scroll there will be professional photographers on the afternoon to take individual / family / group photographs. There will also be some refreshments after the ceremony.

Charity Leavers Day

On **Friday 19th April** Sixth Year Students will have the chance to reflect on their time in Trinity through a series of activities planned throughout the day. As with tradition, students will have the option to wear appropriate fancy dress and make a voluntary donation to a charity of their choosing. This year's selected charity is Brightest Star.

Prom

This year's Prom will take place on **Thursday 13th June** in the Lynnhurst Hotel, Johnstone. We are excited to gather students and staff together for this evening celebration. Before the Prom there will be the opportunity for parents and students to gather in the school for plenty of group and individual photographs. Pupils will then be provided with a bus to take them directly to the Prom. The Prom will conclude at around **11.45pm** with pupils responsible for making their own arrangements to get home afterwards. Further details of this event have already been shared with students and we will continue to keep them updated in the lead up to this event.

Uniform Standards and Expectations

We continue to spend a considerable amount of time focusing on our school core values and how to put these into our daily practice. I would like to thank you for your continued support of this and ask once again if you could assist us in promoting the highest possible standards for attendance, timekeeping, and behaviour.

We are very proud of our uniform and the sense of belonging that it instills. I would like to thank you for your continued support of this and ask that you further support this in the summer months. I would like to ask that pupils do not wear leggings and converse trainers to school (even if they have PE that day). We have a clear and manageable uniform policy which can be accessed below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/trinityhighschool/uniform/>

If you require any support regarding uniform or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Mobile Telephones

Probably most of us live in a world where we are heavily dependent on our mobile phones. This undoubtedly brings benefits, but also presents us with challenge. We have tried to soften our approach to mobiles as we understand the benefits they can bring to the classroom - at the appropriate times.

However, despite clear expectations that pupils keep phones in bags, unless being allowed to use them for learning, we are still having issues over phone misuse. Teachers are reporting constant notifications from phones in pockets, on laps or in pupil hands. All of which is leading to interruptions to important learning and teaching.

Not only does this have an impact on the learning environment for all young people and their teachers, but also on the wellbeing of the individual young person as they battle to cope with the constant stream of messages and notifications coming through their phone.

Through my discussions with parents and carers I understand that you also have frequent conversations about 'screentime' and phone dependency. Recently, several departments have undertaken a pilot programme of storing pupil phones in a box at the start of the lesson and returning at the end. We are getting reports of improved engagement in learning and less disruption to classes.

Therefore, from Monday 22nd April, all phones will be handed to the class teacher who will safely store them in purposely bought storage boxes until the end of the lesson. Of course, this is not a total removal of mobile phone access: pupils will have access to their mobile phones before the start of every school day, during intervals and lunchtimes, and at the end of every school day, but this approach will allow us to create a calmer and more productive learning environment in every class for every pupil in Trinity High School.

If there is ever an urgent message you need to get to your child, please contact the office. Otherwise, they will always be able to catch up with you at the end of the lesson. There is no expectation for pupils to bring mobile telephones to school and do so at their own risk of damage etc. however if they do decide to bring a phone to school, we will ask for full cooperation of the policy above.

House Structure

I recently wrote to you to outline our plans for changing our leadership structure within the school. Details of this can be found below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/public/trinityhighschool/uploads/sites/3045/2024/03/04141331/New-Pastoral-Structure-Letter.pdf>

I can now confirm that this will begin on Monday 22nd April for pupils in S1 – S3. Upon return from the Easter Holidays, we will issue leaflets to parents and carers outlining key staff responsibilities for each House. Pupils in S1 – S3 were informed of this at recent assemblies, and we will continue to support them, and yourselves, as we transition to the new system.



Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful holiday and a Blessed Easter. I would also like to wish anyone celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr on 9/10th April an Eid Mubarak!

The school will close at **2.30pm on Thursday 28th March** and will re-open to pupils and staff on **Monday 15th April at 8.50am.**

Yours faithfully



P. Marshall
Head Teacher

