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Welcome to Session 2025-2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break over the summer, and that our pupils are looking forward to returning to school at 8.50am on Monday 18th August.

I am pleased to write to you with an update containing important information for the upcoming session.

HT Update

I will be absent from school for at least the first week of the term (18th – 22nd August). If you require any information regarding your child, please contact the appropriate House Contact (below). If your matter is school related, please use the school contact details (above) to contact the main office; they will direct your query to the most appropriate person.

Monday 18th August

First Year Arrangements

We are really looking forward to welcoming First Year pupils to Trinity High School. I know this will be a very exciting time for our young people and their families and some may want to document this with photographs. I would encourage all pupils to meet at the pupil entrance to the school (Queen Street) and **avoid anyone using** the main school car park (Glebe Street) for drop offs / pick-ups. Families are more than welcome to use the pupil playground for photographs etc.

When the bell sounds at 8.50am S1 Pupils will be shown to the Assembly Hall for an assembly with Miss Parker (Depute Head Teacher). Pupils in S1 will also be issued to appropriate ICT credentials etc. during the day. ParentPay information to activate the account will be given to pupils on Monday 18th August. If you already have a ParentPay account, you will retain your existing account when your child moves to Trinity High School. You will need to log in to your existing account and add your child to Trinity High School to transfer their account from their Primary School. The system will then ask for an activation code. This will be provided in letter format to your child in school on the first day. Pupils will still be able to access the school cafeteria on Monday; their accounts will be debited, and this can be rectified once ParentPay



is fully set up. Pupils in S1 will be given a brand-new Trinity PE top, free of charge, when they attend PE. They should bring black / navy shorts or tracksuit and appropriate PE trainers.

In the initial few days there will be slightly amended arrangements for S1 with regards to the time for lunch and moving around the school; this will ensure S1 pupils are fully settled in the school. At this stage of the year all S1 Pupils **are asked to remain within the school grounds at interval and lunchtime; no S1 pupil should be out of school to buy lunch from the local shops.** A review of this be undertaken once pupils have settled into the school.

S2 – S6 Arrangements

Pupils in S2-S6 should attend the location allocated to their class (these will be displayed around the school and announced on the tannoy). New Timetables will be issued during period 1 alongside an online assembly with myself. Pupils should bring appropriate materials (including PE Kit) on the first day to ensure they are prepared and ready to learn. If there are any queries with regards to options these should be discussed with the Principal Teacher of Pastoral Support at interval, lunch or during Social Education. **Pupils should attend the class on their timetable until this has been updated and a new timetable reissued.**

Uniform

We believe that our uniform promotes equity, school identity, shared values, self-confidence, and a shared sense of community. It helps to establish respect between pupils and staff and reinforce the values embedded within Trinity High School. I would like to thank you for your continued support of our uniform policy. I have outlined the uniform for our school below.

- Blazer
- School tie
- Black trousers or skirt **(no leggings)**
- White shirt
- Black V-neck jumper **(optional but no branded jumpers or hooded sweatshirts. Outdoor jackets should not be worn in class)**
- Plain black shoes **(no white trainers or baseball boots / shoes)**

As part of our commitment to be a 'Laudato Si School' and look after our common home we offer a sustainable 'Uniform Exchange'. This is hosted in the school and is available all year round. If you would like to donate any items to this resource, please hand these into the school office.

You may be entitled to support in the form of Free School Meals and / or Clothing Grant. Information regarding the criteria for these as well as how to apply for this session is contained in the link below. **Please note that you are required to apply for these each session even if you have previously received these entitlements.**

[Free School Meals](#)

[Clothing Grants](#)

Home-School Communication



It is our commitment to continually improve our communication between the school and home. A wide range of useful information can be found on the following platforms:

- website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/trinityhighschool/>
- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Parent Council Facebook](#)
- BlueSky (social media app) @trinityhighrenfrew.bsky.social

and our X Page (@Trinityrenfrew) is no longer active; in line with the Local Authority we will no longer be posting updates on this platform.

In addition to this, there will be regularly updates and newsletters issued. These will be issued via the Group Call Xpressions App or email. Subject specific information will be issued via Satchel One. I would like to encourage you to engage with the Satchel One platform which will be used by classes, departments and the school to post updates, homework and assessment information. **Please note that S1 Pupils will be set up with Satchel One username and passwords once the school system has been updated. We will keep you updated regarding this.**

I would ask that all families register with ParentsPortal. Parentsportal.scot is a digital service to enhance communication between parents, carers, and schools through online services. This portal aims to provide a comprehensive range of tools related to your child's education, making services more efficient and accessible.

The platform allows the school to share information such as academic reports, attendance, and timetables in real time. We will trial the use of this for targeted reports (instead of printing them) during this session. For more information and to register please visit the website below:

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/10557/ParentsPortal>

House Structure

Last session we successfully launched our refreshed House Structure. The key change to note is that our Depute Headteachers (DHTs) will have responsibility for supporting pupils within specified House Groups (not Year Groups, as they did previously). They will, therefore, be known as "Heads of House".

If you would like to speak to a member of staff about your child, you should contact the appropriate House Team (either Head of House or Pastoral Teacher). Our House Teams are below:

| | St. Andrew | St. Columba | St. Margaret | St. Therese |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Head of House | Mr. McEwan | Mrs. McElroy | Miss Parker | Ms. Monaghan |
| PT. Pastoral | Mr. McInnes | Dr. McGuire | Mrs. Todesco | Ms. Thomson |

SQA 2025



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our pupils on their recent SQA results; we are, as always, very proud of their successes, as we value achievement in all of its many forms. More information on the fantastic outcomes from this year's diet will be published in our Standards and Quality report (September 2025)

SQA offer a free appeals service if you have concerns about a grade (or grades) on your results certificate. The appeals service is now open. You can appeal directly to the SQA or ask for us to appeal on your behalf.

If you are appealing directly to the SQA, the submission deadline is:

Tuesday 26 August at 11.59 pm. **The priority appeal portal is now closed for learners but open for schools (see below)**

If you want us to submit an appeal on your behalf, the deadlines to SQA are (we will need notification before these)

Thursday 21 August at 5.00 pm for priority appeals

Friday 29 August at 5.00 pm for all other appeals

Please note the appeals service does not look at prior in-school course material. Once you submit an appeal a senior marker will carry out a marking review of your **SQA-marked assessments**. The senior marker will review your responses to all externally marked question papers and assignments. They check that the marks awarded by the marker are in line with the marking standards agreed at the markers' briefing and the marking instructions.

They also check that:

- all parts of your SQA-assessments have been marked
- the marks given for each answer are the correct total
- the correct result has been entered into the SQA system.

Please note that after being reviewed, your result could stay the same, go up or go down.

Priority appeals

Your appeal can be prioritised if you have a conditional place at university or college, or in training or employment that depends on your grade.

More information can be found on the SQA website [here](#).

Mobile Telephones

We will continue with our mobile phone policy as outlined below.

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



has allowed 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 with the policy above.

New Staff

I would like to this opportunity to welcome the following staff to Trinity High School.

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| Mrs Shendryk (ASNA) | Mrs McCafferty (ASNA) | Mrs Paton (RE) |
| Miss McLean (Music) | Mrs Wilson (Music) | Miss Palmer (HE) |
| Mr Pilkington (Art) | Miss Dunn (Mathematics) | Miss Crawford (History) |
| Ms Thomson (PT Pupil Support, Pastoral) | Ms Stewart (PE) | Miss Sheary (Primary) |
| Miss Galbraith (Geography) | | |

Diary Dates

The 50th Anniversary Mass which will also be our Mass for the new Academic Session will be celebrated by Bishop John on Thursday 28th August in St. James' Church, Renfrew. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards. Guests can use the car park(s) at the school for this event.

I will share full calendar in due course but in the meantime our reporting schedule can be found here: [Reporting Calendar 2025/26](#)

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to the new session ahead and the exciting opportunities which will be offered to the young people within Trinity High School.

Yours faithfully



P. Marshall
Head Teacher

