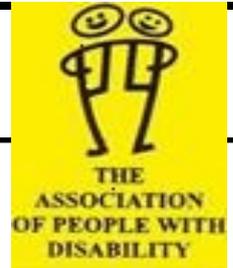




Trinity High School Newsletter June 2017



Dear Parent/Guardian

Once again the end of the session has come upon us very quickly and we are approaching the awaited summer holidays. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all teachers, support staff, pupils, students, parents and local clergy for the consistent support, enthusiasm and commitment shown to our school. The efforts of all are much appreciated and help continue the strong caring ethos which has been very much present during this session. It is this special ethos which distinguishes our school and encourages everyone to work for the benefit of all our young people. In this newsletter you will see some examples of the work undertaken by our young people and supported by staff but this is only a taste of what has happened this year as we could not include everything.

As we conclude this session we are already putting plans in place to make sure the opportunities will be available to all our young people and that the young people of Trinity High School receive the best quality education which they deserve.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and a reminder that Trinity High School will reopen for all pupils/students on Tuesday 15th August. Just a reminder that you can follow us on Twitter @Trinityrenfrew

Yours sincerely

M A Renfrew,
Headteacher



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SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (S.Q.A.) EXAMINATIONS

Yet again Trinity High School has successfully managed to organise the many special arrangements and accommodation issues which now surround the annual Diet of S.Q.A. Examinations at National Qualifications levels. I am delighted to report that our team of experienced Invigilators who supervise all Examinations were once again very positive in their comments about the attitude and conduct of our students during the Exam period. I feel sure for the vast majority of our pupils/students there will be more than a few happy, smiling faces contented with results which match their efforts during the session when **the results arrive on Tuesday 8 August (from 8.00am on August 9 if pupils/students register online at www.mysqa.info)**. Should there be, however, any unanticipated difficulties at this time please do not hesitate to contact the School Office as Senior Staff will be available from August 8 to assist with any queries which may arise. **In addition Pastoral Staff and Senior Staff will be in school on Monday 14 August to re-interview S5/6 students who wish to make a change in their original course choice for 2017 – 18.**

Attendance
+
Belief
+
Commitment
+
Discipline
=
Achievement



Consequently it is essential for those requiring a change in course to come into school between 9.00am – 1.00pm on 14 August. Students not requiring any change in course choices need not come into school. For the moment though I would like to congratulate the many parents who have steadfastly supported (and put up) with our pupils/students during what can be a very stressful time. Well done!

ADMINISTRATION

In order to ensure all necessary procedures are in place for next session I would urge all parents concerned to note that:-

1. There has been a change to Applications for Free School Meals and Clothing Grants this year. If you have previously received Free School Meals/Clothing Grants then you will receive a letter asking if there have been any changes, to your circumstances. If there have been changes to your circumstances or you are applying for the first time go the website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk or call 0300 300 0300 option 5/ option 3.
2. Pupil/Student Annual Census Checks will be issued early in the new session so that Office Staff can make any changes required for the new session in August. However if there are any known changes of pupil/student details eg Address, Telephone Number, health matters and/or Emergency Contact these should be passed to the School Office as soon as possible and certainly before the end of Session.
3. A NUMBER OF S4/S5/S6 PUPILS HAVE EVEN NOW STILL TO RETURN BOOKS. GIVEN THE LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW BOOKS I WOULD ASK PARENTS TO ENSURE ALL BOOKS ARE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
4. Parents are asked to note that all pupils/students have been requested to empty their lockers. The School will not be held responsible for any items left in lockers.
5. Security lockers are available in PE. Pupils require £1 which is returned.



EMA'S—IT PAYS TO STAY!

You may be able to get £30 a week Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) if you are between 16 to 19 years old and staying on in full time education.

EMA is a weekly payment of £30. The weekly allowance which is paid during term time only is transferred directly into the students bank account every fortnight.

EMA is means tested and the income thresholds are as follows:

£0£20,351—for young people from families with a single child in fulltime education.

£0....£22,403—for young people from families with more than one child in fulltime education.

Pick up an application form from your school NOW!

For further information, please contact the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 300 0300 or by email ema.els@renfrewshire.gov.uk or visit the website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk or www.emascotland.com

ACHIEVEMENTS & SERVICE TO OTHERS

As previously acknowledged many of our youngsters have achieved outstanding successes outwith the classroom and have contributed enormously to assisting others less fortunate than themselves. The pictures around this item reflect Service to Others and general participation in a wide range of activities. Indeed the School has been commended for its work in the area of Citizenship, Enterprise Activity and the 'Show Racism the Red Card' work undertaken by our S6 Community Involvement Students who again reached the National Awards Final at Hampden. In addition some of our Senior Students were awarded the CARITAS Award for students in Catholic Schools on 8th June in the Clyde Auditorium. Awards/Commendations also have been achieved from Saltire Awards (for voluntary work) and the Youth Philanthropy Initiative.

We are also very proud of Nadia McWatt who was awarded Distinction from her course at West College Scotland.

The Table outlines the sums given to special causes: –

Our young students continue to develop and understanding of Social Issues and continue to want to support many local charities: Fair Trade issues, Pro Life issues, St Vincent de Paul Group who support the local community, and of course our partnership with India continues to grow. Such service together with the range of achievements across the school is central of our Mission as a Catholic School and is made possible by the hard work and dedication of staff, parents and pupils.

Charity/Reason	Amount
St Vincent's Hospice	2000.00
Breathing Space	750.00
Cardinal Winning Pro Life Initiative	750.00
Ozanam Club (Rosalie)	400.00
Scottish International Relief (Mary's Meals)	300.00
Brightest Star	200.00
Cancer Support Scotland	200.00
Alzheimer Scotland	200.00
YPI	1000.00
Lepra	300.00
TOTAL	£6100

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Be proud of our achievements and well done to all concerned!

Junior Awards Evening

On Thursday evening we held our annual awards night for pupils in S1—3. The evening marked pupils achievements both within and outwith the classroom. Pupils were recognised for their diligence and distinction within the different subject areas. A large number of pupils also received special awards for a whole range of achievements. Pupils were recognised for the vast amount of charity work that was undertaken last session including the St Vincent De Paul Society, Youth Philanthropy Initiative and work with the Association of Disabled People (APD). Mrs Jennings, a member of the Parent Council, was the keynote speaker. Performances from our Music Department included a piano piece. Musicians were Anna Douglas, Erin McNeill and Molly Garaway with Irish Dancing from Niamh Callaghan.





PRIMARY/SECONDARY TRANSITION

Our recent transition visit took place in June with our entire new S1 intake experiencing life at Trinity High School. One pupil from each of our cluster Primary schools was recognised for their contribution to life with-in their own school. Marcus Callon from St John Bosco, Mathew Gallagher from St James Primary, Abby Halls from St Anne's Primary and Jemma Hagan from St Catherine's were all awarded the Citizenship Prize. The pupils were recognised for their involvement in a number of areas including the pupil council and Eco Schools.

We continue to have excellent relationships with our Associated Primary Schools: St Anne's, St Catherine's, St James' and St John Bosco. This year we have undertaken a number of joint projects: music, modern languages, and PE as well as our ongoing links through Support for Learning, Pastoral and Home Link. A number of young students enjoyed the football tournament which took place on 14th June.

All the students enjoyed their visit and working with the S6 Buddies.

This year an inter school Football Tournament was organised and was a great success. The young students involved had a great day.



SPORTING AWARDS

Again the young athletes of Trinity High have shown they can compete against the best not only in Renfrewshire but in the Inter Authority Games. All pupils performed well in their events with many representing the Authority in the Inter Authority Games.

SCHOOL SHOW

The School Show was an overwhelming success again. Thanks to all the staff and young people who took part on stage and behind the scenes for all their hard work. The talent was fabulous. It was great to hear the super music and watch the talented young students take on such complicated roles. A special thanks to Miss Duggan who year after year inspires the young people to get involved and provides, along with other staff, the opportunity to be part of something very special. Well done.





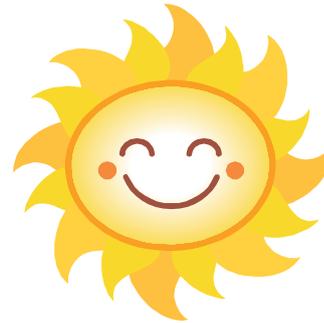
SCHOOL TRIPS

As the activities week draws to a close pupils will enjoy a variety of events: Alton Towers, trip to Celtic Park, Royal Highland Show. Many will be involved in sporting activities such as football. My thanks to the staff who make these events possible.

END OF SESSION

I would like to confirm that Term will end at 1.00pm on Wednesday 28 June. In order to help any arrangements you may wish to make for next session a note of the main Pupil Holiday Pattern for 2016 - 17 is provided below for information. A full list of all holidays will be provided with the 1st Newsletter of the new session. For the moment the main dates for pupils/students including In-Service Days for staff are:-

Session restarts:	August 15 (Pupils)
September Weekend:	September 22 - 25
October Holiday:	October 16 - 20
St Andrew's Day Holiday	November 30
Christmas/New Year:	December 21 - January 3
February Weekend:	February 9 - 13 (Pupils)
Good Friday	Friday 30 March
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April
Easter Holidays	March 30— April 13 (Pupils)
May Day	May 7
May Weekend	May 25 - 28
Session ends:	Wednesday 27 June 2018



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

We are a small group made up of parents, teachers and local parish priest. We meet once a month and our agenda covers a head teacher's report, significant school issues and any fund-raising activities. New members would be most welcome and we would love it if you could join us in supporting the school that your children attend. The next meeting is after the summer holidays on Monday 18 September @ 6.00pm and we are always finished by 8.30pm at the latest. Please email Pauline.dixon@hotmail.com for any additional information.

Trinity High School Parent Council

**Members include
Parents, Teachers &
local Priest**

Informal & Friendly

**Get involved with
matters relating to
your child's school**

**Meetings once a month
Max 1½ Hours**

**PRIMARY GOAL IS NOT
FUNDRAISING**

**CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 0141 886 6121 FOR
MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**



