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### **Information for Parents and Guardians**

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have had a very positive and busy start to the new term and I would like to draw your attention to several items of interest which I hope you will find useful.

#### **Parent Portal**

We are pleased to announce that our new parent portal is now live. The portal is our secure online student record system which will allow you to get more information about your child's attendance, timetable, punctuality, exam entries, progress reports and associated letters throughout the year. We have also linked siblings to one account for parental convenience.

You can access the portal via the link on our website

**<http://trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk/>**

We will publish letters and reports specific to your child on the portal which you can download and print if you would like a paper copy.

The portal can be used to communicate with the school and also provides a quick and easy method for you to view and update your contact details. We would encourage all parents to pay particular attention to the emergency contact numbers to ensure they are up to date.

School ID - 10573

Your User Name is - «Username»

Your Password is - «Password»

Please contact [withers.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk](mailto:withers.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk) if you would like support in accessing the portal.

#### **Curriculum Updates**

As you are aware, there have been a number of initiatives introduced to the 11-19 education system particularly to the assessment routes at GCSE and A Level. To allow parents to gain greater understanding of the reforms, Trinity Catholic College has produced a set of Curriculum Guides which clearly outline the curriculum your child is currently following. These were distributed last year. The guides are also available to download on the website.

To further assist you in understanding the changes to your child's curriculum, we have planned a 'Curriculum Information Evening'. This is due to take place on Tuesday 7th November; there will be two presentations as follows:

- 5.30pm - KS3 presentation for parents of students in Years 7, 8 and 9.
- 7.00pm - KS4 GCSE information presentation for parents of students in Years 10 and 11.

Each presentation will explain the curriculum initiatives relevant to the Key Stage of your child. The presentation will last no longer than one hour.

To enable us to fully plan for the evening please confirm your attendance by registering online (details on [www.trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk](http://www.trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk)) or by emailing: [granycome.j@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk](mailto:granycome.j@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk) or [withers.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk](mailto:withers.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk)

### **Realsmart Homework Reminder**

You were recently sent your username and login details. If you have any login problems please don't hesitate to contact school.

**Year 7 parents only** - On Monday 30th October 2017, all Year 7 students will receive their first cross curricular homework. This is based around a theme of St Hilda and covers various aspects of the curriculum such as Literacy, Numeracy and History.

Prizes will be awarded for the students who are judged to have shown the best application. Your encouragement would be greatly appreciated.

### **Parental Engagement Questionnaire**

We would be grateful if you would complete a questionnaire asking for your thoughts on current communication between parents and Trinity Catholic College. The questionnaires will be held in the strictest of confidence and will only be used to help us strengthen the home/community/school links. Please complete the form online (please see Trinity Catholic College website - <http://trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk/key-information/parental-communication-questionnaire/>). Hard copies available from school.

### **Attendance**

Please see enclosed Attendance update information here at Trinity Catholic College.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions regarding the items in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01642 298100 or [granycome.j@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk](mailto:granycome.j@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk)

Yours sincerely



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