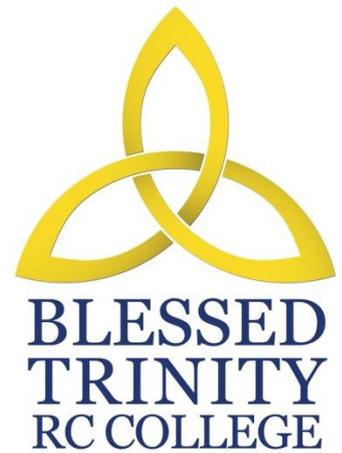


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28 May 2021

Dear Parents



As we reach the end of another half-term, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support during these somewhat challenging circumstances. The children have returned to school life in an admirable way. Of course – I would like to thank our amazing, hardworking and committed staff. I think the whole school community is ready for a well-earned rest.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you may be aware, Burnley has been upgraded to an area of concern by the Government. People are now advised to regularly test, whether they are symptomatic or not. Please can we remind you that your child should be testing using the lateral flow kits provided by school, twice a week, on a Sunday and a Wednesday evening throughout the half-term break. If your child gets a positive lateral flow results, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk.

PCR Covid Tests

As per Government guidelines, parents should ensure that children who receive a positive result from a lateral flow test are taken for PCR test as soon as possible. The result of this PCR test should be communicated to school by emailing head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk. It is imperative that school is notified of this result as soon as possible as this determines the length of time that close contacts need to self-isolate. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Dr Tuohy (ituohy@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk). Please see updated guidance for parents from the Director of Public Health from Lancashire Council.

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/Parental-Covid19-Update-2021-05-27.pdf>

Face Masks

A reminder that in line with guidance from Lancashire Council, we are continuing with the use of face masks in classrooms and communal areas such as corridors. Pupils should also wear face masks when using dedicated school transport and pupil transport.

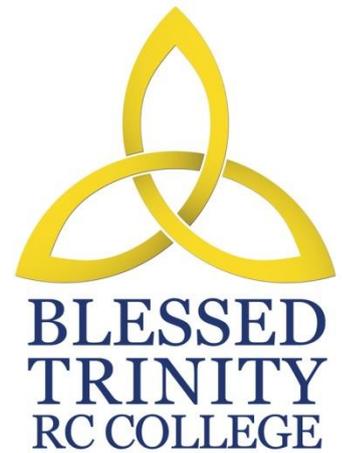
Mobile Phones

A polite reminder, as per our behaviour policy, pupils should not be using mobile phones in school. Mobile phones will be confiscated should pupils be seen to be using them during the school day. Mobile phones will only be returned to a parent or appropriate adult.

Year 10 Assessments

As we approach half term I wish to alert you to the end of year assessment period which lies ahead, as well as canvass your help and support in the coming weeks. The Year 10 assessments have been scheduled to take place in the week commencing 28th June and will occur during normal lessons. The purpose of these assessments is to allow valuable diagnosis of pupil progress following two very turbulent years, as well as providing useful experience of having to prepare for examinations in quick succession.

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Following the half-term break, as well as receiving a copy of the assessment schedule, teachers will share a full picture of the assessment requirements in their subject areas. Time will then be spent in lessons to help pupils prepare fully, although it is also recommended that additional preparation be completed at home.

Year 9 Options

Many thanks to the parents and guardians for their help and support during the Year 9 Options process. We shall be confirming Option decisions with pupils in mid-June.

Year 11 Summer Grades

The vast majority of our Year 11 pupils worked really hard during their final half term in school and teachers are currently very busy completing pupil folders and reviewing grade decisions for the Teacher Assessed Grades this Summer. In a very small number of cases, we will ask your child to come into school in the first week after Half Term to complete any key pieces of work that are missing and we encourage them to make the most of this opportunity.

The support you have given to school and your children throughout a very demanding half term of assessments has been fantastic and once again we pass on our thanks for this.

We shall be in touch with details about results day on **12 August 2021** in due course.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Richard Varey (Mr)
Headteacher