


Weekly Newsletter



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Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 



Dear parents/carers,

There are a small number of students who are acting in an anti-social way as they walk to and from school which is upsetting our local neighbours. BTHCC is a school which promotes Catholic Social Teachings, and we expect those teachings to be permanent throughout our common home. I am in regular contact with the residents who have CCTV and will be putting in to place sanctions for students who cause upset to others outside of our gates. Any misbehaviour on public transport can also lead to a ban for that student so please think about your actions – is it a positive action? If not, stop!

Thank you to all our students who daily represent our school in a positive manner in the local community.

Kind regards



Mrs C S Hogg

Uniform



I wanted to firstly take this opportunity to thank you for your support in getting your children settled back into school and routines following the half term break. It is always a challenge for the students to get up and back into school especially with the dark and cold mornings.

I would also like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child is set up and ready for the school day ahead with the correct equipment and uniform. There is an equipment shop available before school each morning on the stage in the hall should the pupils need to purchase any last-minute items- pens from 5p!

It is important that pupils always wear their school blazer to school each day and wear it with pride. During this cold weather, we obviously encourage pupils to travel comfortably and wear winter coats but not at the expense of their blazer.

Trainers are also not part of our school uniform and footwear should always be a black, traditional style school shoe.

Pupil should arrive to school prepared and ready to learn, having a school bag with their correct equipment, school books and recourses will support them with this.

Please can I ask that you work alongside school ensure that pupils leave the house as prepared as possible for the day ahead. We have high standards at Blessed Thomas Holford and the pupils being "school ready" allows them to get on with the business of learning, rather than having conversations and potential consequences issued. If you feel you need any support with anything mentioned above, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you
Mr Worth

What's going on - Week 29th-2nd

MONDAY

Year 11 Evening
Main School Hall

WEDNESDAY Word

Room 54 at 8.30am

Year 7
Parents

THURSDAY

Evening (online)

College Mass

- 8.15am G3

Father Roberts last
mass with us

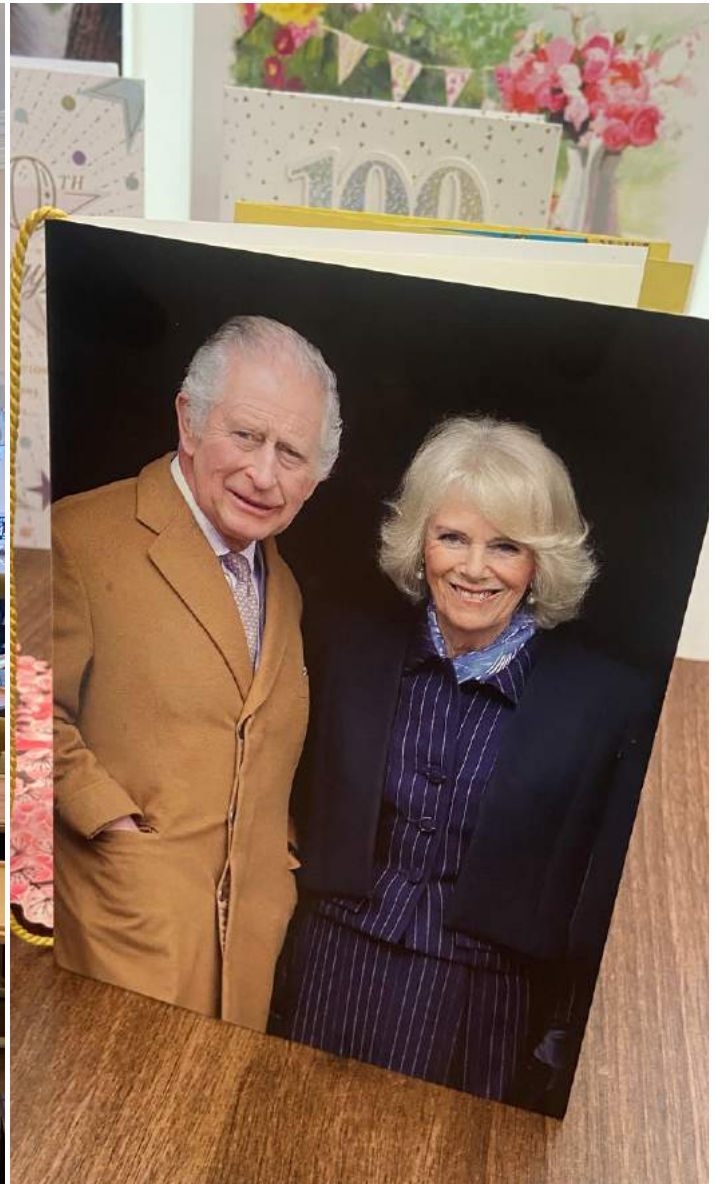
FRIDAY

Careers Fair for all
year groups
9am-3pm



Coffee Morning with Trafford
Thrive - 9.30am

Gladys Turned 100



On Monday we went to visit Gladys at Oldfield Bank nursing home to celebrate 🎉 her turning 100! Sadly when we arrived Gladys was all partied out and was asleep in her bedroom so we sang songs to the rest of the care home which they thoroughly enjoyed and recorded a special version of 'Happy Birthday' which was recorded and shown to Gladys later in the day.

We hope she enjoyed the singing 🎵🎤🎵 and more importantly her special day!

Trafford Thrive



Manchester University
NHS Foundation Trust



Trafford Thrive in Education

COFFEE MORNING

Parents, carers, and family members welcome

- To introduce you to the NHS Mental Health Support Team known as *Trafford Thrive in Education*.
- Get to know us and learn about how we support BTH and your young people.
- Get some ideas and some resources to help you support your young people.
- Have an informal chat and ask questions over coffee and biscuits!
- Taking place at BTH on Friday 2nd February 09.30-10:30, meet at reception in the sixth form building.



Let us know you are attending

Careers Fair



Careers Fair Friday - 2nd of February 9am-3pm

As previously mentioned we are hosting our second careers fair in the sports hall on Friday the 2nd of February.

It is an invaluable day for the students to speak to so many companies, businesses and further education providers all in one place.

As a parent or carer, in preparation for the careers fair, talk to your child about jobs that interest them. You can help them to research different careers or find out skills and qualifications needed to do certain jobs. This might help them with the questions that they want to ask certain companies/further education providers so that they get the most out of the day.

Fr Robert Dykes

The Bishop has appointed Fr Robert to a new parish from 1st February.

Fr Robert's last mass will be on Friday, 2nd February.

It would be great to have lots of pupils, parents and staff there to wish him well in his new parish.

We will be presenting Fr Robert with a leaving gift to thank you for his ministry at our school over the last two and half years.



Student Shout Out

Trafford School Sports Partnership came into school on Thursday hosting and creating Inter School sporting opportunities with a Panathlon event with our fantastic sports leaders. Well done to our Sports leaders, the feedback They represented the school very well.



Staff Shout Out

Huge congratulations to Mrs Quinn who received the 'Heart of BTH' for the pastoral care and support she has given to her form over the last few difficult months.



Anti Bullying Ambassadors

This week we met with our Anti-bullying Ambassadors to work on our next project. Our ambassadors are going to be working towards their 'Respect Badge'. They will choose a topic to cover and will be asked to complete 3 activities involving the whole school to build a campaign to champion diversity or promote equal rights. We are looking forward to seeing what they choose to do.



Personal Development Talk

GMP have been into school today to talk to our Year 8, 9 and 10 students to discuss the very important topic of sharing indecent messages and images. They discussed the risks of sharing indecent images and how to be safe and responsible online.



Year 9 Options



Year 9 Options Booklet

Below is a link to the website for you to view the options booklet to aid discussions with year 9 pupils.

We will be welcoming parents of Year 9 students on Thursday the 22nd of February to our Options Evening.

<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/curriculum/options>

Positive Steps

Positive Steps is a 6-week course designed for parents who are experiencing challenging times in their relationship and / or are struggling to communicate.

Specifically for intact parents, the group can be attended by 1 partner only or by both partners attending the same, or separate group sessions.

Topics covered include:

- *How thoughts, feelings and behaviours impact communication*
- *Healthy relationship development*
 - *Why you argue?*
 - *How to identify the 'real' issue*
- *How you can communicate in a more helpful way*

Groups start Wednesday 7th February 10.00am – 12.00pm or 6.30pm – 8.30pm, both virtual.

To register onto this free course use the link below:

www.thecfc.org.uk/positive-steps

YEAR 7's

Trafford Community Collective (the Collective) on behalf of Trafford Council is very pleased to announce that Gorse Hill Studios have been successful in applying for Public Health in Art (Trafford) from the Government UK Shared Prosperity Funding. This is a 12-week multi arts project called 'Art and Soul' which will be geared around supporting young people ages 7-11 with their wellbeing and creativity for better mental health, to boost confidence and increase a sense of belonging for those who really need it!

It starts Monday 22nd January and will be on each Monday weekly at 16:30-18:00.

If your child is struggling with bullying at school, anxiety, low mood, feeling lonely or isolated, in need of extra support for any reason, care experienced, a young carer, refugee, on free school meals, have additional needs or disabilities or in need of a calming setting, developing social skills, mindfulness techniques, make friends or build a positive mindset. This project is for them! Book on now! We will be working with two local artists and youth workers each week, engaging in art activities, learning new creative skills, practicing mindfulness, talking through problems, looking to the future, learning coping skills and most importantly having fun, socialising and making new friends. We will have a little art exhibition for friends and family at the end of the project to share what we have been doing and show off their skills and creations! This is a project funded by Trafford Community Collective and Trafford Council- Public Health in Art Fund Grant. Thanks to them these sessions are free!

www.gorsehillstudios.org

To book your place click the link below

https://www.gorsehillstudios.org/service-page/monday-art-soul-group-for-7-11-year-olds?referral=service_list_widget

'Art&Soul is a project for 7-11 year olds where we will be Igniting Creativity, Nurturing Communities'.

You can find out more information on the fund itself on Trafford Collective's [website](#) and future rounds, please note that the closing date for the second round of funding is
28 January 2024.

Family Bingo Night



13 DAYS TO GO! ✨

There is now just under 2 weeks to go until our 'Family Bingo Night' and we are really looking forward to welcoming you all. The old school bingo machine is getting warmed up for Mrs Hogg who will be our resident Bingo caller for the evening!

We are still selling tickets on Scopay so make sure you don't miss out on what is promised to be a fabulous evening. You will notice though that it is set to £0.00 due to us not having the options to allow different values so please override the payment and enter the amount of the total tickets you are buying e.g. if you are buying an adult and a child just put in £8.00.

Due to the cost of licensing of alcohol we have decided that you can bring your own drinks, however we will be serving squash, water and teas/coffees during the evening.

It will be a great opportunity for everyone to come together, have some fun, meet some new parents or show extended family where your child attends school.

So why not bring them along!

High School Musical



We are definitely *'soaring and flying'* at BTH as our pupils want to *'bop to the top'* and perform **High School Musical**! Please come along and *'get your head in the game'* to support our pupils who are currently *'breaking free'* and preparing for this event.... It is definitely *'what you have been looking for!'*

All welcome as *'we're all in this together'*

See you soon- this could be the *'start of something new'*

Mrs Edwards

National Pizza Day

On Friday the 9th of February it is 'National Pizza Day' so we will be selling pizza in school. Students will be able to pay for the pizza via their school scopay account.



National Pizza Day

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9

£1.40

Cake Sale

With 'Mental Health Week' starting on the **5th of February - 9th of February**, we have decided that we are going to do a cake sale on **Wednesday 7th of February** at breaktimes in the main hall to raise vital funds for MIND - mental health charity.

We would really appreciate any cake donations on the day and if students could bring in their pennies to help raise money for this amazing charity.

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CAKE SALE

Wednesday 7th Feb

**Main Hall and
Sixth Form
Breaktimes**

**MENTAL
Health
MATTERS**

We're
supporting
mind
for better mental health

ART

Year 7 have been working hard on their Keith Haring inspired polyprints this week and have created some fantastic outcomes. They used oil pastel to create a colourful background and then rolled out printing ink to evenly cover their polyblocks. Their printed Keith Haring inspired designs look really high quality and the classes have worked so well together to share equipment and more importantly, tidy up! Thanks for working so hard Year 7!



'Are you a parent in Trafford? Join our webinar for information on vaping!'

Commissioned by Trafford Council's Public Health Team, a smoking cessation and vaping service for young people has been established.

In partnership between the School Nurses Team and Early Break, this webinar will offer parents information on the facts around vaping, the risks, how behaviour may be impacted and how to manage this at home. It will also give you the chance to ask questions and know where to get support if you would like support for your young person.

We will be running free webinars on the following dates:

- Tuesday January 30th at 7pm
- Wednesday February 28th at 7pm
- Thursday March 28th at 7pm

Please click on the link for whichever webinar you wish to join. If this does not work, please email info@earlybreak.co.uk who will be able to share the event with you or if you have any further questions.

See you then!

Early Break and School Nurses Team'

Trafford School Nurses
Trafford Local Care Organisation

Early Break

Vaping Webinar for Parents

For parents who wish to know more about vaping

What will it cover
What is vaping?
Facts around Vaping
How it may impact teenage behaviour
How parents may be able to support their children

Book your space now!

Contact your child's school for the links to the events

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Royal Academy Young Artist's summer show



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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts

Open for submissions
8 January – 27 March 2024

Find out more and enter
royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists
[#RAYoungArtists](https://twitter.com/RAYoungArtists)

Young Artists' Summer Show

2024

Royal Academy of Arts

Made possible by Robin Hambro

“Entries are open for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition for all pupils aged 11-19. If you would like to enter, please email a clear photograph of your entry, along with a title for the piece, to Mrs Penny-Collings. Your entry can be a painting, sculpture, photograph or digital art piece. The deadline for entries is the 27th March 2024.”

“Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years studying in the UK. The project is generously supported by Robin Hambro, a passionate advocate for the importance of access to art, and the benefits of encouraging the arts, for children and young people.

The artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.”

Thank you for your donations to
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YEAR 7



Did you enjoy using the
Micro Bits in Design Technology?

Come to Robotics club on
Monday 5th February
with Mrs Ginsburgh

Let's pay with the Micro Bits
and our new Move Mini!

If you have done Design Technology with Mrs Ginsburgh then email me to book a space.
This will be for a small group and a one off which I can then repeat again with a different groups so don't worry if you haven't done DT yet this year or you don't get in the first group.

Free Clarinet Lesson

with Trafford Music Service



We would like to invite your child to come and be inspired to learn the clarinet!

We have free trial lessons available on the following days/times:

Tuesday 30th January & Tuesday 6th February 2024

5.00-5.30pm - for children in school years 3, 4, 5

5.30-6.00pm - school years 6, 7, 8

6.00-6.30pm - school years 9+

To book your child's place, go to:

<http://bit.ly/clarinetlesson>

or scan here:



Instruments will be available to use for the trial lesson.

If you have any queries, please get in touch:

www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk

music.service@trafford.gov.uk

0161 911 8659

Trafford Music Service

The Claremont Centre

Sale M33 7DZ

Lessons are subject to availability, terms and conditions apply.

TRAFFORD MUSIC SERVICE

Enriching lives, inspiring a love of music for all.



TRAFFORD
COUNCIL

Contacting the school

Recently there have been some technical issues with our email address blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk which have now been resolved. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

If you wish to report your child's absence please do so via parentmail.

Please note that our school phone number changed in September. It is
0161 768 6030

IMPORTANT

Important Notices

ATTENTION FOR YEAR 11 PARENTS

Monday 24th June - Year 11 Leaver's mass celebration. 6pm at school.

Saturday 29th June - Year 11 Prom at the JB Bell Stadium.

Please check the transport section on the website for the timetable for the 789 bus.

<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/page/?title=Transport&pid=309>

JOB VACANCIES AT OUR COLLEGE.



**Join
Our
Team**

- *Teacher of Maths
- *Teacher of RE
- *School Caretaker
- *Attendance Officer
- *Admin Officer
- *Pastoral/Reconciliation Co-ordinator Hub
- *Sixth Form Student Support Officer

APPLY NOW

<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies>



We have some job vacancies within our college so take a look at our vacancies page on the website

<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies>

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