



2nd September 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back: I trust this finds you well after what I hope will have been a very relaxing and enjoyable summer for you and your son. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time full of new possibilities for students (albeit tinged with an element of regret at the 'short' length of the summer holidays!) and I hope that your son is as excited about the year ahead as I am.

There are new challenges with managing the transition to Second Year: adapting to slightly different expectations, not being the youngest in the school, trying out new subjects and most noticeably the increase in homework that these new subjects bring! Nevertheless, the boys have on hand an excellent team of tutors to offer guidance and support, and I have no doubt that the start of the year will prove to be an enriching and positive one. Should you have any questions or concerns over the coming weeks, however, please do not hesitate to contact your son's form tutor or myself.

Please find below some important information in relation to the Second Year Pastoral Evening, target setting, PE and key dates:

Pastoral Evening – Wednesday 14th September

You are warmly invited to attend the Second Year Pastoral and Boetius Trip Information Evening on Wednesday 14th September. The evening provides a great opportunity to establish contact with your son's form tutor in an informal setting, and as such your son is not expected to attend. Important information about the upcoming Boetius Trip will also be provided, along with an introduction to the 'Second Year Journey' and options choices.

The evening will begin at 6.00pm, at which time you will be invited to take some drinks and light refreshments in a designated area of the school with your son's tutor. This will be followed at 7pm by talks from myself, Mr du Toit (Head of Lower School) and Mr Denman (Director of Studies) about life in the Second Year, The Boetius Trip and options choices respectively.

Target Setting

As in the First Year, boys in the Second Year at Trinity are guided through a target-setting process, the aim of which is to help them to think critically and reflectively about their own progress whilst also being ambitious and creative in their aspirations. In a similar fashion to the First Year, boys will complete initial half-termly reflections with their tutor in school, before bringing the booklet home to complete target setting at key intervals such as after receiving grades, which I hope they will discuss with you. This year, however, they will be asked to think in terms of 'long-term' (yearly) and 'medium-term' (termly) targets and to document their progress towards these. I attach a copy of the target-setting booklet for your perusal; your son should bring his own copy home with him next week.

P.E and Swimming.

Parents of boys in 2A (1V), 2B (1S) and 2M (1C) please note that these forms will have a P.E lesson on Monday 5th September, and will therefore need their games kit. 2M will be swimming and should therefore bring swimming kit.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Wednesday 14 th September, 18:00	Second Year Pastoral and Boetius Trip information evening
Monday 19 th - Wednesday 21 st September	Boetius Trip Group 1 (2A, 2M, 2R, 1 st half 2B)
Wednesday 21 st - Friday 23 rd September	Boetius Trip Group 2 (2D, 2E, 2H, 2 nd half 2B)
Tuesday 11 th October, 18:30-20:00	Childnet Internet Safety Talk for Parents
Tuesday 6 th December, 18:00	Second Year Parents Evening

If you have any questions, or require further information about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Jed Pietersen

Head of Second Year