

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science and Sports College)

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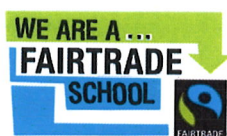
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Dear Parents & Students,

I hope this letter finds you well.

- **Tuesday May 2nd we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker**, Protector of the Divine Child and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a just man who had to look after his family and was forced to flee persecution and the threat of death. It's hardly surprising that our Church now recognises St Joseph as the patron saint of migrants and refugees.
 - We will have, with kind permission of Father Quentin Jackson OFM, an 8.30am Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. Accordingly, there will be no 8.20am Mass on the Lower Site that day.
 - This will also be a Non-Uniform Day. Students may wear sensible non-uniform in return for a fee of £1.00. All proceeds will go to the school fund.
- **Founders Day (Monday 8th May).** Henrietta Pelham Clinton, Duchess of Newcastle was a formidable woman. Born into the wealthy Hope Family (owners of the ill-fated Hope diamond), Henrietta married the Duke of Newcastle and fully participated in the ostentatious and glorious life of London and Paris during the Nineteenth Century. After the death of her husband, she cut herself off from her own circle and family by converting to Catholicism. She moved to England and cooperated with Cardinal Manning in reorganising the Catholic Church especially in London and the South-east.

One of her great achievements was founding the Church and Friary of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Woodford Green despite intense hostility in the local area. She brought members of the French province of the Franciscan order to live at the friary and serve the parish. She herself lived nearby at the "Oaks". She also founded a school staffed by nuns in Mornington Road to educate poor girls from the sweat-shops in Whitechapel and along the Mile End Road. A primary school (St. Antony's) was also founded. "Trinity House"

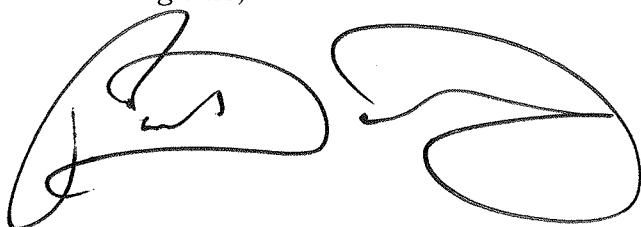


was the main building of Henrietta's establishment, later on it became a convent school. In 1976 the convent merged with St. Paul's Secondary School to become Trinity.

Henrietta died on 8th May 1913 and lies buried in St. Francis Chapel at St. Thomas of Canterbury. She was a truly outstanding woman, the founder of Trinity and, indeed an entire Catholic complex in that square bounded by Mornington and Sydney Road. We owe her a great debt.

- **On Monday 8th May** we will honour Henrietta's memory at a special Mass at 8.30 am in St Thomas of Canterbury Church where she lies buried to the right of the high altar.
- A ceremony of remembrance will be held and flowers laid on Henrietta's tomb at St. Thomas of Canterbury at 12.30 pm on Monday 8th May. All are most welcome.
- **I must reiterate a warning I have issued before regarding the abuse of social media. Anyone involved in creating or providing a site with images which bring this school or any member of our community into disrepute will face the following sanctions:**
 - **For the first offence students will be banned from carrying a mobile phone on school premises during school time until they leave. They will also receive a final written warning.**
 - **For a second offence or refusing to accept the warning issued above they will face permanent exclusion. I do urge any student involved in any such activity to desist and withdraw as soon as possible as we have been given information about certain sites.**
- Many thanks to Peter French, a Foundation Governor, who ran in the London Marathon (and finished) and in doing so raised the fantastic sum of £825 on Parentpay alone! The account is still open! Peter, our most grateful thanks.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P.C. Doherty', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of a large, stylized, looped flourish that extends to the right.

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE
Headmaster