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Dear Parents and Students,

It was wonderful to see so many students and their families at our two end of term events. Last Thursday, 8th December, we were treated to a fabulous evening of music, drama and dance at our Christmas Concert. I said on the night that I think it gets better every year, and I have received a number of messages from parents expressing how impressed they were by the quality of the evening.

Last night was our annual Awards Evening, and I was delighted to be able to present so many awards, recognising academic, sporting and artistic success as well as rewarding students for endeavour, effort and perseverance. A special thank you to Tammarny Lashley for presenting our awards. Tammarny is an ex-student who is now a Professor of Neuroscience at the Institute of Neurology.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January at 8.45am

Best Wishes

Mr A Ward
Headteacher





STAR STUDENTS



STAR STUDENTS FOR THE HALF TERM

The following students have been awarded Star Student for the second half of Autumn Term 2016, for their effort, enthusiasm, hard work and achievement over the last six weeks. Well done to you all.

SUBJECT	STUDENT NAME AND FORM
Geography	Katie - 9AP
History	Edie - 9SGG
Psychology	Brooklyn - 12MK
RE	Waqar - 9CJA
French	Sam - 9CJA
German	Christopher - 9RAC
Spanish	Jodie - 9SJO
General Studies	Eleanor - 12KKB
3D Art	Asmat - 9RAC
Fine Art	William - 10CJL
Child Development	Lizzie - 11ACA
Food	Alina - 10TAB
Health & Social Care	Lauren - 13MGE
Photography	Drew - 11HF
Resistant Materials	Bradley - 11MCL
GCE Art/Photography/Food	Samantha - 13MGE
Biology	Abby - 10SJK
Chemistry	Evie - 11CGI
Physics	Bartek - 10AET
GCE Science	Lydia - 12KKB
English Literature	Harris - 11ACA
English Language	Charlene - 10JRC
GCE English	Rose - 13CP
Drama	Matthew - 10TAB
Music	Gareth - 9EFP
Drama/Music	Bobbie - 13JPB
GCE Drama/Music	Esha - 10JRC
PE Boys	Callum - 9CJA
PE Girls	Emily - 9JRS
PE Examinations	Ben - 11DBE
GCE PE	Samaya - 13MGE
ICT KS3	James - 9CJA
ICT KS4	Ethan - 11CMO
GCSE Computing	Saba - 10JBL
GCE ICT	Leah - 12MK
Accountancy	Aleem - 12MEA
Business Studies	Greg - 12KKB
Maths Year 9	Jamie - 9AP
Maths Year 10	Nadia - 10JLP
Maths Year 11	Elissa - 11LK
Maths KS5	Jay - 12KKB
Sixth Form	Ella - 12MK





SCHOOL NEWS



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

On Friday 16th December students will be finishing school earlier than normal. In order that students can still have lunch, we will be extending break by a few minutes. After this, students will have a short tutor period, followed by a whole school assembly in the Sports Hall.

Students will then be dismissed to return home at approximately 1.15pm. Students must not visit their middle or first schools, as they will be celebrating Christmas and the end of term themselves on this day.

CANOPIES

After a long wait we are delighted to say that the canopies have been installed and are being enjoyed by students. These areas will provide much needed shelter and shade during wet or extremely sunny spells. We would like to thank students for their co-operation and patience during the installation - hopefully they agree that the inconvenience was worth it!



LANGUAGES IN THE WORLD OF WORK

On Thursday 1 December 2017, 15 French and Spanish students in Year 10 went to Warwick University to take part in a workshop entitled "Languages in the World of Work". The first session was presented by one of the university's career advisors and was very informative. Who knew how many different jobs a languages degree can open up for you? Then there were sessions in the language they are currently learning and a new language. Between us we learnt Chinese, Arabic, Italian and Russian. There was also a question and answer session with language undergraduates. Our students asked insightful questions and learnt a lot throughout the day. We finished off with a tour of the campus. Some students were inspired to continue with languages, some became interested in attending university and others simply enjoyed having a quick insight into another language.





SCHOOL NEWS



REMEMBRANCE DAY—A WORLD WAR ONE TEACHER



Herbert William Webster is listed as being a teacher at what was then the Redditch Secondary School (now Trinity High School) and is remembered on our memorial board. We are lucky in that we have the old records of staff and in the ledger it is noted that Mr Webster taught Chemistry and Physics, some Mathematics and some Geography. He is also described as teaching evening classes in Chemistry at the local technical school. He trained at Leeds University Day training college in 1905 - 1908. He was called up in September 1917 and served with the Royal Army Service Corps. He died on the 20th February 1919 aged 32, presumably from injuries sustained in the war and is remembered on the Royal British Legion 'Every Man Remembered' website. He is was buried in his home town of Leeds.



BLOOD BROTHERS



Thirty two students and staff recently enjoyed a stellar performance of Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers* at the Birmingham Hippodrome. Being a key GCSE text the theatre was packed to the rafters, and our students were very well behaved in the busy auditorium. The students were given an excellent insight into how Russell intended his musical to be seen, and were especially impressed by the performances of the actors playing Mickey and Edward. Feedback from the students included that it was, "really funny but sad at times", "really good at setting the scene" and also "much better than I expected". A good time had by all it seems. Thanks to the members of the English department who enabled the students to gain this valuable experience."

LITERACY MENTORING

Students in Year Ten and the Sixth Form have been working together since September to improve their literacy skills at Trinity High School. A number of students have been making use of one form-time a week to improve their literacy skills, under the watchful eye of sixth form students who have volunteered to help and mentor them. All the students have got on really well and have persevered for a whole term, and we hope that they will see some improvement in their English lessons going forward. Look out for more mentoring and rewards in the New Year.



Mr Joy (Literacy Co-ordinator) would like to congratulate the students on all their hard work this term and hopes they use all those extra epraise points for something fun. Well done to Hussan, Shane, Jake, Tom, Andreas, Aaron, Courtney, Amaan and all the Sixth Formers.

ARMY CADETS REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Four students, who are Army Cadets from Redditch Troop, Hereford and Worcestershire, took part in special assemblies at school during the week of 11 November focusing on remembrance and recognising the sacrifices made, not just by **the armed forces of the past, but by today's generation as well.**

They also visiting all the classrooms so that students were able to buy and wear their poppies with pride.





CAREERS



YEAR 11 CAREERS WORKSHOPS AND SCHOOL CAREERS FAIR

This term has been very busy for all of the students at Trinity High School. We had our workshop day for Year 11 in early November that included Enterprise/Stem Activity, Team Building, Interview Techniques, Meeting the Employer, CV Writing and Apprenticeships.



The second day concentrated upon the Careers Fair for all students which provided information about different progression routes and career opportunities. There was a large selection of Universities, Colleges, Employers, Training Providers and The Armed Forces. The feedback was extremely positive from students and exhibitors alike.



A special mention of thanks goes to my Sixth Form helpers who were brilliant.

YEAR 9 SKILLS SHOW

We took over a hundred students to the World Skills Show at the NEC. It was a brilliant trip that showed the students what range of jobs and careers they could aspire to. There were a lot of hands-on activities that were enjoyed by all.



YEAR 10 OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

A selection of Year 10 students are acting as Trinity High school Ambassadors on a project with a local employer and company, Oakland International. This project is looking at connecting businesses and schools regarding the World of Work.

The students have had a tour of the company and its large site, learnt about what a CV is, prepared for and had a Mock Interview with two managers who work at Oakland. We are glad to say that they all were successful and would have been given the job.



They are now working on an enterprise project that is exploring several ways to improve the way the company operates.

CAREERS DROP IN SESSIONS

Careers Drop-in any break or lunch time in room 2A for any advice or information about Apprenticeships, College Applications, Sixth Form and University.

Mrs Laxton



SPORTS NEWS



PE TRIP TO MANCHESTER UNITED

Forty-nine students were again given the unique opportunity to watch a live European football match at Old Trafford to see Manchester United v Fenerbahce. Paul Pogba scored twice as United hammered Fenerbahce 4-1 in the UEFA Europa League on Thursday 20th October 2016.

Pogba and United's goal rush moved them above Fenerbahce into second place in Group A. The world's most expensive player bagged a brace, with Anthony Martial adding a strike in between, as United built a 3-0 lead at the break. The Trinity faithful armed with their scarfs and chants, cheered on the team from amazing seats near the half way line.



Jesse Lingard scored in the early minutes of the second half as the Red Devils threatened to run riot. However, the only other goal came from returning hero Robin van Persie, who netted Fenerbahce's consolation inside the final 10 minutes. The former United and Arsenal striker was cheered by the home crowd in a worthy show of appreciation and respect.



The Trinity students were delighted to see that United manager, Jose Mourinho fielded a strong side. Thank you to Ms Reynolds, Mr Brooks, Mr Bristowe and Mr Rogers who gave up significant amounts of their free time to allow the students to experience the full European football experience at such excellent value.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

On Friday 11th November, the following students were selected to compete in the District Cross Country 2016. All athletes ran very well considering the freezing and wet conditions, at the Abbey Stadium. What a great experience and performance from all.

- Bailey N - Year 9
- Joe H - Year 10
- Amy T - Year 11
- Tom D - Year 11

Congratulations to Amy, Joe and Tom who have now been selected to represent Redditch at the County Cross Country Championships in January 2017. We wish them all the very best.





SPORTS NEWS



YEAR 10 FOOTBALL—TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL VS BAXTER COLLEGE— COUNTY CUP ROUND 2

Trinity Year 10's produced the performance of their lives against Baxter College to progress to the quarter finals of the county cup. It was 1-1 at the end of play and Trinity ended up winning 5-4 after a nail biting penalty shoot-out.

Baxter set the tone early playing some lovely passing football with Trinity perhaps struggling to get to grips with the 3G surface they had never played on before. Baxter promptly went 1-0 up with a fine move down the left resulting in a goal directly from a cross. That seemed to wake Trinity up and they pressed and rushed their **opposition into turning over possession. The Year 10's have never worked so hard, at half time they had wrestle** their way back into the match and were very unlucky not to be going in level after squandering a couple of excellent opportunities.

The second half saw more of the same, and work rate was winning Trinity the contest. To a man every member of the team played the best football in the orange and black school colours they have ever played. Ultimately the Trinity pressure told and we levelled after a shrewd change of formation.

Penalties are a lottery at the best of times. The selected five takers showed strong poker faces perhaps masking their internal nerves (which they assured us never existed post match!). When Baxter missed early on all we had to do was hold the advantage and keep scoring, easier said than done, however each penalty taker calmly slotted theirs away and the match was over.

There is purposely no names listed in this report which should reflect the entire team effort. Choosing a man of **the match was impossible with every single player making a valid case! Trinity progress to face Prince Henry's** in the quarter finals.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL – THE MAGIC OF THE CUP CONTINUES ...

Trinity's well-travelled Year 10 football team went on to face an away quarter final at Prince Henry's High School in Evesham as their cup run took them to another corner of Worcestershire. After progressing on penalties last time out and putting in their finest performance to date confidence was high. At this time of year as the nights **draw in matches are played under lights which gives a real sense of occasion and atmosphere. The Year 10's** certainly did not falter on the grandest of stages they have reached so far.

The new system which has focused on hard work and being solid in defence worked well from the start. It took **the lads a while to find their feet and to work out how to break Prince Henry's down but soon the shots started** peppering the Prince Henry goal.

0-0 at half time possibly didn't do Trinity justice but soon after the break they got their reward with a well struck goal from the edge of the area. Unfortunately for Trinity some average defending meant they quickly conceded an equaliser and that is how it stayed until full time.

Again the dreaded penalties loomed, however Trinity had experience on their side from the last round. One Trinity taker (who shall remain nameless) rather "scuffed" his shot but it was not to prove costly as they ran out 4-3 winners from the spot. Next up is a semi-final tie with the opposition to be confirmed.





SPORTS NEWS



Trinity High School GCSE Physical Education students were visited by Joe Roebuck who attended London 2012 Olympics (only British swimmer to qualify for 3 individual events) and is a double commonwealth medallist and British Club Record Holder.

Joe talked to the students about his journey to become an elite athlete and worked with the group practically throughout the day finishing by putting the students through a gruelling circuit.



SCHOOL SPORT GAMES – TRAMPOLINE SEMI FINALS

On Wednesday 23rd November Hannah T, Kiana A, and Hannah N competed in the Worcestershire Schools Sport Trampoline Event. Fourteen schools from Worcestershire attended the competition at the Abbey Stadium in Redditch, for an eventful day. The competition was very exciting and judged by some of the top athletes in the Trampolining circle. The girls practiced their routine for most of the morning before performing in the semi-finals. All girls did very well indeed, but did not quite make the finals this year. They are all looking forward to **next year's competition and already back in training.**





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News

A fantastic start to the new DofE season. We have had over 100 students sign up for the three awards this year and the Bronze cohort of 2016-17 will be the largest Trinity High School have ever had.

On Saturday 19th November, the Bronze and Silver students completed their training walk. Students were up early and ready to go by 9am. The Bronze students walked around the Hanbury and Upton Warren area, whilst the Silver students were in the Wyre Forest. It was a lovely crisp morning and everyone definitely needed their hats and gloves but everyone was a credit to the school and all completed on time.

A huge thank you must go to all the staff who gave up their Saturday to come and support the students.



Dates for your diary

DofE Information Evening – Thursday 9th March 2017.

Reminders & deadlines

By Christmas all students should have all three of their sections approved on EDofE.

All final payments for all the DofE awards must be made by Thursday 16th February 2017.

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- Keep up to date with the latest information about your child
- View achievement, behaviour and attendance information about your child
- Notify us of any reason for absence
- Check and update your contact details
- Pay for trips, lunch money and Music lessons

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- Send real time notifications to you when new information is available
- Save money on admin time, printing and paper
- Ensure our contact details for you are up to date

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EXTRA CURRICULAR



HOMEWORK CLUB

Monday - Thursday 3.05pm - 4pm with Mrs Hurley in Pitstop

POOL CLUB

Monday - Thursday 3.05pm - 4pm with Mr Slim in the Pool Room

Manga Club!

Wednesday after school in the library, 3.10 until 4.00pm.

Come and discuss manga, draw manga, write manga.....

All year groups welcome, see Mrs Henderson for details.



UNPLUGGED!

Board Games Club, Thursday after school in the library, 3.10 until 4.00pm.

Have you ever played Killer Bunnies? Want to learn to play Zombies? Know how to play Chess? Come along and play these and other games!

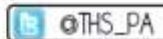
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC

MONDAY	Year 10 & 11 Advanced Singing	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	Year 9 Ukulele Group (Beginners welcome)	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	Coursework Catch-up	After School 3.15 - 4.15
WEDNESDAY	Trinity Singers (All Yr Grps)	3.15 - 4.15
THURSDAY	Coursework Catch-up	3.15 - 4.15

Instrumental Lessons: Drums, guitar, voice, piano/keyboard, violin & woodwind. See Miss Lyons for more information!



TRINITY PE DEPARTMENT EXTRA CURRICULAR OCT - DEC

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL YEARS Gym	BOYS FITNESS ALL YEARS Fitness Suite	BOYS BASKETBALL YEAR 10 Sportshall	TRINITY MILE ALL YEARS Field (AM)
BOYS BASKETBALL YEAR 9 Sportshall	BOYS BASKETBALL YEAR 11 Sportshall	TRAMPOLINING YEAR 9 Sportshall (LUNCH)	TRAMPOLINING YEAR 10/11 Sportshall (LUNCH)
GCSE PE Catch up YEAR 11 Room 1			SPORTS STUDIES Catch up Room 2
GIRLS FITNESS ALL YEARS Fitness Suite			GIRLS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS Field / Astro

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DATES FOR THE DIARY



- 3rd January 2017 - TED - School closed to students
- 4th January 2017 - School Re-opens 8.45am
- 12th January 2017 - **Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm**
- 9th February 2017 - Year 9 Options Evening 6pm - 7pm



NOTICES



PE
 'Hoodies' and 'zip up jackets' are not to be worn during PE lessons. Students have the option of wearing a Trinity High School logo fleece or rugby style shirt to keep warm in the winter months. Jogging bottoms or leggings under their shorts are also permitted. Thank you for your co-operation, PE Department.

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES
 Certificates for Summer Examinations 2016 are now ready for collection from Grove Street Reception.



Springs
 ABBEY STADIUM

Skating for Beginners

Learn to roller skate with Redditch skaters club
6 week course for ages 11+
Starts Saturday 14th January, 5 - 6pm at Abbey Stadium, Redditch
FREE T-shirt on completion of the full six weeks!
 Course cost: £20 (includes skate hire)
 Come along to sign up and skate on 14th January

For more info please contact Sports Development Team on 01527 881289 or email sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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