

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE



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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As this is the final newsletter before the Christmas break, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students and staff for their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm this term.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to begin leading the school into its next chapter and I would like to thank you for the many messages of thanks and encouragement I have received.

I am also very proud to advise that, since the start of term, the school has raised over £4000 for charitable causes. A massive thank you to everyone involved.

Please have a restful, happy and enjoyable festive break, and I will also take the opportunity to remind students to keep safe during this time, especially in the long, dark evenings.

I look forward to seeing you all in January for another successful and enjoyable term.

Best wishes

Adrian Ward
Headteacher

PRESENTATION EVENING – 18TH DECEMBER

It was a real pleasure to see so many students receiving prizes and awards last night. It is fantastic that so many of our students had their efforts and achievements recognised. I was delighted that Stephanie Joseph, a former Trinity student and now a TV presenter, was our guest for the evening. Not only did she hand out the awards but she was able to share with our students her thoughts on the importance of education, working hard and aiming high.

A huge thank you as well to the staff involved, particularly Mrs Green for organising the event. It truly was an evening to remember. Well done to all those whose hard work was recognised.



STAR STUDENTS

STAR STUDENTS - SECOND HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

The following students have been awarded star students for the second half of the Autumn Term for their progress, effort and achievement.

SUBJECT	STUDENT NAME AND FORM
Geography	Julia - 9DEV
History	Bethany - 11CJW
Psychology	Ella - 12CJF
RE	Faye - 10GEA
French	Liz - 9JWI
German	Erin - 9LK
Spanish	Daniel - 9LFR
General Studies	Daisy - 12CJF
3D Art	Jacob - 10LJO
Fine Art	Bethany - 12LRJ
Child Development	Keeley - 10MEA
Food	Katie - 10EK
Health & Social Care	Bryony - 13VGT
Photography	Amy - 10JN
Resistant Materials	Anis - 10CAM
Biology	Heena - 11JPB
Chemistry	Adam - 13AET
Physics	Zak - 12KJ
Science	Umer - 12CJF
English Language	Ben - 9CKS
English Literature	Elizabeth - 12MTD
Media Studies	Abigail - 13VGT
Drama	Ellie - 11CJL
Music	Chris - 9TMC
PE - Boys	Connor - 10AP
PE - Girls	Jessica - 10MEA
PE Examinations	Liam - 10CMF
Asdan - PSD	Paulina - 10KSD
Asdan - Employability	Izabela - 11CGI
Asdab - Upskilling	Renee - 9HF
ICT KS4	Stephanie - 10LJO
ICT KS5	Harry - 12MTD
GCSE Computing	Mona - 10LJO
Accountancy	Jake - 12ES
Business Studies	Thomas - 10JN
Maths KS3	Zachary - 9CKS
Maths KS4	Heena - 11JPB
Maths KS5	Marlon - 12CJF
Sixth Form	Adam - 13CP



SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents/carers and students are reminded that we expect high standards of uniform at Trinity and the vast majority of our students wear their uniform with pride. Please find attached a copy of the uniform policy for your perusal. Should you NOT currently be wearing correct uniform please rectify this during the Christmas holidays. Any students returning to school in January dressed inappropriately will be expected to either; return home to change, borrow the item of uniform from school or, where this is not possible, be placed in isolation until their uniform, hairstyle or piercing has been rectified.

UNIFORM – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Clothing and Footwear

Trousers must be tailored (no leggings, skinny fit, extreme bootleg or denim). Should girls wish to do so, they may wear the school skirt (pleated and worn to the knee). Shirts must be plain white and buttoned to the neck to enable the school clip-on tie to be worn correctly. Shoes must be plain black formal shoes (not boots, pumps or trainers bearing logos). A plain coat may be worn over the school blazer on the way to and from school and outside of the school buildings only. Headgear is not allowed with the exception of a plain black or grey hijab.

Hoodies are not permitted in school.

Jewellery

The **ONLY** jewellery permitted to be worn in school is one plain stud earring in each ear, worn in the lower ear lobe and a wristwatch. No other jewellery may be worn. This includes body and facial piercings (including tongue piercings, flesh tunnels and spikes). Jewellery should be removed for PE.

Tattoos

Some parents may be under the misconception that they can give consent for their children to have permanent tattoos. However, under the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 it is a criminal offence to tattoo a child under the age of 18. Therefore, tattoos are not permitted.

Make Up

Makeup must be kept discreet and natural looking. Students wearing excessive make up will be asked to remove it. False nails and coloured nail polish are not permitted.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles must be in keeping with a formal place of work. Extremes of hairstyle and unnatural colours (vivid pinks, purples, reds etc) are not permitted. Haircuts must be conventional; shaven heads, lines and patterns, mohicans and mohawks are not allowed. Hairstyles should be no shorter than a grade two. Hair extensions are unacceptable. Hair ornaments e.g. slides, bobbles, scrunchies, hairbands should be a plain dark colour. The shaving of lines into the eyebrow is not permitted.

Uniform is the responsibility of students and parents/carers as well as staff, especially the Form Tutor, who must ensure that high standards are maintained and that students begin every day appropriately dressed. **The Board of Governors have stated that “the Headteacher’s discretion and decision on all matters of uniform including hairstyles is final”.** With ever evolving fashion trends, Trinity High School reserve the right to revise our School Uniform Policy as and when appropriate to do so.

In order to ensure a consistent approach, all of our uniform, with the exception of shirts and formal black shoes, should be purchased from either of the following retailers:

Clive Mark

5 Market Place, Town Centre, Redditch, B98 8AA

Tel: 01527 591444

School Days

15 Church Street, Bromsgrove, Worcs B61 8DD

Tel: 01527 877561



SCHOOL INFORMATION

ON-LINE SAFEGUARDING - IMPORTANT POLICE MESSAGE

All parents and students are reminded of the dangers of accepting unknown persons on social media sites. Please ensure that all contacts are personally known. Please access the CEOP's website at www.CEOP.police.uk for information on how to stay safe. This important message follows incidents that have taken place recently in Redditch where young female students have been targeted by a potentially dangerous individual.

PC Richard Waterhouse

CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE

If you have any things relating to young children that you no longer need, I would be grateful if you would kindly donate them to the Child Development Department. This could include any toys or games that your child has grown out of; bottles; sterilizers and related equipment; clean clothes or anything else you think we could use. If items could either be brought to me in Room 55 by pupils or left in Reception in a bag clearly named 'Room 55', I would be grateful. Thank you, Mrs Kell.

AACHEN (LILLE) CHRISTMAS MARKET

The "Weather Bomb" was set to hit Kent during the night of the 11th December, when a group of 42 students were due to cross the Channel and then continue to Aachen for the Christmas Market. At the port of Dover, the weather was atrocious with gales and rain. Due to the weather, crossings were delayed and the two drivers would, by law, still need 9 hours rest. To ensure students' safety in daylight, the teachers made the difficult decision of changing the venue to Lille in Northern France.

In Lille, the group made their way firstly to Euralille, a large shopping complex, and two hours later, past the Grand Place with the big wheel and straight to the Christmas Market on the Place Rihour. Seasonal gifts such as toys, candles, jewellery, soaps and typical French souvenirs were displayed in 80 chalets. Students tried "gaufres" (waffles) covered in chocolat, beignets (doughnuts), sausages and potatoes covered in melted raclette cheese and decided to explore the area and went into shops including Galeries Lafayette and Printemps or went on the big wheel.

Unfortunately the weather was still cold and wet so after visiting the Market, the teachers decided to offer the students the experience of visiting a French cinema to see the French version of "Paddington". Afterwards, the group returned to the coach. The return crossing was smoother and the group arrived back at school earlier than expected. Before they left, the coach drivers said how impressed they were with Trinity students, saying they would happily take any party from Trinity in the future. Teachers accompanying the group would like to



congratulate students for adapting to the change in plans and tolerating the poor weather conditions.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Loughborough University Trip 2014

Physical Education Year 10 GCSE students were invited to Loughborough University to take part in a variety of workshops.

Students received a guided tour of Loughborough Universities world class sporting facilities, all of the students were amazed to see the facilities that Loughborough had to offer such as an; Olympic sized swimming pool, indoor and outdoor athletics tracks, indoor and outdoor cricket pitches, specialised netball courts, basketball stadiums, football stadiums, water based hockey pitches along with much more.



In the afternoon pupils took part in three workshops one of which was to meet an elite athlete. The students met a professional basketball player who represents Loughborough University. She talked to them about her training, diet and balancing studying with sport. The workshop was really interesting.

After this session pupils headed over to Loughborough's sport science labs to find out how tests are conducted. A selection of students got to take part in a Vo2 max test that highlights how fit they

are by measuring their oxygen intake. This test is normally used to test high performance athletes such as Mo Farah and Liam Tancock who regularly attend Loughborough as part of their training. All students also got to take part in a test which measured their power output.



A number of students wrote about their experience at Loughborough University...

Lizzie

I think the day in the life of an elite athlete was really interesting because I have learned a lot about the university life and what it takes to get in etc. We also learned a lot about the lifestyle of the athletes and non-athletes and what course Loughborough has to offer. I really enjoyed the university tour we learned about all the fantastic facilities the university had to offer – we even had chance to see what people could do for a degree.

The lab testing was also very interesting because it helped us to understand the different tests such as watt and Vo2 max.

Amy

I liked how they gave us a tour of the university to begin with as it gave us an idea of what a university would be like to go to. I also liked the part where they talked about the life of an elite athlete. I also thought it was great how a few people got to perform the Vo2 Max test.



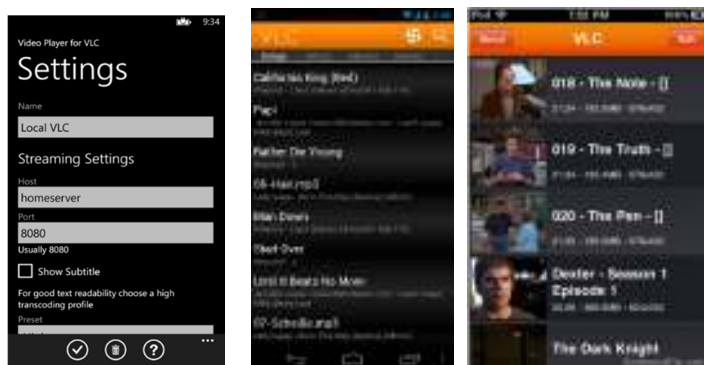
Mr Brooks and Mrs Kelly would like to thank all the students that came to Loughborough for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm on the day.

FACULTY NEWS

APP OF THE WEEK

VLC Media Player

VLC Media Player is an app available across all mobile platforms and computers which gives the user the ability to play media in nearly any file format available, allowing higher quality or more compressed file types to be used even if they are not supported natively on a device. This is especially useful when copying media from a computer to a mobile device where the file format on the computer may not be supported on the mobile device. VLC also has a companion app, Video Player for VLC, being developed which allows a user to stream media from a computer with VLC running onto their mobile devices, saving a user space on their device by only needing the media to be stored on their computer.



SCIENCE FACT OF THE WEEK

Your body contains enough carbon to make 900 pencils. You also contain enough iron to make a 3-inch nail, enough potassium to set off a small firework, and enough fat to make seven bars of soap.



PARKRUN - ARROW VALLEY LAKE, SATURDAY'S 9AM.

It was a bitterly cold 1 degree above freezing as many THS pupils turned out for their weekly Parkrun at Arrow Valley Lake. Leaving the sanctuary of the warm car is tough on these mornings so a massive congratulations to all who took park. The staff cannot be accused of being weather shy as Mr Bristowe and Mr Moore completed the Coventry Parkrun this week.

It was all about layers this week, people running in gloves, hats, three tee-shirts and multiple pairs of socks! Starting by the car park and then completing two laps of the picturesque lake ensured everyone warmed up pretty quick and by the time the runners got to *the hill* at the foot of the lake the cold had long been forgotten. There were some fantastic good news stories this week:

- Thomas shaved 35 seconds off his PB to record a new best time of 18minutes 57seconds. Getting under 19 minutes for a 5km Parkrun is a fantastic achievement.
- May registered 23rd run and is fast becoming a familiar face and veteran at Arrow Valley Parkrun!
- Seren came within touching distance of a new PB which on an ice cold morning is nothing to be sniffed at – well done.
- The newbies, Nathan and Tamara both came back for their 2nd run and both bettered their 1st weeks' time. Nathan by a brilliant 30 seconds and Tamara (who gets runner of the week) took an incredible 2 and a half minutes off her time!
- Finally there was a mystery runner in THS PE Kit who I couldn't quite make out so apologies for missing you off!



If you're interested in signing up to run at Parkrun (joining the ever growing number of THS pupils) either come and find Mr Bristowe, visit <http://www.parkrun.org.uk>, or turn up to the Arrow Valley Lake at 9am on Saturday mornings and I'll see you there!



FACULTY NEWS

YEAR 11 TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

As part of their Core PE lessons one of our Year 11 groups have initiated a very competitive Table Tennis competition with the winner each lesson being presented with a trophy which they can keep until the next round of the competition. Congratulations to the following for their victories:

MEGAN



SCOTT



DANNY



YEAR 9 BASKETBALL - WOODRUSH 24 TRINITY 38

After a disappointing loss to Tudor Grange Redditch in their first game of the season our Year 9 basketball team came bouncing back with a convincing win away at Woodrush High School. The lads had worked hard in training between fixtures to ensure that we would be more solid defensively, more mobile on offence and more courageous when driving to the hoop. Trinity had trailed for most of the game but showed great fighting spirit to stay within touching distance of their opponents before finding that extra gear to forge ahead and secure the win in the 4th quarter.

Top 3 Player Stats

Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals
Jack	15	15	
Michael	10	3	4
Elrico	6	7	2



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19th December - End of Term
- Monday 5th January 2015 - TED (school closed to students)
- Tuesday 6th January 2015 - School reopens 8.45am



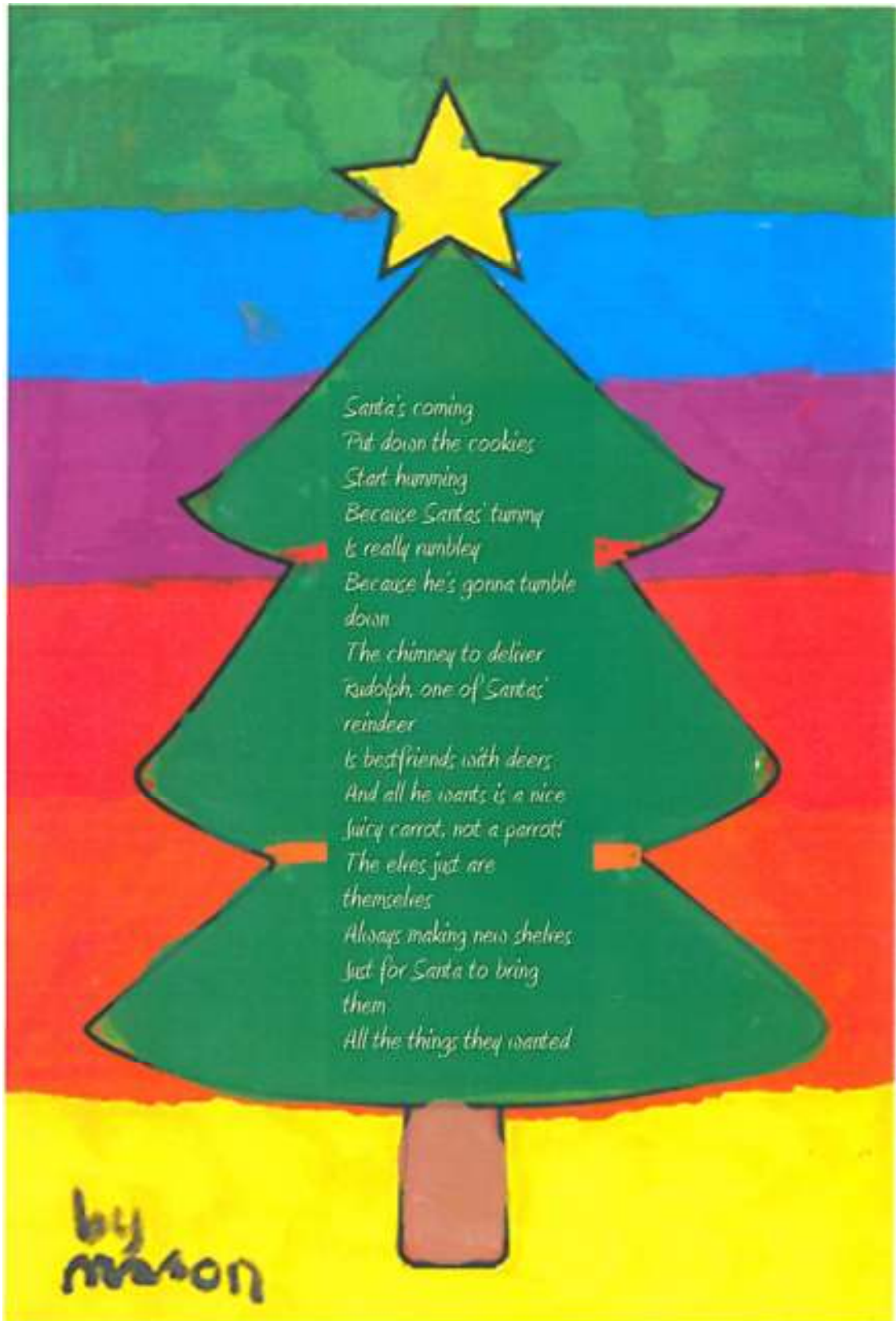
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FACULTY NEWS

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6-A-SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

6PM - 8PM EVERY SUNDAY ... ALREADY UNDERWAY

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL, SPORTS HALL

RUN BY YMCA WORCESTERSHIRE FA QUALIFIED STAFF

MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM OR JOIN OURS

14 - 19 YEARS

NO CHARGE!!

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