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SPANISH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Some of our Year 11 Spanish students along with students from Arrow Vale High School welcomed Spanish exchange students last week to Redditch. The Spanish students came over and spent time with their host families, went to London, Oxford and Stratford and spent time at Trinity High School. The Spanish students and staff were very pleased with the hospitality they received and our students are very much looking forward to going over to Spain. Thank you very much to all staff and students involved.

LITERACY MENTORING

A number of 6th form and Year 11 students are spending 20 minutes per week with students from lower down in the school and working with them to raise their standards of literacy. On Mondays, Year 9 students are involved and Wednesdays are for Year 10 students.

Together, they are each writing a short story, with the focus being on how to communicate exciting ideas whilst maintaining 100% accuracy in terms of literacy. The stories are vibrant and imaginative, showing some real talent for generating ideas. Maybe we'll have the next JK Rowling on our hands!

In addition to encouraging students to use their imagination, the effect of the focus on good standards of literacy is being seen in lessons across the curriculum. By discussing the process of forming words, sentences and paragraphs with someone closer to their own age, the students feel more confident to be able to express themselves and transfer the skills to other areas of their learning.

The literacy mentoring from this year will continue into the future, so if you would like to get involved - either as a Literacy Leader doing the mentoring or as a student receiving the mentoring - please see Mr Jordan as soon as possible and we'll get you started.



SCHOOL EVENTS

LGBT @ Trinity



Since September, we have led the way to stamp out homophobic bullying in schools. You will have noticed the Stonewall posters in the corridors and classrooms, and students are aware that we have a zero tolerance of homophobic language. Unfortunately, it still stands that in the UK, **65%** of lesbian, gay and bisexual young people experience homophobic bullying and **98%** of young gay people hear the phrases 'that's so gay' and 'you're so gay'.

On this note, we need your help to make homophobia a thing of the past in our community and so we are going to launch our very own LGBT Society. LGBT stands for *Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgendered* and our aim is to make Trinity safe and inclusive for everyone. To do this we need:

- To provide a support network for all people who want to raise the issue of prejudice towards LGBT in school and beyond.
- To highlight LGBT issues as they affect us.
- To promote equality for all.
- To celebrate diversity.

You do not have to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgendered to join, you simply have to care about highlighting the importance of equality and celebrating diversity. If these are issues that you feel passionate about, we need your help. Please come along to Miss Field's classroom (Room 29) every Thursday lunchtime to get involved.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Students have taken part in the Redditch Borough Council campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence as part of the white ribbon campaign.

HAPPY INTERFAITH WEEK

Last week was Interfaith Week; a celebration that highlights the importance of tolerance in today's society by encouraging an honest and open dialogue between those of different backgrounds. This year, we were really happy to host some guests from a company called 3FF; Siobhan (an agnostic) Tawhida (a Muslim) and Abigail (a Jew), who facilitated an 'Encountering Faiths and Beliefs' workshop, which gave our students the opportunity to speak to people from different faiths and beliefs, hear personal stories and ask questions in a safe space.

The students that participated in the workshops within their humanities lessons were a credit to the school and contributed to the dialogue in a positive and mature manner.

"I learnt a lot in this workshop and enjoyed it very much. I especially liked hearing their stories and what religion means to them" – Year 9 student.

Interfaith Week celebrates diversity and commonality and increases our awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK. In such a diverse community, we think good relations between one another and an understanding of those from different backgrounds are essential. Without these ties, prejudices flourish, often leading to racism and intolerance. Thank you to our speakers and to all students and staff that contributed to the day.



FACULTY NEWS

ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY—Art Piece of the Week

This edition's selected piece comes from Scott Wilkerson, a Year 11 Fine Art student. Scott's superb sculpture is hewn from metal, shaped both in school and on his own forge at home. Scott's work is currently on display in the quad and can be viewed by passing students and staff alike. Trinity has its own forge where students can do metalwork in class, or in art club which runs Monday to Thursday after school and is open to all year groups.



Remember to follow @adt_ths for all things creative at Trinity!

SCIENCE FACT OF THE WEEK

Radar is an abbreviation of *Radio Detection And Ranging*. For radar to function, the radar dish or antenna transmits pulses of radio waves or microwaves which bounce off any object in their path. The object returns a tiny part of the wave's energy to a dish or antenna which is usually located at the same site as the transmitter. This signal is then translated electronically to indicate physical properties of the reflected object like speed, range, altitude, and direction.

YEAR 9 CAREERS EVENT - THE SKILLS SHOW

Last Friday we took 100 students to the biggest Career Show ever at the NEC. The show covered five huge halls and contained many exhibitors and thousands of people. There was every thing from bricklaying, to robots, body art to diggers, healthcare to security and many, many more. The emphasis was for people to 'Have a Go' and there was a huge variety of activities which our students made full use of.

Two of our girls were talented enough to win a very swish webcam each for their efforts in a competition. Well done.

The students had a fantastic time and came away inspired about their possible future career. They were a real credit to the school and it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip.



Mrs Laxton, Mr Petit and Mr Rogers



SCHOOL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures w/e 14.11.14: Year 9 - 93.56%, Year 10 - 92.65%, Year 11 - 92.27%

YTD: 94.08%

Best Tutor Group: 10LJO 98.80%

If your child is going to be absent from School please call 01527 585859 and press 1 to leave a message for the Attendance Office.

GCSE & GCE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES

Certificates from the summer examinations are now available for collection from the Grove Street Reception. If any student has relations, friends or neighbours that have left school please let them know that they should come to school to collect their certificates. These certificates are kept by the school for a period of twelve months, they are then shredded on the instruction of the examination awarding bodies and if a student then needs their certificate, employers and universities will want to see them, they cost £40 each to replace.



SCHOOL JUMPER SALE

With the winter season approaching we now have, for a limited period, a number of school jumpers and cardigans for sale at discounted prices. These are available as follows:

Size	Jumpers	Cardigans
30-32	£14.00	£16.00
32-34	£14.00	£16.00
34-36	£18.00	£18.00
36-38	n/a	£18.00
38-40	£18.00	£18.00
42-44	£18.00	£18.00





Our amended uniform policy this year made it compulsory for all Year 9 students to have a jumper and we would encourage all Year 10 and 11 students to have a jumper or cardigan to comply with our uniform policy as hoodies or other jumpers, etc are not allowed.

If you would like to purchase any of these, they are available from the Finance Office at lunchtime and afterschool only. Please send your child with the correct money or a cheque made payable to Trinity High School & Sixth Form Centre.

HOUSE ACTIVITIES/EXTRA CURRICULAR

HOUSE LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
<p>GIANT Jenga Dining Hall</p> 	<p>Handball Gym</p> 	<p>Five-a-side Football Sports Hall</p> 	<p>Table Tennis Common Room</p> 

The activities will rotate throughout the year! You do not need PE kit, just bring trainers.

Sign up to take part - Participation means House Points!



MFL CLUB FOR YEAR 9

We have launched a new club for Year 9. The MFL Club will give students the opportunity to learn lots of different languages, from Italian to Japanese. We will meet in the Library on Monday Lunchtime and use online resources to learn and speak lots of different languages. We are very lucky as a school to have access to Rosetta Stone, a prestigious language learning software and we really want Year 9 to be able to use it. Come along, have fun and learn something new.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

DofE Training Sessions every Friday at 2.30pm in the Dining Hall. ALL students are required to attend these sessions. Please make sure you are keeping on top of your other sections and if you are having difficulties finding a volunteering placement please see Miss Lyons. Date for your Diary - Saturday 29th November DofE Training Walk.

TRINITY NEWS TEAM

The Trinity News Team will be running every Wednesday lunchtime in the Music Room. We will be producing a news bulletin which will run every half term. You will be involved interviewing people, filming short news sections, editing news sections, performing as news anchor and deciding what makes the broadcast! You don't need to be in front of camera, you can be backstage doing editing, filming, directing and more. If you have an interest in Media, Film or Journalism then come along every Wednesday lunchtime and get involved. There will even be an opportunity to work with the BBC and be shown on their website. See Mrs Tomlinson for more details.

STUDENT VOICE AT TRINITY

Student Voice is a very important decision making vehicle within the school and we value the thoughts of our students. Form Reps and students who are interested in developing and maintaining high standards at Trinity attend meetings on a regular basis. We have a number of 6th Form students who are in charge of various projects from Teaching & Learning to the Canteen; these students listen to the views of Years 9, 10 and 11 and work together to help find solutions. Check our notice board (situated bottom of English corridor) for updates on projects and important information such as next meeting date.

Follow us: @THS_Voice



REVISION/COURSEWORK SESSIONS

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

After school catch-up for Art, Photography and 3D is on Monday -Thursday from 3.10pm - 4pm.

Various other revision and coursework sessions will be running throughout the year and in particular in the run-up to exams. Please refer to this section of the newsletter in the future for full details.

BUSINESS STUDIES REVISION GUIDES

Year 11 & 10 Business Studies students require a Business Studies revision guide. Please place an order for one with Mrs Fisher in Room 5 either at break or lunchtime. Cost £2.75.

MFL REVISION

French and German revision sessions to practise listening skills begin this Thursday at 3.05pm in Room 37. Week 2 French, Week 1 German.

SCIENCE REVISION SESSIONS - YEAR 11

20th November	Biology	Genetic (Triple)
	Chemistry	Properties and uses (Triple)
24th November	Physics	Energy & work done (Triple)
	Chemistry	Rates of reaction (Triple)
27th November	Biology	Photosynthesis (Additional & Triple)
	Physics	Forces (Additional & Triple)
1st December	Biology	Genetics (Additional & Triple)
	Chemistry	Quantitative and Analysis (Additional & Triple)
4th December	Physics	Electricity (Additional & Triple)
	Chemistry	Structure & bonding (Additional & Triple)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27th November - Year 12 Parents' Evening , 16.30pm—19.00pm
- 29th November - DofE Training Walk
- 1st December - 5th December - Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 Mock Exams
- 18th December - Awards Evening 6.15pm
- 15th December - 19th December - Year 9 and Year 10 Assessment Week
- 19th December - End of Term
- Monday 5th January 2015 - TED (school closed to students)
- Tuesday 6th January 2015 - School Re-opens 8.45am



Excellence for All

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Design a seasonal Greetings Card!

Competition runs from Monday 1st
December until Friday 12th December



Come to the library at lunchtime to
create your card:

Monday and Thursday - YR 11

Tuesday and Friday - YR 10

Wednesday - YR 9



House points will be awarded per entry!



Winner will be announced in Final assembly

Arts in Redditch



WE'RE BACK!

**Our Pop-Up Gallery returns to
The Kingfisher Centre
from 20th – 30th November**

Featuring over 40 local artists, with a whole new selection of paintings, drawings, sculpture and jewellery, with opportunities to buy that unique Christmas gift.

Location: Park Walk (opposite Waterstone's)



Arts in Redditch

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