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TRINITY RACE FOR LIFE- 24TH OCTOBER 2014 IS WEAR IT PINK DAY



This is Britain's biggest and pinkest fundraising day - raising money for the Breast Cancer Campaign.

We would like students to come to school in sportswear and also wear an item of pink clothing on that day and bring £1 donation for the charity.

We will be holding a Trinity Race for Life Event on Friday 24th October at school at 2.30pm. The race is open to female staff and students and family members only. It will be run over a choice two distances; 5k and 1.5k. Participants can run, jog or walk and we are hoping to be cheered on by male staff, students and family members.

Please get involved and support Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

LEST WE FORGET

Trinity High School will be holding a 'Lest We Forget' concert and tea party on October 23rd 2.15pm-3.30pm at the school to commemorate the fallen and mark the centenary of WW1. If any parents, grandparents or relatives of our students would like to attend and join with us in this act of remembering please contact to Mrs Hannan on 01527 585859



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is very important to ensure students reach their full potential, and at Trinity we monitor attendance very closely. Parents and students are reminded that school starts promptly at 8.45am each morning. All students arriving after this time without a valid reason will be subject to a lunchtime detention. The Easemore Road gates are locked at 9.00am each morning and students will only be able to access school through the Grove Street entrance.

Please note: From 1st September 2013, the Pupil Registration (2006) Regulations were amended in regards to family holidays. The change makes it clear that schools are NOT to authorise any leave of absence during term time and that applications must still be completed for safeguarding purposes.

Attendance figures w/e 94.07%: Overall: 95.7%

Year 9: 95.63%, **Year 10:** 92.81%, **Year 11:** 93.78%

Best Tutor Group: 9YFK 99.9%

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.

WAR OF WORDS CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Fancy seeing your creative writing published in an anthology of the best young writers in the country? Then sign up to take part in the War of Words creative writing competition to write a poem, any form of poem, about conflict. Your poem can be about war, relationships, communities, family or any other form of conflict you can think of.



Meeting in Room 24 Wednesday 15th October with Mrs Tomlinson for help and an entry form.

VEHICLE & PEDESTRIAN GATES

Thank you for your co-operation with regard to the new gates. We are confident that these have improved the safety and security of all school users. As with all new initiatives we will continue to monitor their impact.

As a reminder, the vehicle gates are open until 8.45am, after which time visitors to the school need to use the intercom facility and speak to the Receptionist to be allowed into the car park. All visitors are asked to park on the Visitors' Car Park (down the ramp) and not block the area around the gates.

The gates open automatically to let vehicles out.

The pedestrian gate is open from 8am – 9am, after which time the intercom needs to be used to gain access.

All drivers are asked to observe the speed limit (10mph) and drive carefully when on the school site for the safety of our students. Thank you for your co-operation.

HISTORY TRIP UPDATE

There is a Sixth Form trip to the Remembrance ceremony at Worcester Cathedral 11th November 2014. Any sixth formers still interested in attending this official remembrance ceremony for World War One, please return reply slips and outstanding monies to Mr Williamson by the 17th October at the latest. For further details or a copy of the letter, see Mr Williamson, Room 30.

TRIP CANCELLATION

Unfortunately due to insufficient interest we have had to cancel the proposed skiing/NYC stopover trip to USA in February 2016. As a result we will be sending out information in January for a proposed skiing trip to the French Alps instead, again for February 2016. We are delaying this until January in response to feedback from students and parents that too many trips have come out at once requiring deposits. For those wishing to plan early and get saving, the trip should be no more than £830* and will include flights, 6 days skiing instruction, ski equipment hire, 7 nights full board accommodation in an English staffed hotel in the actual ski resort itself and a program of evening entertainments. The deposit will be £200 due in the first week of February followed by 9 monthly instalments of £70* to pay the balance.

*Subject to confirmation from tour operator closer to the time

FACULTY NEWS

HUMANITIES & COMMUNICATION NEWS

MFL SLANG OF THE WEEK

¿Qué onda? – *what wave? (literal), what's up? (slang)*

Example:

Eh hombre, ¿qué onda?

Hey man, what's up?

MFL NEWS

Trinity High School Salsa Club

Please come along to our salsa club here at Trinity High School on Wednesday lunchtimes in the main hall. Complete beginners are more than welcome, you don't need to have any previous dancing experience!

There has been some debate as to what came first...salsa the dance or salsa the sauce. After some research we have found out that salsa the sauce came first into the Spanish language and it is was used for the dance because, just like the sauce, it is a mixture of ingredients with influences from Spain, Africa, South and North America!

European Day of Languages Poster Winners

The following students have been awarded prizes for their outstanding efforts during the European week of languages in their classwork and European languages posters! Congratulations!

Katie Bonehill	Emily Vokes
Matthew Walsh	Erin Bate
Charlie Dowling	Chloe Hill
Aaron Singh	Lauren McMahan
Ellie Beech	Zaynab Rasheed
Dan Glebocki	Ryan Smith
Idrees Khan	Aiman Tabassum
Morgan Harris	Maleehah Hussain



French, Spanish and German Revision Guides

In the MFL department we are offering reduced rate revision guides for our Year 10 and Year 11 students to purchase. The revision guide and revision workbook are £2.50 each. Please bring your money to your MFL teacher as soon as possible.

French, Spanish and German Magazines

Teachers in the MFL department are always looking at ways to improve students' skills, knowledge and grades in the foreign language they are studying. With this in mind, we are able to offer a subscription to a magazine in either French, German or Spanish at a greatly reduced rate.

For just £6.00 per student per language, subscriptions would include 5 magazines, 25 MP3 audio tracks, 5 authentic videos and 40 online activities. The magazines are designed to complement and extend textbook teaching and contain up-to-date topics aimed at teenagers.

If you are interested in this offer, please get a letter from either Miss Johal (room 36) or Mrs Weatherley (room 37).

German Christmas Market Trip, Aachen

The German Christmas Market trip to Aachen will be going ahead soon. Please bring in your passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to Mrs Weatherley to check. Furthermore, please bring the remaining money by **5th November** (£45 for Years 9-11 and £50 for Years 12-13). Thank you.

Unfortunately, there are now no spaces left on the German Christmas Market trip to Aachen. If you are still interested in going please let Mrs Weatherley know and you will be placed on the reserve list.

FACULTY NEWS

PSYCHOLOGY IN THE NEWS

Why the mental health of astronauts is one of the biggest hurdles when it comes to successful space missions

Now that a voyage to Mars is being considered, scientists have started to study the effects of confinement in simulated missions, the longest of which lasted for 520 days of isolation. From June 2010 to November 2011, six crew members were confined in a replica space shuttle that did not actually leave Earth. The aim was to test the effect of isolation in cramped conditions on the individuals. Over time, the grind of round-the-clock stress took its toll, and the most affected crew members became a source of dispute and conflict.

If a mission to Mars is to ever go ahead then a large amount of scientific investment will be needed to investigate further the psychological consequences of such a mission in order to try to avoid the psychological consequences of: stress, poor working conditions and loneliness. Getting to Mars seems easy in comparison.



HISTORY

Who were the Romans?



The Romans came from Italy and were one of the most organised civilizations', they had to be to control their huge **empire**.

The Roman Empire stretched across Europe and the Middle East. They invaded Britain and made some big changes such as **public health**.



Roman **baths** were established where people could wash regularly. The picture below is from Bath!



Back in Rome **gladiators** would fight to the death in the great colosseum. Whilst **slaves** worked through the night to keep the streets clean. Everything was controlled by the **emperor**.

1. How many Roman emperors can you name?
2. What is the name of the actor who plays *Maximus Decimus Meridius* in the film *Gladiator*?
3. What else did the Romans build in Britain?

FACULTY NEWS

GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS

Can you guess what this is a picture of?!



It's not a new type of vegetation or a microscopic photo, it is in fact 35,000 walrus! These walrus were photographed during NOAA's annual arctic marine mammal aerial survey. The gathering of walrus on shore is a phenomenon that has accompanied the loss of summer sea ice as the climate has warmed. Pacific walrus spend winters in the Bering Sea. Females give birth on sea ice and use ice as a diving platform to reach snails, clams and worms on the shallow continental shelf. Unlike seals, walrus cannot swim indefinitely and must rest. They use their tusks to "haul out", or pull themselves onto ice or rocks.

"It's another remarkable sign of the dramatic environmental conditions changing as the result of sea ice loss," said Margaret Williams, managing director of the group's Arctic program. "The walrus are telling us what the polar bears have told us and what many indigenous people have told us in the high Arctic, and that is that the Arctic environment is changing extremely rapidly and it is time for the rest of the world to take notice and also to take action to address the root causes of climate change." This summer, the sea ice's annual low point was the sixth smallest since satellite monitoring began in 1979.

RE

It is 'Prayer for Peace' Week

This Sunday (19th October) 'Prayer for Peace' Week will commence. Although it was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of 'Prayer for Peace' Week in 1974, it soon became an inter-faith activity, and now welcomes everyone, of all faith traditions or none, to take part. The central aim of the week is to remind those that world peace must be prayed for by all the faiths of the world. The things we agree on are unfortunately few and far between, and so when followers of different faiths are able to stand and pray together as a friend and partner for peace, it is precious.

Each year, an anthology of prayers from various faith traditions is compiled, for shared inter-faith worship this week and each prayer draws attention to the shared values found across world faiths, with each day bearing a different universal theme. An example of a prayer is shown below:

*Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.
Lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.
Lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.*



SCIENCE FACT OF THE WEEK

The neutrino is an elementary particle which has no electrical charge, travels at nearly the speed of light and passes through ordinary matter with virtually no interaction. Every second about 65 billion neutrinos will pass through your fingernail.



SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 Football

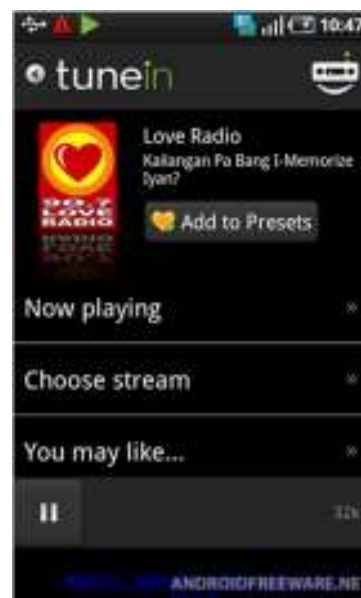
The Trinity year 9 football team were edged out by a strong Hanley Castle team in the county cup. The first half saw Trinity go close on several occasions but a scrambled goal from Hanley on the stroke of half time meant Trinity trailed 1-0. A headed goal from Brad Smith after a brilliant cross from Kai Gough got Trinity back on level times just after the break. The luck was not on Trinity's side as an unfortunate own goal and a miss hit compelled against the home side. Kai Gough got a late consolation goal after great work from Jimmy Veness.

Man of the Match: Jimmy Veness

APP OF THE WEEK

TuneIn Radio

TuneIn Radio is a great app which allows you to access thousands of radio stations world-wide. It has an easy to use interface with a very functional list of options allowing you to search for radio stations based on a certain topic, such as movies, music or sports, as well as giving you the options to filter radio stations by language, location and those which are trending at the time. Because of this, the app is great to have for when travelling or just relaxing.



IFS STUDENT INVESTOR CHALLENGE

This week the Business Studies Department have launched The IFS Student Investor Challenge with Year 12 Business Studies Students. The free to enter competition, run by IFS University College and supported by Bloomberg, provides teams with £100,000 of virtual money to buy and sell shares in FTSE 100 companies. The competition gives teams of four students aged between 14 to 19 years old the opportunity to experience the dynamic world of share dealing and investing in the stock market. Now in its 21st year, the competition is the largest of its kind in the UK.

FACULTY NEWS

STEM PROJECT LAUNCH 2014-15

Thursday 2nd October marked the launch of the 2014-15 STEM project at Trinity. This project is sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation and their generous donation not only funds all equipment for the project but also the prizes for the winning students. The STEM project is undertaken by Year 9 students in Science and Art, Design and Technology lessons during the year. The project involves designing a solar powered object and making a prototype to present in a "Dragons' Den" style sales pitch in 2015. The introduction to this project involved building a solar powered buggy in their Science lessons. Students were then able to test out their buggies by charging them up under bright lamps. Everyone got involved and worked well to produce a buggy with the help of Science and ADT teachers. This introductory task gave the students the opportunity to start thinking about their own solar powered object and by the end of the lessons, as well as having some impressive buggies, there were lots of good ideas for solar powered objects. The winning idea will win £250 with runners up winning prizes of £150 and £100. Everyone who takes part in the Dragons' Den will also receive £20. We are looking forward to seeing some original solar powered object ideas, good luck Year 9!



PE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Your most popular Tweets for the week of 29 Sep:



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Ethan is 17 and loves football and pizza. Oh, and he has saved the life of a child he has never met by becoming the UK's youngest bone marrow donor. He said to BBC Newsbeat *"You know action films where people save people's lives? I'm not saying I'm a superhero, but an everyday person can be a superhero, you don't have to have super powers."*

He discovered he was a match with a child who had cancer after he and his mates signed up to the Anthony Nolan donor register. Every year 2,000 people in the UK need life-saving help from bone marrow donors, but currently there are not enough so some of them never find a match. Donor registers particularly want teenagers to sign up because they're more likely to be in better health.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a donor, read more about it at the following websites: www.anthonynolan.org www.organdonation.nhs.uk www.blood.co.uk

OCTOBER IS:



Why do we acknowledge Black History Month?

- Black History Month started in 1926, to promote knowledge of black history and culture
- To celebrate moving away from segregation towards unity
- To learn from mistakes of the past and make sure we don't make them again

MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR SAID:

"I have a dream that one day my four little children will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character"

Try something different, come to...

Salsa



Dancing

Wednesday lunchtime—Main Hall

(Not the dip, the dance!)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

To any students wanting to enrol on this years Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Bronze, Silver and Gold), you must come and sign up on Friday 17th October in the Dining hall. Please do not give any money into staff/finance office before this time.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16th October - Year 13 Parents Evening 4.30pm—7pm
- 23rd October - Year 9 Tutor/Parents Evening 4.30pm—7pm
- 24th October - Trinity Race For Life
- 27th—31st October - Half Term



STUDENT WELLBEING



From Public Health England

What's Stoptober?

It's like October but without cigarettes!

Be part of the challenge. Starts 1st October.
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Stoptober

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The poster features a teal background with a large orange speech bubble at the top containing the text 'What's Stoptober?'. Below it, a white speech bubble says 'It's like October but without cigarettes!'. The central illustration includes a green stick figure with hands on hips, a blue stick figure, and a green stick figure with arms raised. There are also icons of houses, a building, and trees. At the bottom, the 'Stoptober' logo is a red circle with the word 'Stoptober' in white, and the 'SMOKEFREE' logo is a white checkmark above the word 'SMOKEFREE'.

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