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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 sports kit 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 Against Cancer Event on Friday 24th October at school at 2.30pm. The race is open to female staff and students and family members only and will be over 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.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Trinity-High-School>



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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 10.10.14: 93.52%, Year 9 - 93.84% Year 10 - 93.77%, Year 11 - 92.96%

YTD: 95.30% Year 9 - 96.66%, Year 10 - 94.51%, Year 11 - 94.74%

Best Tutor Group: 9JWI 99.05%

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.

LIBRARY AT BREAK AND LUNCHTIMES

As of Monday 20th October we are re-introducing year groups in the library at break and lunchtime.

Monday – Year 11 only
Tuesday – Year 10 only
Wednesday – Year 9 only
Thursday – Year 11 only
Friday – Year 10 only

If you belong to a library club during these times, you will be given a pass – without it you will not be allowed in.

If you need to do homework and it is not the day for your year group, you will be still able to come before school from 8.30am or after school from 3.05pm until 4.00pm (2.30pm to 3.00pm on Fridays).

You will need your planner with you to show your year group and name.

Library Assistants will be allowed in at all times IF they are wearing their badge.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Parents/Carers please note that the Finance Department is not able to issue change to students for dinner money or school trips.

YEAR 11 ASDAN LEVEL 1 EMPLOYABILITY QUALIFICATION

Year 11 students are in the process of completing a module entitled "Learning through Work Experience." This involves students organising a placement and completing two weeks continuous employment with the company or organisation. Placements are varied including retail, catering, hairdressing, fashion, childcare, administration and site maintenance. Congratulations to Jessica Grant who has acquired a part time job as a result of her work placement and also has an apprenticeship with a local hairdressing salon. Abigail Levy is also in the process of finalising a Saturday job as a result of a successful work experience with a local cake decorating company.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Please may I draw your attention to the Year 11 Careers Event with a Careers Fair for the whole school on Thursday 6th November .

SCHOOL TRIPS

YEAR 12 ENGLISH LITERATURE TRIP TO THE BACK TO BACK HOUSES AND BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY

Friday 10th October Year 12 English Literature students took an excellent trip down to Birmingham to visit the last three remaining back to back houses in the city. It was an amazing experience that left a resonating image in our minds of what life was really like living in these houses. Set up to follow three different periods through the houses history, the back to backs were full of fascinating historical knowledge and experience, mainly at how cramped the living conditions truly were and it brought home what life would have been in 'The Picture of Dorian Gray', the novel by Oscar Wilde we are studying, for several of the characters.

The whole group really enjoyed the trip, marvelling at the astounding detail that was shown in the houses preparation for each era: 1840, 1870 and 1930. The houses were made up to highlight each era's family life and what the previous inhabitants did for a living before they moved on, for example we saw in the 1870's house the work benches for making clock parts, with gold parts they would have eventually made and tools used in the making. This was along with parts of the furniture they would have used and clothes that resembled the periods, you really managed to get this feel of these people's lives. This was also emphasised with anecdotes from our guide who lived in a back to back similar to the ones we were looking at when she was young, as well as a tailor's experience moving to England to start his trade up here. These places really were home to many hundreds of thousands of people throughout the last two centuries.

This paired with our adventure into the new Birmingham Library, where we encountered the sheer size of the place along with the beauty of the site, with the Shakespeare Room to top it all off, made the day enjoyable to everyone who went. The trip was a real eye opener to everyone involved and there was so much to enjoy it was hard not to be enthralled by all the tales you were told about these people. It was a wonderful trip for everyone.

Elizabeth Moore, Year 12



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 no spaces left on the trip. If you are still interested in going please let Mrs Weatherley know and you will be placed on the reserve list.

SPORTS NEWS

BASKET BALL

On Friday a group of pupils went to Heart of Worcestershire College to take part in a inclusive wheelchair basketball game. They all really enjoyed it and several of them have brought their medals in to show staff.



YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Trinity High School Year 9 football team recorded an impressive 5-1 league win in their first match as Liam Boswell's four goals proved decisive against TGA Redditch.

After weathering some early pressure Trinity grew into the game and developed a stranglehold for the remainder of the encounter. The defensive unit of Jack Need, Travis Tapsell, Isaam Ahmed, Harry Rogers, Charlie Avery and later Brad Smith, set a solid platform for the rest of the team to flourish.

Liam Boswell and Jack Haines' persistence paid off as Liam scrambled in the opening two goals but the third just before half time was arguably the goal of the game. Great work from the defensive unit found Kai Gough who played an exquisite through ball to Liam to slot home.



Jimmy Veness and Kieren Donnelly pulled the strings in midfield all game, ably assisted by Samuel Stait and Kai on the wings. Reuben Reeves, Zak Wadlow and Regan Lowe slotted into the team effortlessly ensuring that the positive momentum wasn't lost. Further goals from Liam and Kai sealed the win.

TGA were spirited throughout but in the end had no answer to a Trinity team that are starting to play a brand of football, that I suspect, hasn't been seen anywhere near Easemore Road in a very long time.

Trinity Y9 (4-4-2): Need, Avery, Rogers (Smith), Isaam, Tapsell (Lowe), Stait (Reeves), Veness, Donnelly, Boswell and Haines (Wadlow).



YEAR 10 NETBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 10 Netball Team who have successfully made it to the top of the region's netball league. They beat Arrow Vale on Tuesday 8-1. Their commitment and dedication has been brilliant and they thoroughly deserve the recognition.

FACULTY NEWS

HUMANITIES & COMMUNICATION NEWS

GENERAL STUDIES AND POLITICS

British MP's made history this week by voting overwhelmingly to recognise Palestine as a state alongside Israel. This has a special significance as Britain is one of only five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and once had control of the region, before giving up control in 1947.

Although the vote is non binding, it does show a change in attitude amongst British politicians, and could eventually help lead to peace in the Middle East.

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Happy Diwali

Diwali (23rd October) is perhaps the most well-known of the Hindu festivals. It is otherwise known as the 'Festival of Lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small earthenware oil lamps called Diyas. The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance, although the actual legends that go with the festival are different in different parts of India.



The most common of these is the legend of Rama and Sita, which illustrates how Rama was banished from his kingdom before saving his beautiful princess bride, Sita, from Ravana, the demon king with ten heads. As they returned home, the people of the kingdom put out Diyas in their windows to show the way home. In the UK, Diwali is a



time for spring cleaning the home, wearing new clothes, exchanging gifts and preparing festive meals, decorating their homes and having huge firework displays. Many Hindu homes will leave windows and doors of their houses open so that the Goddess of Wealth, Lakshmi, can come in.

MFL SLANG OF THE WEEK

There is a type of French slang called 'verlan' which is an inversion of ordinary words. For example: 'ouf' is the inversion of 'fou' (crazy) and is used to mean 'crazy/awesome'.

MFL Revision Guides

Please bring your money by Friday 17th October to buy a French, German and Spanish revision guides. They cost £2.50 and the accompanying workbook is also £2.50.

PSYCHOLOGY IN THE NEWS

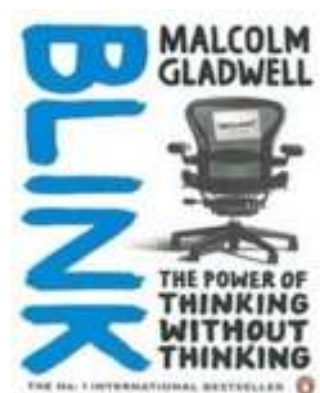
Interested in Psychology?

The Library has a range of easy to read books on Psychology which are a great way to find out more about Psychology. If you are studying Psychology or are thinking about taking it in Year 12 it is a great idea to use the Library's selection of books to find out more about Psychology and what it involves.

A number one bestseller based on Psychology is '**Blink**' by **Malcolm Gladwell**. An art expert sees a ten-million-dollar sculpture and instantly spots it's a fake. A marriage analyst knows within minutes whether a couple will stay together. A fire-fighter suddenly senses he has to get out of a blazing building. A speed dater clicks with the right person...

This book is all about those moments when we 'know' something without knowing why. Here Malcolm Gladwell explores the phenomenon of 'Blink', showing how a snap judgement can be far more effective than a cautious decision. By trusting your instincts, he reveals, you'll never think about thinking in the same way again.

Find it in the Psychology section of the Library.



FACULTY NEWS

HISTORY IN THE HEADLINES

Remember World War One

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

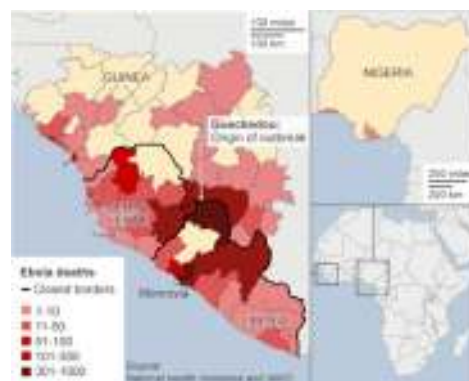
This is the fourth verse of a poem called 'For The Fallen'. It was written by Laurence Binyon in 1914 while working at the British Museum. He later travelled to France and helped wounded soldiers as a volunteer at a British hospital. This verse is extremely important as it is often carved into war monuments and spoken at WW1 remembrance services.



**Can you write one verse of a poem in remembrance to those who fought in WW1?
Please submit entries to Mr Brooks by Friday 24th October.**

GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa was first reported in March 2014, and has rapidly become the deadliest occurrence of the disease since its discovery in 1976. Ebola is a serious infectious illness which often proves fatal. Different strains kill between 50% and 90% of those infected. The disease is caused by the Ebola virus, which is thought to have originated in fruit bats. Ebola was first detected in 1976 in an outbreak near the Ebola River in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo.



West Africa has the highest concentration of cases, although the disease has been confirmed in seven countries around the world. The World Health Organisation (WHO) reports 4033 people have died so far, with 8399 probable or suspected cases. However in reality, this number could be much higher due to under reporting of the disease.

APP OF THE WEEK

myHomework Student Planner

This app, as the name suggests, is designed for helping students plan out their homework and keep track of their assignments. It offers an easy to navigate interface and every feature of the app is easy to find and use. The app is free to download but also comes with the option to purchase the premium package which removes ads within the app and offers extra features to help keep you organised. Overall this is a great app to have, even if you only use it as an organiser with reminders set when assignments are due in.



ICT TOP TIP OF THE WEEK

Zipping files



Some files are too large to be saved. You can zip files, however, which compresses them down giving you a smaller file size, allowing you to move them onto a memory stick for example. You can do this by right clicking on the file, 'send to' and then 'compressed folder.' It will now show the file with a zip icon as shown.

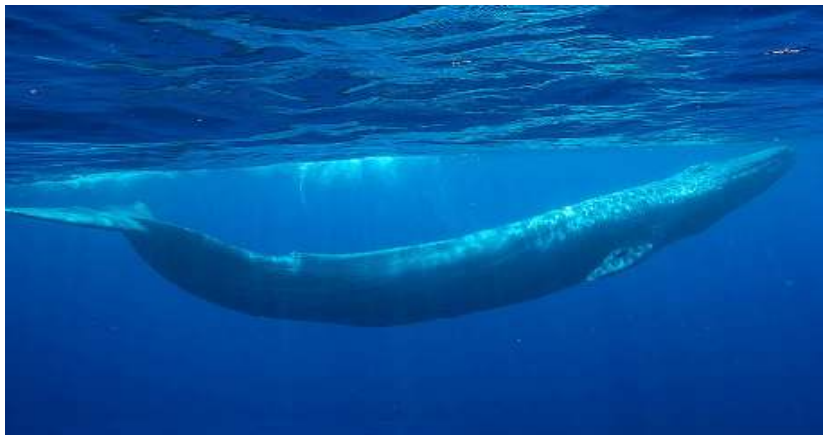
BUSINESS STUDIES IFS CHALLENGE UPDATE.

Year 12 Business Studies students have formed groups and decided on team names. They have been registered and are now in a position to start making decisions about which companies to invest their £100,000.

FACULTY NEWS

SCIENCE FACT OF THE WEEK

The blue whale can produce sounds up to 188 decibels. This is the loudest sound produced by a living animal and has been detected as far away as 530 miles.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

A huge congratulations to the following students who have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Ruby Drysdale, Joshua Cook, Robert Gondris, Chloe Bradsworth, Jaime White, Billie-Jo Beech, Tamara Elmes, May Irwin, Seren Moore, Miriam Chart, Jade Crumpton, Charlotte Wolfe, Harry Newitt, Benjamin Lewis, Miles Matthews, Jack Crook, George Hughes, Isabel Widdows and Sophie Beldham.

TRAMPOLINE CLUB

Trampoline Club will start be on a Thursday Evening after school in the Sports Hall. The first session will be on 6th November 2014.

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.

THE WORLD CHALLENGE TEAM

Do you shop online? Or will you be shopping online with a busy Christmas period approaching? If so you can help out the Trinity High School World Challenge group very easily.

Don't worry this really doesn't cost you a thing. All we ask is that you sign up to the website - www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Then click on 'support a good cause' and sign up to our fundraising group called **Trinity Tanzania 2016**.



Once registered you are able to shop as you would normally, BUT every website you shop on will give us a percentage of the money spent towards our cause. An example of this is online grocery shopping. Some retailers will donate 4% of what you spend to our cause **AT NO COST TO YOU**.

Please take the time to have a look at the website. It really is that easy to help us raise money for an excellent cause.

SMSC

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING

Some of Trinity High School students took part in a community litter pick organised by Redditch Borough Council. Students volunteered to get involved and helped to improve our local environment and community. By being seen out there picking up other people's rubbish, our students want to get the message across to many that they shouldn't litter and that pride in one's area is important. Litter picking is a great way to educate young (and not so young) people as to why they should put their rubbish in the bin. Maybe a lesson for us all. Well done to the students who took part and thank you.



TEEN AWARDS

On 19th October, BBC Radio 1 hosted the Teen Awards, where young people are given the opportunity to celebrate teenage life and recognise some teen heroes. This year, Radio 1 have created a new award to honour Stephen Sutton, who became famous for his blog 'Stephen's Story' and raising £4.96 million for the Teenage Cancer Trust, before dying of cancer at the age of 19 earlier this year.

The Stephen Sutton Teen Hero Award winner was given to Jack Marshall. The 16 year-old was born with a rare neurological disease called Moebius Syndrome, meaning that he has no balance or co-ordination, is blind in his left eye, deaf in both ears and has no facial nerves. Despite that, he says a disability isn't anything bad and just makes him special.



"I want to do Stephen proud."

Find out more on this story: www.teenagecancertrust.org, www.stephensstory.co.uk, www.bbc.co.uk/events/ec8mxj

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CAREERS

CAREERS EVENT

There will be a Careers Event on Thursday 6th November for all of Year 11 that will include a guest speaker, workshops and a Careers Fair. The event is an important part of their career provision and will be held at the school for the whole day.

Years 12, 13, 10 and 9 will be able to attend the Careers Fair at staggered times in the afternoon of that day.

YEAR 9 SKILLS SHOW

A trip is being organised for Year 9 to go to the Skills Show on Friday 14th November. Letters of invitation will be handed out on Monday and replies need to be returned to Mrs Laxton on Tuesday and Wednesday breaktime in the Dining Hall.

Many thanks

L Laxton

Try something different, come to...

Salsa



Dancing

Wednesday lunchtime—Main Hall

(Not the dip, the dance!)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

- 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.
Search Stoptober.

Get involved [/stoptober](#) [#stoptober](#)

Stoptober

SMOKEFREE

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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 group of three stick figures (blue, orange, green) with arms raised. There are also icons of houses and trees. At the bottom, the 'Stoptober' logo is in a red circle, and the 'SMOKEFREE' logo is in the bottom right corner.

Excellence for All

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