

# TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE



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Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year 9 students and those students who have joined us from other schools to study in our Sixth Form.

I hope that you have all managed to have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

The school achieved some very pleasing results this year, and our A Level results were particularly pleasing and the best they have been for several years. I am sure that this next year will also see Trinity go from strength to strength.

### WELCOME

We have a number of new staff who have joined us this year and we welcome them to Trinity High School:

- Miss R Ankers-Crowe, Mathematics
- Mr K Brannan, Geography
- Mr S Green, Mathematics
- Miss A Henman, PE
- Mr M Hopkins, Head of Science
- Mrs S King, Science
- Mr M Leuty, Science
- Miss C O'Gorman, English
- Miss J Staley, English
- Mrs E Bugg, Miss H Gillespie, Miss A Hale and Mr T Holmes, Learning Cover Supervisors
- Miss M Cridge and Mr H Keyte, ICT Apprentices
- Miss N Hinton and Miss E Holloway, Progress Assistant Apprentices

Yours sincerely

Mr Ward  
Headteacher



# SCHOOL NEWS

## **TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL WORLD CHALLENGE TO SOUTHERN TANZANIA.**

On July 11 a group of eight students embarked on one of the most challenging trips Trinity High School has ever run. Christopher Barnes, Benjamin Lewis, Jalen Lakin, Matthew Ralph, Maxwell Bridges, Charlie Harris, Lizzie Houldey and Ruby Drysdale left behind their luxurious lifestyles for a month, to challenge themselves in an alternative environment.



The group flew in to Dar es Salaam and soon got to grips with the hustle and bustle of one of the busiest cities in the world. The group had one night to collect all they needed for a number of weeks trekking around Southern Tanzania. The students had to haggle with people on local markets to buy their provisions and with some good haggling, the group saved a bit of money to help them in the weeks ahead.

**Acclimatisation Phase** - Students arrived at the crocodile camp after a 15 hour bus journey and put up their tents in the dark. After a long day all we wanted was a good night's sleep and some water, however after turning on the taps we had what can only be described as brown sludge in our water bottles. It's amazing what water purification tablets can do to water though and we all managed to avoid any major stomach problems as a result. It made us realise how lucky we really are. The local people had no water purification and this was their normal life.

After filling our water bottles we headed off on our trek across the Baobab Valley, crossing rivers on local boats with armed guards in case of any attacks from hippos that may have been in the river. We reached two small villages called Msosa A and Msosa B, where a number of local children were delighted to see us. After spending an hour playing with the locals we moved on to our final campsite before we did a number of smaller treks to get the students fitness levels up for the major trek later on the trip.

**Project Phase** - Tagamenda Primary School, Iringa - As part of the challenge our students had to take part in a project that would benefit the local community and as a result we were placed in the local primary school. Students helped to build a classroom with the help of local stone masons and of course the local school children were desperate to help. The group worked tirelessly in the heat and made a superb working environment for the children to learn in for the next few years. On the final day the school finished early to play us in a game of football. It's needless to say we got hammered by a group of 9 year old students 3-0. Mr Monk blamed the altitude on his lack of goals in the game. After the game the head teacher hosted a dinner for the group and we experienced one of the most amazing performances by the students who sang and danced for us as way of thanking us for all of our work. It really is an experience that will stay with us forever and it was a truly rewarding experience.



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Challenge Phase** - Mount Rungwe. The group had to travel south to Mbeya to take on the 3000m high mountain. The trek was challenging to say the least as it's over three times higher than the highest mountain in the UK. It took the group four days to reach the peak but the views were amazing. After carrying our heavy bags and eating enough porridge to sink a ship we were all glad to be on the final leg of the trip and heading North to get to the coast for some much deserved Rest and Relaxation.

**Rest and Relaxation** - After a long three weeks we finally had the chance to go on our first safari and we weren't disappointed. We managed to see all of the animals including lions, elephants, zebras and monkeys. We stayed in some luxury bands on stilts that were in an area patrolled by the local Masai. It was one of our first opportunities to have a hot shower whilst looking at the stars and hearing the sounds of wild animals beneath us. A truly amazing experience.

We arrived at our beautiful beach resort and immediately made the most of the sea and more familiar foods on offer. We spent our days lying on the beach and sleeping in hammocks overlooking the Swahili coastline. However, all good things must come to an end and our time soon ran out. We now had to return to the UK and get back to reality.....for us. We will never forget how different our lives are to those in some of the poorest areas our students have ever experienced and in many ways we have already made changes to the way we view our lives. The trip has been an amazing experience for our students and I am sure they have learnt so much from it. All of the students should be so proud of what they have achieved. I am sure that this will benefit them in the future and I hope it inspires them to continue with their travels and not be afraid to take on challenges outside of their comfort zone.

Until next time.....



## SCHOOL NEWS

### **SAFER SCHOOLS**

John Campion, our new Police and Crime Commissioner is currently working with the University of Worcester to create a mobile phone app for young people educating them on how to stay safe.

The app is called 'Choice'. Young people are presented with a scenario on a particular subject, such as bullying or cyber crime, and they have to work through it by making decisions at various stages before reaching a conclusion.

To ensure that this app reflects the issues and concerns young people are facing, he is asking young people between 12 and 19 years old to take part in an online survey.

The survey can be found via the link below and should take no more than five minutes to complete and is completely anonymous.

<http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Mobile-App-Survey>

Thank you for your time and help in supporting this important project.

### **SCHOOL PCSO**

We are delighted to welcome PCSO Muzafar Yaqub, our new community liaison officer who will be based in school for four days every week. PCSO Yaqub will work closely with the pastoral team to support and educate students in a number of ways. He is also available to meet with parents to discuss a range of matters affecting our students including internet security and online safety.

### **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 the school starts promptly 8.45am each morning. All students arriving after this time without a valid reason will be subject to detention.

### **UNIFORM**

Please make sure that all students come to school wearing the correct uniform. If you are unsure as to the requirements, these are available on the school website. In particular, I wish to draw your attention to the rules surrounding jewellery. Only one stud earring is permitted in the lobe of each ear and nothing else.

## CAREERS

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Over the summer some of our students were very successful at a range of Work Experience Placements.

Well done and congratulations to the following students:

Misbah, Leena, Sonia and Anika at Wiseman Threading Tools for their Business Placement.

Michaela at Pitcheroak Play scheme, Amy at Redditch Pet Supplies and Edward at Fresh Insurance.

From Year 10 onwards our students are encouraged to engage in some form of Work Experience that they may feel will benefit them and their future career route. Help and support is given but the emphasis is upon the student to be organised and do their research. Any queries about this please contact Mrs Laxton.





## **IMPROVING LINKS WITH SCHOOL**

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we have decided to implement Schoolcomms Online Reporting. This is a system that will enable both parents/carers to see valuable information about your child/ren at any time either online or if you have an Apple or Android device, on your smartphone.

You will be able to:

- 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

We can:

- 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

Next steps:

1. In order to view this information you will need to register for a School Gateway account - This can be done via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or via the School Gateway app
2. Upon registration you will be asked to enter your email address and mobile number. The school will use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the Priority one contact(s). If you are not certain that we have your correct details, please use the reply slip provided
3. To register via the School Gateway website, go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and select the "New User" tab; enter your email address and mobile number that we have on record for you. Select Send PIN and a PIN number will be text to your mobile phone
4. **If you do not have an Apple or Android device, skip to step 7**
5. To register using the School Gateway smartphone app, go to your app store and search for "School Gateway" or navigate to [www.schoolgateway.com/apple](http://www.schoolgateway.com/apple) or [www.schoolgateway.com/android](http://www.schoolgateway.com/android) on your phone and download the app
6. Once downloaded, select the "I'm a New User" button; enter your email address and mobile number that we have on record for you. Select Send PIN and a PIN number will be text to your mobile phone
7. Log in with your email address and the PIN, your account is now active and you will receive instant notifications of any new information in your notifications bar
8. If you change your contact details please let the school know as soon as possible- you can check and send us an update via the "About Me" section

Schoolcomms is registered with the data protection act. All information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation. Your details will only be used for the purpose of school business. You will not receive any SPAM or marketing material.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact ICT support on 01527 585859 ex 610.

## HOUSE NEWS

### House Champions 2015-2016

**MALVERN**



Congratulations to Malvern who fought off the competition to be awarded the House Cup!

**1st Place Malvern 231455 points**

**2nd Place Kinver 226725 points**

**3rd Place Bredon 206836 points**

Well done to all students who contributed to these house totals.

New year, and the house totals have been reset. All students can support their house by collecting house points. All points collected through the online Epraise reward system are transferred to house points.

Work as a team, make good choices, collect house points and you will be successful.

**Support your house!**

## SIXTH FORM

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Monday 19th September

£1 for Non Business Dress

or

£1 for Fancy dress

*This applies to Sixth Form Students only*

Sixth Form Common Room

Break Time

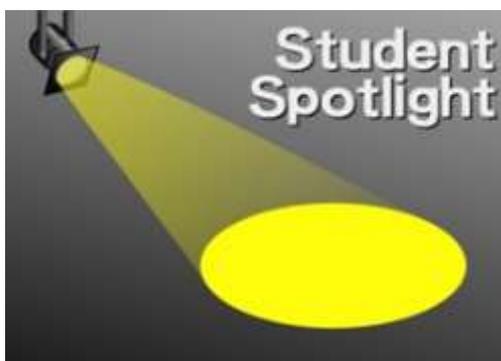


# EPRAISE NEWS

Welcome to your weekly epraise bulletin. This week we have awarded the following epraise points. Top 10 students and tutor groups listed below.

## STUDENTS LEADERBOARD

Madison	9GEA	40
Aaliah	10JLP	39
Nadia	10JLP	39
Alina	10TAB	38
Amy	10TAB	38
Yasmin	10TAB	37
Sidrah	10TAB	35
Alex	10TAB	35
Hollie	10AJM	35
Myles	10TAB	34



## TUTOR GROUP LEADERBOARD

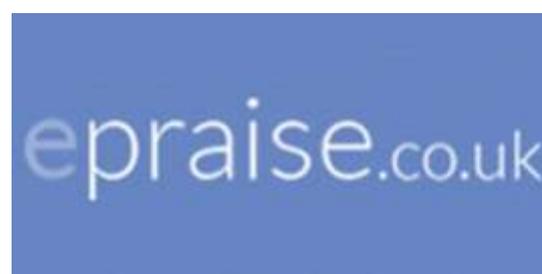
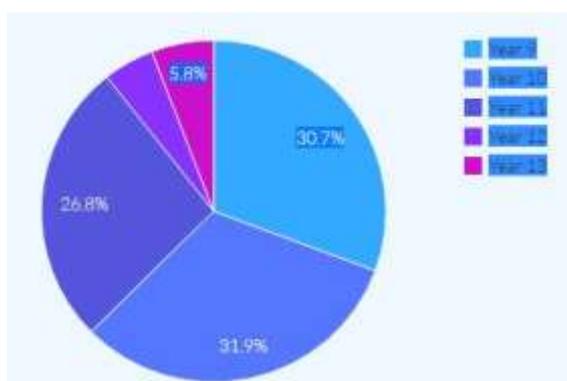
10JJB	639
10TAB	632
10AET	545
9GEA	533
10JLP	516
9KFI	479
11MRH	450
11CHC	441
10AJM	436
13VGT	422



## HOUSE POINTS



## YEAR GROUP POINTS



# TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

## SPORTS FAIR

### 2016

FOOTBALL

CRICKET

BADMINTON

BASKETBALL

TRAMPOLINE

ROUNDERS

NETBALL

THS MILE

FITNESS

RUGBY



If you are interested in playing sport and joining one of our many teams/clubs or simply just getting fit this year come and sign up!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 22nd September - Open Evening 6pm-8.30pm
- 26th September - Open Morning 9am-11am
- 6th October - Year 13 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
- 20th October - Year 9 Parents'/Tutors' Evening 4pm-5pm
- 24th - 28th October - Half Term
- 31st October - School Re-opens 8.45am



## EXTRA CURRICULAR

### 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!



### WORLD CINEMA CLUB

Coming soon World Cinema Club, see next week's Newsletter for more details ...



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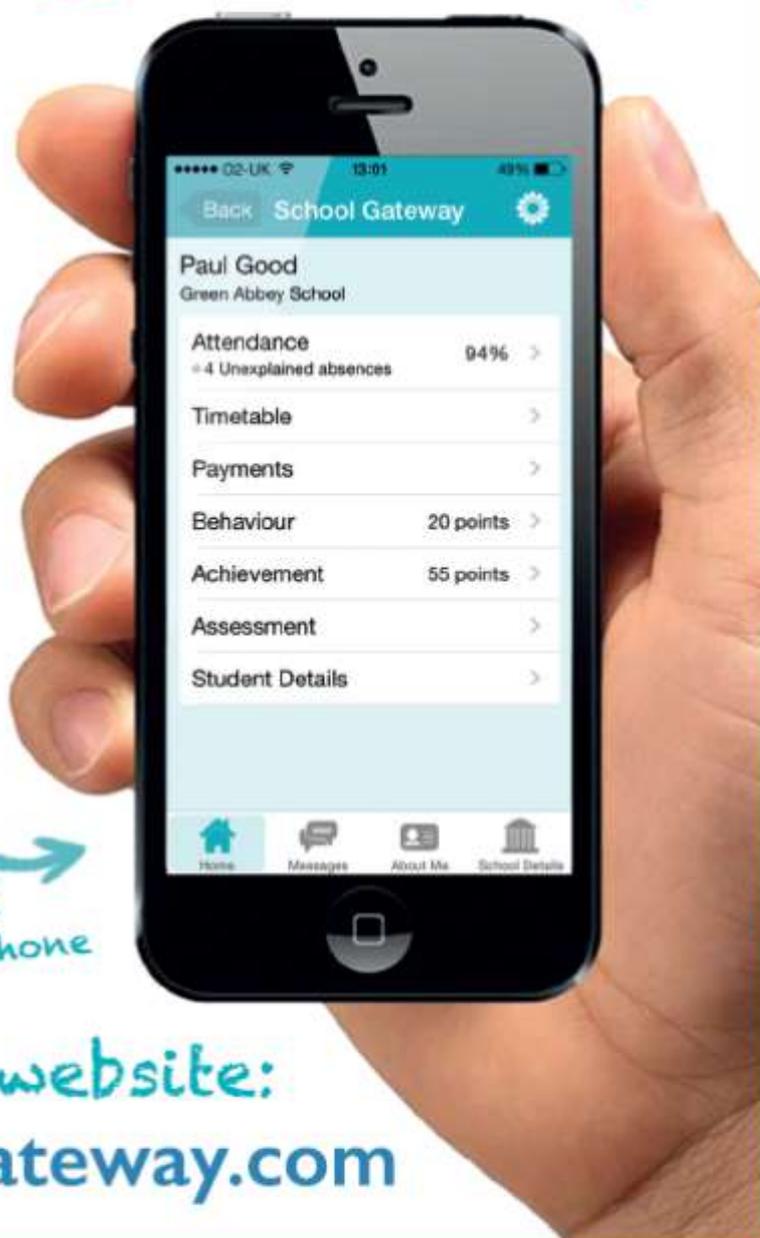
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