

# TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE



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Dear Parents and Students,

### **TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON SPANISH EXCHANGE!**

Two of our Year 11 Spanish students spent their half term holiday in school...in Spain. After having received their exchange partners here at Trinity, it was their turn to go to Spain and experience the Spanish way of life. Our students went to the beautiful city of Tarragona, experienced temperatures of 20 degrees and spent time on the beach and at historic sites and spoke lots of Spanish, of course.

Connor, Year 11 says: *"It was a really great experience. The Spanish families were really nice to us and very welcoming. We had fun seeing what their school was like. They don't have to wear school uniform in Spain. We were experts in their English lesson. I made lots of friends and me and some others are planning to go back in the summer holidays to visit our new Spanish friends."*

An exchange is a great way to see language learning come to life and to really experience the culture of the language that students are learning. I think it's safe to say that our students are convinced that they made the right choice choosing Spanish GCSE after getting a taste of wonderful Spanish culture.



### **MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALISTS**

Congratulations to Joshua, Year 11, and Szymon, Year 10, on passing their Word 2013 examinations. Both students are now qualified as Microsoft Office Specialists for Word 2013, which is an industry recognised qualification.

Joshua and Szymon are the first of what we hope will be many Trinity students to achieve this qualification.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## **CORE MATHS DAY**

On Thursday 26th February, eighteen Year 11 and five Year 12 students went to Prince Henry's High school for the day.

The students got to see how a large amount of Maths is used in everyday situations, like the use of binary in the sending of text messages. Students also got to see how barcodes on products work as well. One of the sessions enabled students to gain more information about the new Core Maths qualification that is now being taught in Sixth Form, and gave them a chance to see how beneficial it could be.

If you are a Year 11 student, and are planning on staying on in Sixth Form, Core Maths could be worth thinking about taking alongside your other A Levels. More information about this course can be obtained from Mrs Burke.

## **CAREERS INFORMATION YEAR 10**

Year 10 are accessing a programme of Careers Information that includes access to the information below. Work Experience for students not on the Asdan course will be during the school holidays and initiated by the students with support from the school and Mrs Laxton.

Please use [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk) to find out about different job profiles, CV writing and apprenticeships. Other useful sites are:

[www.careersbox.co.uk](http://www.careersbox.co.uk)

[www.nhscareers.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## **Opportunities to sign up for potential Work Experience Placements and Apprenticeships**

### **Stage One—Using Skills Manager:**

1. Open up your valid email inbox.
2. Open internet page [www.skillsmanager.org.uk](http://www.skillsmanager.org.uk).
3. Click on student sign up and fill out the registration form using correct form of your email address.
4. Mrs Laxton will then approve applications and send an email back.
5. Click on the link to confirm it is you then log in, to check details are correct and make a note of the password used (use a familiar one).
6. You can then add to this as and when you want and generate your CV.

### **Stage Two—Worcestershire Skills Central**

1. Go to [www.worcestershireskillscentral.co.uk](http://www.worcestershireskillscentral.co.uk).
2. Click on student sign up and fill out registration form.
3. Once approved by Mrs Laxton you can log in.
4. See student factsheet for details on uploading CV etc. on portal.

## **ADVANCED LEARNING DAYS**

On Wednesday 11th (Year 9) and Thursday 12th March (Year 10), Years 9 and 10 will participate in an Advanced Learning Day. On these days, the Army will be leading some team building and problem solving exercises centred on British Values. In order for the event to be successful, we would like to remind students that they should be in non-school uniform and be wearing 'scruffy' clothes (i.e. clothes you do not mind getting muddy/wet) and trainers. It is also advisable to bring a waterproof coat in case it rains.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Week Ending 27th February 2015: Overall 93.38%, **Year 9** 93.75%, **Year 10** 92.61%, **Year 11** 93.80%

**YTD:** Overall 93.90%, **Year 9** 94.58%, **Year 10** 93.16%, **Year 11** 93.97%

Best form: **10AP** 98.33%

100% Attendance **Year 9** 198, **Year 10** 190, **Year 11** 194

# SCHOOL NEWS

## GCSEPOD

The school currently subscribes to a service called GCSEPod which is completely free to your son or daughter and which we believe will be of great benefit to them during the coming year.



GCSEPod has over 3,500 teacher-written, audio-visual podcasts produced specifically for mobile devices and containing all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that learners need for GCSE success. The GCSEPod website can be viewed on mobiles, tablets and PCs and the podcasts can be downloaded for offline viewing. The podcasts are also mapped to the curriculum and are designed to support students in the classroom, with their homework and during exam time.

We recommend that you discuss GCSEPod with your son or daughter, ensure that they have correct login details to enter the site and encourage them to make use of this service throughout their year. Many teachers may set homework on the site using the "Assignment" feature as GCSEPod has already been proven to have a significant impact on A\*-C performance and we aim to make it an integral part of learning for every GCSE student studying at the school.

All students have already been registered with GCSEPod and so simply need to activate their account and choose a username and password. To access GCSEPod for the first time, students should follow these three steps:

1. Go to [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) and click "Login" in the top right hand corner
2. Click "New here? Get started."
3. Enter their name, date of birth and choose their school
4. Select a username and password (to be used when they next login) and select the subjects they study

Once logged in, students can search for podcasts by keyword, by a specific exam or by subject area. Students can create their own personalised learning playlists which can be easily downloaded for offline viewing. Help guides explaining how to use the site are available at [www.gcsepod.com/help](http://www.gcsepod.com/help)

If you have any questions regarding the GCSEPod service please contact **Mr Khawaja** who is leading the roll out in school.

For specific technical advice please use the help pages on the website or email [support@gcsepod.com](mailto:support@gcsepod.com).

## YEAR 11 ENTERPRISE GROUP

"Smarteez" Year 11 Enterprise Company are holding a raffle to win **Sunday Lunch for two people** at the Southcrest Manor Hotel in Redditch. Tickets cost £1.00 and are on sale now. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 12th March, 2015.



# FACULTY NEWS

## **APP OF THE WEEK**

### **Prezi**

Prezi is a piece of presentation software across all platforms that gives the user the ability to produce a visual and interactive presentation. It presents itself as a mindmap where each section can be given an order to be displayed in the presentation. This creates a more visually appealing presentation as it isn't just slides and the camera jumps around across the mindmap. Prezi has different subscription levels providing different features, but it can be downloaded for free giving basic features to the user.



## **IT TIP OF THE WEEK**

### **Document Recovery**

There is always the possibility that a document you are working on could crash at any time, losing all of your work if you have not saved throughout editing. When this happens it is easy to panic, however there is a way of retrieving a lost document. When editing in Word, for example, there is a list of recent document on the left hand side of the screen when it is launched. Here you can select any recent documents that have been edited. If the document you are looking for is not there then you can scroll down and click on "Open Other Documents". This will open up a further list of recent documents and the option to "Recover Unsaved Documents" at the bottom of the list. Click on this and it will hopefully restore a lost document.



## **ART PIECE OF THE WEEK**

This edition sees us celebrate a 'Super Special Prize Winning' piece of work produced by a former student called Charlotte. Whilst our students were busy studying for exams and checking their homework over half term, a number of former students' art projects were entered into the Malvern Hills DFAS Art Award; the competition was huge and included entries from state, free and fee-paying schools within Hereford and Worcestershire.

Charlotte's fantastic photograph received a 'Highly Commended,' with the artist receiving a financial reward to spend as she wishes. On behalf of everyone at Trinity we'd like to congratulate Charlotte and wish her all the best as she nears the end of her first year of university!



# REVISION

## **YEAR 11 SUBJECT INTERVENTION 2015**

**Maths:** Target students - extra maths sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday tutor time with Mr Earles or Mr Innes and Wednesdays after school with Mr Earles; A/A\* revision and D/C revision every Monday after school with Mr Innes and Mrs Burke; 11y5 revision after school every Tuesday with Miss Grosskopf; selected students after school on Thursdays with Mrs Vijayan and Fridays after school with Mr Innes.

**English:** Revision/catch-up sessions with Miss Wilkinson (Room 41), Mrs Farnell (Room 27) and Mr Jordan (Room 40) for target English Language students every Wednesday after school. English Literature: poetry revision sessions with Miss Jones (Room 39) on Tuesdays after school; prose revision sessions with Mrs Tomlinson (Room 24) on Wednesdays after school; Monday and Tuesday tutor time for selected students with Miss Wilkinson.

**Science:** Revision guides (triple/core/additional) available from the Science Prep Room for £3 each. After school and before school sessions for CAU catch up as arranged by teacher. Subject revision to follow after February half term.

**Art (Fine Art, 2D/3D and Photography):** Catch up every day after school except Friday in the Art Rooms; also 9.00am - 3.00pm on Wednesday of half term.

**ASDAN Employability:** Catch up after school on Mondays and Tuesdays in Room 3.

**Business Studies:** Revision is personalised to each teacher and students will be informed by the teacher when they need to attend. Letters will be sent home to parents to inform them.

**Child Development:** Catch up Monday -Thursday lunchtime or after school. Please see Mrs Kell.

**Drama:** Coursework catch up every Monday after school, performance exam preparation (rehearsal) every lunchtime and after school in the Drama Studio.

**Food:** Catch up every Wednesday after school in the Library (until 5pm); individual sessions to be arranged with Mrs Cadman directly.

**French:** Revision sessions Thursdays of week 2 after school - higher tier in Room 37, foundation tier in Room 36.

**Geography:** After school revision on Wednesdays. The revision schedule will be posted outside all Geography Rooms after February half term.

**German:** Revision sessions Thursdays of week 1 after school with Mrs Weatherley.

**History:** Revision on Tuesdays after school in Room 30; catch up sessions in Room 30 Monday - Thursday from 7.30am - 8.30am; also 2.30pm - 3.30pm on Fridays.

**ICT/Computer Science:** Catch up after school every day (BTEC and Computer Science) in Room 38 with Mr Khawaja; 11x4 - coursework catch up every morning before school from 8am in Room 43 and every Tuesday after school (lunchtimes by arrangement with Mrs McWilliams). Miss Jordan's classes: catch up Monday - Thursday after school (both groups); Monday - Thursday lunch for 11x1 only. For Computer Science: extra coursework sessions available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8am - 8.30am (Room 42) then also Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3.10pm - 5pm (drop in sessions stay as long or short as they want but must arrive by 3.30pm) again Room 42.

**Music:** Coursework catch up every Thursday after school in the Music Room.

**PE/Sports Science:** Catch up every Thursday lunchtime for all GCSE PE/Sports Science students in Room 2.

# REVISION

**Re:** Homework help, catch up and revision with Mrs Young after school every Friday (2.30pm); lunchtime Sessions (apart from Thursdays) after school on Tuesday and Thursday with Miss Field.

**Resistant Materials:** Monday and Wednesdays after school, until 5.00pm; lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in Room 61.

**Spanish:** Revision at lunchtime - Tuesday for higher tier, Thursday for foundation tier, with Miss Johal.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 19th March - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Friday 27th March - End of Term
- Monday 30th March — Friday 10th April - Easter Holiday
- Monday 13th April - School Reopens 8.45am



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# Year 9 Careers Advice

When?

Every break and  
lunchtime

Where?

Room 2A

All welcome

Thank you

Mrs Laxton

Not sure of what  
options to take?

Not sure which  
subjects a  
career  
requires?

Want to know  
if you are  
suited to a  
career?

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Information?



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# PE Extra Curricular Timetable

February – March 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Boys Football</b> Year 9 Training Field/Astro BRR	<b>Boys Rugby</b> Year 9/10 Training Field JPB	<b>Boys Football</b> Year 9 Matches Field/Astro BRR	<b>Boys Basketball</b> Year 9 Training Small Gym EK	<b>Duke of Edinburgh</b> Wk 1 - Gold (Sixth Form) Wk 2 – Bronze and Silver (Year 10 and 11) AJM BRR CIL JRC TAB
<b>Girls Netball</b> All Years Practice Hard play YFX	<b>Girls Rounders</b> All years Training Sports Hall RLT	<b>Girls Cricket</b> All years Training Sports Hall RS	<b>Exam PE Catch Up</b> Year 10/11 Lunchtime Room 2 BRR TAB	<b>Staff</b> <b>Netball/Football</b> Sportshall
<b>Girls Fitness Suite</b> All years Fitness Suite LK		<b>Boys Fitness Suite</b> All years Fitness Suite TAB	<b>Boys Cricket Nets</b> All years Sports Hall TAB	
		<b>LUNCHTIME Fitness</b> Sixth Form Fitness Suite BRR		

