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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well qualified citizens of the world.”



Experiencing The Great Outdoors

Although we haven't yet received the results of the 'Ghyll Head Challenge', the above photos, recently sent through to us, show our Year 10 team of boys and girls participating in some of the outdoor challenges. As readers will know, our initial weekend booking was postponed because of the floods in the Lake District. Our re-scheduled involvement has now taken place and we will shortly be informed of the outcome. All Manchester high schools and academies were invited to be involved in the competition and the take up was extremely high. This year we had an excellent team and we are optimistic of a favourable outcome.

School Performance Measures, 2016

In previous years, the main government “performance indicator” for schools was the percentage of Year 11 students gaining 5+ A*-C grades, including English and mathematics. This year, four new measures have been introduced to replace the previous measure:

1. Progress 8
2. Average Attainment 8
3. % A*-C in English and mathematics
4. % achieving the English Baccalaureate

The figure ‘8’ is made up as follows: English language or literature = 2 subjects, mathematics = 2, science = 1, any other three “high value” qualifications = 3.

- “Progress 8” is the measure which shows how students have progressed. A score of 0.0 would mean that there has been no progress. In 2015, the highest performing school in the country achieved 1.75. Our target is 0.4, which will put Trinity into the top 10% of schools in England.
- “Average Attainment 8” is based on the same subjects. Each grade achieved is valued with A* being 8, grade C is 5 and grade G is 1. Our target figure is 5.35.
- The third target is more straightforward to understand, but represents students gaining the required grades in both English and mathematics. Our target is 68-70%.
- The English Baccalaureate measure is based on the percentage of students achieving A*-C grades in the English Baccalaureate subjects. That is, English, mathematics, science, history or geography and a modern foreign language. This is pretty meaningless for a school such as Trinity because we don’t insist that all students study history or geography, or French or Spanish. Our target figure for this measure is 19%.

I don’t wish to give my opinion on the new measures, only to say that the government believes that they will make schools more accountable and show whether or not school improvement is taking place. I would be interested in knowing parents’ views on this topic.

Lent Eucharist

This was led by Revd Catherine Throup, priest at St Peter’s with St Andrew’s and St Mark’s in Levenshulme. The Lent message of Jesus’s forty days in the wilderness was explored and supported by the hymn ‘Father I Place Into Your Hands’.



Church Schools' Conference

Many primary school colleagues attended the recent Trinity conference entitled 'Embedding the Anglican Ethos across a School Community'. Key personnel involvement were Trinity's Suzanne Brooks, Partnerships and Transition Coordinator; Maurice Smith, Diocesan Director of Education and Rt Revd Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton. The keynote speaker was Jill Pilling, Head of Bishop Bridgeman CE Primary School in Bolton.



Parent Governor Elections

Congratulations to Ms Jane Coogan and Ms Andrea Plimmer who, following the recent election, have been voted onto the Trinity governing body.

Parent Pay

A message from our Business Manager, Ms Jacky Elliott:

“Did you know that you can use your Parent Pay account to top up your child's lunch account and make payments towards school trips rather than sending in cash or cheques? Parent Pay is a safe and secure way of paying for things using your credit or debit card. If you do not have your log on details please email parentpay@trinityhigh.com with the name of your child, and the information will be sent to you.”

And Finally.....

.....from the Physical Education department:

“Trinity boys were once again involved in the Greater Manchester indoor rowing finals which were held in Wigan. Sam Johnson produced a superb display to once again emerge as the individual champion after six energy sapping minutes. After some recovery time, the boys went into the team relay against the other schools. It was a tremendous race and Trinity were in the lead for most of it as it reached a thrilling end. With all boys giving everything they had - technique, stamina, teamwork and encouragement - at the finishing mark our boys came second, missing out on first position by only nine metres. A fantastic performance and very hard earned silver medals for the team of Sam Johnson, Emmanuel Alabi, Conner Tudsbury and Jack Dunn-Hoban.”



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