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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.”



Good News All Round

This years GCSE results were distributed to students on Thursday, 25th August, and, as the above photographs show, there were plenty of smiles. The government now has four school examination “performance measures”, and our scores were as follows:

- Attainment 8 = 5.26
- Progress 8 = 0.27
- A*-C in English and mathematics = 65%
- English Bacallaureate = 14.6%

What Does It All Mean?

- “Attainment 8” is the average grade achieved by a student in 8 defined subjects, 5.0 representing a grade ‘C’.
- “Progress 8” is the measure of a student’s results when compared with their expected attainment. For us, the figure shows that, on average, students gained 0.27 of a grade higher than their expected attainment. (For some schools the figure can be minus, indicating that, on average, the students have regressed.)
- The third measure is self explanatory, but is 3% higher than our 2015 figure.
- For us, the fourth measure means very little because we don’t insist that all students follow the full English Baccalaureate range of subjects; that is, a modern foreign language and history or geography. We only insist on three of the five - English, mathematics and science. Unless this changes, our English Baccalaureate figure will always be relatively low.

Overall, therefore, we are pleased with the results and, indeed, pleased that many of our students have returned to the Trinity Sixth Form to continue their post 16 education.

Welcome To Trinity!

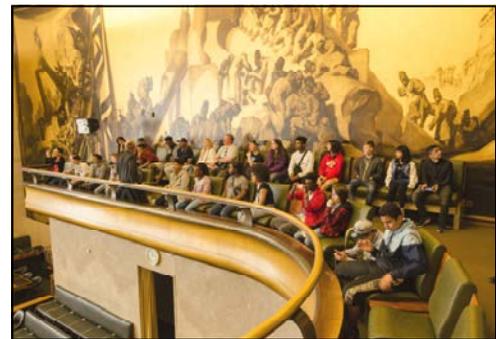


On Monday, 5th September, 2016, all year groups were welcomed to Trinity with an assembly and act of worship in the main hall. The singing of “One More Step” was impressive, especially from the Year 7 students and the importance of the school motto, school aim and day to day expectations were stressed. The keys to success at Trinity are the following:

- Be here
- On time
- Wear the uniform smartly
- Work hard
- Behave well

And, of course, as a school which provides a Christian environment, live by the words of Matthew Ch 22 v 37-20.

Looking Back



A busy final week of the school year in July, 2016, is still clear in the minds of many people:

- Top pictures: Year 9 Graduation and awards presented by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr Carl Austin-Behan.
- Middle pictures: Year 10 Recognition of Progress with awards presented by Trinity governor, Mr Bob Palmer.
- Bottom pictures: information technology overseas excursion to France and Switzerland, with visits to CERN, Mont Blanc, Paris and the Palace of Versailles.

Support And Cooperation

We have recently been designated as a Teaching School, meaning that we can advise and support other institutions, as needed, in a structured way. We have also entered into a Collaborative Agreement with the Manchester Rutherford School. The Rutherford School is an 11-16 new school planned for the South Manchester area in order to address the high demand for secondary school places in the area. More details to follow.

International School Status

We have also, in the last month, been awarded Full International School status, not just as a result of excellent work in French and Spanish, but because of our breadth of international links and associated activities.

Parent Pay

This enables parents to top-up their child's dinner money account using the electronic payment system and removes the need to bring cash to school. The money added can only be spent by students in school and parents know what their sons or daughters are eating in the canteens. Payments can be made online using a secure website, Parent Pay, or at local stores which have the Parent Pay logo. Log onto the school website and follow the "Parent Pay" link.

It can also be used for school events such as the Year 8 Peak District residential, Year 11 Prom, Ski Trip and Taize Retreat; also, for locker contributions.

And Finally.....

.....please be aware of two early finishes at 2.15pm as follows:

- Friday, 16th September: early finish for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 to make possible the Year 7 Freshers' Fair in the sports hall - to which all Year 7 parents are invited.
- Thursday, 22nd September: early finish for all students because of the need to prepare classrooms and other areas for the Open Evening. Talks from me at 6.15pm, 6.45pm and 7.15pm, followed by tours of the buildings and campus.

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