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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.”

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## Continuity And Progression

As referred to in an earlier newsletter, our recently acquired Teaching School status now allows us to offer support to other schools in areas of need. Mrs Flatman, our Deputy Head with responsibility for personnel matters, is currently organising a range of professional development courses that will be available at Trinity and, we hope, spread aspects of our outstanding practice to other institutions. We have also entered into a “Collaborative Agreement” with the proposed Manchester Rutherford School, planned to help address the increasing demand for high school places in Manchester. More details on the back page.

## **Sixth Form Opportunities**

Earlier this week, all our Year 11 students had a presentation aimed at promoting the benefits of continuing their post 16 education at Trinity. During the evening, parents and students were invited to attend the Sixth Form “Open Evening”, details of which will be included in next weeks newsletter. Our Sixth Form facilities, shown below are, of course, in immaculate condition and provide an outstanding learning experience.



- Top left: Sixth Form reception area.
- Top right: Part of the study area.
- Bottom left: One of our biology, chemistry and physics laboratories.
- Bottom right: An advanced level teaching room.

## **Harvest Appeal Assemblies**

Ann Mitchell, representing the local Cornerstone Centre, attended Trinity last week to speak at House assemblies about the work carried out at the Centre to help homeless and other vulnerable individuals in the area. This year, our Harvest collection of tinned and packet food will be donated to this worthy cause. In addition to the presentation, introduced by Mr Nicholls, Trinity student, Peace Ojo, played the piano with great confidence and expertise and gave one of the most accomplished renditions of “Father I Place into Your Hands” heard at Trinity.



## **Attending And Achieving**

One of the most important factors in succeeding at school is being here and attending regularly. In the light of national publicity on this matter, I would like parents to be aware of the following guidance given to Heads from the Department of Education:

“In the meantime, it remains the case - as set out in the Education (Pupil Registration, England) Regulations 2006 amended in 2013 - that headteachers continue to have the power to authorise leave of absence, but only in exceptional circumstances. While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. It is for schools to consider the specific details and relevant context behind each request. Schools know their pupils best and are well placed to make those judgements.

I am clear that we need to continue reducing absence, building on the success schools and local authorities have already achieved, to support attainment and ensure all pupils fulfil their potential.”

## **Last Week**

On Friday, all students will have returned home with an A4 envelope for their parents containing copies of the Kaleidoscope and School profile for 2015-16. These two items summarise the life of Trinity in the last academic year and, in particular, our successes. I hope that the literature was interesting and of value.

## **Next Week**

On Monday, 17th October, there will be a parade in the city to welcome home and celebrate the success of the “Team GB” and “Paralympic GB” and their achievements. The event will begin at 4.30pm and will clearly affect transport and communications across the city. However, it will be a working day as usual for Trinity students, with a normal school finishing time.

## And Finally.....

.....bearing in mind our Partnership Agreement with the Manchester Rutherford School, a number of meetings are currently taking place between members of the two institutions. On the photograph below are, standing, Peter Hilton, the Trinity Chair of Governors, and me. Seated, from left to right are Gillian Winter and Neil Sheldon from Rutherford. Representing 'One Education', Matt Postlethwaite and Rob Merino. Not on the picture, but representing the Chinese Business community in Manchester is Gerry Yeung. For more details about this exciting project, please research "Manchester Rutherford School".



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