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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.”



The Season Of Advent

Last week, our various school Advent services organised on a Year basis were led by Deputy Head, Mr Nicholls, and School Chaplain, Revd Steve Birkinshaw. Welcoming Jesus into the world, into our city, our school and our lives was the theme, supported by readings from the Books of Isaiah and John, and the famous Advent hymn:

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”.

The final words of the services were particularly thought provoking; “...And if we can keep Christmas for one day, then why not for always?”

Advent At St Ann's

The beautiful and historic church of St Ann's, St Ann's Square in Central Manchester was once again the venue for the service attended by students, parents, governors, staff and members of the public. Well done to the choir, chamber choir, brass group and cello soloist, Andrew Rogers. Andrew performed Vivaldi's 'Sonata No 3 in A Minor' to perfection. To conclude the service, the congregation assembled outside the church where the Revd Nigel Ashworth blessed the crib to the sound of 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'.



Shoeboxes Galore!



Well done to the Trinity community for their work in assembling over 140 shoeboxes, now on their way to brighten up Christmas Day for children living in areas of strife in the world.

Seasonal Fundraising

Well done, also, to Nicky Davies, from the school Catering Department who, with a “target figure” of £300, recently raised £605.00 for Macmillan and The Christie.

Festive Fayre

“Christmas dinner” will be served in the Greer dining room on Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st December. All for £2.35, the following;

Roast turkey and stuffing
or Halal roast turkey
or vegetable whirl
with
roast and creamed potatoes, carrots, brussel sprouts and gravy.

Followed by chocolate Xmas pudding and vanilla sauce,
or mince pie.

An Extremely Serious Incident

Over the weekend, many readers will have found out through local “social media” and tabloid newspapers about an incident which occurred at school. The easiest decision would have been for me to have “expelled” the child, thereby putting a 13 year old silly boy effectively on the educational scrapheap. To avoid misrepresentation and, I hope, to reassure parents, I would like to explain the six point line of action I have taken:

1. The boy has been given a “fixed term exclusion” from school, and this will remain on his school record permanently.

2. Following this, the boy and his parent will have to attend a meeting at the school with me and another senior colleague. At the meeting, the boy will have to accept that what he did was wrong and must never be repeated. He will have to sign a 'Behavioural Contract' to this effect. He will also have to show genuine remorse for his behaviour. If all this is not forthcoming he will not be re-admitted. These conditions will have to be supported by his parent.
3. If he does return, he will spend a number of days in our 'Learning Support Unit'. Not only will he be isolated from the rest of the school throughout this time, but he will also be monitored carefully, assessed and attend sessions with our educational psychotherapist. Only when a full risk assessment has been made and we are satisfied with his progress will he be readmitted into lessons. Any re-integration into lessons will be on a phased basis.
4. Once in lessons, he will not be in any of the classes attended by the boy assaulted.
5. His behaviour and conduct will thereafter be carefully monitored on a daily basis by the school's pastoral staff including the Year 9 Senior Tutor, Pastoral Tutor and Form Tutor.
6. The matter has been reported to the police for them to take any action they believe to be appropriate.

I also believe that, particularly at this time of year, and as a Faith school with a Christian character, we need to put our faith into practise through our belief in remorse, forgiveness and reconciliation. The boy's behaviour was dangerous, idiotic and irresponsible, but I feel that he will not jeopardise his second and last chance at Trinity.

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