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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 Meaning Of Christmas

Last week, Year 7, 8 and 9 students attended a school production by the Christian “In Yer Face” group. The play, entitled “The Queen’s Speech”, had a number of scenes, each one focusing on ways in which individuals and groups perceive Christmas. Towards the end, all the ideas were brought together and the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus - was reinforced. A very commendable production, one that not only entertained but made the boys and girls in the audience think about how, in modern society, aspects of Christmas have been commercialised and misinterpreted.

## **Christmas Eucharist**

The real Christmas message was put forward in a very unambiguous way at Mondays Eucharist service, led by the Bishop of Middleton, The Rt Revd Mark Davies. The Bishop also referred to the 191 Church of England schools in the Manchester Diocese, educating approximately 60,000 students. Questions of “life” and “faith” were posed, relevant Bible readings such as Luke Ch 2 v 15-20 were delivered, together with the hymn ‘Ding Dong Merrily on High’. The message was clear for everyone; God isn’t far away, he isn’t distant or remote. God comes to you, is there with you and for you. Jesus remains Emmanuel - “God with you”.

## **Important Committee Work**



Above, left, last weeks meeting of the Governors’ Admissions Committee, Chaired by The Very Revd Rogers Govender, also attended by governors Bob Palmer, Pam Lord and me, processed the 443 Year 6 applications for 240 places at Trinity in September, 2017.

Alongside, members of the Governors’ Curriculum Committee; Chair Admos Chimhowu, Bob Palmer, Addy Lazz-Onyenobi, Tom Wells, David Moore and me, assisted and advised by Deputy Head Mr Julian Nicholls and Finance Manager Ms Melvina Duberry.

Governors play an important part in the life of a school; maintaining the school’s strategic direction, monitoring standards, evaluating effectiveness and agreeing rigorous yet achievable targets. Much of this is done through committees such as the two, above.

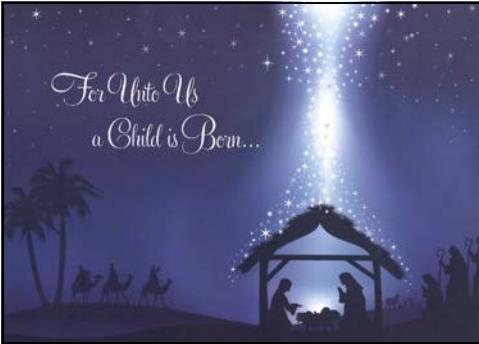
## **Christmas Jumper Day**

In aid of ‘Save the Children’, and organised by Student Services Manager, Ms Alison Laming, many staff and Sixth Formers wore their seasonal sweaters last Friday, a selection of which are shown on the opposite page. A total of £135 was raised. Thank you to everyone involved; a commendable collective effort.



## And Finally.....

.....in wishing everyone a peaceful, enjoyable and relaxing Christmas, the "official" Trinity Christmas cards from the last three years are shown below.



Following the two weeks holiday, the new term begins on Monday, 9th January, 2017.

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