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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.”



## MFL and International Links Awards Evening

Last Thursday, Trinity’s main hall played host to our annual MFL and International Links Awards Evening. We were delighted to present a variety of MFL themed awards to our students who excelled in French, Spanish, and foreign film study. A special award was presented to Cara Kennedy in Year 10 who has demonstrated an admirable scholarly attitude to language learning. Congratulations to all who received an award and our thanks go to Head of MFL, Ms Jones, and the rest of the MFL team for organising such a memorable occasion. More details about other language initiatives within school can be found on the inside pages.

## **Mother Tongue, Other Tongue**

Continuing with the languages theme...Ms Jones tells us about a languages writing competition:

“Earlier this week, we launched a new writing competition, ‘Mother Tongue Other Tongue’. This has been organised by the English and MFL departments and can be entered by:

1. EITHER learners of a language, ie. French and Spanish (or pupils who are learning another language out of school): to produce a poem in the language they are learning. At KS3, students have had a lesson about writing poetry in another language.
2. OR native speakers of another language than English: to transcribe a poem, lyrics of a song, lullaby in their native language, and write a paragraph about it in English, explaining why their choice has a special meaning to them. KS3 students have also done some work on this in their English lessons.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. There will be house points awarded for entries, and some entries will be sent to the University and possibly win a prize.

You can also use the below link to watch a video about the competition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAanCR6T344&feature=youtu.be>

Good luck to everyone!

## **Italian Taster Sessions**



From Teacher of MFL, Mr Hewitt: “Our students have recently had the opportunity to be taught Italian by a languages student from Manchester University thanks to the Languages XP programme and our close university links. The sessions have been running on Tuesdays after school covering introductions/Italian hand gestures, family members and likes and dislikes. Last week, we had the final session on food and drink and holiday language.”

Well done to all students who participated!

## **St George's Day**

To celebrate St George's Day, on Monday, 23rd April, the following special themed menu will be available: Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Chicken Tikka Masala, Veggie Toad in the Hole, Baked Jam Roll and Custard.

## **GCSE Music Recital**

Last week, the Drama Studio audience was treated to the Year 11 GCSE Music cohort performing their final solo and ensemble pieces for their GCSE Music coursework. The evening showcased an incredibly wide range of musical talent, with a large variety of instruments and performance styles on display. The students have worked very hard over their GCSE Music course to prepare these performances to the very best of their ability, and we are very proud of their achievements. Well done to all involved!



## And finally...

...from our Head of Sixth Form, Ms Tattum, about a recent talk entitled 'Getting into Top Universities':

"A selected group of Year 11 students were recently invited to the Sixth Form for a talk about getting into the top universities. Teacher of English, Mrs Parker, explained how it was never too soon to start thinking about progress to the Russell Group universities (a collection of research led universities, including some of the top universities in the world!) Students had a chance to speak to Year 12 learners who were in the process of choosing their prospective universities, ready for their applications this coming autumn. Year 11s learnt about the importance of not only getting the best GCSE and A Level grades they are able to, but also how extra-curricular activities can help boost their applications. Mrs Parker said 'This was a wonderful opportunity for Year 11s to tap into the knowledge of the Year 12s and find out new and interesting ways to further their chances of success in the future.' Our thanks go to Mrs Parker for this very pro-active and informative session!"



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