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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.”



## Trip to CERN

Head of Business and Computing, Mr Sinnott, tells us about the residential trip to CERN earlier this month:

“The students had a fabulous time in Switzerland and France, visiting Chamonix, Annecy, Nyon and Geneva. They completed a gorge walk, visited a glacier on Mont Blanc, tasted lots of chocolate, had a tour of the UN general assembly and Red Cross museum, as well as taking boat tours of Lake Geneva and Lake Annecy. All in all, this has been an inspirational visit and students will be returning with adventures to share and motivated by the possibilities presented by all they have experienced.”

## Activities Week

Last week, we were delighted that our 'Activities Week' could go ahead for the first time since 2019! It was a fabulous week for all year groups and you can see some of the highlights on the next few pages:

### **Year 7 - Arts Week**



Director of Music, Mrs Madden, tells us more:

"All our Year 7 students took part in a fantastic week of creative activities in Arts Week, culminating in a celebratory Showcase event last Friday. The students each experienced a day at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) working with tutors from MMU and the RNCM on an exciting Indonesian Gamelan and Shadow Puppetry project. They also attended Z-Arts in Hulme to participate in West African Drumming, Dance and Spoken Word and Poetry workshops looking at Protest themes.

During two days based at school, the pupils selected an extended project in Music, Art or Drama led by Trinity staff, working on Band Skills, Film Soundtracks, Sculptures inspired by Giacometti, Technical skills for Drama and an hilarious dramatic version of Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes*.

Throughout the week, the children learned about famous people who also have creative talents in the arts such as Einstein who played the violin, and they were awarded Superstar awards for showing engagement, effort and Trinity Together values. The Showcase was an awesome display of talent,

with some highlights being the live band performances, the drama play and the rapping. The students enjoyed the week so much - here are some examples of what they said about Arts Week:

*"I am proud of not giving up when it was hard and finishing my art sculpture to the best of my ability"*

*"I am proud of playing many instruments over the whole week"*

*"I enjoyed working with different people and learning lots of new things"*

*"It was great to meet people I wouldn't normally talk to and I made new friends"*

Gill Balfour, Creative Manager at Z-Arts said:

*"This was the best Showcase I've ever seen and thanks for having us involved - it was an amazing week!"*

Rachael Jones, Pathfinders Programme Manager from RNCM who supported the Showcase event on behalf of the team at MMU and RNCM said:

*"I just wanted to say how great it was to be able to come and watch the culmination of a fantastic week of arts activity last Friday. The young people were absolutely brilliant and clearly had a very memorable and transformational experience. There's obviously some amazing talent at Trinity and we'd love to do more work with your students in the future."*

Congratulations to all the Year 7 children and thank you so much to all the Trinity staff and project leaders from MMU, RNCM and Z-Arts. It was a wonderful week - if you would like to see an overview, click this video link!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yV7Zsjr7ww>

## **Year 8 - Peak District, Chill Factore and the Beach!**

Our Year 8s experienced a two night residential trip to the Peak District with a variety of outdoor activities, a day learning to ski at the Chill Factore and a day of orienteering and games at Formby beach.







## Year 9 - Enterprise Week

Some of our Year 9s had visits throughout the week to places including Alton Towers and Manchester United, whilst others were in school learning how to be business entrepreneurs! The week ended with a fabulous 'marketplace' event in the Sports Centre and an incredible £612 was raised for our three chosen charities; Action Aid - Period Poverty, Cancer Research and Unicef (for Ukraine).



## Year 10 - Work Experience



For our Year 10 students, they had their first taste of the world of work in a variety of different work placements, including the following; Journalism (BBC), Construction (Kier), Retail (Marks and Spencer), Higher Education (Manchester Metropolitan University), Community (Scope Charity Shop) and Primary Schools (Armitage CofE Primary School). A group also spent time at the Crown Prosecution Service and took part in a mock trial

### **Year 12 - Higher Education**

For Years 12s, they had visits to universities (Huddersfield and Lancaster), a cultural capital visit to the Imperial War Museum, work relating to UCAS and a fun 'scavenger hunt' teambuilding activity in Manchester City Centre.



### **School Policy Changes**

All school policies have been reviewed by our governors and Leadership Team throughout this academic year. We would like all parents to be aware of our revised School Uniform and Behaviour policies - they can be found in the policy section of the school website from Friday, 22nd July.

<https://trinityhigh.com/parents/policies/>

All other policies will be updated on the school website by September, 2022.

### **Trinity Taizé Pilgrimage 2022**

A few weeks ago, Revd Dr Birkinshaw and Mrs Farndon took a number of our Year 10 to 13 students on Pilgrimage to the Taizé Community in southern France. For a few students it was their first experience of Taizé and for others they were pleased to be able to return after two COVID years during which the Pilgrimage was not able to take place. Taizé life is very different to life in Manchester, with three Taizé prayers a day, international Bible discussion groups, and volunteering to clean and serve the community. All the students found the Pilgrimage to be a meaningful and deeply spiritual experience through which they deepened their understanding of God and the world, whilst deepening friendships and making new ones – and all wanted to return next year. They were asked to sum up their Taizé pilgrimage in three words; here are a few responses: patience, fruitfulness, reflection, a different way, volunteering, time-worthy, inclusive, peaceful, community, friendly, international. We hope to be able to offer the Taizé Pilgrimage next year for students who would be interested.



### **Uniform Donations**

The school will soon be starting an opportunity to exchange/donate items of school uniform. If you have any items (e.g. blazer, jumper, ties or PE kits) that are in good condition, we would be happy to receive them. They can be dropped off at the main reception or Student Services. Watch this space for the opening date of this worthy venture!

### **Class Charts**

From September we will be using an exciting new system to keep you up to date with what is going on in school every day. Class Charts provides 'live', information of your child's experience at Trinity, including:

- Achievements and rewards
- Latest announcements from school
- Notifications of behaviour sanctions.
- Your child's attendance record
- Parents can notify school of absence e.g. upload medical appointment card
- Your child's timetable and class teachers



A letter will be posted home, providing instructions as to how to download the free Class Charts app, including a unique parent pin formation. Please download the app/sign into the website as soon as possible. There is a competition between forms in each year group, for the first form to get 100% parental sign up! Further information can be found on our school website.

### **Flash Bang Event**

Course Director of KS3 Science, Ms Walker, tells us more: "We were recently visited by Dr Frank Mair from the University of Manchester, who



brought in a fantastic range of Scientific demonstrations for our annual 'Flash Bang' event. Year 9 were impressed by the chemistry of why fireworks have different colours and how rocket fuel is used, as well as the explosive thermite reaction. The best moment was when a hydrogen-powered 'rocket' water bottle was flown into the audience, to be caught by none other than Mr Sewell!"



### **Lunchtime Organiser Vacancy**

We wanted to inform the Trinity community that over the summer, we will be advertising for a Lunchtime Organiser vacancy, working 10 hours 50 minutes per week (12:10-14:20, Monday-Friday), term time only, for a pro-rata starting salary of £4,617. Please check out the vacancies page on the school website and the TES jobs page over the summer to make an application.

### **Summer Music Showcase**



The Music Department hosted a joyful Summer Showcase event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July with over 80 children performing. We were treated to an array of entertaining and uplifting music from Orchestra, Steel Pans, Senior

Choir, Gospel Choir, Year 8/9 band and Stage Band. The students showed their dedication by attending rehearsals throughout the exam period and it was wonderful to witness their joy for music-making and their care and support for each other.

On the hottest day ever in the UK, thanks go to the site and catering team for keeping us cool with fantastic air conditioning and ice creams and water for all! And thank you to the families for attending and for their constant support. Congratulations to all our amazing musicians.

## Farewell To Two Long Serving Members of Staff



At this time of year, we always say goodbye to a number of colleagues who are taking up new positions in other schools, whether here in Manchester or further afield. We wish all staff who are leaving well in their future careers.

Two members of staff I would like to pay tribute to have a combined service record here of 76 years. Suzanne Parker, one of our English Teachers started her career at Trinity in 1991 and has been an inspiration to literally thousands of students over the years. Penny Mellor joined the school in 1987 - just 3 years after its formation and has worked as a Science Technician, preparing class practicals, teacher demonstrations and has been an incredible 'all rounder'. Our thanks and admiration goes to these colleagues. They both can claim the status of 'Trinity Legends'.

### And finally...

...school will resume for all students on Monday, 5th September, 2022, at the times shown in the table on the right.

All students are to line up in their fire assembly points in the playground and they will then be escorted to form rooms or an assembly.

Year Group	Arrival Time
Year 7 and 8	8.15am
Years 9 - 13	8.45am

This academic year has proved to be challenging for all, with the urgent need to 'get back to normal', clashing with the continuing Covid-19 challenges. However, the levels of resilience have been high amongst students, parents and staff, and all have exemplary levels of commitment to the school. My sincere thanks goes to the whole Trinity community who continue to make this school a beacon of education in the heart of the city. Wishing you all a very happy summer.

Mr Julian Nicholls  
Head



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