TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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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."

Remembrance

Last week, we came together to recognise Remembrance Day in school in a variety of ways. All students attended remembrance assemblies, which featured beautiful music and readings from our students. At 10.55am on 11th November, 2024, lessons were paused and our school community listened to the last post, a remembrance prayer and we participated in a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Our thanks go to Revd Dr Birkinshaw, Mrs Madden and our wonderful students for helping us to pay our respects for those who served.

Remembrance Poems

Sticking with the theme of 'remembrance', Head of English, Mr Stoker, tells us about a writing competition: "Last week, KS3 students in English wrote poems to mark Remembrance Day. This is part of a series of writing competitions called the Trinity Wordsmith Anthology. Every half-term, students have the opportunity to enter writing into a competition linked to the Trinity Together calendar of events. The winner of this week's event was Joelle in Mr Howson's Year 8 English class who wrote beautifully about the theme of remembrance. Congratulations Joelle." You can read a copy of Joelle's poem below.

He said he wanted to fight, he really did.
"I'll protect my country," He said, as if he could win the battle.
And when he comes back, he wants to play the fiddle,
The brightest star on stage.

And we have his joyful friend, a bundle of sunshine.
He missed his lover so, so much, she had azure eyes,
"I'll be back in no time," He said to her, "and then I'll marry you, no "lies."
They will have two children and a pet dog together.

His cousin was annoying and loud, but a bit smart.
He'll come back and carry on the family business,
Mama told him not to go, and stay at home, but it was useless.
Young boys are ambitious, and war loves ambitious young boys.

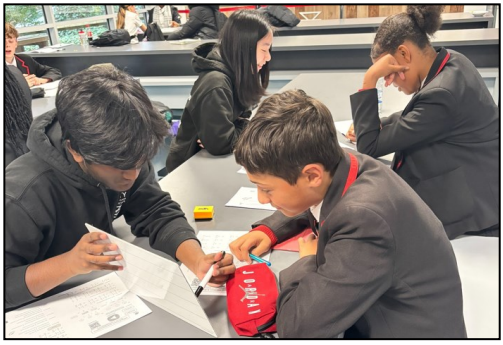
But when he came back, he couldn't play the fiddle.
They blew his arm off, it left a nasty wound and no time for music.
He was rushed to hospitals and finally back home,
But he could no longer hold the bow, and the star vanished from the stage

And the joyful friend? His lover was still waiting.
Her azure eyes turned black over time.
And then she would stare at the sea,
No children, no dog and no more reasons for hope.

The cousin's Mama hated to be right,
The family business closed down in grief,
They miss his annoying voice, his tantrums,
But he didn't even make it 'till his twenties.

They couldn't find the bodies, what a shame…
The graveyard of young dreams,
And then their names will disappear,
And so will their dreams,
And there will be nothing to remember.

Maths Tutoring



From Teacher of Maths, Ms Williams: "Over the past month, fifteen Year 12 mathematicians have been tutoring some of our Year 8 students to support their mathematics studies. They have been working on solving equations,

simplifying ratios and multiplying fractions. Our Sixth Form students are fantastic role models to their younger peers, and it is wonderful to see their confidence growing."

Christmas Gift Appeal

From Head of House, Mr Cater: "Our Christmas Gift appeal launched this week in assemblies with Hannah, our guest speaker from Wood Street Mission, coming to thank our students for their previous donations and also informed them of the amazing work that Wood Street Mission have been doing in our local community for over 150 years.

Wood Street offers a service that provides new toys and gifts to children aged 0-14 years old for families in need. These families have been referred via a social worker, a child's school, a health visitor, or support worker. Parents and guardians will get to go and choose the gifts they would like to give their children from the selection donated by supporters like our school. Hannah's latest data suggested that 90,000 children within Greater Manchester could require help from their service this year.

Last year we were able to raise £500 and donate an incredible 350 gifts and we hope that our school can continue to help our local community. **Gifts must be new, unwrapped and handed to form tutors**. For their showing of empathy and compassion, students will be rewarded with a Trinity credit.

If you can, please follow the links to find out more about Wood Street Mission and how to donate:

Wood Street Mission's Christmas gift ideas:
https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Wood-Street-Mission-Christmas-Gift-Ideas.pdf

Trinity's donation link:
https://woodstreetmission.enthuse.com/pf/trinity-high--school

Wood Street Mission:
https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/our-projects/christmas/

The closing date for donations is **Wednesday 4th December**. Thank you to pupils, staff, families and the wider Trinity community for helping to support one of our Trinity Together values of empathy and compassion by donating to those most in need."

Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in supporting our school? Are you able to attend evening meetings five times per year and afternoon committee meetings three times per year? Would you like to work alongside like-minded people who care about our school? If so, why not apply to become a parent governor?

We currently have a parent governor vacancy and we would be delighted to hear from parents who would be interested in joining us. We would particularly welcome nominations from parents from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

The purpose of governance in schools is to *provide strategic leadership, accountability and assurance, and strategic engagement*, and parents have an important role in fulfilling this aim. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or if you would like any further information, please contact our Governance Professional, Amy Lawless on:

lawless_a@trinityhigh.com by 2nd December, 2024.

Book Fair

Don't miss out on our school book fair - students can visit the LRB from 2nd - 6th December, 2024, to find out what's on offer.

And Finally…

...please note that the school will be **CLOSED** to all students and staff due to the occasional day's holiday on **Friday, 29th November, 2024.**

Mr Julian Nicholls
Head