TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

TRINITY WEEKLY

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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."

Christmas Showcase

It has been a busy month in school, so we have a special double edition of the newsletter for our readers today! To start with, Director of Music, Mrs Madden, tells us all about the Music and Drama Christmas Showcase: "Congratulations to over 150 talented music and drama students who treated us to a spectacular evening of entertainment on 12th December! The Stage Band opened the show with some jazzy Christmas classics, and throughout the evening there were performances from Years 7-9 steel pans, training guitars and ukuleles, junior woodwind, brass and strings. The Year 7 Drama Club presented their fantastically funny and creative interpretations of the Nativity and re-tellings of Christmas poems, with titles such as *Christmas Eve, No Room in the Inn, Sassy Mary, A Visit from St Nick* and *A Candy Cane at Christmas*. The actors were all so confident and clear. The Year 9-11 Band Skills groups led the enthusiastic audience in some classic Christmas pop songs such as *Santa Tell Me* and *I Wish it could be Christmas Every Day*! A fantastic evening was had by all."

Sporting Updates

PE Assistant, Mr Bryan, gives us the latest sporting news:

- Last week was the turn of our Under 13 boys' team at the Futsal tournament. Great team play, expert finishing and no goals conceded as Trinity won the Manchester Cup with a fantastic performance!
- Our Year 11 girls' netball team played very well, beating a competitive Manchester Communication Academy. A special mention for Naomi for excellent shooting and Melody who was always calm in defence.

- Our Year 8/9 students really enjoyed taking part in the Sale Harriers athletics competition with teams from Greater Manchester. Gold medals for Muhammad and Jahnia: 60m, Silver for Shakeel: 800m, and for Chris: 200m. Well done to everyone!
- Two of our basketball teams were in action this week. Our Year 8 NBA team were in amazing form, with wins against Philips 23-21 and St Gabriel's 7-0. A great game from our Under 19 girls' team in the national cup as they won their first game 59-35 against a tough Xaverian team.
- Our Year 8 boys' football B team played against Barlow in the League. It was slow to start, but Trinity grew into the game, however the team lost 3-0. Player of the match was shared by Lok and Husain.

Flying High With Wicked

From Head of Drama, Mr Cowie: "On Wednesday, 11th December, a group of our talented KS4 and KS5 Music and Drama students embarked on a trip to the Palace Theatre to see the acclaimed musical, "Wicked." The students were treated to a captivating performance filled with powerful vocals, dazzling costumes, and impressive set designs. This production offered a unique and thought-provoking perspective on the beloved story of Oz, exploring themes of friendship, acceptance, and challenging stereotypes. The experience provided valuable insight and inspiration for our budding young performers and musicians."

Term Time and Holiday Pattern for 2025/26

Last week, our Full Governing Body approved the school term time and holiday pattern for the 2025 - 26 academic year. The dates have also been added to our website.

We would be grateful if parents could please take the time to add these dates to their diaries so that no holidays are booked for students during term time. Three additional INSET days are yet to be confirmed. Thank you for your cooperation.

AUTUMN TERM – Term 1	
Staff INSET days	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September, 2025
Students return	Wednesday 3rd September, 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October, 2025
Students return	Monday 3rd November, 2025
Occasional day's holiday	Friday 28th November, 2025
Last day of Term 1	Friday 19th December, 2025
Christmas holiday	Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January, 2026

WINTER TERM – Term 2	
Students return	Monday 5th January, 2026
Half term holiday	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February, 2026
Students return	Monday 23rd February, 2026
Last day of Term 2	Thursday 2nd April, 2026
Easter holiday	Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April, 2026

SPRING/SUMMER TERM – Term 3	
Students return	Monday 20th April, 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4th May, 2026
Whitsuntide half term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May, 2026
Students return	Monday 1st June, 2026
Last day of Term 3	Wednesday 22nd July, 2026

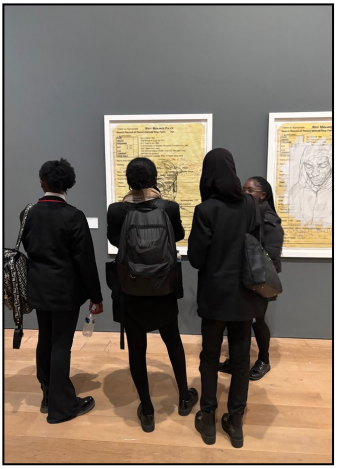
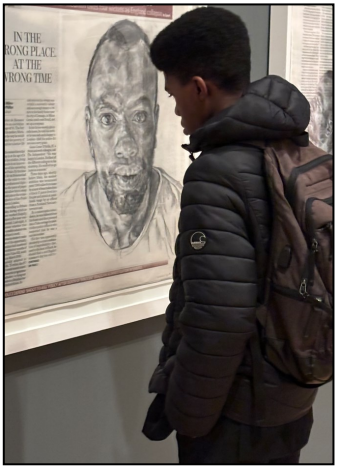
Mary Doyle

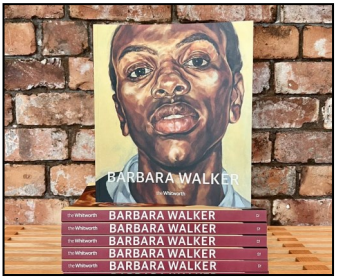
Last month, we received the sad news that an ex-governor and clerk to our governing body, Mary Doyle, sadly passed away. Mary was a great friend and supporter of the school over many years and she will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this difficult time.

Whitworth Art Gallery

From Head of Art, Ms Hutchinson:

“Last week our Year 11 art students visited the Barbara Walker exhibition at the Whitworth Art Gallery. The stories that her work tells, and the amazing quality and scale of her drawings and paintings have inspired our students to try out some new ideas in the GCSE work. “



Christmas Jumper Day

Our thanks go to everyone who supported our annual Christmas Jumper Day last Friday - we loved seeing all the festive knitwear and were delighted to raise **£161** in aid of Save the Children.

Christmas Gift Appeal

From Head of House, Mr Cater:

“Thank you to the whole school community for supporting and contributing to the 2024 Christmas Gift Appeal. As is customary, our gifts were donated to Wood Street Mission which is a local charity that supports disadvantaged families who are struggling to provide presents for their children at Christmas. A special thanks goes to our House Captains who collected the gifts from forms and helped to count and prepare the presents for collection. We are

pleased to inform you that Trinity High School donated an outstanding 410 gifts and over £250 in online donations to Wood Street Mission. This generosity, empathy and compassion is testament to our verse for the year from Philippians. The donations received are truly an admirable and praiseworthy feat."

Christmas Eucharist

On Friday, 13th December, we were delighted to welcome Canon Simon Gatenby, from Brunswick Parish Church, to lead our Christmas Eucharist.

School Reception - Christmas Holiday Opening Times

The school reception will be open, offering a limited service, on Monday, 23rd December, 2024, and on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January, 2025, from 8.30am - 1.30pm.

And Finally…

...we have had another busy end of term with our 'recognition' assemblies, our Year 11 sixth-form entrance exams and many Christmas events, including the wonderful Carol Service at Manchester Cathedral. We've had a remarkable 2024 celebrating our 40th Anniversary, and the Carol Service was a wonderful way to round off our special year.

Students return to school on Monday 6th January and we have some fabulous photographs of our Carol Service to share with you in our first newsletter of 2025. Merry Christmas and I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year.

Dr Rachel Chard
Co-Head