Trinity Termly

Highlights from the Trinity CE High School's weekly newsletters for each term in the academic year

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Trinity CE High School is an outstanding 11-18 secondary school based in the heart of Manchester, within the University of Manchester's educational campus, and we admit students of all faiths. To find out more, please contact our admissions team - admissions@trinityhigh.com

Welcome to the Trinity Termly Newsletter!

We are delighted to share this first edition of the Trinity Termly newsletter. At the start of the new year, our Trinity Weekly newsletter became 'paperless', and our readers were encouraged to read about the school's news online via the website. However, it is still a priority for the school to ensure that its readership reaches as far and wide into the community as possible. Therefore, this newsletter has been put together in the mind of it being shared in primary schools and parishes about all the highlights from the school each term, which were previously featured in the weekly newsletters. We hope you enjoy this summary edition and are able to share it throughout your school/parish. You can then look forward to the next edition which will be published and sent to you in July, 2025.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Head of Drama, Mr Cowie, tells us more: “Trinity CE High School welcomed audiences to Narnia in our magical production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. The cast and crew of ninety-eight students (pictured above) delivered a fantastic performance across three nights, bringing the energy and enthusiasm that Trinity is known for. From the icy wiles of the White Witch, to the majesty of Aslan, students brought the magical characters of C.S. Lewis' classic novel to life. Audiences were greeted from the door by anxious and fearful Narnian's and helped lost children fleeing the blitz before they even sat down. They then joined the Pevensies on their magical journey into Narnia and their battle against the fearsome magic of the White Witch. Trinity's production was a testament to the resilience, hard work and talent of their students, with lights and sound run by a student tech team and crew and stage hands managed ably by our fantastic sixth formers. The performances were truly three nights to remember.”

World Book Day

Ms Oyewobi, LRB and Media Administrator, tells us more: “On 8th March, we hosted our annual World Book Day celebration. With book themed clues hidden around the school, students engaged with the library and use their problem-solving skills to 'crack the code' and 'discover the missing house points'. All students are also invited to collect a book voucher rom the LRB.”

Debate Mate

From Teacher of English, Ms Brierley -Rimmer:

“Well done to Trinity's three Debate Mate teams, who took part in the first round of the Urban Debate League on Tuesday, 28th January. Competing against several different schools and students of all ages, the Trinity teams showed great competitive spirit and respectful sportsmanship, winning several debates in the process!”

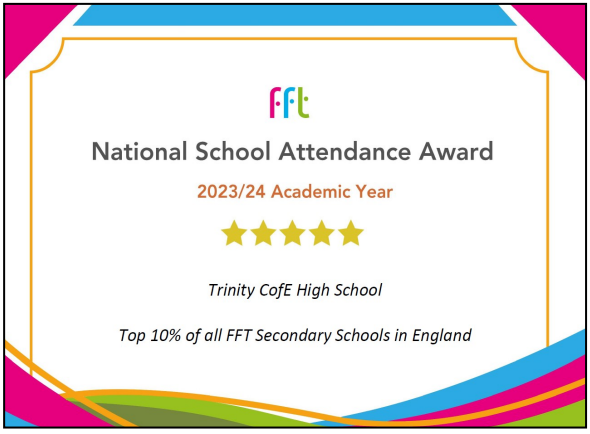
Achievements

Outstanding Results

We started the new year by sharing an article from the Manchester Evening News, which revealed the region's best performing schools. Trinity was named the Top 20 schools within Greater Manchester for the percentage of students achieving a Grade 5+ in English and Maths in the 2024 GCSE examinations. There are almost 200 secondary schools within Greater Manchester, so this truly is a remarkable achievement. Our thanks go to the hard work of students, dedication from staff and support from parents.

FFT Attendance Award

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded two national attendance awards for our attendance being in the top 10% of all similar FFT secondary schools and all FFT secondary schools nationally.



High Sheriff Award

Congratulations to Ben in Year 10 who was awarded the High Sheriff's Young Citizen Award for 2025. Ben is an exceptional student, and it is great to see him recognised in this way for all the work and support he provides within the community.

Trinity Together

World Down Syndrome Day

On Friday, 21st March, we recognised World Down Syndrome Day by participating in the 'Lots of Socks' campaign. Students and staff were invited to wear socks that will get you noticed - this included mismatched socks or the brightest and boldest socks they could find! Our thanks go to Assistant SENCO, Mr Jupe, for arranging this initiative and to everyone who took part.

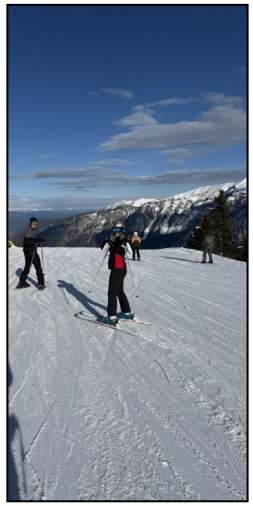
Candlemas Eucharist

On Friday, 14th February, we were delighted to welcome Revd Mark Hewerdine from St Chad's, Ladybarn, to lead our Candlemas Eucharist.

Trips

Heading for the Ski Trip!

It was a pleasure to hear all about the fabulous ski trip to Folgarida in Italy over the February half term break - there was plenty of snow and blue skies, and students made great progress with their ski skills. We're now looking forward to our next ski trip which has been planned to Fila, Italy in 2026. The resort incredible views across Mont Blanc, Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn.



Curriculum

Lexia Power Up

At the start of this academic year, we began a new literacy initiative, 'Lexia Power-Up'. The programme accelerates literacy skills for students, with a focus on word placement, grammar and comprehension. Form Groups were set up for students involved in the initiative and we have been delighted to see the excellent progress our students have been making. Last week, a number of students completed the programme and were presented with certificates to recognise their achievements. Well done to all those involved!

Cipher Challenge

Teacher of Maths, Ms Begum, tells us more: "Our wonderful Year 9s have been partaking in a cipher challenge ran by the University of Southampton. They have shown excellent problem -solving skills and have dedicated their time to solving 'the mystery of the Silver Bullet'. They show up with excitement and have learnt how to encode and decode, using many different historical ciphers such as the Vigenère Cipher and most recently the 6-needle telegraph cipher. Their brilliant teamwork and dedication has been recognised by the university! They will continue exploring the world of cryptography and ciphers in the next term."

Music

RNCM Young Artists

From Director of Music, Mrs Madden: "We are thrilled to introduce you to our talented Trinity students have won places on the RNCM Young Artists programme!

Congratulations go to Tania Year 8 and Micah Year 9 (keyboard), Nancy Year 9 (vocals), Caleb Year 9 (drums) and Grace Year 9 (bass guitar), who have joined the RNCM's prestigious popular music conservatoire programme every Saturday."

KS4 Music Recital Evening

We were delighted to host our annual Key Stage 4 Recital on Wednesday 29th January, featuring 28 outstanding musicians and singers from our Year 10 and 11 cohorts. For some, their solo or duet performances were a preparation for GCSE assessments; for others, it was their debut performance at Trinity and for all of them, it was an opportunity to shine and for us to celebrate their wonderful talent and courage. We had performances on piano, vocals, steel pans, guitar and bass guitar, clarinet, A joyous and uplifting evening was had by all.

ABRSM Music Exams

It's a pleasure to share that even more of our talented Trinity students have achieved successful music examination results with the *Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music*. Grades ranged from Initial level right up to Grade 8, many receiving Merit or Distinction.

Congratulations to Emily Y8, Bess Y8, Isla Y9, Noah Y11, Stavroula Y11, and Bethany Y13 (piano), Sam Y11 (jazz piano), Sophie Y8, Ninah Y9, Rainat Y9, Deepasri Y9, Elise Y10 and Anushka Y11 (violin & viola), Jemma Y11 (flute), Joshua Y11 (double bass), Elizabeth Y11 (tenor horn), Asa Y8 (clarinet), Caleb (drums) and Khumbo Y11 (theory). We are so proud of their hard work, talent and musical success.

Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 14th January, we were delighted to welcome a range of employers to school for our annual Year 11 ‘mock interview’ day. Representatives on the day included Santander, Wilmott Dixon, Network Rail, Essence Media and NatWest.

The day is designed to give students a 'low stakes' interview experience. They can use the feedback given to support them as they prepare for upcoming interviews to secure their Year 12 courses. This will have been the first time that most students will have encountered an interview scenario and the need to 'sell themselves' to an unknown person.

Our visitors were incredibly positive about their encounters with our students, with one even commentating that he would have happily employed one of the students he met if they were old enough.

Careers Fair

On Friday 31st January, we held our annual whole school careers fair in the sports hall. Students from every year group were able to meet with and learn from a range of employers, further and higher education institutions and apprenticeship providers. Every year we welcome new faces to the event and this year was no different, including volunteers working in sectors such a games development (from the University of Staffordshire) and architecture (from Stride Treglown). We welcomed volunteers who have joined us in the past, as well as a host of ex-Trinity students who were promoting careers in areas such as engineering and finance. Popular stalls included the technician team from MMU, Manchester Museum and Co-op bank.

Sport

Padel Tennis

Our students were recently featured on an ITV news segment, playing padel tennis with comedian, Jason Manford.

Jason has been promoting the sport throughout the region in recent months to increase the numbers of people playing the racquet sport, with plans to develop padel tennis facilities in Manchester.

Teqball

Teqball is a ball sport that is played on a curved table, combining elements of football and table tennis. Players hit a football with any part of the body except arms and hands. Our students have really enjoyed showcasing their skills at break and lunch time and the teqball table has been seen as a valuable addition to the table tennis tables, basketball courts and football pitches available to students during social times.

Mr Julian Nicholls
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