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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."

Three Countries Music Concert Tour

From Director of Music, Mrs Madden: "The Trinity Music Department had an unforgettable Concert Tour with 80 talented musicians and singers from Years 9-13, 9 dedicated staff, 2 coach loads of equipment, 2 fantastic drivers, (one of whom was an ex-Trinity student!) and boundless enthusiasm to share our passion for music with the welcoming folk of Germany, Netherlands and Belgium!

We travelled overnight by coach and ferry and arrived at our beautiful hostel DJH Nideggen late afternoon. It was a stunning rural location with lots of space to rehearse and relax, including great games and sports facilities.

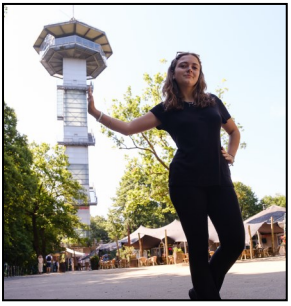
On Saturday, we visited the UNESCO World Heritage city of Aachen in Germany, a tourist hot-spot founded by the Romans and famed for its thermal springs. We were so excited to give a lunchtime concert at the famous *Rotunde am Elisenbrunnen,* which had the benefit of two stages for our Orchestra, Brass Group, String Group, Guitar Group, Stage Band, Gospel Choir, Choir, Y10 and Y11 bands and Steel Pans. We attracted a large and appreciative audience, many of whom stayed for the full 90 minute set and who asked if we were a specialist music school!

In the afternoon, we enjoyed a cultural trip to the historic town of Valkenburg, with its ancient caves, castle ruins, city gates, quaint shops and tourist attractions such as the chairlift and summer toboggan run. The students and staff has lots of fun exploring and ended the day back at the hostel for dinner and an idyllic forest walk to watch the sun set. Magical!

On Sunday, we spent the day at *Dreilandenpunt,* a popular tourist destination at the point where the three countries of Germany, Netherlands and Belgium meet. The students explored the maze and then entertained the crowds with another brilliant concert; many of the public were singing & dancing along to favourites such as *ABBA, Don't Stop Believing, Teenage Dirt Bag, Lord of the Dance, In The Mood, Soul Bossa Nova, Man in the Mirror* and *Defying Gravity.*

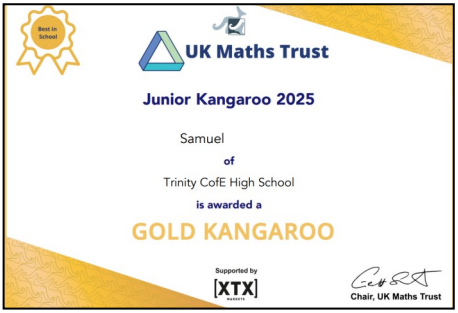
After an interesting trip to *Hoensbroek Castle* in the Netherlands, where we explored the dungeons and turrets, we enjoyed our final evening relaxing and playing games at the hostel, and even had another sunset walk.

The journey home on Monday was filled with lots of singing, our traditional coach quiz and plenty of sleep! We arrived home on Monday night extremely tired, but so proud and happy and with memories to last a lifetime. The students were superb ambassadors for Trinity and the whole trip was an absolute pleasure. Now...to start planning for our Concert Tour in 2027! Watch this space!"



Mathematics Success

From Head of KS5 Maths, Ms Williams: “After securing a Gold Award in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, Samuel (Year 7), qualified for the prestigious Junior Kangaroo follow-on round — a competition reserved for the top-performing students in the UK. We are delighted to announce that Sam not only earned Gold in the Kangaroo, placing him in the top 10% of over 13,500 competitors, but also achieved a **perfect score** of 135, answering every single question correctly. This is an outstanding accomplishment and marks a first in our school’s history. A huge congratulations to Sam on this remarkable achievement!”



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are currently in the season of our Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, and our Bronze students in Year 9 recently took part in their assessed expedition to Todmordon. The students were all successful in completing their assessments, in the face of a heat wave they were hiking through. All managed to stay lively and hydrated until the end point where they were in a race to finish against a thunderstorm! Our thanks go to DofE Coordinator, Mr Kirsten, and the team of staff who support these wonderful experiences for our students.

And Finally…

...some advance notice of early closures in the last week of term:

- The **Year 9 Graduation** will be taking place on the afternoon of **Monday, 21st July,** therefore the school will **close at the earlier time of 2.05pm** for students in Years 7, 8, 10 and 12.
- On the last day of term, **Wednesday, 23rd July**, there will be an **early finish** for all students at **12.20pm**.

Mr Julian Nicholls
Head