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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.”



Welbeck Returns: A Brilliant Trinity Homecoming

Trinity was proud to welcome back one of our most celebrated former students this week, as Danny Welbeck returned to school alongside his brothers Chris and Wayne — both Trinity alumni themselves — for a visit that quickly became one of the standout moments of the year.

The timing could not have been more fitting. Fresh from scoring the winning goal against Manchester United in the FA Cup last Sunday, Danny arrived back at Trinity in fine form, greeted with genuine excitement from students and staff alike.

The three brothers were keen to take in all that has changed since their school days — particularly the full rebuild and the Sixth Form, which they had never seen in person. I had the pleasure of showing them around the site, including a tour through our impressive Temple Building, where one stop carried particular meaning; a reunion with their former engineering teacher, Mr Halliday. It was a moment that captured everything we love about Trinity's story — the lasting connections between students, staff and school.

Word soon spread, and it was wonderful to see a number of familiar faces from the Welbecks' time here coming along to say hello, including Mr Dennis, Ms Baxendale, Ms Barrett and Mr Sewell. It felt less like a visit, and more like a homecoming!

Danny and his brothers were, in every sense, outstanding Trinity students. I enjoyed a personal moment of nostalgia with Wayne, remembering our trip back in 2003, when I took him to Cambridge University for the final of a national schools quiz tournament. Sharing memories of that trip reminded us just how powerful school experiences can be — and how long they stay with us.

A highlight of the visit was Danny's conversation with our students who are currently involved with professional clubs, including those linked to Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool, Burnley, Stoke, Stockport and Huddersfield, to name just a few. Danny spoke candidly about his own pathway — beginning as a Manchester United scholar during his Trinity years, and ultimately going on to make 142 first-team appearances for the club, as well as 126 for Arsenal, and 184 (so far) for his current team, Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion.

But it wasn't the statistics that left the biggest impression — it was the person.

Danny spoke powerfully about the things that matter most: the importance of family, the value of staying close to true friends, and the need to keep a positive outlook when setbacks arrive — because they will. His message was grounded, honest and generous, and our students listened with real attention.

It was a privilege to welcome three brothers, all former Trinity students, back through our doors — each having carved out impressive journeys in their respective fields. Their visit reminded us of what Trinity does best: helping young people grow, aim high, stay humble, and carry a sense of belonging with them long after they leave.

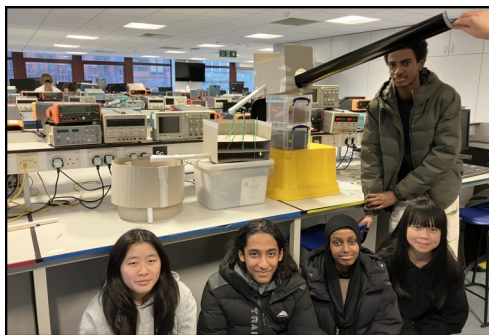
Thank you to Mr O'Connor in the PE department and Mr Westmoreland (Deputy Head), who made all the arrangements and made sure the visit was a great success.

Industrial Cadets Gold Project

From Head of Engineering, Mr Barnes:

"A team of year 12 Engineers from Trinity Sixth Form went to the University of Liverpool as part of their 'Industrial Cadets, Gold Project'.

The team are working on a Civil Engineering project about storm water overflow treatment. Part of this project involves a fantastic opportunity to spend two days working in the engineering department of the university.

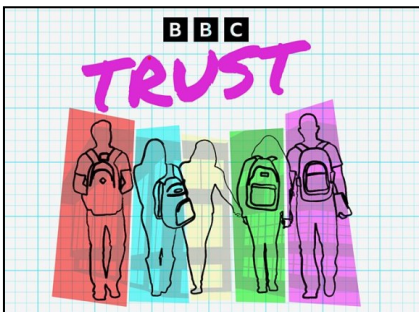


During the two days, our team progressed their design solution from the initial ideas stage, to a scale model that clearly demonstrates how storm overflow water could be treated in a real-life context. The students are also working with professional engineers from Mott Macdonald and Bentley on their design. They will continue to develop their project throughout this year and will hopefully receive their Gold Awards in the Summer term.

Aswell as working hard on their engineering project, the students also managed to fit in a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool, which in itself is a fantastic piece of modern engineering."

BBC Radio 4 and Trinity Brass Group collaboration

From Director of Music, Mrs Madden: "We're delighted to inform you that our Trinity Brass Group was chosen by BBC Radio 4 to feature in the soundtrack of their award-winning comedy drama series, 'Trust', set in a secondary school and starring Julie Hesmondhalgh. Audio from our RNCM Anniversary Concerts was utilised in the broadcast and the director, Nadia Molinari, visited Trinity in July 2025 to record a rehearsal. We are excited to share Ms Molinari's recent email with you all":



"It feels like a long time ago that we came into Trinity High to record with your wonderful music students. Episode 3 of series 6 of *Trust* which features Trinity musicians was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on the 17th December 2025 and is now available to listen back on BBC Sounds. Your students were amazing. I really hope they enjoy hearing themselves: please do share the BBC Sounds and BBC Radio 4 website links here with everyone!!"

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002nhkr>
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Congratulations to all the members of the 2024-25 Brass Group for their musical talents and for being such great ambassadors for the school.

Epiphany Eucharist

From Rev Dr Birkinshaw: "Last Friday we welcomed into school Revd Jo Jarrett, from St Hilda's, Firwood, to lead our 'Epiphany Eucharist'. Revd Jo invited us to reflect not only on the significance of gathering around the communion table, but also on the meaning behind the gifts brought by the Magi to Jesus. Her message encouraged students and staff to look ahead to the new year with hope, considering how following the light of Jesus can positively shape our school community, our local neighbourhood and the wider world."



Upcoming Events in School

Event	Date	Time
Y9 Parents' Consultation/ Options Evening	Thursday, 22nd January, 2026	3.50pm



And Finally...

... with a light dusting of snow across the school site last week, Trinity certainly looked at its winter best. Students were reminded of an important school rule: no snowballing. While it may seem harmless, it can be dangerous around buildings, entrances and busy walkways.

Although there is no snow forecast imminently, it is likely winter weather will arrive at some point. The school will always make every effort to remain open wherever possible. However, if the transport network is significantly disrupted — particularly if buses are not running — closure may be unavoidable.

If this happens, we will communicate quickly and clearly. Updates will be sent via ClassCharts, email, and text message.

Thankfully, the weather has been much kinder to us this week, so long may it continue!

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