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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.”



Y11 Shirt Signing Day

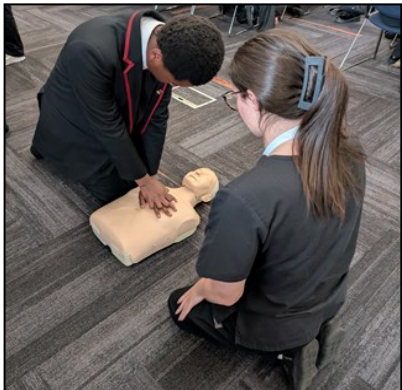
From Deputy Head, Mr Cann: On Friday 22nd May, the students in Year 11 took part in our annual shirt signing event. We were blessed with wonderful weather, which definitely helped to create a fantastic, celebratory atmosphere across the school field.

During the morning, the students signed each other's shirts to create a marvellous 'keepsake' to always remember their time at Trinity, sharing messages, memories and well wishes, and some also took part in games of five-a-side football.

We even had our first ever shirt signing dance-off to the tune of *Billie Jean*, much to everyone's amusement. Thank you to Lloyd and Jeovanis for this new addition to an already brilliant 'rite of passage'.

Y10 at the British Cardiovascular Society Annual Conference

From Teacher of Science, Mrs Ragunathan: "On Tuesday 2nd June, a small group of Year 10 students attended 'Your Heart Hospital' at the British Cardiovascular Society Annual Conference. They learned about how heart disease is prevented and treated, and practised important life-saving resuscitation skills. They also spoke to doctors, nurses, radiographers and cardiac physiologists to find out more about the wide variety of careers within the field of cardiology.



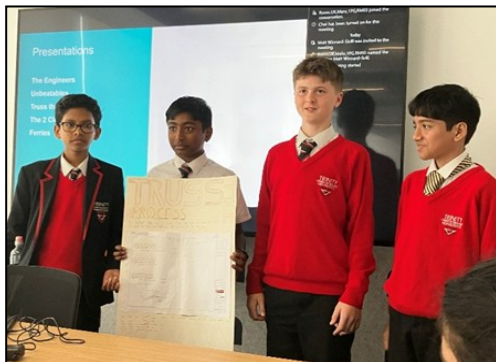
A highlight was hearing from Divya, an ex-Trinity student who now works as a specialist cardiac nurse.

Y7 Inspiring Engineers Club

From Head of Engineering, Mr Barnes: "The Year 7 Inspiring Engineers Club has now finished for this year. For the last 10 weeks, our future engineers have worked in collaboration with a team of professionals from Mott Macdonald on a disaster relief project. The aim of the project was to help rebuild the infrastructure of a remote island destroyed by a natural disaster.

The project finished with a trip to the offices of Mott Macdonald, where our students had a big conference meeting and presented their work to everyone at the meeting.

Well done to all students who took part in this project and congratulations go to 'The Engineers' who were the overall winning team."



Have your say!

Last week's newsletter featured information on mobile phones in schools. At present, our policy is that mobile phones should be kept in bags, switched off and not used. Whilst this works for the majority, for some students the temptation to use their phone can be very difficult to resist.

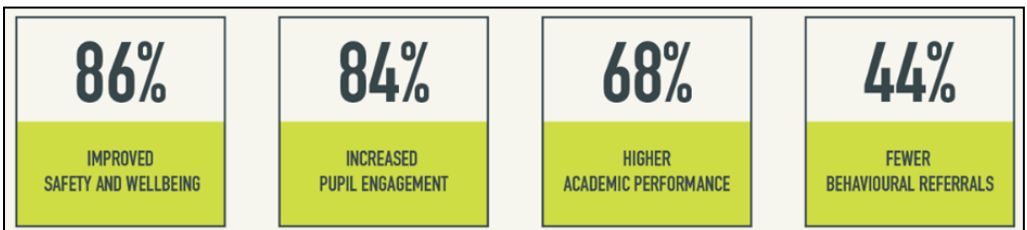
- Adults spend an average of 5 hours per day on their phones.
- Teenagers spend an average of over 7 hours per day on their phones.
- It can take an average of 20 minutes for a student to regain their focus after a nearby phone distraction (US Surgeon General, 2024).
- At the current usage rate, it is expected that young people today will spend 22 years on their phones during their lives!



One solution to remove the distraction of phones is to use pouches. Many schools have introduced these successfully and phones are locked in the pouch, using a magnet, on arrival to school. The pouch remains in the student's bag during the day with the phone inaccessible and receiving no signal. As students leave site, they unlock the pouch to release their phone.

Students would not have access to any unlocking magnets during the school day. Having liaised with other schools, we can see the potential of phone pouches in improving the concentration as well as the mental health of students. Without phone access students will not be tempted to miss learning by requesting toilet visits so that they can check their phones. For the majority of students who already conform and do not access their phones during the day, the pouches should provide reassurance that others are not subverting the system.

Yondr were one of the first to market the pouches and now provide them across 48 countries. Their statistics show the following when schools have gone 'phone free':



We are keen to hear the thoughts of our families on this matter so please do discuss this with your child. If you wish to have your voices heard, please send an email to phonepouches@trinityhigh.com by **Friday 12th June**. Your questions and observations will be important to us as we make our decision in the coming weeks.

2026 MEM Challenge & Senior Challenge Competition

From Assistant Head of Maths, Ms Williams: “During the Spring half term, a number of students participated in the 2026 MEM Challenge and the Senior Challenge Competition — two rigorous, problem-solving activities designed to stretch mathematical thinking over the break.

We are delighted to share that Kamsi and Rithvik (Year 12), along with Victory (Year 8), achieved outstanding scores. Their success earned them invitations to a prestigious awards evening at the University of Liverpool’s Central Teaching Laboratories. They received vouchers for mathematical books and enjoyed a range of activities, including the FunMaths Roadshow, a number trail, and a computer-based quiz. The evening concluded with the presentation of prizes and certificates.

This is a huge achievement as this year there was a total of over 1200 entries for the Challenge and 600 for the Senior Challenge. We run this challenge every year so look out for this again February 2027!”



Upcoming Events in School

Event	Date	Time
International Links and Languages Awards Evening	Thursday, 11th June, 2026	6.30pm
Sports Day	Friday, 12 th June, 2026	All day

And Finally ...

... please take a few moments to talk with your child about the phone pouches. We are going to listen to all voices and we will publish frequently asked questions in a few week’s time.

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