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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.”



Breakfast Meetings

During the last two weeks, “breakfast meetings” have been taking place each morning to discuss the progress of every Year 11 student. The meetings have included members of the Leadership Team, Year 11 Form Tutors and the Year 11 Senior Tutor. Discussions have centred around mock exam results, estimated grades, attendance, punctuality, Sixth Form choices and behaviour and attitude in lessons. The meetings have allowed the school to identify the support and interventions needed for each individual student, so that they can progress and be as successful as possible in their GCSE examinations.

The Year 11 pastoral team, pictured above, is at the centre of support for our Year 11s. We have stated in our Sixth Form publicity that we want ‘hardworking and ambitious’ students to stay with us, and the pastoral and “breakfast” team encourage all Year 11s to continue their hard work both in school and at home.

Mock Interviews



Last Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome representatives from a wide range of employment sectors to carry out mock interviews with all of our Year 11 students. This fantastic opportunity puts our students ‘ahead of the game’, as it provides them with valuable experience for both university and employment interviews in the future.

Our interviewers, who work for companies such as Network Rail, Royal Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Wilmott Dixon, UK Fast, NHS, Manchester Arena and Co-operative Group, gave some positive feedback to our students:

- “Excellent interview! Communicated really well.”
- “Really good interview - driven and focused. Asked some good questions and could answer my questions very well.”
- “Very personable and friendly. It was nice to see how you had a career goal and are working towards that.”
- “You gave a really good interview and seem very passionate about Dentistry. You came across as a hard worker and I think you will be a great success if you stay on the path you are on.”
- “You were able to present your thoughts and abilities well.”

As a result of the interviews, three students were offered work experience at the Christie Hospital.

University Links

From Assistant Head and Head of Maths, Mr Scott: "As part of our collaboration with the University of Manchester, the Maths department at Trinity host groups of trainee teachers to help them to develop their practice before becoming qualified teachers. Last week, several University students helped some of our Year 8 students to master some of the concepts of algebra. The trainee teachers were joined by a group of Headteachers who are visiting Manchester from Shanghai to see how Universities and schools work together in the UK. The Headteachers were very impressed with the work that the Year 8 students were doing and are looking forward to sharing their experiences of Trinity when they return to China."



Readathon

'Read for Good' has been running its "Readathon" in individual schools since 1984 and Trinity has been one of the charity's biggest supporters, led by Ms Parker in the English Department. The charity has been working on a campaign to unleash the power of Readathon on whole cities.

Last year, 27,000 children in Liverpool and 28,000 children in Leicester signed up to get reading at the same time. This year, they have joined forces with the team at 'Read Manchester' to run a citywide Readathon for one glorious fortnight in Manchester from 17th - 28th June, culminating in a citywide 'Drop Everything and Read'.

The charity organisers are launching a campaign to encourage schools to sign up and have asked Ms Parker to be an "ambassador" to champion the charity's work to other schools. Trinity has taken part in 16 Readathons since 1995, raising an amazing £11,530, and we are really looking forward to the citywide read in June. Money raised will support the charity's work at the Manchester Royal Children's hospital, and 20% of the money raised by Trinity will be used to buy books for our LRB. The main aim of the charity and the English Department is just to get children reading (with all the benefits this brings) and we think a mass Readathon will be just the thing to build a buzz around books and reading for fun!



And finally...

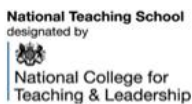
...some musical news from Head of Music, Ms Brown:

“On Friday 11th January, the School of Biological Sciences (University of Manchester), invited the school choir to sing at their annual event. The event was held just over the road from Trinity, at University Place, Oxford Road and was a day to showcase the activities of the School of Biological Sciences, as well as an opportunity for the choir to get back into performing following the Christmas break. The choir are pictured with Professor Jane Worthington, the Head of the school. The repertoire included “This is me”, “Colours of the wind and choir favourite “Why we sing”.

It’s a perfect time of year for students to join the school choirs and other ensembles!”



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