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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.”



## Mock Interviews

Last week, our Year 11s were given the unique opportunity of having a ‘mock interview’ with a representative from a local business, multinational company or training provider. We were delighted to welcome a range of representatives to interview our students, from companies such as AECOM, Buttress Architects, Cooperative Group, Manchester Metropolitan University, NHS, RAF, Royal Bank of Scotland and Santander. One particular employer, Positive Steps, a charitable trust who deliver various services for the community, were so impressed with two of our students, that they have both been offered work experience placements. For some students, this initiative provides them with their first interview experience for employment and university in the future, and they also received feedback from their interviewer. This is a very valuable opportunity for our students.

## Year 7 Disco



Last week, our Business Studies students in the Sixth Form organised a disco for our Year 7 students as part of their course. It was a great event, with the Year 7s socialising and showing off their moves on the dance floor!

## Engineering and Physics Trip

Course Director of KS5 Engineering, Ms James, tells us more: "On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, students from Year 12 Physics and Engineering visited the Tesla Showroom, Stockport, and Concorde at Manchester Airport.

At Tesla, we learnt about some of the features of their cars such as how they are designed to have the highest safety levels by adding weaknesses in the metal where it is designed to fail in the event of a crash. Students were also allowed to look around and test the cars. The part of the cars the students enjoyed the most were the games in the car where you could use the steering wheel as a game controller!

At the airport we were given a talk about the history of the airport and how it has developed over the years, and how it might look in the future. Following this, students were able to go into the cockpit of an old Monarch aircraft while others watched the double decker engineering marvel, the Airbus A380 take off. We then went into an old test aircraft where our guide showed us the internals and wiring that goes into making an aircraft. It helped engineering students understand the complexity which goes into making an aircraft. Finally we went to Concorde, the only commercial

supersonic passenger jet. Most students were amazed how small the windows were which were engineered to work with higher pressures as it flew at a higher altitude than a normal aircraft. Physics students saw features engineered to allow the aircraft to fly, such as a small line of metal at the front of the plane to allow airflow to move the plane's controls when the plane was landing. Overall the students loved the trip and had a great day out."



## **'Mental Toughness'**

Following the mock exam results in the first week back, the Year 11 students gathered in the main school hall for an assembly of two parts. The first was a presentation by Mr Westmoreland and Mr Cann which outlined the main milestones remaining in Year 11, emphasising that there is 'no time to waste' in preparing for forthcoming exams.



The second part of the assembly was led by Ms Coxon and Ms Hladky - both teachers in the Sixth Form - whose theme on this occasion was 'Mental Toughness'. This programme is school wide and lessons each Wednesday morning during form time emphasise the four 'Cs'; control,

commitment, challenge and confidence. The programme aims to build resilience in learners and increase our students' ability to 'bounce back' from any set backs or failures - a very important life skill that supports an individual's well-being.

### And finally...

...some news about two of Trinity's sporting superstars!

The new decade has started exceptionally well for Sixth Form student and Rochdale player, Luke Matheson. Luke played in the third round of the FA cup against Newcastle, and he set up a goal for Rochdale to equalise, earning the team a replay. If this wasn't enough, Luke also scored in a league game against Bolton Wanderers! In a recent interview with the BBC (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/51089767>), Luke talks about the importance of education during his football career - what a great role model!



Our congratulations also go to Year 11 student, Saran, whose squash team played in the inter-counties championship in Nottingham, representing Lancashire. As team captain, Saran (shown on the far left) and her team won the Girls' Under-19, beating Buckinghamshire in the final. Well done Saran on this fantastic achievement!

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