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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.”



Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all our readers. We've had a range of significant challenges to overcome this week, but I'm very pleased to inform you that our provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers is going very well - thanks to our teaching and cover assistants as well as other support staff. In addition, I received the following feedback from a parent that our 'remote' provision was: : *"...miles better than Lockdown 1. It was a massive help to have a clear start time and a fixed lesson schedule with teacher support on hand. Please pass on our thanks to all the teachers for all the enormous hard work they are clearly putting in. It's really appreciated."* The receipt of some good news is always welcome.

The news on Tuesday that GCSE, AS and A-level exams are cancelled and that 'Centre Assessed Grades' are going to be used instead is very significant. As a result, we have withheld the Year 11 mock exam results grades as we would never want these to be confused with the final 'Centre Assessed Grade' that a student would receive - mocks are traditionally lower than final exam grades quite often by one or two grades. This generation of students needs filling with confidence for the future so we will make sure that whatever data is sent out, it is thoughtfully presented and offers encouragement and hope.

Remembering Mr Cornick



The Trinity community was truly shocked and saddened by the unexpected passing of Mr Cornick last half term. On Thursday, 17th December, 2020, Mr Cornick's funeral took place and the occasion was marked in school with a memorial assembly and reading in form rooms, to honour Mr Cornick's love of literature.

At approximately 12.40pm on this day, the funeral cortege went by school, with staff and students lining Higher Cambridge Street in a socially distanced manner to pay their respects to their colleague, friend, and teacher. Balloons were released, there was music from the steel pan band and a minute of applause took place in all classrooms in celebration of his life.

The family will shortly be presented with the memory book, collating all of the messages and photos that were submitted online. Two outstanding pieces of artwork were also presented to Mr Cornick's family that were completed by our two extremely talented teachers of art, Ms Hutchinson and Mr Tran.

Mr Cornick's family have given thanks to the Trinity community for their support during this extremely difficult time and said "the school made Rob's final journey past Trinity a massive celebration of his life. It is something none of us who will ever forget, it was emotional and uplifting at the same time."



Non-Uniform Days

Towards the end of last term, we held a Christmas Jumper Day and a non-uniform day in school for students and staff. Thanks to the kind and generous donations from the Trinity community, we were delighted to raise £233 on Christmas Jumper Day on 11th December and £968 for non-uniform day on 17th December, 2020. The money raised has been donated to charities including Save The Children, the shoebox appeal and Children in Need.

Contributions from staff went towards the British Heart Foundation. A page has been set up in memory of Rob Cornick and donations can be made by using the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RememberRob>



Year 11 Christmas Lunches

From Assistant Head and Head of KS4, Mr Cann: "On Wednesday, 16th December, our Year 11 students enjoyed their traditional Christmas lunch in our Sixth Form Centre. Father Christmas and one of his elves were present to ensure everyone had an entertaining experience, including taking part in our Christmas quiz and games, such as 'heads and tails'. Special thanks need to go to Mr Clegg and his catering team for an excellent lunch. There were hardly any leftovers what-so-ever!"



And finally...

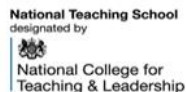
...a message from our Chair of Governors, Revd Prof Peter Scott:

A Reflection for Epiphany

Just when we thought this academic year could not get any stranger...we get another lockdown. Our third, I think, but then who's counting? In this Epiphany season, the period from Christmas to early February, we continue to celebrate the new-born Jesus as a light to the nations as well as Israel and a beacon to whom the wise men are drawn. He is also a wonderful gift to Simeon and Anna who have waited long in the temple at Jerusalem to see the messiah. Simeon and Anna stand for us, I guess. During Epiphany, we celebrate that God's light gets into every nook and cranny, even deep into the temple to find Simeon and Anna. Light, Jesus, action: locked down as we are, the light still gets through. With this thought, I send my good wishes to every member of the Trinity community at this demanding time.

Revd Prof Peter Scott, Chair of Governors

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