

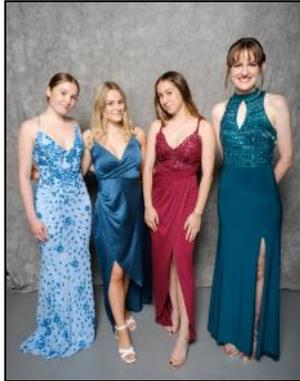


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SCHOOL AIM

“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.”



Year 11 Prom

We were delighted that our Year 11s were able to celebrate the end of five years at Trinity at the Prom which took place at Hotel Football at Monday evening - freedom day! A final assembly also took place on Tuesday afternoon, attended by over 180 students and we look forward to seeing many students in our Sixth Form.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Trinity Sixth Formers recently completed the practice part of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition after a 4 day journey through Snowdonia. Starting in the Carneddau mountains, the candidates crossed into the Glyders mountain range before exploring the Moel Siabod peaks. The candidates will use their experience to plan their final assessed expedition in August in the Lake District.



Music Concert

On Thursday evening, we hosted a spectacular socially-distanced music concert in the drama studio. It showcased the musical talents of our students to a very appreciative audience - and the below e-mail from a parent is a testament to this statement:

"I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful concert on Thursday. It was quite an emotional experience hearing all the students perform live after such a difficult 16 months – and the first live performance I've been to of anything since the Chalk Circle just before the first lockdown. The performances were of a really high standard, particularly given the interruptions in the students' education and ability to practise together during the pandemic. Enormous credit goes to you for keeping the music going during this time, and for your organisation of the event which went so smoothly."



Relationships and Sex Education Policy

We are starting a consultation on our revised Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy and have a statutory duty to consult with parents. At a governors' meeting on Monday, 19th July, 2021, it was agreed that the revised RSE policy (available on our website: www.trinityhigh.com/parents/policies/) would form the basis for the consultation with parents. The policy has been revised from the statutory guidance from the Department for Education. This consultation will take place from Friday, 23rd July, to 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021. The existing policy can also be found on the policies page on the school website.

If you have any comments on the proposed governors' RSE policy, please e-mail me in school using this address: **rseconsultation@trinityhigh.com**

Any comments will be responded to in early September, 2021, and following the consultation, the policy will be reviewed by the governors and we will have the revised policy formally approved in October, 2021.

Covid-19 Statistics

This academic year has obviously been challenging regarding positive Covid-19 cases in school and students who are asked to self-isolate in response to being a 'close contact' of a positive cases.

In terms of total cases involving our community:

- Covid-19 positive students - 126 / 1450 (8%)
- Covid-19 positive staff - 38 / 190 (20%)

As you can see, the confirmed cases are more prevalent in our staff - probably likely due to staff being less likely to be asymptomatic.

Statistics also show that Years 7 and 11 were the years least affected with periods of self-isolation, but overall, just over 70% of students have had a period in isolation through contact tracing.

My thanks go to you as parents, who have supported our 'measured' response to contact tracing and also to our team in school - led by Ms Laming, our Student Services Manager, who have provided you with a prompt and efficient service.

Additional Day's Holiday - June 2022

From 1 June 2021 a government amendment to the school day regulations reducing the number of sessions which schools must meet for in 2021-22 academic came into effect. Schools are usually required to meet for 380 sessions (two per day equalling 190 days) per year which has been reduced to 378 (or 189 days) to allow for the additional bank holiday on 3 June 2022. As the additional bank holiday falls within the summer half-term break, the school calendar has been adjusted to allow for a further day's closure on Monday, 6th June, 2022. Please note, that this is subject to confirmation of the GCSE and A-Level exam timetable in 2022. The calendar has been updated on our website to reflect this additional holiday.

Testing arrangements and returning to school

We have been asked to implement lateral flow testing of all students prior to their entrance into school in September. In line with government guidance, we have taken the decision to stagger the admission of students into school over two days - 2nd and 3rd September, 2021. The details are as follows:

Date of return	Year group	Time of arrival
Thursday 2 nd September	7	8.00am
	10	9.15am
	11	10.30am
Friday 3 rd September	8	8.00am
	9	9.15am
	12/13	10.30am

We will also be issuing lateral flow home testing kits to the students and will be asking that all students complete these at home. Of course, if your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19 they should not be sent into school and should take a PCR test as soon as possible. Further information will be available on the school website in the Covid-19 section and FAQ document.

And Finally...

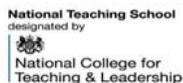
...of course, each year sees some of our teachers move on to new schools for promoted positions whilst others retire. Amongst our leavers are three that I'd like to mention by name. Ms Brown, our Director of Music is leaving after 13



years marvellous years at Trinity and has secured a fabulous and wholly deserved opportunity with the Laurus Trust in a leadership role. Ms Ffrench, English teacher, has taught at Trinity for the last 19 years of her career and is now retiring - there is no doubt that she's brought her love of literature to many students. And Mr Wells, our Head of Drama is retiring after a remarkable 33 years at Trinity - a truly great achievement with so many high points of school shows and the nurturing of the amazing talent we have here in school. Our love and best wishes extend to these colleagues and our other leavers. May God bless you in your new adventures wherever they may be.

And finally to our parents - thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this school year. You've offered us and your children wonderful support. Happy summer!

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