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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.”



Christmas Gift Appeal

Thank you to all students, families, and staff that have contributed and supported this year's successful Christmas Gift Appeal for Wood Street Mission. This charity is located in Manchester city centre, with a mission to help families struggling to provide for their children this Christmas. Wood Street offers a service to provide new toys and gifts to families in need, to make sure they have something special to open on Christmas Day. Families who have been referred to Wood Street via a Social Worker, a child's school, a health visitor, or Support Worker, will visit the charity to choose the gifts they would like to give their children from the selection donated by supporters like Trinity. As usual, Trinity has excelled itself in the generous donations we are making this year, donating a total of 340 gifts.

Music and Drama Christmas Showcase

We were delighted to present Trinity's first ever Music and Drama Showcase on Wednesday, 8th December, which was a joyful evening of entertainment to put us in the Christmas spirit. Over 100 children showcased their talents in a range of performances: the Year 7 Singing Group brought the house down with *Hosanna Rock*, Year 7 and 8 Steel Pans played some classic Christmas carols, the School of Rock band gave us a tantalizing taster of what is to come for our school production in March, our beginner flutes amazed us with their confidence and the awesome Trinity Stage Band gave off some fantastic, jazzy Christmas vibes. In the second half we were treated to an incredibly professional, energetic, hilarious and meaningful performance of *Trinity Tales of Ebenezer Scrooge*, presented by the Year 7 Drama Club - what confidence, talent, stage presence and perfect comic timing! Congratulations to all who performed - it was a spectacular evening.



Aspiring Medics Success

Now in its 4th year, Dr Alnuumaani's Aspiring Medics Program has seen 6 students leave us to study Medicine at University, one to study Dentistry and one at the Royal Veterinary College in London. This year we have thirteen hopeful candidates in Year 13 awaiting interviews at some of the country's top medical schools. To support their progress, members of the school leadership and sixth form leadership team conducted a Mock "MMI" interview session last week. Students were challenged on their commitment to Medicine and Dentistry, their understanding of medical ethics, the challenges faced by the NHS, their teamwork, and communication skills. The students were fantastic, and we wish them all well in their real interviews later this month and in the new year.



Sporting Update

It's been a busy period of sports fixtures for Team Trinity with a couple of very good high points:

- Our Year 9 boys and girls took part in the Manchester indoor Athletics competition, putting on a fantastic display and managing to win 11 medals! Overall the girls finished 2nd and the boys finished 5th.
- Our Year 8 boys' football team continued on their winning run by beating Sale Grammar in the Greater Manchester Cup with another superb display. They are now through to the quarter finals.

- Our Under 16 boys' basketball team played a friendly game against Bristol Met on Friday afternoon. It was a great performance from both teams during a very tight game, but #TeamTrinity took the win, 35 - 32.
- Congratulations to Olivia and Lois who came 2nd and 1st respectively at a recent under 15s table tennis tournament at Our Lady's RC High School. Zach and Caspar also came in the top eight of the tournament, with Caspar achieving 4th place

Well done to all our sporting students who represent Trinity so proudly.



Nativity Set

Our RE corridor has also played host to a beautiful nativity set this month which has been enjoyed by students and has been part of RE lessons.



Christmas Jumper Day

Last Friday, we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day and raised £214.15 for the 'Save The Children' Charity.



LZ7 Event



From Head of RE, Ms Bansal: "On Monday, 7th December, Trinity welcomed LZ7 into school who delivered empowering sessions to all students in Years 7-10 on mental health and knife crime. The band also performed some of their songs and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found much value in the session. Afterwards students were able to evaluate their experience and below are some of the responses:

"The session gave me the confidence to speak out and to never give up." (Year 9)

"It made me aware of the relevance and dangers of poor mental health and knife crime." (Year 10)

"It made me think about how important it is to speak to people when I am dealing with things so that I don't harm myself emotionally." (Year 8)

Christmas Eucharist

Last Thursday, we were delighted to welcome the Dean of Manchester Cathedral, The Very Revd Rogers Govender, to lead our Christmas Eucharist.



Face Coverings

We would like to remind parents and students about the importance of students bringing in a face covering to school with them in January, 2022.

Students (unless exempt) are required to wear face covering in communal areas around school, and they are also required if using public transport to travel to school.

Please don't forget them when returning to school and make sure you add them to your Christmas list this year!



Return to School and Lateral Flow Testing Arrangements

Schools have been asked to carry out lateral flow tests for all students (whose parents have consented) on their return to school after Christmas.

We are planning on carrying out the testing on Tuesday, 4th January, 2022. All students with parental consent will attend for an appointment on this day and then return home. There will be no lessons on this day, and students will return for face-to-face lessons in school as usual at 8.25am on Wednesday, 5th January, 2022.

Students without parental consent are to remain at home on Tuesday, 4th January, 2022, and return to school on Wednesday, 5th January, 2022. We would encourage all parents to consent to the testing in order to make our school as safe as possible upon our return after Christmas.

There are some Year 13 students who have assessments planned for Tuesday, 4th January. They will be allowed on site to sit their tests on this day.

Students should arrive in school (to enter via the Sports Centre) at the below times on Tuesday, 4th January, for their designated year group:

Year Group	Time of Arrival
7	8.30am
8	9.30am
13	10:30am
9	11:30am
10	12:30am
11	1.30pm
12	2.30pm
NB: Siblings in different years groups may attend can attend appointment together, rather than for just their own year group.	

Please see the below 'Frequently Asked Questions' in relation to these arrangements.

What happens if I consent to my child taking part in lateral flow testing?

If you have previously consented to your child taking part in lateral flow testing then this consent is still valid. There is no need to 're-consent'.

If you would like to add or remove consent for your child to take part in lateral flow testing in school, please e-mail a.laming@trinityhigh.com

All tests are carried out by the individual student themselves. Staff are present to support each student in the process. Students are to arrive in school for the test at the designated time for their year group.

Does my child have to take part in lateral flow testing?

No, taking part in the lateral flow testing in school is optional. If you do not consent to your child taking part they are to arrive in school as normal on 5th January.

What happens if my child tests positive?

If your child tests positive you will be contacted to collect them from school, they will be given a letter with further information about isolation and completing work during the isolation period.

Will I be informed if my child tests negative?

No, due to the number of students we are testing we will only contact you if your child's result is positive.

When will the next test take place?

Once your child has had their first lateral flow test, students will then be provided with their home testing kits to continue to test at home.

And Finally...

...at the end of an incredibly busy term, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and good health in 2022. Our school Christmas card 'From Darkness to Light' (a painting by one of our students) perhaps sums up our feelings at this time. We know that Covid-19 will challenge us, but equally, we know that times will get brighter and as individuals and as a community we should focus on hope - the hope that Jesus brought to the world, and the hope that there is light and much to look forward to in 2022.



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