



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science & Sports College)

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October Cultural History Month

'Many Cultures, One People'

29th September 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits despite the present difficulties. Please remember that our Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year are Domingo Lapadula and Jessica Chaves.

The Catholic Church teaches that we are all made in the image of God. If we are like God then God must be someone like us. Indeed, we share the three great faculties of existence: intellect, will and the ability to love. Christ's message, and that of His Church, was that we should all recognise this and act on it. Christ tore down every barrier in human society, be it race, politics, gender, age, disease or profession. We are all human. All sons and daughters of God equal in all things as brothers and sisters of the same creation. Christ also recognised cultures, the need for them to intermingle and be celebrated.

Here at Trinity, we are very proud of the cultural diversity of our community. With over thirty different ethnicities within the student body, and this reflected amongst the staff, the School recognises it is important that we celebrate the richness of these different cultures as one Christian community and one people.

Consequently, throughout the month of October, there will be different activities for students to celebrate Cultural History Month. Each year group will be set a different activity by their Head of Year to complete and key subjects including Religious Education, English, Geography and History will deliver specific lessons which will explore cultural history through the lens of that subject. The learning objectives of all the above will be as following:

1. To emphasise the fundamental Christian belief that each and every human being is made by God with equal dignity regardless of culture or race.



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2. To allow staff and students to celebrate the diverse cultures within the School, both their own and others, as one Christian community.
3. To allow students to increase their knowledge and understanding of their cultures and those of others.
4. To further promote the British values of respect and tolerance for different cultures.
5. To respond positively to emerging cultural challenges.

Obviously, we are constrained by our Covid-19 measures in what we can do. However, if any student or parent wishes to contribute to our Cultural History Month, then in the first instance they should contact Mr N Doherty, Acting Director of Pastoral Care, via email on ndoherty@tchs.uk.net

We do face a common threat, an 'Alien Covid-19' has landed and is loose amongst us dealing out death and destruction. However, we must not lose our sense of joy as well as our determination to face the present threat and resist, as we humans have resisted such 'Aliens' over the centuries. Today we celebrate the Feast of those three great angels of God, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. We call on their protection. We also remember one of the great cultural prayers of our faith, "St. Patrick's Breastplate." This great missionary lived in the time of a hideous plague. He composed this poem as a plea for protection.

*"Christ be with us,
Christ within us,
Christ behind us,
Christ before us,
Christ beside us,
Christ to win us,
Christ to comfort and restore us,
Christ beneath us,
Christ above us,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in heart of all that love us,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger:"*

I thank you for reading this.

Best wishes,



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