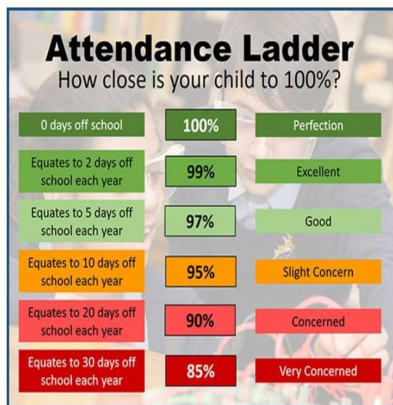




A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Life certainly hurtles on. We are now in the month of May; we have had our Easter and now we look forward to Pentecost. We need divine help as this is a very challenging time for our school. Public examinations will soon begin for our Year 11 and Year 13. For the latter cohort, this is their first public exam because they were seriously affected by the arrival of Covid 19. Please remember all our students in your prayers, especially those taking exams. My best regards to you and yours. **Dr P.C. Doherty OBE**

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE



High levels of attendance are important, right until the end to ensure that pupils do not miss out on key learning.

Research says that pupils whose attendance is annually around 90% generally drop a whole GCSE grade in all subjects and this could impact future life choices. School starts at 8.45am and all students should be present in their first lesson by this time and should aim for 100% attendance.

You can check the Satchel One app for details of your child's attendance. Contact our IT department via: itdepartment@tchs.org.uk if you have any problems logging in.

Our average attendance for Yr 7-11 this fortnight is : **94%**

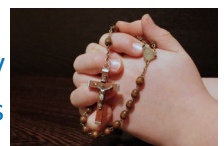
CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SCHOOL

The Marian Month of May This month our school community held in prayer His Majesty King Charles III as he prepared for his Coronation. The liturgy was historic in many ways, especially for our Catholic community,



as it was the first time in over 500 years since a Catholic bishop had any involvement in this solemn occasion. We were delighted to see His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, taking part in the blessing of our new king.

During this month, each class once again prays the Rosary together in front of one of our Marian shrines. This is always an opportunity to pray for our school community, our families and all of our students preparing for examinations.

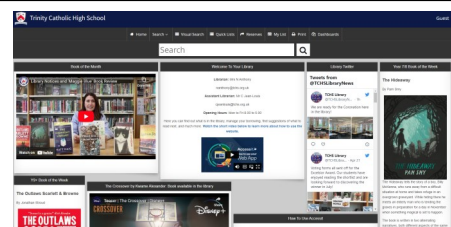


In the traditional Marian month of May, we will also be holding our annual Marian Procession with all students in Key Stage 3, with the Crowning of the statue of Our Lady. This is always a very prayerful and solemn occasion where the school is once again entrusted to the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and a tradition we continue each year.



The praying of the Angelus before noon & 3 O'clock Mercy prayers remains part of our tradition, as we prayerfully journey together towards the birthday of the Church, on the Feast of Pentecost.

Encourage your child to visit our school's Library pages to find helpful suggestions on what to read next, upcoming events and how to manage their borrowing.
<https://uk.accessit.online/trn16/#!dashboard>

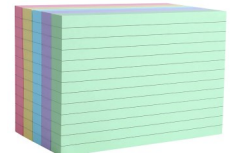




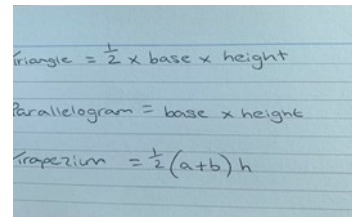
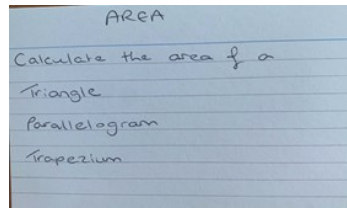
STUDY SKILL TIPS - Using Flashcards to support revision

The Leitner system is an effective way of using cue cards to increase memory and recall

Flashcards are a simple, yet valuable revision tool and can be used across most subjects. Questions or titles should be written on one side of the card and answers on the other. Students can test themselves, test one another or be tested by friends and family.



A6 index cards make the most effective flashcards



For more details on how to use flashcards effectively for revision, and other valuable advice, please visit our **Digital Learning Hub** at:

<https://www.tchs.org.uk/digital-learning-hub/effective-flashcards/>



DON'T FORGET – upcoming events

Departments will have shared revision lists and guidance with students.

Please encourage them to use these and additional resources (usually found on Microsoft Teams).

End of year exam dates

Year 7	15 - 26 May
Year 8	15 - 26 May
Year 9	5 - 16 & 22 June
Year 10	5 - 16 June
Year 12	12 - 23 June

Room 64 & Room 66 open to **Year 11 & 13** exams students for independent, supervised study during lunchtime.

Year 9 After-school painting workshop - Mural for Richard House Children's Hospice in Room 54 on 16 & 23 May, 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Year 12 Elevate Education 'Ace Your Exams' on-line session on 18 May, 2pm - 3.15pm.



Star students of the fortnight



Brandon A (Y7)



Niall O'R (Y7)

Kiesha R (Y8)



Olivia H (Y8)



Joyce M (Y9)



Juliet T (Y9)

Nico A (Y10)



Raya H (Y10)



Julianna Z (Y11)



Ciaran B (Y11)



Emily M (Y12)



Fred D (Y12)



Harvey S (Y13)



Olivia K (Y13)



SPOTLIGHT ON: THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Design Technology

Our Yr 7 students have been enjoying creating LED greetings cards



Congratulations to our Yr 12 students who successfully completed Stage 1 of the CityZen Award run by the Institute of Civil Engineers



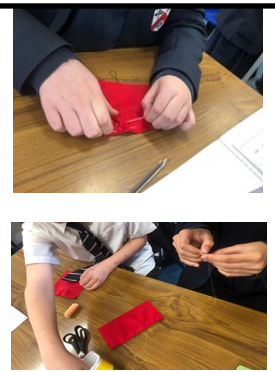
This term, our Yr 11 GCSE students have been hard at work completing their NEA coursework on the theme of "Souvenirs". Many students choose a range of countries and cities, creating an impressive array of creative and skilful pieces of work. We look forward to sharing these with you soon.

Textiles

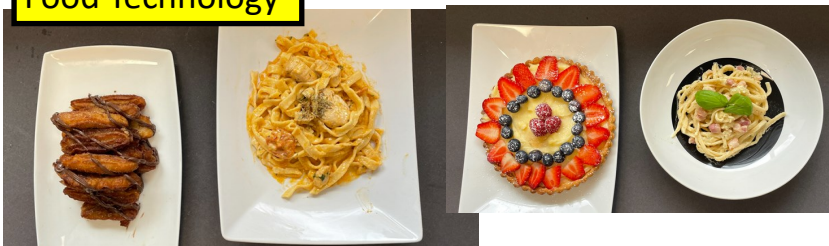


Yr 9 students have created some wonderful embroidered aprons

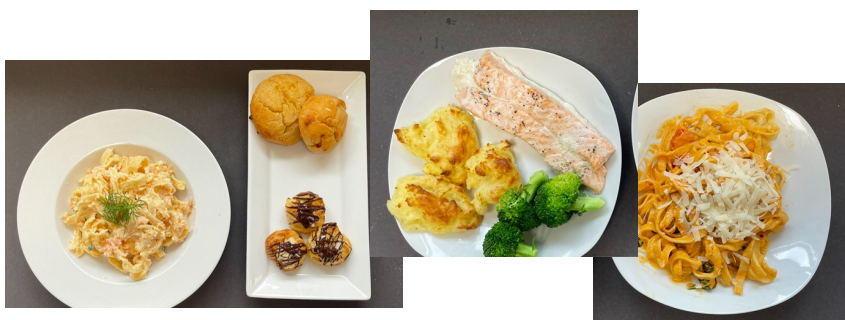
This is the first Textiles lesson for Yr 7. To get them in the swing of doing practical work, they begin with doing a tacking sample (a temporary hand stitch) and ironing down a double folded hem sample ready to be ironed, tacked and machine stitched.



Food Technology



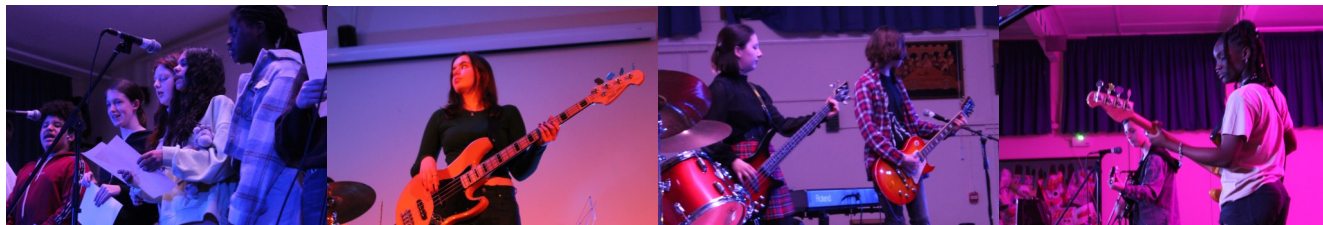
Our Yr 10 students prepared a range of dishes suitable for people with a specific dietary need through researching lactose intolerance, coeliac disease and high cholesterol and chose dishes to suit one of these.



Yr 9 students prepared some delicious Lasagne



TRINITY ANNUAL ROCK AND POP CONCERT



This was a fantastic success with many students giving their debut performance and for a few it was their final 'Rock & Pop' concert after seven years participating in the music extra-curricular opportunities at Trinity.

The audience were treated to songs from a range of genres such as Stevie Wonder to Amy Winehouse and The Beatles to Billie Eilish. A mix of ensembles from Rock Bands to Windband, Ukulele club to String orchestra, Glee choir to solo acoustic acts all featuring highly talented students from Year 7 up to Year 13 and the crowd were thoroughly entertained throughout the evening.

The students produced a magnificent showcase of talent and leadership, as a concert run mostly by the students themselves. This was evident from walking in the door, with Year 8 students on ticket sales, Karah C (Year 13) compering the show, to the 50+ students performing and setting up the hall, 6th formers organising and serving refreshments and upper site students supporting with the sound engineer. Our thanks go to Dr Collins and Mr Slaven for rehearsing and preparing the bands through weekly rehearsals in the Spring term and of course Mrs Wilcox without whom this would not be possible.

Plans have begun for 2024 and we look forward to seeing you all in attendance!

TRINITY SPORTING SUCCESS

Athletics and Tennis clubs have started well this term with great attendance. Our Year 10 athletes, in particular, are keen to do well and have been working hard on their relay change overs.

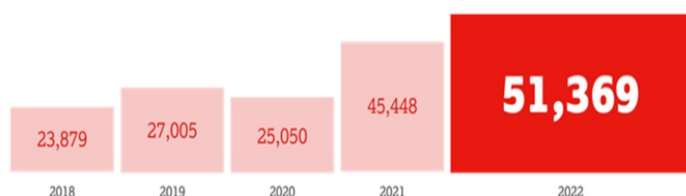
Football for the girls continues with a summer league for Years 7-10 at Frenford pitches. Our Sixth Form boys team are playing Loxford in the semi-final of the District Cup and our Year 10 boys have progressed to the final, to be played before half term.

Most of our Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have successfully completed their expedition training days with the final group to complete theirs in July. Our Silver students in Years 10 and 11 have completed their practice expeditions in Kent, and congratulations to our Gold D of E students who successfully completed their Gold qualifying expedition in some extreme weather conditions in the Brecon Beacons. Our Lowland Expedition Leaders are also completing their final assessment and look forward to gaining experience working with Bronze expeditions.



SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

Category A (the most severe) child sexual abuse material discovered online, has doubled in recent years.



Category A: Images involving penetrative sexual activity; images involving sexual activity with an animal, or sadism.



Recent news and media have highlighted an Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) article about 'Extreme' Category A child sexual abuse in which they discover that there has been more Category A child sexual abuse material online than ever before (*Webpages containing this have doubled since 2020*). They provide warnings over public safety with people "only one click away" from extreme abuse imagery. The IWF says more companies are now signing up to take services to 'clean up' the internet.

Our school supports the free National Online Safety App and encourages all parents to sign up to this by visiting: [National Online Safety](#) and selecting 'Parent/Carer'.

