

# Fortnightly Newsletter

Issue: 30 June 2023

### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

On the Feast of St. Peter & Paul, it's good to reflect on our journey through the academic year as we head towards the summer holiday. School seems in good heart. Staff are looking forward to their BBQ at the end of term. Sports days are in full flower and the Headmaster is giving a History Mystery lecture on the fate of King Edward II in 1307. If you like a real historical mystery with a message for our own times, please come to the lecture on Thursday 6 July at 7.30pm in the Ratcliffe Hall, Upper Site. Take care and kindest regards, **Dr P.C. Doherty OBE** 

### **CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SCHOOL**



Year 7 took part in their first residential retreat last week. Over 30 students spent two days at the SPEC Centre in North London, the Catholic residential retreat centre, run by young people, for young people, in Archdiocese of Westminster.

Students enjoyed two days of faith, fun, fellowship, reflection and contemplation, growing in their understanding of themselves, others, and in the relationship with God. A wonderful profound and moving experience was had by all.





### **MONITORING EFFORT IN LESSONS**

Senior staff regularly monitor lessons to ensure that students are working well and reaching their full potential. To reward the students that are consistently doing this, teachers, Heads of Year and Senior Staff are handing out our very own **Trinity Scratch Cards!** When a student receives a scratch card, they simply use a coin to scratch off the silver panel to reveal the hidden prize!



YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 Well done to all Year 10 students for making an incredible start to your GCSEs. I Next year will be difficult, but with so much support from your family, friends and the wonderful staff at Trinity, we have no doubt you will continue to excel!

Key Stage 3 is complete for our Year 9 students! Congratulations on a brilliant three years! As Year 9s start their GCSE journey after the summer break, it's important that we all work together to impress on our students the importance of this exciting time.

Many thanks to all parents who continue to work hard and support the school and their fantastic students at Trinity!

### easyfundraising

#### **RAISING FUNDS**

Through making your purchases online via our school's 'easyfundraising' page, you can help us raise funds at no extra cost to you.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tchs/?searchSessionId=0d5662eb-1edc-48db-9604-888804e775f2

£8,292.15 raised so far - Thank you...

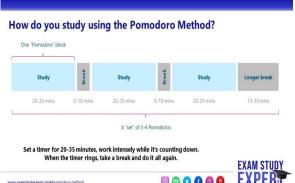
A reminder that we have two School Offices to handle your telephone calls; one on Upper Site and one on Lower Site.

Upper Site: 020 8504 3419 Lower Site: 020 8504 8946



### **STUDY SKILL TIPS: THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE**

### What is the Pomodoro technique for studying?



At its simplest: You set a timer for a short, intense burst of work – say 25 minutes. This block of work is called a "Pomodoro".



When the timer rings, you stop work and take a break – say 5-10 minutes. Then you reset the timer and do it again.

More information can be found here:

https://examstudyexpert.com/pomodoro-method/

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### **DON'T FORGET** – upcoming events

Year 9 students gained a valuable understanding of the GCSE exam experience by sitting their end of year English and Maths assessments in the hall on 22 June.

Thank you to Mrs McGrory for arranging!

<b>Sports Days</b>	
ear 7	6 July
ear 8	3 July
ear 9	5 July
ear 10	7 July
ear 12	17 July

**Year 10** Geography Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall on 3 - 5 July

Year 8 HPV immunization sessions on 3 & 13 July.

Year 10 & 12 Work Experience Week: 10 - 14 July.

**New Year 7** Induction Day on Lower Site on 10 July.

**Year 11** Leavers Prom at King's Oak Hotel in the evening on 11 July.

Year 12 Art visit to the Tate Modern on 12 July.



# Star students of the fortnight



Joseph C (Y7)



Oliver Y (Y7)



Zara K (Y12)



Nevaeh J (Y9)



Sophia O (Y9)



Joseph M (Y12)



Francine K (Y10)



Rosanna T (Y10)

Aarnav J (Y8)

Diana O (Y8)



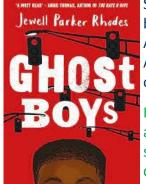
# SPOTLIGHT ON: ENGLISH

KS3 English

**Year 7** Trip to The Globe Theatre - An exciting end to the year is our Year 7 trip to The Globe. Students will embark on a tour of this famous theatre followed by an actor's workshop based

on Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' – the play studied by Year 7 as part of their English curriculum earlier this year.





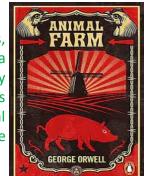
Summer term of Year 8 also has a strong focus on society –

both modern and old - with the study of Jewell Parker Rhodes' 'Ghost Boys', a 'Young Adult' novel exploring the impact of racism and police brutality on young black boys in America, as well as literary timeline poetry where students learn about society's influence

on different literary movements.

In preparation for the demands of the GCSE and A Level curriculums, as well as life beyond school, English lessons during **Year 9** have a strong focus on developing students' social awareness so that they can have an informed opinion on the society in which we live. This has concluded during the summer term with a study of a range of political

poetry; poems through the lenses of feminism, Marxism and post-colonialism, alongside the study of Orwell's classic, 'Animal Farm'.





KS4 English

Year 10 students have recently completed their

Non-Exam Assessment: spoken presentations. Teachers and students alike have had the pleasure of listening to a variety of topics, such as students' opinions on why and how our curriculum should change, and the negative impact of social media on teenagers.

Students' presentational skills have flourished and this thoughtprovoking task has made students proud of themselves as they overcame the challenge of speaking in front of a crowd; a skill sure to benefit them in future job interviews.

KS5 English

Our A Level literature students look forward to our annual theatre visit to Agathe Christie's

'The Mousetrap'. This genre-defining murder mystery enriches students' study of the genre of crime in Year 13 and provides an enjoyable evening out in the West End.



### **AUTHOR VISIT**

On 6 July, Cynthia Murphy will be visiting the school to speak to Year 8 and 9 students. Cynthia is a 'Young Adult' writer who has long-standing love affair with all things scary. Her book 'Win Lose Kill Die' has over 5 million TikTok views. Her unique and chilling stories are sure to provide a thrill and some inspiration for summer holiday reading.



30 Books a Year Challenge

As we approach the end of our school year, we eagerly anticipate the prize draw for the winner of our '30 Books a Year Challenge'. Students who have achieved this goal have the chance to win a Kindle! There are still a few weeks left so we encourage a library visit to select some new reading material if you are only a few books short!

### **NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY VISIT**

On 27 June one of the Year 10 GCSE Art classes visited the National Portrait Gallery to help with their coursework project "Identity". The gallery has recently reopened after major refurbishment work and Trinity was one of the first schools to visit. Students worked in the gallery, drawing from the work in the galleries. Feedback from the students was very positive and they are looking forward to their next trip in

Year 11.







More success for our Year 9 and 10 Girls in the District Athletics winning the team competition which is the first time we have had a clean sweep. The boys dropped points in the field events which pulled them down in the order, and hopefully they now realise the importance of coming to athletics practice.

Due to the Year 7 success in the District Athletics, we took a team to represent Redbridge at the Essex Schools event in Chelmsford. Particular mention to Isabella who won the Silver medal in the 200m race. A fantastic achievement!!



### **TRINITY SPORTING SUCCESS**



We had our first District Swimming Gala since pre covid. Some fantastic performances from both boys and girls, but particular mention to the Year 10 Girls Team (Eliza, Zosia, Isla, Natalie, Hannah and Chloe) who won <u>every</u> event in their age group.

Tennis matches against Bancrofts this term provided an opportunity for Years 7-10 to compete. We played matches across all year groups up to Year 10 for both boys and girls, arranged by Mr. Yusuf.

Next stop for the PE department are our annual 'Year Group Sports Days' where the day is about inclusion, team work and feeling a sense of belonging. Good luck to everyone!





Critically acclaimed author, Dr Paul C Doherty will be hosting The Great Trinity History Mystery Lecture: The Hideous Fate of King Edward II of England (1307-1327).

This lecture (along with auctions of signed copies of Dr Doherty's works) will take place on Thursday 6 July at 7.30pm in the

Ratcliffe Hall, Upper Site. Entrance Fee will be £2 at the door or can be paid via Parentmail under the "History Mystery" facility. Refreshments will be available.

