

Fortnightly Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The end of term is in sight. The Good Ship Trinity is coming alongside the quayside. We will furl the sails, bring our good ship in and get it ready for a fresh exciting voyage in September. We have had a really enjoyable end of term. The Year 11 and 13 Proms were a great success. Everyone had a marvellous time. Special thanks to all colleagues who worked so hard to make this and other events such a success. Our Music Concert will be the usual high quality and I am grateful to Clare Healey and her PE Department who did their level best to organise Sports Days despite the challenges posed by strike action. Ah well, many thanks to Christ and His Saints for their protection and guidance this term. My best regards, **Dr P.C. Doherty OBE**

CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SCHOOL

As the school draws close to its end of term, at Trinity each Year group will have the opportunity to come together in prayer as a Year group and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. On Monday 17 July, the Year 7 will see our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Alan Williams, who is making his visitation to our school in his diocese. He will celebrate Mass in St. Thomas of Canterbury along with priests of the deanery of Redbridge. Then Tuesday, Year 8, followed by Wednesday with Year 9 and Year 10 lastly, will celebrate their end of year with Mass early before the closure. The Eucharist and Prayer are the pillars and foundation, that support our school motto, 'In Christ, we Flourish'. When we pray and receive the sacrament, the Eucharist, 'the source and summit' of the Church, we have Christ in our hearts, which enables us to achieve, and demonstrate 'Vocation', 'Wisdom' and 'Compassion'.

On Friday 14 July, Years 8 and 9 heard a powerful testimony from Mrs Mizen, the mother of 'Jimmy Mizen', her son who was murdered in SE London. She is a committed catholic who earnestly visits schools and with her inspiring yet tragic testimony of her relationship with 'Jimmy' and how she dealt with his death, inspired our young students to seek 'forgiveness' and 'hope' and 'Love.' Mrs Mizen is a woman of immense faith and a powerful auditor and has changed the lives of thousands of young men and women, and she did the same on Friday where she captured the students she spoke to with her fragility, honesty and witness of her faith.



Lastly, a huge 'Thank you' to Ms Afonso who supports the delivery and organisation of Chaplaincy as she has done a wonderful job in showing students why and how the Eucharist is so powerful for our students and encouraging them to partake in daily mass.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you want to encourage your child to engage something positive over the summer holidays, consider registering them in one of the programmes below. Both are open to students of all ages.

Girlguiding is the UK's largest youth organisation dedicated completely to girls.

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/ OR

Scouts is where young people make new friends, have amazing adventures, and learn new skills.

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. https://www.scouts.org.uk/



'IF THIS BUILDING COULD TALK' Our students are now published writers having entered a competition from the Academy of Real Assets. Students were asked to write an essay/creative writing piece with the title 'If this building could talk'. Elizabeth B, Keri B, Heydon A, Reinhard N, Shahana S attended a book launch event in Regent Street London on 12 July. These Year 8 and Year 9 students networked with the corporate real estate world and they conversed about the sustainability of buildings and their creative flair.



STUDY SKILL TIPS: SUMMER READING

Parents can support their child's academic success by encouraging them over the summer period to engage in independent reading to get ahead for the next academic year. Encourage your child to read books, articles, and educational resources related to their subject areas or initial topic areas for the new academic year. Students might want to challenge themselves to read a certain number of books over the summer break. In addition to traditional books, consider exploring e-books, audiobooks, or podcasts. The school will also be sharing specific reading materials to support students moving from Key Stage 3 to 4. Taking notes, summarising key points, and discussing their readings with you across a few selected subject areas can enhance understanding and retention of information. By prioritising a little reading and pre-reading over the summer break, students can further build a strong foundation for their return to school.



DON'T FORGET

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

RAISING FUNDS

easyfundraising

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

Students must leave home early enough to guarantee being on site by 8:35am, students who arrive after that time will receive a late mark.

On Fridays, the school day will be the same as above except all students will finish at 15:00.

Structure of School Day from September:

Time	Activity
8:35	All students must be on site
8:40	Form time
9:05	Period 1
10:20	Break
10:35	Period 2
11:50	Lunch
12:35	Period 3
13:50	Break
14:05	Period 4
15:20	End of day (Key Stage 3 classes finish at 15:15)

The new academic year starts at 8:35am on Wednesday 6 September for Years 8-11 and Year 13.

Students in Years 7-9 should go to Lower Site at the start of the day; Years 10-13 to Upper Site.



Star students of the fortnight



Scott H (Y7)



Nathan O (Y7)

Phoenix W (Y8)



Elloise S (Y12)



Carla G (Y9)



Kiara M (Y9)



Fiona M (Y8)



Lydia S (Y12)



Georgie A (Y10)



Maya H (Y10)



SPOTLIGHT ON: ART & MUSIC

The Art department has continued its support to the local hospices, this term working on a mural boards to feature in the playground of Richard House Hospice, who support over 300 families from:

Newham, Barking, Dagenham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Hackney, Redbridge, Haringey, Islington, Ilford, and Camden. Providing palliative care to children with life limiting and lifethreatening conditions. The designs were drawn up by Year 12

student, Zara K and painted by selected Year 9 students, who dedicated their time to paint this over the course of 7 weeks after school.



Also, within Art, the voluntary fund from parents facilitated purchasing high quality display boards to showcase the achievements of our GCSE and A Level students in Art and Photography for the Summer Art Show which took place in June. There were also gallery visits this term for examination students to The Tate, Year 12 and Year 10 students got the opportunity to be present at the re-opening of the National Portrait Gallery.



The Grantham Art Prize has been launched with students as a great way to stay creative over the summer holiday. We are encouraging all students to enter Palette for the

Grantham Art Prize

Planet, a national competition to submit art that will draw attention to the climate crisis and the need for positive action. The aim of the art is show us all what we need to do and what our future world should look like.

A number of our musicians successfully composed an original piece of music for the Young Music Creative Musician Festival. For this competition, students had to make creative use of digital technology to produce their pieces. Finally, the music department will celebrate the end of term with a wonderful summer concert to celebrate the talents of the many extra-curricular ensembles on Tuesday 18 July at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Young Creative Musician

EAR 8 SPANISH ONATTI THEATRE PERFORMANCE 'MI PERSONALIDAD'



On Friday 30 June, Year 8 Spanish students had the pleasure of watching 'Mi personalidad', a play performed by the Onatti theatre company. The play, performed in Spanish, was about a teenager called Fernando, who is looking for a new identity as he starts college because he is worried about being unable to make new friends. Fernando is helped by several mysterious new acquaintances that appear at his window and help him try out his new identities, which included being a sportsman, an activist, a goth and a fashion icon. The performance was very entertaining and en-

joyable, especially as there was regular interaction with the audience, with some of our students even joining in with the performance on stage. The play was a great opportunity for our students to boost their confidence in understanding Spanish as the actors spoke slowly and clearly and used plenty of visual clues.

> "I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Spanish play. It was super interactive with students whilst also maintaining great comedic value and still being interesting. The actors were great and played the roles really well. I would love to have the opportunity to watch another one in year 9 as it was fun but also helped me develop my Spanish knowledge."

YEAR 11 & 13 LEAVERS' PROM



Our Year 13 Prom was held on Friday 30 June at The Tower Hotel. The hotel is in a spectacular location opposite the Tower of London and overlooking Tower Bridge. The evening began with a drinks reception in an area of the hotel with views over the river and city. Year 13 students had exclusive use of this area through the evening along with another room where there was a sumptuous buffet and disco. Students also received a souvenir photograph



from a professional photographer and had unlimited use of a photo booth throughout the evening where they could also receive complimentary photographs. Our students were an absolute credit to the school which was commented on by the hotel staff. They were absolutely delightful throughout the evening and we were all so pleased that they enjoyed this event.



On Tuesday 11 July, the Year 11 students celebrated their prom night at the Kings Oak Hotel at High Beach. The event was a culmination of their hard work and achievements throughout the year, and a chance to have fun and make memories with their friends and teachers. The students arrived in style, wearing elegant dresses and suits. The DJ entertained with a mix of popular songs and classic hits, and the dance floor was packed with energetic dancers. One of the highlights of the night was the announcement of the prom awards. The winners for "Best Dressed" went to Sonny and Saranya, who impressed everyone with their stunning outfits. The crowning moment was when Kenny J and Simone S were named Prom King and Queen, receiving cheers and applause from their peers. The prom night

was a success, thanks in no small part to the efforts of our staff, in particular Miss Maher whose support made this event possible, and of course, all our Year 11 students who were in attendance. They truly represented Trinity in a fantastic manner, and a fitting farewell to Year 11.



TRINITY SPORTING SUCCESS

The end of a busy year in Physical Education, and we are genuinely very proud of all of our students who work consistently hard in lessons, contributing to a positive and thriving atmosphere. This half term, we enjoyed our annual sports days, which encompass everything that we are trying to achieve in PE. Our intent is that all students are confident, successful and are able to contribute to teamwork. The participation rates in sports days demonstrate how each student has something to offer within their teams. Congratulations to our year group winners this year who were 7 Campion, 8 Moore and 9 Payne. The overall winners when points were combined for years 7-10 were Payne, narrowly beating Becket by 6 points in total. Many thanks to Austeja in year 10, who did a fantastic job of being our official photographer.

Wishing all of our year 9 students the best of luck in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training this term, further demonstrating the motivation and resilience of a very talented year group!

Foster for Redbridge

You could be the one to teach a teenager independence and help

to guide and coach them into adulthood. Over 300 children

in Redbridge are unable to stay at home for a variety of different reasons and need foster care. Be the change that they need and help to make a difference to their life. If you have a place in your heart and home to foster a young person, please call us on 020 8708 6068 or email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or join us on our next virtual information session on 19 July 2023 10am to 11am. Visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foster-for-redbridge-coffee-morning-wednesday-190723-10-11am-tickets-560849856017 to book a place.



GEOGRAPHY NEWS



It has been a busy half term for KS4/KS5 geography.





Year 12 had the opportunity to attend a student conference in Queen Mary University College. This included lectures and a workshop on whether climate change is a 'wicked' problem and it provided thoughtful perspectives for our students to consider.



Year 12s outside the Geography Department, QMUL

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WELCOME TO GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY!

TODAY WE WILL BE DISCUSSING RECENT GEOGRAPHICAL NEWS RELATED TO OUR STUDIES. ACTIVITIES TO ADD TO YOUR UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT.

This includes recommendations for online lectures, books and sharing of ideas, all presented by our students.

Our Year 12s have also begun a lunchtime Geography Society and are running this very effectively.



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Our Year 10s went on a residential fieldtrip to Juniper Hall in Surrey and completed rivers and urban work in preparation for their Paper 3 GCSE exam. Students enjoyed their outdoor learning and had a great fieldtrip.

