



TRINITY

Dear Students, Parents, Carers & Governors

CEREMONY OF LIGHTS

A MEANINGFUL BEGINNING

This week we came together as a community at St Thomas of Canterbury Church for our Year 7 Ceremony of Enrolment and Ceremony of Light. It was a truly special evening that marked the beginning of our students' journey at Trinity Catholic High School.



Holding the ceremony in our local parish church felt particularly meaningful. It reminded us that throughout our lives we are called to return to our faith, the foundation that anchors and strengthens us. For many of our students, baptism was the starting point of their faith journey, and this evening gave families a moment to pause, reflect and look ahead to the next chapter as our students are invited to live out the school's mission and values of Truth, Compassion, Hope and Service.



We were treated to a wonderful musical recital during the ceremony from five of our talented Year 7 students. Alicia Ferat (7F) performed Vivace, Anastasios Goodchild (7T) and Nell Wojnar (7C) played Tarantella Twist, Oscar Vazquez Danielewicz (7T) performed Interstellar, and Andrea Mawuenam Amofo Sennie (7E) played Two Themes by Brahms.

Their performances created a reflective atmosphere and showcased the talent and confidence already shining through this special year group.

The evening concluded with a reception in the Lower School Hall which gave our Year 7 students the chance to come together and celebrate the start of their time at Trinity. I would like to thank Fr Michael for leading us in prayer and for being part of this important celebration of faith and community.



I would also like to thank all parents who have supported our Buy a Chair Campaign and contributed to the School Fund. Your generosity is making a real difference, and I am pleased to share that we will be ordering the first batch of new chairs after half term. These will help bring comfort, style and good posture back to our classrooms, and who knows, the Buy a Chair Campaign might even make a great Christmas present suggestion for your child this year!

A FANTASTIC START TO THE YEAR

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to such a fantastic start to the year. From the sporting fixtures and the many trips that have enriched our students, to the wide range of clubs that have taken place, it has been a brilliant few weeks. I would also like to thank the parents who kindly gave up their time to paint the corridor in the Lower School. Your support really does make a difference.

It was also wonderful to welcome record numbers of families to our recent Open Evening. The atmosphere around the school was outstanding, and it was a proud moment to see so many students sharing what makes Trinity such a special community.

Thank you for a great welcome back and a wonderful start to this academic year. As we come to the end of a busy and successful half term, I am so **#TRINITYPROUD** of all that we have achieved together. We should all look forward to a good half term break, which is well deserved by students, staff and families alike.



Enjoy your weekend, God Bless

Declan Linnane
Headteacher

30 BOOKS A YEAR READING CHALLENGE!

We're halfway through this year's **30 Books a Year Reading Challenge!** Last month, we celebrated our 2024–2025 winner, Carter Miranda Foy (Year 8), with a Kindle prize. Carter is a fantastic reading role model and champion. We encourage all students to read daily and keep their reading records up to date. The half-term break is a perfect time for reading for



pleasure, visit your local library, swap recommendations with friends, or explore the Trinity Library webpage via the 'login' link on the Trinity website for great book suggestions. We can't wait to see who's on track to reach the 10-book milestone in December!

RUNNING TO SUCCESS AT DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY!



It was fantastic to see so many of our students, from a wide range of year groups, take part in the District Cross Country event this week. The enthusiasm and determination on display were truly inspiring. Each runner gave their all on what proved to be a challenging course, demonstrating outstanding perseverance and teamwork. Our students performed exceptionally well, achieving impressive results and representing the school with pride and respect throughout the day. Their positive attitude and encouragement toward one another made us incredibly **#TRINITYPROUD**.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY



Students in Year 10 and above are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a meaningful step in their faith journey. Candidates should be baptised, registered parishioners, and regular Mass attendees.

Applications close on Saturday 9th November. The form is available here:

APPLY FOR THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Year 12 students who have already been confirmed are encouraged to volunteer as catechists. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve others and grow in faith.

We extend our thanks to Olivia Flood, Lead Catechist at St Thomas of Canterbury, for her continued support and guidance.

CEREMONY OF ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS



We were delighted to officially enrol our Year 7 students, who were joined by their parents, into the Trinity community this week at the **Ceremony of Lights**, held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church.

This special occasion marks the beginning of each student's journey with us as part of the Trinity family. It was a truly memorable event, one that we hope will leave lasting impressions on our students as they embark on their secondary school adventure.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 22nd October, the BEP Group, who supports our school with work experience opportunities, hosted an assembly for our Year 10 students. Kelly Sims, CEO of BEP, spoke directly to the students about the importance of work experience and how to make the most of their placements. Kelly provided valuable guidance and resources to help ensure every student is well-prepared and set up for a successful experience.



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM UPDATE

We wish all of our Year 11 students well in their mock examinations which begin after half term. All Year 11 parents can access their child's exam timetable via the exams section on Edulink One.

#TRINITYPROUD YEAR 10 CELEBRATION BREAKFAST



This week, we hosted a special celebration breakfast for Year 10 students who achieved 100% attendance, 100% punctuality, and/or zero behaviour points.

It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate their commitment, effort, and positive attitude towards school life.

Mr Linnane and Mrs Sidoli shared congratulatory words, praising the students for setting such an excellent example. Well done to all those who received certificates, what a fantastic achievement and we look forward to continuing to celebrate the student achievements!

YEAR 12 READING LEADERS PROGRAMME

Our Year 12 reading leaders successfully completed their final training session this week. Sixteen of our students have volunteered to take part in this new peer mentoring programme, the aim of which is to create a supportive reading culture with a lasting impact on both younger and older students. The programme pairs our Year 12 students with our developing readers and through regular one-to-one sessions, the pressure of reading is lifted, giving developing readers the motivation to engage and improve their reading skills and confidence. The interactive training has inspired and equipped our Year 12 students with all the tools they will need to support their younger peers.



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Empowered by
Faith and *Compassion*,
We strive for *Excellence*,
Celebrate *Individuality*
and *Inspire Voices*
To shape a *Better World*.

THIS IS OUR
TRINITY COMMUNITY

TCHS TRUTH
COMMISSION
HOPE
SERVICE

Power and Pride by Rose L. Y9

This is the month for remembering
The month for truth and acceptance
When we sit for a moment in silence
And acknowledge the people
who've made a difference

We must acknowledge the impact they have made
They have formed this world to be a brighter place
Their actions have changed the lives of many
And now we celebrate their true identity
It has taken centuries to appreciate
their significance
But now we have we are no longer
blinded by ignorance

From politics to day-to-day life
Their difference is why we all thrive
They inspire us to be confident and free
To break down the barriers that pull us to our knees

So let us celebrate the month of
black history together
So those who've made change stay with us forever.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate Black History Month, our newly-appointed Poet Laureate, Rose L. in Year 9, has written a poem based on this year's theme of 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'.

Her words convey the importance of recognising and remembering the many significant contributions and commitments to progress and change made by the Black community across the world.

Launching **THE SHARP SYSTEM**



At Trinity Catholic High School, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. We are proud to launch the SHARP system (School Help Advice Reporting Page) A confidential online platform that empowers students to report concerns and seek support quickly and securely.

The SHARP system allows students to raise issues such as bullying, online safety, hate crime, weapons, health and wellbeing, or any other worries they may have either about themselves or someone else. Reports can be made anonymously, ensuring every student has a voice and a safe way to be heard.

The platform is easy to access via any device at:

trinitychs.thesharpsystem.com

HOW TO USE SHARP

1. Visit trinitychs.thesharpsystem.com
2. Click Make Report to share your concern.
3. Explore the dedicated help pages on topics such as bullying, health, hate crime, and community safety.
4. If you prefer to speak to someone directly, you can always approach a member of staff or contact Mrs McGrory, Head of Pastoral.

A Message from the Headteacher

“At Trinity Catholic High School, our Mission is to ensure that every student feels safe, valued, and supported and has a voice. The SHARP system provides an additional, confidential way for students to share any concerns, knowing that they will be listened to and taken seriously.

We want all members of our community to understand that safeguarding and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. By speaking up, students are helping us to build a culture of trust, care, and respect. No student should ever feel alone. Together, we can make Trinity a safe and supportive place for everyone.”

Why SHARP Matters

1. Gives students a safe and confidential space to raise concerns
2. Helps staff respond quickly and effectively to issues
3. Builds a culture of care, respect, and inclusion across our community

We encourage all students and parents to familiarise themselves with the SHARP system and to use it whenever needed. Together, we can ensure that Trinity remains a place where every student can flourish in safety and confidence.



TRINITY

NOTICE BOARD

YOUTH Gather

A weekend of faith, fun and friendship with outdoor activities, workshops, speakers and more!

25th - 26th October

Essex Outdoors, East Mersea

Coach transport available from Brentford • Harlowchurch • Chelmsford Southend • Bosidon • Brentwood

Find out more and apply on our website:
www.bcys.net/events
info@bcys.net
 @brentwoodcys

Brentwood Catholic Youth Society with Caritas, Diocese of Brentwood

Trinity Catholic High School

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

ROMEO & JULIET WORKSHOP

Romeo and Juliet

YEAR 9

West End in Schools

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- TO WORK TOGETHER AS AN ENSEMBLE OF ACTORS.
- TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF SHAKESPEARE'S TEXT BY EMBODYING IT THROUGH PHYSICALITY AND VOICE.
- TO EXPLORE SHAKESPEARE'S CHARACTERS, GAINING NEW INSIGHTS BY EXPERIENCING THEM FIRST-HAND.
- TO DEVELOP AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF SHAKESPEARE'S LANGUAGE.
- TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE VERBALLY ABOUT THE PLAY AND ITS CHARACTERS IN A DEEPER WAY.

Redbridge Mental Health Support Team presents... **SCAN ME!**

PARENTS AND CARERS IN MIND - WEBINAR SESSIONS

REGISTER NOW!

Your monthly parenting digest. Hear from mental health professionals about how to promote your child's emotional health and wellbeing.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN MANAGING CONFLICT AND FRIENDSHIP DIFFICULTIES
 A session focused on suggestions for parents and carers to support their children in managing conflicts and friendship difficulties.
THU 25.09.25 7-8PM

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT
 Learn how to support your child through loss with age-appropriate approaches, guidance for neurodivergent children, tips for talking about death, and creative ways to honour loved ones.
MON 20.10.25 7-8PM

NEURO-AFFIRMING FAMILIES: HOW WE USE LANGUAGE TO CONSTRUCT POSITIVE IDENTITY
 A session focused on understanding how we can reframe language to construct a positive identity in neurodivergent children.
WED 19.11.25 7-8PM

CREATING SAFETY: UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO SELF-HARM
 Self-harm can be distressing and confusing for families. This webinar offers a safe, supportive space for parents and carers to better understand why young people may self-harm, what it can mean, and how to respond with compassion and confidence.
THU 04.12.25 7-8PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE, VISIT WWW.REDBRIDGE.GOV.UK AND SEARCH 'MHST' OR GO TO LINKTREE.REDBRIDGE.MHST

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas WRITING COMPETITION

What Write either a Christmas poem or a short story.

Who Open to all Year 7 students.

How Email it in to Miss Krist Room 58 dkrist@tchs.org.uk

When Deadline is 16 DECEMBER with the winners announced before the end of term.

Trinity Catholic High School

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM WORKSHOP

YEAR 8

YOU WILL:

- EXAMINE THE DYNAMICS BETWEEN MULTIPLE CHARACTERS WITHIN A SCENE.
- WORK AS A CHORUS OF ACTORS, BRINGING THE TEXT LINE A WHOLE.
- CONSIDER CHARACTER WITHIN AROUND.
- EXPLORE EMOIONS WITHIN.

MATHSWATCH Challenge 2025

DO EXTRA MATHSWATCH QUESTIONS, GET SPONSORED, WIN PRIZES!

WINNERS IN EVERY CLASS & YEAR GROUP (Y7-Y11)

TOTALS CHECKED 31ST OCTOBER 2025. ASK YOUR MATHS TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS

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YEAR 7 GIRLS' T1 TOUCH RUGBY SESSION

LEARN TO TACKLE ANYTHING

Develop ball skills and play rugby on the pitch at Woodford Rugby Club.

Friday 28 November 12.30 - 3pm

Led by qualified coaches: giving girls an opportunity to build confidence and skills in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Email to confirm your interest and book your school's place.

GIRLSRUGBY@WOODFORDRUGBYCLUB.COM

TRY RUGBY WITH US!

MUSICAL AUDITION

JOIN IN **HAVE A GO**

ROCK OF AGES

LOWER SITE HALL

FRIDAY 7TH & 14TH NOVEMBER **3:20pm - 4:30pm**

Register to audition on Parentmail

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