



# TRINITY

## Dear Student, Parents, Carers & Governors

This week captured the true Spirit of Trinity as we entered the final days before the Christmas break. We officially turned on the Trinity Christmas Tree lights and marked the beginning of the Christmas season together.



The evening created a joyful moment to pause and connect. Students, families, staff, governors, local neighbours, and students from St Antony's and St John Fisher Primary Schools came together to enjoy each other's company and celebrate as one community. I felt proud seeing Trinity alive with warmth and welcome.

The atmosphere reflected who we are. Our choir filled the space with carols, while The



Displacements brought well loved Christmas classics. Mulled wine, hot chocolate, popcorn, and mince pies added to the celebration. Our younger guests were delighted to visit Father Christmas and receive an early Christmas gift. These moments build belonging and create memories which last.

Alongside celebration came reflection. Having worked in several schools, I have seen many different family experiences at Christmas. For

some, it is a time of joy and togetherness. For others, it is more challenging and reflective. These realities remind you why schools matter beyond classrooms. You create spaces of hope, care, and connection.

At Trinity Catholic High School, we place great value on bringing our community together. Our year group Christmas lunches begin this week, and I was pleased to see the first one take place with our Sixth Form students. Over the coming days, year groups will come together to share time, celebrate the season, wear their Christmas jumpers, and take part in a Christmas quiz. These opportunities strengthen relationships and create happy memories as we approach the end of term. These shared experiences matter.



This sense of togetherness links directly to our Five Items Each Foodbank Challenge, which sits at the heart of our mission this Christmas. While shopping in Sainsbury's recently, I reflected on the presence of food banks in our society. Families in our local community and parishes rely on them through necessity, not choice. Let us all make a collective effort to support the foodbank. Wednesday is the final day, so please remember to bring in your five items. Your generosity and compassion make a real difference.

This week also saw a very successful Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was a delight to see so many parents face to face, talking openly about their child's potential and guiding them as they approach the final term of this important year. The strength of partnership between home and school stood out clearly.

We also warmly invite families, friends, and neighbours to join us for our Advent Service, which will take place on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30pm. This will be a special opportunity

to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for Christmas through prayer, music, and student-led reflections. We would be delighted to welcome you as we gather as a faith community.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to our parents and to the companies associated with Trinity who helped create such a welcoming festive environment across the school. Your generosity and support brought warmth and colour to our community spaces.

Special thanks go to Prospero Teaching Recruitment and Nick K Property for sponsoring our two large Christmas trees, and to London Building Surveyors, Spine Plus+, HDO Lounge, and St Thomas of Canterbury Parish for supporting our festive decorations. We value these partnerships

and the encouragement shown to Trinity.

As we prepare for the final week and look ahead to Christmas, thank you for the generosity, kindness, and spirit you bring to Trinity each day. I wish every family a joyful, peaceful Christmas.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Trinity.

God Bless



Declan Linnane  
Headteacher



**Loving God,**

**we thank you for our  
community and the joy we share  
together.**

**Be close to all families at  
Christmas, especially those  
facing difficulty.**

**Bless our students, families, staff,  
and all who give  
generously to others.**

**Help us to act with kindness,  
compassion, and hope.**

**As we prepare to welcome  
Jesus, the Light of the World,  
fill our hearts with peace and  
guide our actions.**

**Amen.**





# BADMINTON TINSEL TOURNAMENT



Our Badminton Club got into the Christmas spirit this week with our Tinsel Christmas Tournament! Students arrived dressed in full festive flair, from Christmas hats and reindeer ears to snowman mascots and plenty of sparkling tinsel, all ready for a fun and competitive doubles tournament.

A massive well done to the winners of the tournament Alice (Year 8) & Bethany (Year 10), who showed fantastic teamwork, skill and festive enthusiasm throughout.

## SUCCESS, SKILL AND SPIRIT: U13 AND U14 TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

The U13 team had great success at Frenford this week, showing outstanding individual performances as well as growing in confidence as



a team. Player of the match was Arianna whose class shone through and was the highest scorer.

The U14 team faced their biggest challenge yet as we competed against Shenfield in the Essex Cup on Monday and were knocked out by the very good side. However, Ms Hart and Ms Harding-Stowe were incredibly impressed by the way in which they approached the game and never gave up. Special mention to Bianka who scored a beautiful goal!

# FESTIVE FUN AT THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Recently, we had festive fun in the library when we treated our Student Librarians and book club members to their own Christmas Party.



We also thought this would be a great way to thank our student librarians for all their hard work in helping us to run our libraries this term. Everyone enjoyed making Christmas crafts, eating lots of cakes and snacks, as well as singing along to the obligatory seasonal songs! A great time was had by all.

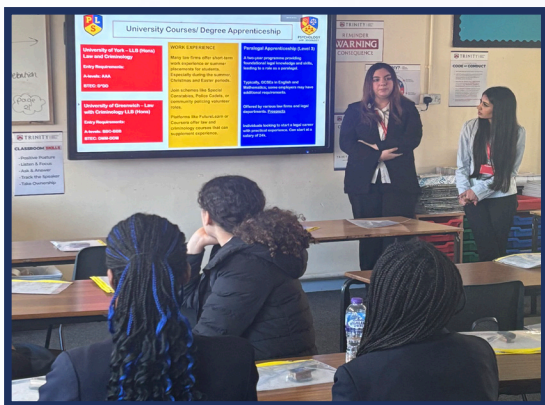
## TEAM SHOWS COMMITMENT IN ESSEX CUP CLASH

The team made an admirable trip to Brentwood for the next round of the Essex Cup, where they faced a strong St Martin's side. Although the result didn't go their way, the students showed real determination, working tirelessly and giving their very best throughout the match. We extend a big thank you to all the players for their effort, resilience and commitment.





# SUCCESSFUL START FOR THE PLS SOCIETY



The PLS Society, led by two enthusiastic Year 13 students, has launched successfully and is already engaging students in thought provoking discussions on topics such as criminal responsibility and eyewitness reliability. Open to anyone interested in Psychology, Law or Sociology, the society meets every Wednesday in Room 11.

## YEAR 7 DANCE CELEBRATES CULTURAL HERITAGE

Our Year 7 Dance students gave a vibrant performance celebrating their rich cultural



heritage, dancing to the energetic beat of Waka Waka. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and pride shone through, making it a joyful showcase of diversity and talent.

## ELLA-ROSE LEADS FUNDRAISER FOR GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL

Ella-Rose, who has received life-changing care from Great Ormond Street Hospital since childhood, has launched a fundraising campaign to support the charity during a time that is especially difficult for many families at GOSH. She is hoping to raise awareness across the school community and would be grateful for any donations.

The fundraising link and photos have been shared to help encourage support for this important cause.

### **Fundraising page:**

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/31Days31Wards1IncredibleCause-GOSH?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/31Days31Wards1IncredibleCause-GOSH?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

# BAKING, TEAMWORK AND FESTIVE CHEER FROM YEAR 9



Year 9 students rolled up their sleeves this week to create festive Christmas chocolate logs. The classroom

was filled with laughter, teamwork, and the delicious smell of baking. Students practiced key cooking skills while adding their own creative twists to the designs. Their finished logs were beautifully decorated with icing, sprinkles, and plenty of holiday cheer. It was a fun, hands on activity that brought everyone together to celebrate the season.



## YEAR 7 ENJOY INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY AT WOODFORD RUGBY CLUB



Recently, Year 7's were invited to WRFC to take part in an introduction to rugby run by the RFU. They took part in training a session where they learnt basic drills and how to play touch rugby. They will be going back to Woodford in February where they will take part in a touch rugby tournament.





TRINITY | CATHOLIC  
HIGH  
SCHOOL

# ADVENTSERVICE

Join us for a festive evening of festive carols, songs  
and drama with performances from Years 7–13

“LET THE  
PEACE  
OF CHRIST  
RULE IN YOUR  
HEARTS”

Colossians 3:15

CAROLS, SONGS & DRAMA

**Tuesday 16th December 7:30 pm | Lower Site Hall**

Free tickets available on ParentMail (*donations welcome*)

TO SHAPE A BETTER 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](http://trinitychs.thesharpsystem.com)**

## **HOW TO USE SHARP**

1. Visit [trinitychs.thesharpsystem.com](http://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

**THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF**

**COULD YOU BE THE NEXT STAR BAKER?**

**WWW.APPLYFORBAKEOFF.CO.UK**

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 1PM

**Trinity Catholic High School**

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

## ROMEO & JULIE WORKSHOP

**Romeo and Juliet**

YEAR 9

West End in Schools

**Trinity Catholic High School**

THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

YOU WILL:

- EXAMINE THE DYNAMICS BETWEEN MULTIPLE CHARACTERS WITHIN A SCENE.
- WORK AS A CHORUS OF ACTORS, SPEAKING THE TEXT LINE BY LINE OR AS A WHOLE GROUP.
- CONSIDER HOW CHARACTERS INTERACT WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND THEM.
- EXPLORE, INTERPRET, AND EMBODY THE MAGICERY WITHIN THE TEXT.

**EPT** EMPOWERING PARENTS TOGETHER

Working together today. Improving their tomorrow.

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?

**SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING**

DATE: MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
TIME: 10AM - 12PM  
VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE, WAREMEAD ROAD, GANTS HILL, IG2 6TF

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Ferzanah Ahmed, Head of Policy and Equalities, Child Friendly Community Coordinator for Redbridge - "Working together towards a Child Friendly Redbridge"

Abbas Mirza, Engagement Manager - Want clarity on SEND improvements? Come hear what's changing and share how you would like the Local Authority to engage with SEND families going forward.

**ALL REDBRIDGE SEND PARENT CARERS WELCOME**

Light refreshments provided. Please note EPT does not endorse any speakers or services invited.

West End in Schools

**St Thomas' Canterbury Church IG8 0SG**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Young Vinnies Presents a

## CHRISTMAS CINEMA EXPERIENCE

20ft professional cinema screening of

### THE STAR

an animated film of the first christmas

Timings:

16:00 - Doors open  
16:15 - Crafts  
16:25 - Showing of 'A Christmas Carol'  
17:00 - 18:20 - 'The Star' showing  
children to be accompanied by an adult at all times

**TICKETS:**

£5 - Adult + child  
£10 - Family

Snacks & raffle tickets available for purchase

bring your own blankets GET COMFY?

**BUY TICKETS HERE**

OR CONTACT PASTOR'S OFFICE

Sponsored by St Thomas' in aid of Haven House and St Francis Hospices

Redbridge SEND Parents

**FREE Creative Workshops**

18th September - Acrylic Painting on Canvas  
16th October - Mixed-Media Drawing (watercolours, acrylic pens & more)  
13th November - Lantern Making & Recycled Sculpture (Light Up for Inclusion)  
18th December - Festive Celebrations: seasonal drawing, crafts, parent party & mini exhibition

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Location: Fulwell Cross Library

**About Event:**

Soul Studio, by Afara CIC and Barkingside Art Club, is a free monthly project for Redbridge SEND parents to relax, create, and connect. This judgment-free space is all about celebrating your journey, expressing yourself through art, and building meaningful connections. Come unwind, share, and shine—you deserve it!

**What to Expect:**

Relax, Create, Connect

Sip tea, enjoy snacks, and unwind in a calm, welcoming space. Create art, share laughs, and connect with EPT team & fellow SEN parents. Guided by Ellyah Qureshi, artist, educator, and fellow SEN mum who truly understands your journey.

**Why Join?**

Learn new art techniques. Enjoy therapeutic creativity. Connect with understanding parents. Celebrate SEND resilience. Grow artistic confidence.

**FREE Entry - Limited to 20 participants (so book early!)**

Reserve Your Spot: Contact EPT info@empoweringparentstogogether.org.uk  
Call EPT 07466880646 Or Call Ellyah 07889829218

Don't miss the fun - see you there!

**EPT** EMPOWERING PARENTS TOGETHER

**TCHS6000**

## FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

TCHS plans to donate 6,000 items to...

**foodbank**

# 5

Please donate 5 items each by Christmas to support this challenge.

Your donations keep our community food banks running through Christmas. Lets support the schools mission by offering help to those in need.

**#TRINITYPROUD**

## CHKA KARATE

An inclusive family friendly karate club for all ages 4 years old - adults.

The club is owned by Chief Instructors Sensei's James Steadman 4<sup>th</sup> Dan & Robert Steadman 4<sup>th</sup> Dan

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