

# THE SPIRIT OF TRINITY



## Dear Student, Parents, Carers & Governors

As we draw this productive term to a close, I want to pause and reflect on what we have achieved together at Trinity. This term has been full, purposeful, and uplifting. It has shown the strength of our community and the values which guide us. Moments of faith, service, celebration, and togetherness have shaped these past weeks.

### The Foodbank Challenge

This week, the Trinity community came together with real purpose and generosity. You donated thousands of items to Redbridge Foodbank, 3Food4U, and the SVP. This represents a record number of contributions from our school.

In addition, the community raised a financial donation of £631.21. This was organised by Jessica Ryan in the Sixth Form, who led the ParentMail campaign with initiative and commitment. Her leadership reflects the spirit of service we seek to develop in our young people.

These actions show Trinity at its best. Compassion in practice. Young people leading. A community choosing to support others when it matters most.

I want to thank every student, family, and member of staff who took part. You should feel **#trinityproud** of what you achieved together. This is the Spirit of Trinity lived out in the community.

### Advent Service

Our Special Advent Service on Tuesday stood out as a true highlight of the term. Students led the service with confidence and maturity.

Readings, carols, drama, and moments of reflection created a calm and prayerful atmosphere. Music was provided by our choir, orchestra, and bands, which added depth and beauty to the service.



Over sixty young people led with purpose. You were invited to pause, step away from daily busyness, and refocus hearts and minds on the true meaning of Christmas

### Festive Week at Trinity

Festive week at Trinity was in full flow as we approached the end of term. Each year group came together for a party style lunch and an extended break. These moments mattered. They gave students time to relax, laugh, and enjoy being together.



During these gatherings, students took part in a year group quiz, party games, and a sing along to well-loved Christmas classics.

The atmosphere was warm and joyful. You could feel the sense of community across the school.



At Trinity, we make space for togetherness. We bring year groups together to share positive moments and build memories. Festive week reflected who we are. A community where young people feel connected, valued, and supported.

### A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Staff and Parents

I want to offer my sincere thanks to our staff. Your dedication and hard work this term have shaped the lives of our students. You support them daily. You challenge them to grow. You prepare them well for the future. Your commitment shows in classrooms, corridors, and conversations.

I also thank our parents and carers for your continued support. Your involvement in your child's education matters. Your trust and encouragement strengthen everything we do. When schools and families work closely together, students thrive. Partnership sits at the heart of Trinity.

Together, we create the conditions for young people to succeed, grow in character, and live our shared values.

### A Festive and Prayerful Reminder

During the festive break, please keep our school community in your prayers. Remember especially families who have lost loved ones this year or who face financial uncertainty. This season calls us to compassion, support, and hope.

These values matter most when others struggle. As we move into the Christmas break, I hope you find time to rest and recharge. Spend time with those who matter most to you.

Carry the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love into the new year. Let them guide your actions as we continue to make a positive difference in our world together.

### Thank you for your welcome

Thank you for the warm welcome you have given me as part of the Trinity community. It has been a privilege to get to know your children first.

Through the many gatherings this term, I have valued meeting families, staff, governors, and members of our wider community.

Every conversation has reinforced the strong sense of belonging which defines Trinity.



Declan Linnane  
Headteacher

## WORKING TOGETHER ON SAFE PARKING: KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE

We've been contacted by local residents about ongoing problems with unsafe and illegal parking during pick-up times around Whitehall Road, Chiltern Way and nearby streets.

There have been repeated issues with cars parking on pavements, double yellow lines, blind corners and across driveways, causing congestion and creating real safety risks for pedestrians and children. Recently, it's become clear that some of the vehicles involved belong to Trinity parents.

Parking restrictions in the area are strictly enforced and include resident-only zones, no waiting areas and double yellow lines. We ask all parents to park legally, avoid blocking drives or pavements, and consider parking on nearby streets where there is more space.

Being considerate helps keep everyone safe and supports positive relationships with our local community. Thank you for your cooperation.

## A WINNING YEAR: YEAR 10 HOUSEPOINT CELEBRATION

Year 10 students who achieved the top 50 house points were rewarded with a special Movie Afternoon, celebrating their hard work, commitment and positive contribution throughout the year.

The students enjoyed a festive afternoon watching the Christmas classic Home Alone, complete with hot popcorn and a selection of tasty snacks. It was a relaxed and enjoyable event, and a well deserved reward for their efforts.



A huge congratulations to all the students who earned the highest house points we are incredibly proud of you and look forward to recognising many more successes in the future!

## YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS WRITING COMPETITION RESULTS!

Year 7 students embraced the festive spirit with great enthusiasm in our Christmas writing competition, where they were invited to create either a short story or a Christmas poem.

The standard of entries was fantastic, showcasing creativity, imagination and festive flair throughout.



Congratulations to Daisy Brennan (7E) who claimed first place, with Kendra Frimpong (7M) taking a well deserved second and Emily Lobo (7A) securing third place.

A huge well done to all students who took part!

## **NEXT LEVEL MATHS FOR YEAR 11: STEPPING INTO ADVANCED LEARNING**



**Learning doesn't stop when the bell goes!**  
A group of our Year 11 students profit from weekly after school lessons with Mr Burke for their Free Standing Maths Qualification.

This is a Level 3 qualification (usually taken by Key Stage 5 students) and our mathematicians enjoy taking their first steps into the world advanced Mathematics, working with logarithms and exploring SUVAT equations.

## **CREATIVE CHRISTMAS: STAFF CLAY DECORATION WORKSHOP**

The Art department recently hosted a festive clay Christmas decoration workshop for staff, providing a wonderful opportunity to unwind and get creative together. From beautifully detailed ornaments to imaginative seasonal designs, the range of creativity on display was truly impressive.



The session was filled with laughter, inspiration, and festive cheer a relaxing and enjoyable way to celebrate the season, with fun had by all!

## **RISING STARS OF KS3 BASKETBALL**

Our after school key stage 3 Boys' basketball club enjoy the chance to develop their ball control, scoring and defensive skills, all aligned with effective teamwork and gameplay, to support upcoming fixtures in the Redbridge League next term.



## **READING MENTORS PROGRAMME OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL START**

Earlier this term, our Year 12 volunteers were trained to deliver a peer reading programme. In recent weeks, our mentors have met with their partners in Years 7-11 and have started getting to know each other; it is important to establish trust and confidence for the partnership to work.

The aim of our mentors is to support their partners in the development of their reading and comprehension skills, as reading is essential to accessing all areas of the curriculum and importantly, to their overall educational success.



# LEARNING TOGETHER: PEER TUITION IN ACTION

During our year of kindness, 22 of our high-achieving year 12 students have volunteered to tutor a year 11 student in English or maths to provide one-to-one support in securing a pass. Our peer tuition programme commenced following the completion of year 11 mock exams in November and the enthusiasm from both tutors and tutees has been wonderful to see. Thank you to our year 12 volunteers for providing these weekly after-school sessions; your generosity and dedication is inspirational.



# SHAKESPEARE LIVE! YEAR 8 & 9 TAKE TO THE STAGE



This week, the English Department brought Shakespeare off the page and onto the stage with a visit from West End in Schools. Year 8 students dived into the magical world of A Midsummer Night's Dream, while Year 9 explored the passion and drama of Romeo and Juliet. Through dynamic workshops, students not only discovered the behind the scenes magic of theatre production but also stepped into the characters' shoes, bringing iconic scenes to life with their own performances.

## 1066 COMES ALIVE: A NORMAN TAKEOVER IN HISTORY

It looks like there has been a Norman invasion in the history department! Some of Year 7 have designed and built their own motte and bailey castle as part of



this term's topic on the Norman invasion. Amazing work! Special praise to Sean in 7A, Izzy in 7C, Noemi in 7C and Ava in 7C for their outstanding contributions

## BRILLIANT RESULTS: TRINITY HONOURS AWARDS RECOGNITION



**Congratulations** to 7 of our yr 12 and 13 students who have been awarded Trinity Honours awards for exceptional academic achievement in Psychology, PE, Maths, Economics and Biology. Brilliant work and very well done!! **#TRINITYPROUD**

**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](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

Trinity Catholic High School  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

## ROMEO & JULIET WORKSHOP

YEAR 9

West End in Schools

St Thomas' Canterbury Church IG3 0SG  
Sunday 1<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 

OR CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

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### School equipment for the new term

Black & Blue Pens  
Green Pen for Self & Peer Assessment  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Eraser  
Compass  
Protractor  
Highlighter Pens  
Scientific Calculator  
Reading Book (To change when completed)  
Dictionary  
Bible  
Exercise & Textbooks for the Day  
PE Kit  
Science / Technology Overall  
Food Ingredients / Apron  
Journal



**Redbridge SEND Parents & Carers therapeutic art session**

**FREE Creative Workshops For SEND Parents**

Creative Dates & Themes  
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 Celebration: seasonal drawing, crafts, parent party & mini exhibition

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

**About Event:**  
Soul Studio, by Afora CIC and BarkingSide Art Club, is a free monthly project for Redbridge SEND parents to relax, create, and connect. This judgement-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 SEND parents.  
Guided by Elijah Qureshi, artist, educator, and fellow SEN mum who truly understands your journey.

**Why Join?**  
Learn art techniques.  
Enjoy therapeutic creativity.  
Connect with understanding parents.  
Celebrate SEND confidence.  
Grow artistic confidence.

FREE Entry - Limited to 20 participants (no bookings required)  
Reserve Your Spot: Contact EPT info@empoweringparentstogether.org.uk  
Call EPT 07466880646 Or Call Elijah 07889829218  
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