



TRINITY

Dear Student, Parents, Carers & Governors

It has been a busy and positive week at Trinity Catholic High School and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Year 8 Parents' Evening was another fantastic event. Once again, it was a pleasure to speak with so many of you. The positivity in the room was clear. I saw real pride in Trinity and strong commitment to your children.

Ultimately, this is about the support you give your child every day. When school and home work together, students thrive.

Many of our conversations focused on wider challenges facing young people today. One issue continues to surface. Smartphones



This week, the UK government began further research into the negative impact of social media and smartphone use on children and young people. Schools across the country raise the same concerns. Reduced concentration. Poor sleep. Strained friendships. Lower resilience. These issues now sit firmly within national debate.

Other countries have taken decisive action. Australia has already introduced restrictions on social media access for under 16s following clear national evidence linking excessive use with declining wellbeing and increased safeguarding risks.

Their approach places child development first.

Parents at Trinity have shared thoughtful and balanced views. Many have highlighted the impact of smartphones on focus, social interaction, sleep, relationships, and resilience. Others have raised important questions around communication, responsibility, and preparation for later adolescence. One message comes through strongly. Children benefit most when school and home share clear expectations.

To support this conversation, I am inviting parents to a dedicated discussion evening focused on smartphones and young people. This meeting provides space to explore the evidence, listen to different views, and consider next steps together. No decision has been made. My priority remains simple. Any future policy must reflect student need, parental voice, and the realities of school life.

If, following discussion, there is clear and sustained parental support for change, I would bring a proposal to the Governing Body to review the mobile phone policy for incoming Year 7 students. Any outcome would be confirmed before 1st March 2026 when families receive confirmation of secondary school places. This provides clarity at an important moment.

If you would like to attend, please email nlamb@tchs.org.uk to register your interest.

The meeting will take place at Trinity Upper School at 6.30pm on Monday 9th February 2026.

I would also like to address our wider responsibilities as a school community. On Friday, I visited several shops and local businesses in the Castle area of Woodford. I wanted to meet our neighbours and offer reassurance. Our students' integrity matters. Respect for the local community matters. We expect our students to behave appropriately at all times and as parents I know you would want that too.



Earlier this week, I wrote to families outlining expectations for student conduct beyond the school gates. These expectations remain clear. Our standards do not stop at the end of the school day or at the school boundary.

Please reinforce this message with your child over the weekend. The school will take a firm line in protecting the reputation of Trinity and in ensuring our students show respect to members of the public and our 'neighbours'. How our students behave in the community reflects their character and ultimately their integrity. Our aim is clear, and that it to make our young people 'distinctively different' so they stand out and stand up for the good in our world.

Lord God,

Thank You for our school community.

Thank You for the partnership between home and school.

Guide our children in their choices.

Help them to grow in focus, kindness, and self-discipline.

Teach them to respect others, both in school and beyond our gates.

May their words and actions show integrity.

May they care for their community and those around them.

Bless our families, our staff, and our students.

Keep us united in faith and purpose.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thank you again for your continued support and for the trust you place in Trinity.

God Bless



Declan Linnane
Headteacher

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC: HANNAH LEADS ESSEX TO VICTORY!



Congratulations to Hannah in Year 13, captain of the Essex Girls Rugby Team, who recently led her side to an impressive 47-12 victory against Eastern County in a league match. Showing outstanding leadership and determination, Hannah played a key role in guiding her team to success and representing both her county and our school with pride. A fantastic achievement, very well done Hannah! **#TRINITYPROUD**

FAITH IN ACTION AT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Over the Christmas break, many of our students, known as the Young Vinnies, volunteered their time and energy to help host a Christmas Cinema Night at St Thomas of Canterbury Church. The evening was a fantastic success, bringing our school and parish communities together in celebration.

Thanks to the generosity of all who attended, and the hard work of our Young Vinnies, the event raised over £1,000 in support of Haven House and St Francis Hospices, two charities that provide invaluable care within our wider community.

We are incredibly **#TRINITYPROUD** of our Young Vinnies, who spent the evening welcoming families, selling popcorn and sweets, running craft activities for younger children, and staying afterwards to ensure the church was spotless. Their dedication, joy and commitment to service truly made the night the success it was.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for helping to create such a memorable and meaningful community event.

UNBEATEN AND INTO THE QUARTER FINALS! YEAR 7 SHINE IN ESSEX CUP

Our Year 7 boys continued their fantastic run of form with an impressive 6-4 victory over St Mark's, securing their place in the quarter-finals of the Essex Cup and extending their unbeaten streak.



In a fast-paced and competitive match, the team showed great determination and attacking quality, with Renzo leading the scoring with two well-taken goals, supported by strikes from Alfie, Liam, Leo and Gabriel. Despite strong opposition, the team remained composed throughout, demonstrating excellent teamwork and resilience to see out the win and set up an exciting quarter-final clash in the next round of the competition.



THE TREE OF HOPE: VOICES OF OUR TRINITY COMMUNITY



The Tree of Hope is a visible sign of faith, reflection, and shared intention within our community. It now sits in our Lower Site Chapel and holds the messages of hope written by those who attended our Advent Service. These words reflect the true spirit of Trinity. The invitation to add messages of hope to the Tree remains open throughout the year. This Tree will remain permanently in the Chapel.

SMALL GIFTS, BIG DIFFERENCE



During Advent at Trinity instead of sending each other Christmas cards staff were asked to donate some money for CAFOD. Staff raised £180 by doing this. The money has been used to buy six goats for families in the developing world. These goats can make a huge difference to peoples lives. In line with our mission, this action is helping us shape a better world and is the true spirit of Trinity.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TRINITY

This summer, Trinity will be marking a very special milestone, our 50th Anniversary! We are excited to celebrate half a century of memories, achievements, and the amazing community that makes Trinity so special.



As part of the celebrations, we are inviting former students, parents, and friends to share their memories and old photographs. Whether it's class photos, proms, reunions, or any special moments from your time at Trinity, we would love to see them and include them in our commemorative events.



If you have any photos or memories you'd like to contribute, please email them to info@tchs.org.uk. Your contributions will help make this anniversary truly memorable. Thank you for helping us celebrate 50 wonderful years of Trinity!



STUDENT LEADER PROCESS

THE APPLICATION

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

LETTER OF APPLICATION & TWO SIGNED REFERENCES
EMAILED TO HEADTEACHER BY 3PM

THE SHORTLIST RESULT

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

MONDAY 9TH TO THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

THE HUSTINGS ASSEMBLIES

**TUESDAY 24TH & WEDNESDAY 25TH
& THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY**

THE INTERVIEW

FORMAL INTERVIEW WITH HEADTEACHER

**THURSDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
& MONDAY 2ND MARCH**

THE VOTE WHOLE SCHOOL ELECTIONS

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

YOUR VOTE COUNTS! - HELPS DECIDE THE FINAL DECISION

*Looking to be part of student leadership team?
Become this transformational leader and be
'distinctively different'.
Step up to help 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

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.



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TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Our Sixth Form
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
TO SHAPE A BETTER WORLD

EPT EMPOWERING PARENTS TOGETHER
Working together today, improving their tomorrows

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 WITH THE HEAD OF SEND

DATE: FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026
TIME: 10AM - 12.30PM
VENUE: KENNETH MORE THEATRE FOYER, OAKFIELD ROAD, ILFORD, IG1 1BT

GUEST SPEAKER: **Koyar Ahmed**, Head of SEND, London Borough of Redbridge, will share about the development of SEND in relation to schools, social care and health.

ALL REDBRIDGE SEND PARENT CARERS WELCOME

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
PLEASE NOTE: EPT DO NOT ENDORSE ANY SPEAKERS OR SERVICES INVITED.

FREE MEMBERSHIP
Open to family members and carers of any child or young person with SEND up to the age of 25 years who live in or receive services from Redbridge. Associate membership is available for practitioners.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE FROM:
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