



TRINITY

Dear Student, Parents, Carers & Governors

Once again, it has been a busy and productive week at Trinity.

Earlier this week, I wrote to you following a serious incident in the local area which involved the filming and sharing of inappropriate content. While the incident itself was concerning, it has prompted important reflection and clear lessons for us all as a school community.

One lesson stands out. When content is shared online, control is lost almost immediately. Images and videos move far beyond their original context. They invite comment, distortion and harm. This affects individuals and it affects the wider school community. These realities must be understood by our young people and addressed by us as adults.



Social media often moves faster than we realise. Many children receive hand-me-down phones from home, yet these devices still provide full access to powerful platforms. Our students often use this technology with greater speed and confidence than expected. They navigate apps, hidden folders and privacy settings with ease. Content spreads in seconds, and harm spreads with it.

I have been genuinely pleased by the number of parents who contacted me this week to say thank you for feeling confident to check their child's phone. Many shared how helpful this was at home. It is worth reminding our students of a simple truth. It is not their phone. You bought the device and you pay the

bill. Parental oversight is not an invasion. It is responsibility.

As a school, and in line with Department for Education expectations, we will now take a firmer stance on the use of smartphones. National guidance is clear that schools should be mobile-phone-free environments by default. Recent events have reinforced the importance of this direction.

Over the next few weeks, we will be reviewing our mobile phone policy in detail. We will gather evidence, reflect on lessons learned, and consider what best supports safety, wellbeing and learning. We will then present our findings and clear next steps to students, staff, parents and carers

The message remains simple. School and home must work together. Clear boundaries protect young people. Consistent expectations support families. Together, we can change the narrative around mobile phone use and strengthen the safety of our whole community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. God Bless



Declan Linnane
Headteacher

Reminder - Friends of Trinity Meeting

17 Monday, 2nd February 2026

St Joseph's House, Sixth Form Common Room



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving God,

We ask for your guidance as we care for the young people entrusted to us.

Help us act with wisdom when technology moves faster than understanding.

Give parents confidence, courage and clarity as they guide their children.

Give students the strength to choose what is right, especially when others feel vulnerable.

Teach us to pause, to protect, and to show compassion in moments of challenge.

May our school community work together with shared purpose, clear boundaries and care for one another.

Help us build a safer community rooted in respect and responsibility.

Amen

SCIENCE CLUB TAKES OFF WITH EXPLOSIVE EXPERIMENTS!



Our term has begun with a literal bang! This week, Year 7 Science Club launched into action by making film canister rockets using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. Pupils experimented with different quantities of chemicals and refined their launch techniques, with some rockets even reaching the ceiling. Science Club meets every Thursday (Week A) on Lower Site in Room 15.

Next time, we will be investigating whether using different acids can make our rockets fly even higher.



CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This week, students from Year 7 and Year 10 were proudly presented with Headteacher's Awards by Mr Linnane in recognition of their exceptional contributions to school life.



These students have demonstrated remarkable dedication, positive attitudes, and a strong commitment to our school mission. Their achievements embody the values we strive to uphold every day, and we are incredibly **#TRINITYPROUD** of the example they set for their peers.

A huge congratulations to all of our award recipients! We look forward to celebrating more student success throughout the year.

CONNECTING THE TRINITY COMMUNITY ON LINKEDIN

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Trinity is now on LinkedIn!

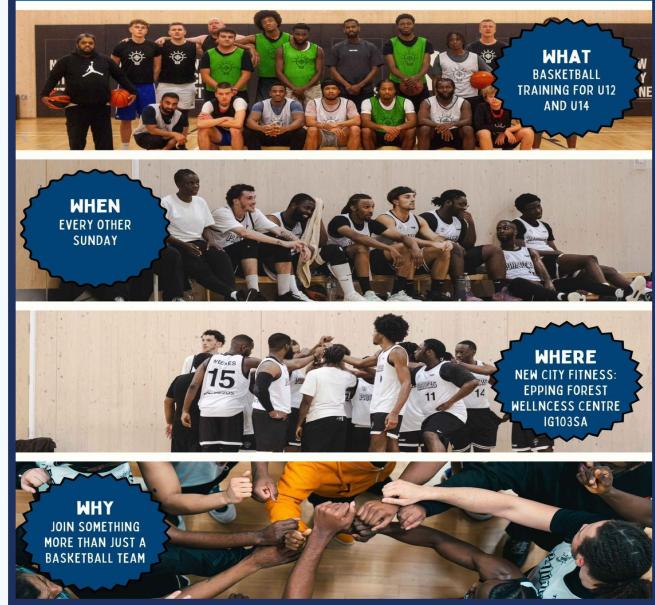
We're delighted to announce that Trinity is now officially established as an educational institute on LinkedIn. This new presence gives our students, past and present, as well as staff the opportunity to connect, stay in touch, and become part of our growing alumni network.

Follow us and join the conversation here

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West Essex Panthers are running exciting basketball development sessions for Years 7, 8 & 9! Build skills, boost confidence, and train as part of a supportive team environment. Open to all abilities.

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#TRINITYPROUD: GOLD MEDAL SUCCESS

Hanna, a Year 10 student, achieved an outstanding result by winning a gold medal in the Under 16 category at the Essex County Championships. She secured first place in the 50m breaststroke, showcasing exceptional dedication, determination, and skill.

Congratulations to Hanna on this fantastic achievement and her well deserved success!



PLEASE SUPPORT ADAM & HIS FAMILY

Please help support Adam, a Year 9 student, and his family, who are raising funds to meet urgent financial needs following a serious, life-altering accident.

While on holiday in Jamaica with his Father and older brother, Adam fell from a fifth-floor balcony.

Against all odds, he survived the fall, but suffered severe injuries, including multiple spinal fractures, compound fractures to both ankles and feet, and a right lung pneumothorax.

To read more and donate, please scan the QR code.

gofundme



Scan to donate to Anna's fundraiser
"Help Justyna care for her son after a life-changing accident"

SIXTH FORM BOYS' RUGBY VICTORY

Our Sixth Form Boys' Rugby team enjoyed a fantastic 46–31 victory over Woodbridge this week in a thrilling match at Woodford Rugby Club. Both teams were an absolute credit to their schools, displaying great skill, sportsmanship, and determination throughout. It was wonderful to see so many students from both schools come along to support the teams and create such a lively atmosphere. A

big thank you to Woodford Rugby Club for hosting the match.



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.

THE SPIRIT OF



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Our Sixth Form

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

TO SHAPE A BETTER WORLD

SCIENCE CLUB

WHERE CURIOSITY MEETS DISCOVERY!

(WEEK A)

THURSDAY ROOM 15

3:15 PM TO 4:15 PM

EXPLORE YOUR PASSION FOR SCIENCE!

WEST ESSEX PANTHERS

CONTACT: WESTESSEXPANTHERS@GMAIL.COM

WHAT
BASKETBALL TRAINING FOR U12 AND U14

WHEN
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

WHERE
NEW CITY FITNESS, EPPING FOREST WELLNESS CENTRE IG103SA

WHY
JOIN SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST A BASKETBALL TEAM