

SUMMER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

At the start of the holidays, Year 6 pupils, soon to be Y7, took part in our Summer School with lessons and activities based around Harry Potter.

It was a great success, with over 120 students attending. Part of the activities saw pupils design and build Harry Potter inspired "Water Brooms". They used magic images to decorate the broom's body and stick then filled their empty, fizzy water bottle with carefully measured and stirred magic juice!

After designing their Water Brooms pupils worked together on a challenge to see which Water Broom could fly the furthest distance. To do this they had to investigate:

- The best launch angle
- The type of motion potion to use
- The amount of motion potion to use

During this challenge they worked in groups and incorporated the use of scientific skills such as:

- Measuring volumes
- Measuring distances
- Recording results
- Analysing results
- Evaluating designs to find ways to improve

They also learnt about scientific contents such as:

- Forces
- Motion
- Aerodynamics

Also, Summer School introduced pupils to Food Technology where they worked with Mrs Cocker. Pupils made Deathly Hollow cookies, Cockroach clusters, Harry Potter cake pops and Pumpkin pasties. Children had to use their imaginations when they decorated the cakes to come up with their own Harry Potter related designs. Pupils practised a range of new skills such as chopping, mixing and icing.

On the last day children cooked again and put on a display for parents to sample. Each child had a recipe book to take home at the end of the summer school.

During the 2 week programme the new Year 7 students were interviewed by our Headstart Community Reporters. These students made a video which you can now view on the school website.



CARROT REWARDS

The college has a new Rewards system called 'Carrot'. Students who achieve a 'Carrot' award are presented with a sticker which has a unique code on it. Students take responsibility for logging the award onto their online account. For each award students receive points and after accumulating points they can be cashed in for prizes from the online shop. It has been a great success so far. Oskar Szytniec in Y8 told us "I love the Carrot stickers. I have received nearly 200 points so far and I am hoping to save enough points up to claim a tablet or Kindle Fire by the end of the year".

SPORTS SHORTS

SPORTS DAY

During the last week of the summer term pupils took part in the annual Trinity Sports Day which was held in the superb setting of the new Middlesbrough Sports Village.

Pupils excelled with some outstanding performances and setting many new college records along the way. Overall winners of the event were Bede House, winning three out of the four year groups taking part. Well done to all students and staff for making it a successful event. Lee Riley, in Y10 at the time, thought the new Sports Village was a brilliant venue, adding "It was especially fitting that my last sports day was held here, the facilities are class and I really enjoyed taking part in the competition."



STUDENT COUNCIL FUN RUN

On 10th July, over a thousand Trinity pupils took part in a Charity Fun Run in the grounds of the College to raise money and awareness for the Teenage Cancer Trust and the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

The event was organised by the Student Council and involved all year groups from Year 7 to Year 12 and had three different courses; a 2K walking course, a 4K running course and a 5K race course.

Members of the Student Council together with staff marshalled the course as well as providing a much needed supply of water for pupils on this warm July afternoon.

Students paid an entry fee of £1 each, wearing their own sports clothing in their choice of colours of red, white and blue. £600 went to Teenage Cancer Trust and £600 plus went to the Lourdes fund.



LE TOUR 2015

The Trinity Racing & Cycling Club heralded the start of the 2015 Tour de France at the last meeting of the academic year of this popular club.

The Wednesday lunchtime bike club, run by Mr Hughes and Mr Kerr- Morgan together with help from some of our Sixth Form students, enables pupils to bring in their own bikes to repair or simply go along to learn how to fix and maintain bikes.

Headteacher, Peter Coady, gave the club a start-up budget which was used to purchase specialist tools and equipment. A local cycle shop owner has also kindly donated items which have benefited the club greatly.



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TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER @TRINITYCCNEWS

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year.

So much has happened since the last issue in July we have included a round-up of all the summer activities together with the latest events including our very successful open evenings for Year 6 pupils and their parents and students interested in applying to our Sixth Form for September 2016.

Our new students in Year 7 and Year 12 have made a really positive start at Trinity and we trust that they are enjoying the wide range of opportunities the College has to offer.

As the autumn draws in we also look ahead to the start of our CAUSE hamper campaign which we will be launching in November; there will be lots of fundraising activities taking place and we ask for as much support as pupils and their families can manage.

- Peter Coady, Headteacher



EXAM RESULTS 2015

The college was delighted with the exam results gained by both the Y11 and Y13 students who received their results in August. The delight on the faces of the students receiving the results was a joy to behold.

Over 80 students achieved A*/A grades, including some brilliant individual performances.

Individual pupils

Y11

Joseph Luke - 12 A*'s (all subjects taken)

Laura Etfer - 7 A*'s and 5 A's

Nilfour Kaidan - 5 A*'s & 8 A's

Adam Roberts - 5 A*'s, 4 A's & 1 B

Y13

Lucy Mullen - 3 A's and 1 A*

Martin Nolan - 1 A*, 2 A's and 1 B

Duncan McTiernan - 1 A and 2 B's

Katie McQuade - 2 A's and 1 B

Michael McAvoy - 1 A*

Mo Khan - 1 A*

SIXTH FORM

Students and staff were celebrating back in August following an excellent set of A Level results. The A Level Pass rate was 99% with a High Pass Rate of 28%, this year's Success Rate at A level was 98%.

Headteacher, Peter Coady said: "We are delighted with both our A Level results this year and GCSE grades. Outcomes have improved year on year since Trinity Catholic College Sixth Form was established in 2011.

The progress made by our students is significantly above that made by other Sixth Form Colleges across the country and we fully intend to build on this going forward into the new academic year. The GCSE results are also especially encouraging across the board, with significant progress made in key areas. We are so proud of our students and staff - they have worked exceptionally hard and thoroughly deserve to be rewarded with these record results!"



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

'The Sound of Music' was enjoyed in July at Trinity Catholic College.

The show was a great success and was performed by a superb cast. Wednesday night could not have gone any better. Even after a fuse blowing, on Thursday night, the cast pulled together in a way that allowed them to shine brighter than we had ever seen before. The final night also allowed the cast to say a fond farewell to Miss Mitchell; a 'secret scene' (and song) had been rehearsed without her knowledge so that it was the ultimate surprise when it was performed especially for Miss Mitchell on the night.

Following the success of 'The Sound of Music,' the Performing Arts Department decided it was necessary to reward the whole cast for their amazing efforts and achievements.

The Sixth Form Film and Media Students filmed the second night of the show and the fabulous Reece Dunn produced a great DVD which even included two special documentaries. The DVD was premiered at the cast party and pizza, drinks and snacks accompanied the viewing. After moving on to pastures new, old friends such as Joe Luke and Billy Campbell returned to school to celebrate too.

A great time was had by all. It was amazing to look back and remember the hard work and good times fondly. Miss Bramley said "I had a great evening. Good company and a great way to celebrate."

The cast were able to celebrate and be proud of the fabulous show they had put on. Another Summer Show success at Trinity. What will next year bring?

OPEN EVENINGS

On Tuesday 29th September and Wednesday 30th September, Year 6 pupils from our Catholic partnership primary schools were invited to our annual 'Taster Sessions' which offer the opportunity to experience just some of the lessons pupils can look forward to at secondary school. The sessions were a great success and were followed by our Year 6 Parent and Pupil Open Evening on Wednesday 30 September. College was delighted with the response.

A similarly successful evening was held on 14th October at the 6th Form. Again, the numbers of students coming to look around was really impressive, with many already declaring Trinity as their number one choice. It was fantastic to see so many students from other schools from as far away as Hartlepool and Stokesley.



TRINITY PREFECTS ARE PERFECT

Our 27 Prefects were chosen because of the random Acts of Kindness they have shown to others since coming to Trinity Catholic College. Our Prefects responsibilities will be to help at Parent's Evenings, Opening Evenings, welcoming visitors to our School, working to raise money for different charities throughout the year including our annual Hunger Lunch which took place on Friday 2nd October 2015. We are very proud of our Prefects and all they achieve.



'GRIM' UP NORTH

We have some budding young writers in Year 9. Two of our pupils, Max Kelly and Ben Winstanley, have been selected to get their work published in an anthology of Grim Tales – a reworking of the famous Grimm Fairy Tales. The competition was held nationwide and the boys have been lucky enough to get their work published in the North East version of the anthology. Miss Conway stated "The book was published in August and the school are awaiting a free copy of the anthology. When the school receives the copy, it will be available to read in the LRC. The boys did exceptionally well and I am really proud of them."

HISTORY TOUR: REMEMBERING AUSCHWITZ 70 YEARS AFTER ITS LIBERATION.

The History Department accompanied by 44 wonderful pupils from Years 9 -12 visited the beautiful city of Krakow, Poland during the last week of the summer term (2015).

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the visit was the sobering 37 mile detour to Auschwitz – Birkenau where approximately one and a half million people were systematically killed by the Nazis. Precise numbers are still debated, but according to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the German SS systematically killed at least 960,000 of the 1.1-1.3 million Jews deported to the camp. Other victims included approximately 74,000 Poles, 21,000 Roma, 15,000 Soviet prisoners of war and at least 10,000 from other nationalities. More people died at Auschwitz than at any other Nazi concentration camp and possibly more than at any other death camp in history.

This year commemorated the 70 year Liberation of Auschwitz on January 27th 1945 when the Soviet army entered Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Monowitz. The troops soon found grisly evidence of the horror. About 7,000 starving prisoners were found alive in the camp, most of whom were ill and dying.

As a college, the aim of our visit was to pay our respects to all of those who were affected by the Holocaust.

"Going to Auschwitz was a life changing experience and it is difficult to put into words. It was so interesting yet deeply saddening to see such an awful place in the flesh!"

Lucy O'Connor – 6th form



"To try and sum up Auschwitz in a couple of sentences would be impossible. The whole experience was profound and chilling. The atrocities which took place in the camp are inconceivable for a person to comprehend. The biggest thing I took from Auschwitz was the definite need for everyone to study and understand this event in history. I hope that we can keep on learning from this event and how it affected humanity in hope that one day genocide will become a thing of the past."

Molly Doyle - 6th Form

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In July, 50 Year 8 students and 4 6th Formers took part in a residential visit to Château Beaumont in France.

During the visit, students were able to participate in numerous outward bound activities including zip wire, nightline, fencing, archery and swimming. We also visited some really lovely places such as an animal refuge, Le Mont St Michel, a Medieval Fortress and of course Disneyland Paris. The students practised their French skills at the market and even dressed up in French costume for the French evening and talent show.

Students and staff had a wonderful time, the weather was fantastic and they even got to taste frogs legs and snails! We are already excited to go back with the current Year 8 in 2016.

LINDISFARNE & OSMOTHERLEY PILGRIMAGES

During September three groups of Year 9 pupils took part in a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne as part of their RE studies.

Students had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St Aidan and St Cuthbert, both of whom they have been learning about in lessons. One of the highlights of the pilgrimage was visiting one of the churches on the island and learning of the importance of Lindisfarne in the birth of Christianity in England. Pupils were also able to have time for personal reflections during the visit.

Our Year 12 students recently visited Our Lady of Mount Grace at Osmotherley for their Holy Mass of Welcome. Christians have visited the chapel of Our Lady, the Mother of Divine Grace, for hundreds of years. It is a holy place, sanctified by the prayers of many ordinary people. It stands high on a hill above the village of Osmotherley in North Yorkshire, facing west towards the Pennines.

Reverend Andrew Bunce, our college chaplain said "Both events are central to the core values of Trinity Catholic College. I was delighted how the students engaged in the trips and how they were so eager to join in and enjoy the pilgrimage activities."



FOCUS DAY

On the 29th September we held our first Focus Day for Citizenship. Year 12 focussed on team building activities whereby students were put in mixed groups of 10-12 with a set of instructions to complete. The team had to score themselves between 1-5 with 5 being excellent.

The challenges included building bridges over hurdles to get the team across and rolling through a large plastic 'hamster-like' material and running faster than the opposition for 1km. The group that eventually scored the highest were awarded 'team builders' of the day. There were additional challenges provided by 'WiseUp,' the company that ran the activities, which the students thoroughly enjoyed due to the competitiveness. All the students appeared to score themselves fairly and all remained in high spirits throughout the day.

The winners were unveiled at the end of the day to much excitement. Students fed back how enjoyable the day had been and how they loved the competitiveness and team working involved.

Year 11 had a 'Live and Learn' theme with presentations from the Police, SECOS with the highlight of the day being road safety with the Fire Brigade. They performed a drill of cutting a driver and passenger out of a crashed car- some really valuable lessons learnt by all!



Year 9 pupils at Trinity will be taught this year how to give vital first aid for medical emergencies and will also be shown how to handle situations involving drugs and alcohol. The first aid sessions are carried out by St John Ambulance charity. The training forms part of Trinity's Citizenship Programme and also includes drug awareness workshops run by Newton Aycliffe based community support charity DISC.

Year 8 students travelled to Durham Outdoor centre and took part in team building activities, including survival skills.

Year 10 pupils attended the 'Living Joyfully' event organised by Fr Paul Farrer at the Cathedral. The event gave students an insight into the work of Priests, Nuns and monks. A highlight was the theatre performance to celebrate the work of Don Bosco who was born 200 years ago.