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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well qualified citizens of the world.”

Ofsted Inspection

Last Friday afternoon I received notification that we would be inspected on Wednesday, 15th November. Because we are one of the top performing schools in the country the Inspection would be, in their words, a “reduced tariff” inspection – one day rather than two. We had to distribute the Ofsted questionnaires on Monday, which gave parents only two days to complete and return them to school.

I spoke to all Year groups separately on Monday morning, to explain what the Inspection Team would be looking for and how everyone could play their part in ensuring that we gained a glowing report. I must say that the whole Trinity community responded in the best possible way!

- The parental questionnaires were returned in their hundreds, far in excess of returns from similar sized schools.
- Staff planned their lessons, as usual, thoroughly and with creative imagination.
- The school site was virtually litter free throughout the day!
- Our students were polite, co-operative and at their hard working best.

At the end of Wednesday my senior colleagues and I met with the Team to listen to their Draft Report. The categories of reporting are:

1. Outstanding
2. Good
3. Satisfactory
4. Inadequate

In all categories we gained “Outstanding” or “Good”. In relation to ‘Standards Achieved’ we gained an “Outstanding” grade – given to only a small number of schools in the country. The comment was also made that there has been marked progress since the last Inspection (in the year 2000).

We always knew that Trinity was a great school and now we have the proof. A copy of the full Inspection Report for parents and the Ofsted letter to pupils will be distributed as soon as I receive them.

An Inspection is similar to an examination. It's nothing to be feared; it's merely an opportunity to show how outstanding you are!

Well done and congratulations to everyone.

Music

Thank you and congratulations to the senior choir who sang at the installation service for Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hulme, at Manchester Cathedral last Sunday evening. This was a very high profile event and the students involved proved to be a real credit to the school. The Bishop wrote me the following letter earlier this week:

“I wanted to thank you personally for the significant contribution made by your School Choir on Sunday at the Cathedral. As you know, I have a long association with Trinity and it was important for me to include the school in my Service. Their participation was one of the highlights. All of the children were courteous and friendly and their contribution to the choral sections was a delight. Please pass on my sincere thanks to them all.”

Congratulations to Mr Kennedy, currently teaching Music at Trinity, who last weekend became the British National Open Champion for solo cornet playing, beating off stiff competition from home and abroad to lift the Margaret Mortimer Trophy. Mr Kennedy is now officially “Top Brass”.

Well done and thank you to Shang Long, Alex Welbourne, Tendwayi Bvumburah, Deaglan O'Rourke, Joe Luckin and Mr Haynes, our guitar tutor, who performed a selection of musical items for parents, staff and governors attending the annual report to parents on Wednesday evening. The performances were highly polished and very well received by the audience.

(Editor's note: I believe that, in Shang, we have a concert pianist of the future; he is superb.)

At the time of going to press, the senior choir are preparing to sing at this evenings presentation evening in the grand setting of the Whitworth Hall, before working towards the usual busy schedule of Christmas events.

Indoor Athletics

Out of 23 Manchester schools we have been crowned athletics champions in both “Y10/11 Boys” and “Y10/11 Girls” sections. Once again hard work and determination, along with sheer natural talent contributed to Trinity dominating both Track and Field events. The confidence taken from winning the previous weeks heats once again became prevalent as both the boys' and the girls' teams produced some outstanding displays.

800m Boys - Ciaran Grundy 1st, 800m Girls - Lily Freeston 1st, 400m Boys - Lewis Evans 2nd, 200m Boys - Nathan Roach 1st, 200m Girls - Sereena Hunter 3rd, 60m Hurdles Girls - Rachel Campbell 2nd, 60m Hurdles Boys - Andre Holder 3rd, 60m Boys - Eurenna Semper 1st, 60m Girls - Yosha Gilkes 1st, Boys relay 2nd, Girls relay 1st, Boys High Jump - Anthony Purcell 1st, Girls High Jump - Nicolette Fonglyewquee 1st, Boys Shot - Antonio Crawford 1st, Girls Shot - Leanna Cameron 5th, Boys Long Jump - Kane Dunn-Thomas 2nd, Girls Long Jump - Dianna Benjamin 5th.



More Sport

Saturday was the first Saturday of the cross-country season at Longford Stadium with the Open Parkland Races.

Sam Collinson was determined to come first, helped by a financial incentive from his Mum! His was a resounding win, with Josh Komalafe coming 3rd.

Congratulations to both boys.



Forthcoming Open Days

South Trafford College, 23rd November, 3.00 – 8.00pm.

Nazarene Theological College, 20th February.

Remembrance Day Service

Last Friday morning we had a wonderful assembly of approximately 1400 students and staff for our annual Remembrance Day Service in the Sports Hall. Thank you to Mr Petch and the choir from Form 7KI who sang “Tipperary”, “Smile, Smile, Smile” and

“Keep the Home Fires Burning”. Also, to Mr Bowden for his “Last Post”, played immediately before an impeccably observed minutes silence. The poems read out as part of the Service were Rupert Brook’s “The Soldier”, “Disabled” by Wilfred Owen and Laurence Binyon’s “For the Fallen”.

And Finally...

...I don't believe it!

For the third consecutive week, and in the face of the sternest of competition, last weeks winners were Eleanor Theorodou-Hampson and Alice Withers. The newspaper story was about the “Yak” which had been presented to the Prince of Wales and his wife on their tour of Pakistan (see photo).



What is this weeks newspaper story about?

“At the end of a long, sunlit workshop 60-year-old Trevor Thomas patiently selects a bright green stem from the neat pile on his desk and slots it into the wooden frame in front of him. He is one of 42 staff and 90 home workers – all former servicemen and their dependants, who through chronic illness or disability might not find work elsewhere – who labour all year round to supply Britain and its embassies and consulates around the world. However, this is a factory like no other; there are no clanking conveyor belts or whirring machines. Instead, above the hum of the radio, you can just make out the sound of paper rustling.”

Box of chocolates for the first correct answer.