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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.”



### Valentines' Day, 14<sup>th</sup> February!

The above Valentine chromolithograph was designed by Walter Crame and published by Marcus Ward, in 1876.

### More Sport

- Manchester Schools' Cross-Country Championships: Our team of ten students travelled to Wythenshawe Park for the recent Championships.

The course was very muddy and all students worked very hard against the wind. Entries from over 15 schools saw large fields of runners, and our team produced some of the best performances. Sam Collinson, Josh Komolafe, Arnold Emelone, Jeremy Woodward, Felicity Hales, Kieran Lickess and Libby Parfitt.

The following students achieved positions in the top 10 for their age group and go through to the Greater Manchester Championships. Ciaran Grundy 10<sup>th</sup>, Jadan Hall 4<sup>th</sup>, Lillie Freeston 2<sup>nd</sup> and Freya Narayan 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Manchester Schools' Netball League: We travelled to Levenshulme High School last week to play in their sports hall. The Year 9 team had a fabulous turnout with a squad of 10 players all desperate to play. They won with a lot of goals for a netball game, 6-3.
- Rugby Union: Our Year 10/11 rugby team recently won the Manchester Developing Schools' Tournament, beating Manchester Academy, Plant Hill, Cedar Mount, St Matthew's and the The Barlow along the way. We have now qualified for the emerging schools' tournament taking place later this month. Well done to all the boys involved.
- Table Tennis: Callum Gouldbourn and Rio Levy both reached the Manchester Secondary Schools' Table Tennis Finals and Callum qualified for the Youth Games, which takes place in June.

Callum is part of the Manchester Table Tennis Team (8 chosen) to compete against counties from all over the country. He will receive professional coaching over the coming months.

### **International Football**

Once again, Daniel Welbeck has been selected for the England U-17 Squad to play in the Algarve Tournament, Portugal, during the half term holiday. Daniel will be involved in games against France, Germany and Portugal.

### **Squash**

You may have seen the recent article in the Metro about our very own Dwayne McIntosh who, for his age, is one of the top ten squash players in the country. Dwayne has already played in the Welsh Open Championships and has represented the north-west in the inter-area squash championships. Dwayne is described as "one of Manchester's hottest talents".

### **Student Council and House Message Board**

In a set of assemblies last week, Mr Saunders introduced the new electronic message board for use by students and teachers. The site is available via the Trinity website and can only be used by members of the school community. This allows students and teachers to raise issues that affect the school, general issues in the

media as well as interests and hobbies. The board has strict rules of participation and is monitored. We want to give opportunities for all students to have their voice heard. Current issues being discussed are school uniform, mock exams, sport and 'big brother'.

### **The Trinity Association – Forthcoming Event**

This is definitely one for everyone's diary! On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, the Association is planning an "eighteen stall extravaganza". Highlight of the day will be a "challenging and exciting" outdoor activity, possibly including a police / army roadshow, a mobile climbing wall or inflatable games. More details to follow as events are confirmed. Those wishing to help should contact the Chair of the Association, David Fulton ([davidfulton@gmp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:davidfulton@gmp.pnn.police.uk)) – or any Association Committee member.

### **Electricity; Do You Really Need To Use So Much?**

Last week, Sally Hatton, 11CL, gave the first part of her thought provoking article on the unnecessary use of lights. In the second part of her article she quotes figures and costs which may astonish you.

"The thing that really matters is the money and energy that is wasted in maintaining light bulbs. That's where the figures really do get alarming. I furthered my research by calculating the effect these lights have on the environment daily. I based my calculations on the lights being 60W, that is the reading I took from the smallest bulbs we use in our corridors. I took these figures and used them to calculate that, on a daily basis, these lights collectively use 82,080j of energy per day. That means, by keeping them on, in the time that has already passed this school year, 607,392,0J of energy have been wasted. How much must it cost to throw away so much energy? The usual price charged for electricity is 8p per KWH. However, being a large establishment it is likely that this price have been reduced for Trinity to around 3p. Using this figure, and using 60W as an energy reading, I was able to calculate the exact cost: £246.24 a day, minimum.

But perhaps the most shocking statistic of all is how much money has been wasted already this year. During the time that has already passed this year, we have burned away £18,221.76. That figure is the minimum and is based on the lights in the corridor alone. That figure is ridiculous. Even if we were only to turn off a fraction of these lights, we would still save our school a significant amount of money. That figure can, and should, be reduced."

### **Letters of Appreciation**

- From the North Trafford College Schools' Liaison Officer, Susie Smith.

"I am writing to say how impressed I was when I visited Trinity CE High School to take part in a series of mock interviews with your Year 11 students. It can be very

challenging to conduct interviews with students, especially those experiencing the process for the first time. However, each young person I saw at Trinity was engaging, a pleasure to talk to and clearly wished to make the most of the opportunity. Additionally, they really seemed to appreciate the contribution of those who had volunteered to take part in the event.”

- From a parent whose son attended the “skiing course”.

“ I am writing to ask you to pass on a big thank you to everybody involved with the skiing trip to France. My son attended and had a fantastic time. I think even more so than the Peak District trip and I never thought he would enjoy anything more than that. The organisation of the trip and the information provided to parents was second to none and I felt very comfortable allowing him to attend.

He has come back from the trip having made new friends, both from within Trinity and other school parties in the resort. He has learnt new disciplines around behaviour, both on and off the slopes, and has also exercised more in a week than some children do in a year! The most unbelievable point is that Mr Nicholls informed me that he and his friend had kept their bedroom the tidiest – so yet another first for a teenager. I’ll have to see whether he keeps it up at home.

He has asked if he can attend next year and is looking forward to it already. Maybe this could be the bribe to keep his bedroom tidy! Once again, a big thank you to everybody involved.”

### **And Finally...**

...we break up this afternoon for the February half term holiday. Although the weather is due to be cold and frosty, make sure you have a good rest and return safely on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. That week, in specifically arranged House Assemblies, we will be discussing vertical tutorial groups and, subsequently, asking our students for their opinions. Keep an open mind! As one parent recently said, “It seems the best thing since sliced bread!”