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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.”



International School Award

In some extremely exciting news, our International Links Coordinator, Mrs Walker, recently applied for an award with the British Council, to give us official recognition for the international work that we do as a whole school. The British Council wrote to us to say the following: “Many congratulations on your school being reaccredited with the International School Award 2019 – 2022. It is testament to your whole school commitment to embedding a rich and creative range of international work, and it’s important that your outstanding achievement in the International School Award is shared and celebrated widely.”

Trinity's assessment for Reaccreditation had 10 varied international activities that met the criteria, for example the National Literacy Trust: Made in Manchester! project, the Mother Tongue Other Tongue project, sharing

good practice with Chinese schools, a visit from our Spanish partner school, the 'If the World were 100 People' project, the study on cultural bias in Psychology, Ebola - an understanding of the disease on a global level, the study of HIV across different countries, and Indian block printing, to name a few of the activities we do every year. These international projects, alongside others, further enrich our student's education, giving it a very important international dimension, enabling them to further develop into global citizens, which is particularly important in the current political climate. A huge thank you to all staff and pupils who helped us achieve this very prestigious award with the British Council, in the year that marks 20 years since the scheme began in 1999.

Science in Focus



From Year 12 and 13 Senior Tutor and Teacher of Science, Dr Alnuamaani: "It has already been a busy half term in the science department - four of our inspirational female scientists and mathematicians in the Sixth Form have completed their Nuffield Research placements, written their reports and are preparing for their celebration event in November at The University of Manchester. Their research included investigating the effects of mutations on the development of breast cancer, how differences in neurons in the brain can affect memory in people affected by schizophrenia, how to use x-rays and computer generated images to investigate the properties of materials and how multinational engineering companies can play a role in supporting young people and reduce the number of 18-24 year olds that are unemployed.

We also hosted the University's Physiology department in our annual Physiology Friday event. Students in Year 12 and Year 10 learnt more about the heart and pregnancy and how to take blood pressure readings. In addition, some of our Year 12 A-level Biology and BTEC applied science students attended a Breast Cancer Awareness conference at Wythenshawe Hospital's Nightingale Unit.

Following the visit, Zoe, Year 12, writes:

"Some students from the Honours Aspiring Medic group in the Sixth Form were chosen to attend a conference hosted by the Prevent Breast Cancer charity. This charity uses all their funds to research how the risk of breast cancer can be increased and decreased, formulating and testing new drugs and supporting those who have cancer and who have survived cancer. It was so interesting to learn that this is the only centre in the UK dedicated to the prediction and prevention of cancer." Caroline Bennison from the Nightingale unit said "It was a pleasure to have your students attend the conference. They were very engaged throughout and a credit to the school." The students came back so inspired from the conference that they organised a "wear pink Wednesday" event for sixth formers and staff to raise money for the charity. A real inspiration to all aspiring medics and scientists of the future."

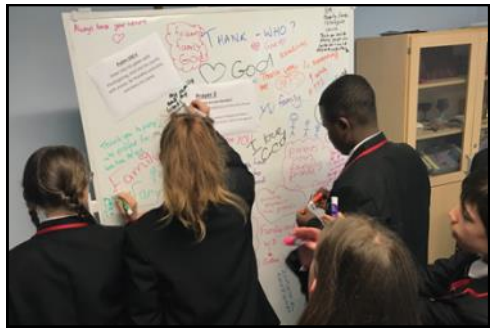
What's on your mind Manchester?

Trinity was recently selected to take part to this mass art project. Along with a group of other schools in Manchester, our Year 7 students have been making paper hats with their form tutors, and decorating them with drawings, words, messages about things that matter to them. These hats are going to become part of an exciting **ONE DAY exhibition on Wednesday, 30th October**, in various cultural locations in Manchester. Our students' hats will be hidden in Manchester Art Gallery, on that day only! Go and find your hats, and if you want to gain a Trinity Credit, bring back a picture of you in the gallery to your form tutor. Why not turn it into a treasure hunt: follow the trail on the maps you received in form, to visit other places which have been taken over by this project for one day - all the locations are free to visit!



Prayer Journey

In the chapel last week our Chaplain, Revd Dr Steve Birkinshaw, organised a special week of prayer around the theme of 'Starting a journey with God ...', inspired by the national movement 'Prayer Spaces in Schools'. Students were invited to prayerfully explore the start of the year using the metaphor of a journey using a wall a thanks, packing items in a suitcase, and writing their plans for the year ahead. Feedback was very positive, with one student saying, 'I liked the quietness of praying like this partway through the school day,' and another student commented, 'it helped me to stop and take a look at year ahead, and ask God what he wants me to do for others in this year.' The Prayer Spaces will be repeated every half term throughout the year, with the next week planned around the theme of Christmas.

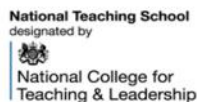


And finally...

Year 7 students have made a fabulous start in their new forms at Trinity. I have written to all parents to acknowledge this and to notify them of some changes in English classes, where we are moving to form based class teaching after half term. Please check your 'MyEd' account to read the letter in full.

Wishing you a very enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, 4th November, 2019.

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