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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.”



The Chalk Circle

From Wednesday to Friday last week, Trinity's production of 'The Chalk Circle' was very warmly received by audiences of students, staff, parents, governors and friends of the school. Our thanks go to our talented actors who gave three outstanding performance. Of course, the show wouldn't have been possible without the contribution of other great teams: lighting, backstage, costume, make up and technical. Thank you to all involved. More photos can be seen on the inside pages.



Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Joseph, who recently won a poetry completion ran by Manchester City Council. Joseph's winning entry was entitled, 'the weather' and he was invited to receive a prize from a local councillor, June Hitchin, at Newton Heath Library for winning the competition. Joseph's prize was a signed copy of the latest book by Jackie Morris, 'The Lost Words.' Well done Joseph!



Book Club

From teacher of English, Ms Wilson: “A group of Year 10 students recently visited Manchester High School for Girls to participate in a joint book club. We discussed 'The Poet X' by Elizabeth Acevedo which is a verse novel tackling issues of race, religion and family relationships. The protagonist, Xiomara, expresses herself through slam poetry whilst navigating the challenges of being a young woman finding her place in the world. Our students found the book very relatable and we highly recommend reading it!”



International Day of Mathematics

From teachers of mathematics, Miss Barnett and Miss Rimmer: “The maths department celebrated International Day of Mathematics last Friday, with a mathematical scavenger hunt, countdown and pi-recital house events. Maple came out on top, winning both house events. Ben, Year 10, came in first in the Pi recital competition, remembering an outstanding 170 decimal places! In second place, was Marcos, Year 7, who remembered 128 decimal places and in third place was Mia, Year 8 who remembered 55 decimal places. 7MBO and 7MBA also spent the morning creating the Pi symbol outside. We had a fantastic day celebrating maths and exploring Pi!”



And finally...

...this morning, I have addressed all staff about the partial closure of the school beginning on Monday, 23rd March, 2020. My speech to them explained the ambitions of the school in the coming weeks and months:

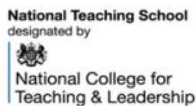
- Keeping the school open and accessible for children of 'key workers' and vulnerable students.
- Facilitating all students 'working from home' on 'Show My Homework'.
- Ensuring that we can support the idea of 'working from home' for as many staff as possible.
- Showing compassion, understanding and empathy to those who are not able to work for a variety of reasons.
- Following the appropriate regulations regarding all aspects of safeguarding, health and safety, HR practices and other statutory frameworks the Academy must comply with.

My colleagues and I have developed a 'Teaching Plan' for students of key workers and vulnerable students, which incorporates the use of our teaching staff and key pastoral support. There is a separate form being sent home and available on our website which needs to be completed and returned next Monday at 8.30am. Further information and a letter to parents can be accessed on the 'coronavirus' section on the school website.

Following the announcement of the cancellation of exams for Year 11, 12 and 13, I visited all Year 11 students in their classes, whilst our Head of Sixth Form, Ms Tattum, spoke with Year 12 and 13. We were able to provide reassurance for the future in these uncertain times. The school will remain a source of support for all our school community. Updates for parents will be available on our website and Twitter page.

Our weekly newsletter will continue through this difficult time. Like you, we hope for a speedy return to normality. My thoughts and prayers are with all of our community. God bless you all.

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