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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.”



Countdown to Christmas!

The festive spirit is well and truly here at Trinity! Around the school site you will see a range of creative and dazzling Christmas trees. Particular mention must be made to the tree in the Engineering department, the ‘science tree’ and to Dominick, Anson and Christopher who helped to decorate the beautiful tree in the Temple foyer.

**PLEASE SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE
BACK PAGE REGARDING THE LAST DAY OF TERM.**

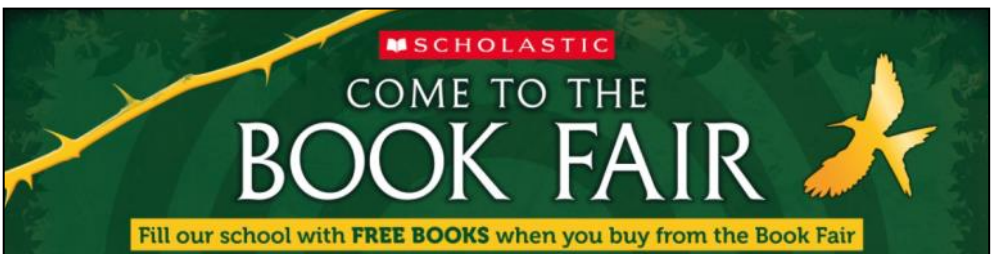
Books and Reading at Trinity

Book Club Teacher of English, Miss Reck, and the Year 7 Book Club have been reading and discussing the book 'Darius the Great is Not Okay'. The main character travels to Iran for the first time to meet his distant family. The novel tackles weighty issues of identity, mental health and friendship and has been described as "hilarious and heart-breaking". It has inspired some brilliant conversations in the group and they are now considering what their next read will be! New recruits to book clubs in any year group bubble are very welcome going into the new year.



Book Fair Don't forget, our Christmas Book Fair will still be in school until 17th December. It's the perfect opportunity to pick up some last minute Christmas gifts whilst supporting the school!

The full book list and order form is available online by using the following link: <https://www.trinityhigh.com/download/5667/>

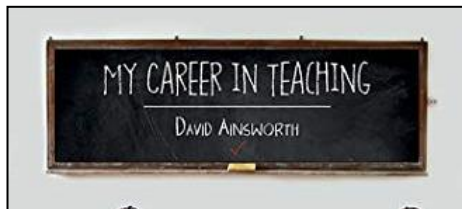


To minimise the use of cash, you can pay securely by phone **0333 305 2963** using **School ID 11906633** (ensure you record your transaction code on your order form), or you can buy Scholastic book vouchers online here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Please make sure you submit your orders to Mr Richardson.

'My Career in Teaching' Our readers may also be interested to know that the ex-headteacher of Trinity, David Ainsworth, has recently published a book entitled 'My Career in Teaching' - a highly readable autobiography which chronicles David's experiences in his 40 years as a school teacher and ultimately a school leader. It is available to purchase online or as an e-book.



Kind and Thoughtful Gift



We were recently the recipients of a very kind and thoughtful gift for our staff from a Trinity family. There was a plentiful supply of tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and chocolates, which will certainly be enjoyed by staff at a future staff meeting!

This act of kindness is a great example of how kind and thoughtful the Trinity community is to each other - a token of appreciation which is greatly appreciated by staff - thank you.

Year 11 Revision

In last week's newsletter, we reported on the mature and responsible attitudes students have shown in their mock examinations. This has been evidenced once again in some early morning revision sessions that students have taken the initiative to lead before each exam - well done to all involved!



And finally...

...I think we've had a really good first term in school. We've dealt with almost 90 cases of Covid-19 amongst students and staff but hopefully you'll agree that together we've kept disruption to an absolute minimum and where self-isolation has been necessary, remote learning has been the next best thing. Our team at school has been fantastic - well done.

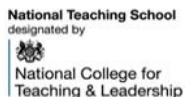
We are making the final day of term for students **THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 2020** - with a normal finish time. Students should NOT come to school on Friday, 18th December, 2020. To make up for the day that students will be missing, we will be in school on Monday, 22nd February, 2021, which was intended to be a teachers' training day (INSET day). I am in no doubt that a full day of education on that Monday in February will be educationally better for all our learners than the traditional 'half day' on Friday, 18th December, 2020. Also, as a result of this decision, our track and trace team will not have to contact anyone on Christmas Eve as a result of any contacts made in school - which can only be good news for all our families.

Our non-uniform day will therefore now be taking place on **Thursday, 17th December, 2020**, with a £1 charity donation. All proceeds from this and our Christmas Jumper Day will be split between the charities that are normally supported this half term, including Save the Children, Children in Need and the Shoebox appeal.

Other activities to look forward to include **Christmas lunches, Christmas assemblies** and our virtual '**Christmas Celebration**'. This special recording was filmed at St Ann's Church and in school and will be launched at 3.30pm on Wednesday, 16th December, 2020. We look forward to sharing it with the Trinity community.



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