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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.”



Food Technology at Home

Food Technology practicals have been taking place at home this term, and from the above photos, it looks like our families have been enjoying some very tasty meals! Our two teachers of Food Technology, Ms Uzoigwe and Ms Hanson-Gardner, shared some of the curry and chow mein dishes our Year 8s students have been cooking over the last few weeks. Our Year 7s have been making fruit crumbles, our Year 9s have made pizzas and fajitas and our Year 10s have been focusing on pies - more photos in the next edition of the newsletter!

Debate Mate

From Teacher of English and Head of House, Ms Wilson:

“A team of Year 9 students from Trinity's Debate Mate group competed in their first debating contest on Tuesday, 2nd February. They were competing against a team from Sydenham High School in London and had to adjust to the challenges of online debating. The motion was: This house would ban people who post fake news and false information on social media; our students were arguing in opposition to this proposal. They did a fantastic job, communicating their points clearly and backing them up with thoughtful evidence and examples; they also



challenged the other side with meaningful questions and rebuttals. Finally, it was announced that Team Trinity were the winners of the competition! They will now continue to refine their skills ready for the next competition round.”

Children's Mental Health Week



Last week was Children's Mental Health week and our students looked at positive strategies for improving mental health in form time. The theme this year is “Express yourself” and students have been challenged to share feelings, thoughts and ideas through creativity. You can find support for mental health and well-being on our website in the COVID-19 Information page.

Discover Materials Winter Event

Last term, Ms James' Engineering classes in Years 9 and 10 recently had the opportunity to participate in the Discover Materials Winter Event. This involved watching live online events, looking at materials under a microscope with Dr Mark Coleman, learning about the power of spider silk with Dr Chris Holland and we discovered all the materials that can be found in a mobile phone with Marty Jopson (resident scientist on BBC One's 'The One Show').

As part of the event, the students were set a challenge to think about the environmental impact of festive decorations and create a colourful festive decoration out of sustainable, reused, and recycled materials found around the house and/or garden. This was a National Competition, and we were thrilled to discover that one of our Year 9 students, Josh, was one of the winners. His paper tree design can be seen on the opposite page - well done Josh!

Paper tree (by Josh)

Materials used

- A wooden skewer
- Old documents
- Blue tack
- A rock
- Water colours

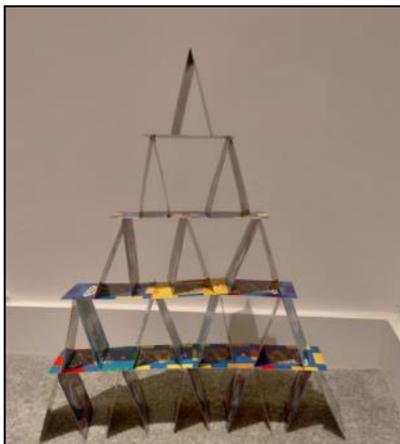


Week 3 House Challenge Winner



Our non-physical lockdown challenge winner for Week 3 is Emily, Year 7, from Maple House. Emily produced a coin pyramid made up from a range of 2p, 10p, 20p and £1 coins. A stable and well-designed tower - you really rose to the challenge Emily!

Emily's winning design, (which amounted to over £222!) can be seen on the left and some of the other brilliant submissions can be seen in the below photos.



Staff training to continue the evolution of remote learning

We all know that lessons where interactivity with the teacher is high, learning will be good. On Wednesday 10th February, all teaching staff were introduced to eight different ways to engage students 'live' in their 'remote classrooms'. Some of the training involved using apps and websites like Quizizz, Quizlet and Spiral, others focused on the interactivity that can be promoted through MS Teams, such as using



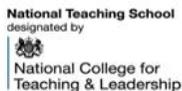
'breakout rooms' for discussion, live polling for Q&A sessions and using 'class notebook' and 'assignments' to monitor work and produce feedback.

Our keynote speaker, Dr Alnuamaani (Senior Tutor for the Sixth Form and a parent of a Trinity student in Year 9) reassured us that 'live' teaching - traditional classroom type interactions - are the lifeblood of what schooling is about - and for staff not to worry if everything doesn't work out - that's just like normal adventurous classroom teaching we expect at Trinity! We will be monitoring your feedback on the improvements we make to developing 'interactivity' in lessons via the next round of targeted parental surveys after half term.

And Finally...

...as we reach the end of the first half term of 2021, I would like to wish all our readers a restful half term break. Please remember that students return to online lessons on Monday, 22nd February - we expect to see all students in form time at 8:30am as usual on that morning. The 22nd February also heralds the government's 'roadmap' out of lockdown. I hope that that will signal that some students will begin a phased return to Trinity from March 8th - we are all hoping and praying for this!

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