



THE TRINFORMER

NEXT WEEK IS WEEK

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Heads-Up! A message from Simon Godden, Principal

Dear Parents, Pupils & Families,

Welcome back! This is the first edition of *The Trinformer* this term, which we will be publishing on a fortnightly basis. The past six months, whilst presenting a range of challenges, has also resulted in a number of positive 'unintended consequences', and birth of *The Trinformer* falls into this category. I'd like to thank families for the positive feedback received, and I'm glad it proved a useful source of information and resources during a very difficult time.

As we have returned to 'normal' (although I'm not too sure what that is anymore?) we have been blown away by the fantastic attitude of pupils, and the support you have shown from home also. The smiles of pupils and staff have rejuvenated the school community, and in many instances it is like we have never been away. Everyone has responded with great positivity, and determination, to the numerous

changes we have had to make to the operation of the school, all of which are centred in our unrelenting commitment to keep everyone safe. As this complex situation continues to change and evolve, so will we – and we will embrace any failings and challenges as an opportunity to learn and develop...just as we teach our pupils to do in the classroom.

So as we continue upon this journey together, let us take inspiration from the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice of the US Supreme Court, who passed away recently. An advocate for gender equality and civil rights, Ginsburg faced hurdle after hurdle throughout her career – yet her determination never wavered. As she said: "Waste no time on anger, regret or resentment – just get the job done"

Great start Trinity – let's continue to get the job done!

Mr Godden

"God working with us, and through us"

Hope, Compassion, Forgiveness

Verse for today:

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side of the sea.
Matthew 8:18

"Thank you for sharing our humanity that we might share your divinity"

Every time a priest prepares the bread (body) and wine (blood) for a service of Holy Communion or Eucharist, we say the above prayer as we make the sign of the cross over the wine into which we have just poured a little water. Nowadays, only the priest drinks the sip of wine and water, and goes out to the people to give them the bread, following a one-way system, just as here in school! Face-masks are worn for the sake of other people – note to self "It is not about YOU!" (Thank you Mr Godden)

The prayer then spells out the simple facts of life for Christians and impacts on how we should treat those of other faiths and none. Remember that Jesus pointed out that "even the heathen" love their families and friends. He reserved His bitter criticism for the self-appointed "Holy" spiritual leaders of the people and told them repeatedly, that they would be at the back of the queue behind all kinds of rogues and thieves before they made it to heaven!

Thank you – our lives are a gift from a prodigal God who has made us in their own image. As Christians, we believe that Jesus was sent by His Father to share our humanity – this includes all humankind not just your own little group, in your own little corner of the planet. This means the astonishing fact that God wants us to join in and share His blessings with us all whoever we are, wherever we are. As Martin Luther King described it in his Dream...where people "Will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character".

Countless stories and images throughout the whole Bible support this view. In addition, we must never forget that not even Jesus claimed equality with God, referring to Himself constantly as The Son of Man and that He was simply following His Father's wishes by coming that we all may have life in its fullness.

This means that here at Trinity School we work together to be the best that we can be with God working with us and through us. Watch this powerful video for some ideas:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzFNK-FitHjw>



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020

We look forward to celebrating BHM next week. The team have planned a range of activities that will continue throughout the month. Donations for the non-uniform day on Friday will go to The House of Luhuvilo and The Stephen Lawrence Trust.

The Calendar

Normally the school would publish the full school calendar in advance ensuring that parents have the opportunity to see what's on the horizon.

We are sure you can acknowledge that this is no longer possible or sensible for us to do so.

We'll update you on a fortnightly basis of what's coming up and please remember that email is now our method of communication so we are able to ensure information reaches you quickly.

Mon 5th October: **Year 7 Settling-in:** Questionnaire and Interim Report via email

Thu 8th October: **Year 11 Data Collection 1:** Interim Report via email

Sat 10th October: **Open Day:** No pupils on site

Mon 12th October: **School Closed:** Staff Training Day: No pupils on site

Wed 21st October: **Year 11 Key Stage 5 II:** Directly after school with Year 11 pupils only. No parents or external applicants are able to be on the school site

ClassCharts & Google

ClassCharts is the way pupils collect their homework online. Teachers save the homework to this location so pupils are able to manage their time.

You can reach ClassCharts via the school's website and all pupils and parents have their own direct login.

Many subjects also use Google Classroom where detailed resources can be attached and work can be submitted and marked online. Pupils will have been invited and/or issued codes to access their 'classrooms'.

It is essential that pupils have logged in (and parents you have checked they have logged in!). For more help contact reception or the pastoral team.

Jack Petchey Awards

A massive congratulations to our first Jack Petchey award winner this academic year.

Ellis Whitefield in Year 8 has spent much of the summer and weekends supporting others at a food bank in the local area. This would normally be a challenge in itself but is even more daunting now.

This selfless act demonstrates Ellis' care and support for others in need. We couldn't be more proud of him and his actions; living the Trinity values.

As part of the award he receives £200 to spend in area of the school. We look forward to see how he wishes to use this prize!

Over to... Science

Trinity School – Wildlife Haven

We are truly blessed with the beautiful natural surroundings that make up our school site. From the ski slope and the trees and rhododendron bushes at the bottom up through the Spiritual Garden with that magnificent 300 year old oak tree and out to the neighbouring Franks Park, which is an ancient mature woodland.

If you look closely, you will notice lots of animals and birds that live amongst us or are visiting from the woods.

We have all seen the many squirrels that run about, scampering up trees and searching for acorns. We have heard the screeching of the parakeets that have taken up residence in the old water tower and seen the flashes of bright green as they fly about. There are lots of different birds including robins, to be heard singing, particularly in the morning. Many may have caught sight of the foxes walking through, especially when it's quiet at the end of the day.

This autumn, we have had some special visitors putting in an appearance.

Earlier in the term, Mr Holloway saw a weasel in the Spiritual Garden. Weasels are small but voracious, eating their own body weight every single day, in small mammals such as mice and voles. It was a real treat to see one as they are quite elusive and don't

usually venture out into the open. Whilst on duty on the lower path, Ms Worden saw a buzzard soaring high above, spiralling over the school before flying off towards the woodland. Buzzards are the most common bird of prey in the UK, hunting small mammals and birds as well as eating any carrion (dead animals) that they come across. They have a wingspan of 113-128cm across.

A week ago, Mr Morse came across a hedgehog on the path behind the IT cabin. It was injured and so was carefully put in a box and taken to a wildlife sanctuary. I have never seen an actual living hedgehog, so was very excited to take a peek into the box. Hedgehogs are preparing for hibernation at this time of year, stocking up on their diet of insects, frogs, worms and sometimes even snakes. We wish the Trinity hedgehog a speedy recovery!

So, take a moment to appreciate your surroundings and keep your eyes open for other new additions to our school community!

Mrs Rawlings



THE LIBRARY

It has been a very unusual time for everyone not least of all for the library. Pupils are restricted in their access and opportunity to browse for books at the moment, but we are determined that they will still have access! So we have enabled students to access the library catalogue from home, and with their usernames and password they can now reserve books online which they can collect on their allotted days or during their library lessons. If anyone has any questions, or can't remember their log in details, you can email the library at library@trinity.bexley.sch.uk

Access the library catalogue [here](#). Enjoy exploring! As, has become tradition in the library, we began the term with our Roald Dahl quiz, to celebrate one of the nations most loved children's authors birthday. Unfortunately, only year 7's could take part this year, but I don't think they minded!

We all had lots of fun, and our winning team and prize draw winners were over the moon with their prizes. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our winners. The winning team: Troy Hubbard, Nigel Ansah, Russell Ziolek and Armaan Sanghera all received a Wonka Bar each!

The prize draw winner, Peri-Rose Marmara received a copy of a Roald Dahl book too!

I hope you all enjoyed your prizes, and are looking forward to the next quiz. Happy Reading!!

Sixth Form Sign Off...

Introduction of the student leadership team

On behalf of the student leadership team, we welcome you all back from an extremely long summer holiday. We hope that this time was spent wisely but due to the circumstances we also understand that it has been a very difficult year.

This year your student leadership team consists of two head students - Madeline Thomas and Rachel Johnson and your deputy heads - Bethany Matthews and Daniel Brdarski. Also joining us on the slt are the prefects: Tabitha Sanders, Erin Godbold, Tracy Ikoza, Vanessa Adewumi, Daisy-Mae Greatorex, Lillie Turner, Lily Bain, Ellie Clifton and Ivy Showers. We want to start this year off positively and try and keep spirits up despite the new regulations that have been put in place which we are all adjusting to. This year the SLT's main aim is to focus on mental health because we are aware that during lockdown many students have faced difficulties with re-arranging their school routine. Welcome also to our new year 7s and also year 12s who are new to our school community. We acknowledge that new starts can be difficult especially during a global pandemic but one of the Trinity values is compassion, and we are proud to say that as students we uphold this. Good luck for the rest of the year!

Madeline Thomas and Rachel Johnson

Time to REFLECT

**Rights Respecting School:
Bronze Committed
International Right To Know Day
Date: 28th September**

What is it: The aim of Right to Know Day is to raise awareness of every individual's right of access to government-held information: the right to know how elected officials are exercising power and how taxpayers' money is being spent.

**Rights Link:
Article 17: Access to information
from the media**



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Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Awards Roll Call: up to 1st October 2020

Over the last two weeks Mr Godden has been issuing the Silver and Gold badges to those who achieved them through lockdown last academic year.

It has been a great start back with over 6500 points awarded already.

Polly-Anne Horsewell, Ellis Whitefield and Alex Bderski have already achieved their Bronze Certificate this term. That's an outstanding start. Well done.

Pupils who have already reached 15 positive points

Year 7: Sasha D'Souza, Vincent Richards, Gagandeep Thumber, Zowie Dillaway, Luke Phelps, Seynabou Bathily, Maddison Burley, Yasmin Bryant, Isabelle White and Christina Forson-Nketsia

Year 8: Matas Romanovicus, Rachel McGrory, Julia Patyk, Libby Hayward, Eleonora Kuzmane, Shayla Henderson, Agamjot Sekhon, Lily Bradbury, Kye Uzoma, Betsie Hughes-Martin, Grace Olawale,

Arman Sibekono, Grace Moscrop and Grace Beazley-Long

Year 9: Aisha Birsu, Blessing Koubemba, Stephanie Segun, Halle Henry, Lucia Duque Martinez, Tiffany Shoroye, Penny Dewar, Zachary O'Leary, Peter Thompson, Kamalraj Mathiyalakan, Josua Stevens, Deborah Akraasi and Grace Ogunje

Year 10: Gisele Ayo, Ryan Le, Murphy Hazzan and Titi Kuye

Year 11: Sarah Usman and Tami Adekunle