



# THE TRINFORMER

Returning to Reality

WE RETURN ON WEEK

1

Edition No. 20: Friday 18th December 2020

## Heads-Up!

A message from the Chairman of Governors The Revd Canon David Herbert

Dear Parents, Pupils & Families,

Thank you! A massive thank you!

I have been asked to contribute a message for this final Trinformer of the term, and having thought long about this I find that "thank you" is above all what I want to say. I want to say thank you to our premises, cleaning and catering staff for the cheerful way they have coped with all the extra tasks laid upon them. Thank you to all the teaching, clerical and support staff who have been inventive and creative in keeping the school and our learning going in spite of all the problems. Thank you to Mr Godden and the senior leadership team in guiding the school through the many new challenges that our current situation have created. Thank you to the Trinitas central staff for everything that they have done to assist all of the Trust's schools to respond so well in unprecedented situations. But above all, I want to thank the students of Trinity and their parents and carers for the magnificent way they have played their part in helping to keep Trinity School going as a place of safety, learning and fellowship in troubled times.

We are not out of the woods yet. With new vaccines the situation is looking more positive for the future, but it will take time for immunity from the virus to be built up, and the process requires entirely new systems to be established to enable mass vaccination to take place. And so, please take care and keep on observing the often irritating rules that we are being urged to follow. It won't last for ever.

The message of Christmas has been around for some 2,000 years, and quite a number of those years have seen difficulties, problems and tragedies just as great as those we face this year. But the message that the Prince of Peace has been born among us, to save us and set us free is just the same and just as marvellous this year as in all the past years. Enjoy your Christmas, value your families and friends, spread a little love around; and come back safe and well in the New Year.

God bless you all,

Father David

## "Christmas Greetings from the Chapel"

Hope, Compassion, Forgiveness

"People of God: awake!  
The day is coming soon  
when you shall see God face to face.  
Remember the ways and works of God.  
God calls you out of darkness  
to walk in the light of his coming.  
You are God's children"

Lord, make us one as we walk with  
Christ today and forever.  
Amen.

Above is a prayer that the Diocese of Rochester suggests that we use for this coming Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday of Advent. This is when we traditionally think about Mary, the mother of Jesus. In our Acts of Worship this last week of term, we have pre-empted this and used 'The Magnificat' or song of Mary as our reading to inspire us, as we reach the end of this tumultuous year!

It has been a year like no other and we could all be forgiven for wanting to see the back of it. However, as there seems no end in sight; even though we have the welcome news of the availability of a vaccine – we will all need all our strength and courage to deal with what is to come in the future.

Trinity School Christian values of Hope, Compassion and Forgiveness will be needed to see us through. This last term we have focused on God the Father and the value of Hope. Spring will see us focus more on God, the Son, Jesus and the value of Compassion. Rest assured that everybody here at Trinity, is totally committed to ensuring that all our family members, pupils, parent and carers and staff of all kinds all work together towards all of us being the best that we can be. We remember that God is working with us and through us. We are all being called out of darkness and into a glorious light that can never be overcome. It might help us to think about it was the ordinary people who reacted most positively to Jesus. Even though he was 'long expected', the religious leaders and the holy people were the last to recognise him! We can apply this to our own day and rejoice that God created each and every one of us in God's own image and loves us unconditionally...sometimes our spiritual and temporal leaders need a bit of a wake-up call to this as they seek to Lord it over us lesser mortals!

Returning to Mary...women doing extraordinary things before 'The Lord' was not new in Jewish tradition! Remind me to tell you about the judge Deborah and the blacksmiths wife Jael, and what the latter did to an enemy of Israel with a tent peg and a mallet. Plus, Judith and another true bad guy, Holofernes...it will help put Mary's meekness into perspective and the true courage that she needed to withstand the societal pressures of the day, for saying "Yes" to God..."Behold the handmaid of the Lord" takes on a whole new meaning!

Happy Christmas Blessings to you all.

Rev Ali S. J. Healy



## Some shout outs...

Congratulations to all pupils who have received their bronze and silver certificates during the acts of worship this week. Those who achieved silver, wear your badge with pride and go for gold. Those with bronze continue to strive for silver.



## The Calendar

A letter giving details of the start of the Spring Term will be sent via School Comms.

Year 7 pupils are reminded that the timetable changes they received during the final week of term come into effect from the first day back.

## Online Safety

Dear Parents/Carers,  
The links below are very useful, offering advice on how to protect your child online over the Christmas period. This is particularly important at this time of year for any children receiving new technology.  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>



## Wellbeing

### "Christmas is a time for giving"

This doesn't just mean giving presents! There are lots of ways that you can give to others that can mean just as much, if not more. Giving will also make you feel good too!

**You can give your time**, maybe help around the house without being asked or offer to help a neighbour.

**You can give your kindness**, really listen to what people are saying to you, especially when they may be struggling to cope.

**You can give to charity**, it doesn't have to be much, it doesn't even have to be money. Clear out some of your old stuff and donate it to a charity shop.

**You can give your friendship**, be there for those around you, share laughter and joy.

**You can give your smile**, simple as it sounds, one smile can make all the difference to someone's day.

So, during this festive season, think about what you can give rather than what you are getting.



## Over to... Performing Arts

History is being written as we navigate our way through this national pandemic. The impact that the Coronavirus is having globally is astonishing and deeply troubling for the Performing Arts. However, hope is on its way! There is no such thing as 'normal life' anymore. We are defining a new kind of way to live and to be in the world. We could not let all the wonderful things that have taken place in the Performing Arts department so far this year go unnoticed or uncelebrated.

Miss Lockwood would like to mention that in Dance this term Year 7 have been exploring African dance and creating their own dance pieces. The students have worked incredibly well and have produced some great work. Year 9 started this term creating their own political speeches. Students had to write and perform their own 'I have a dream' speech based on a topic that they felt passionate about. Topics that were spoken about included racism, gender equality, bullying, animal cruelty and Covid-19. Students wrote and performed with passion and maturity and the final speeches were outstanding! Keep up the great work Year 9 Performing Arts!

In Music, students in different years have been learning about Blues music, Baroque, Reggae, Beethoven's music and exploring music in films. It has been wonderful for students to continue practical lessons and perform to each other in class. It is so sad that we couldn't arrange to watch a traditional Pantomime this year however, Yr8 have been rehearsing in groups their own version of Cinderella, the Pantomime in Drama. It's been great fun!

At Trinity, we are all passionate about performance life and we strive to explore a variety of styles and a range of technical skills in order to produce the best possible performance or piece we can. As this term draws to a close with the beautiful and reflective season of Advent, we embrace the spirit of preparing for Christmas which would normally involve extensive Christmas Services and our Music concert. However, our final day of term will have some short small performances from Yr10.

As we head home for the holidays we take with us the value and importance of family spirit and we give thanks for who we are, what we have, for our education and for being blessed that we are members of a very special school community. I wish all our students and their families every blessing this Christmas time.

Miss Rogers and Miss Lockwood

Some Christmas quizzers and Mr Emmett's book Christmas tree



## THE LIBRARY

Reading is known to have many benefits.

'With imagination and reading, the world is your oyster': Chris Ryan on encouraging children to enjoy books. Read the full article <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/november/with-imagination-and-reading-the-world-is-your-oyster-chris-ryan-on-encouraging-children-to-enjoy-books/>

Christmas Card Making with Year 7



The Library Christmas quizzes on Monday 14th Dec (Yr8) and Tuesday 15th December (Yr7) were well attended and lots of fun was had by all!

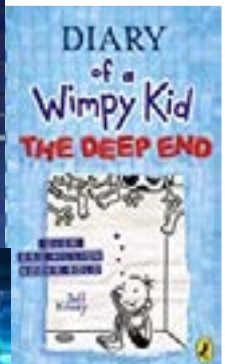
The winners of the Year 8 quiz were: Grace 8P; Johanna 8G and Chloe 8P. Well done girls! The Prize draw winner was Rachel 8O.

The Year 7 Quiz was very close with 3 tables looking to have the same scores. After several recounts, the winners are... Medha 7B, Priya 7O and Simi 7P and in joint 2nd place were Ameira 7B, Kristopha 7O, Aaron 7O and Olivia 7P, Lucy 7O, Grace 7G and Izabella 7O. The Year 7 prize draw winner was Amelia 7R. Well done everyone! Enjoy your prizes!

Happy Christmas!  
and Happy Reading!!



Library  
Advent Calendar  
Revealed this week...



Available to  
borrow,  
or reserve  
now!

## Time to REFLECT



Rights  
Respecting  
School:  
Bronze  
Committed

Rights Link  
Article 26:  
Social  
Security



## International Human Solidarity Day

Date: 20th December

What is it?

In 2005, the General Assembly of the United Nations identified solidarity as one of the fundamental values that should underlie international relations in the 21st century.

## Virtual Awards Roll Call: Pupils who have gained 5 or more positive points and no negatives 4th to 17th December

### Year 7

Seynabou Bathily, Boyd Bragger, Lucy Brown, David Ersoy, Jessica Myatt, Luke Phelps, Riley Rackley-Cloke, Vincent Richards, Callum Sekhon, Oliver Smith, Gagandeep Thumber, Emily Young.

### Year 8

Adeolu Adebayo, Curtis Akoto-Darko, Tracy, Arowolo Alawe, Ela Atma, Rayyan Awan, Grace Beazley-Long, Georgia Brade, Alex Brdarski, Johanna Burrell, Jaap Chatrath, Alfredo Chavez Ramirez, George Clark,

Temitope Daniel, Shayla Henderson, Nedyalko Hristozov, Thella Jobarteh, Michael Lopes, Wisdom Olawale, Harman Panesar, Rebecca Pearce, Ieva Roga, Maya Saggi, Agamjot Sekhon, Armand Sibekono, Milan Sodhi, Ahmad Tajali, Chloe Tooze, Xela Trejos Mantinan, Samuel Virissimo Carty, Lacey Walford, Ellis Whitefield.

### Year 9

Deborah Akrasi, Molly Askins, Evelina Babalean, Louie Belsham, Penny Dewar, Safa Hor, Ashley Hubbard, Sean Johnson,

Keisha Lincoln, Finn Loryman, Grace Ogunje, Tawanna Orhevba, Adeyimika Paul-Taiwo, Stephenie Segun, Elikplim Seshie, Peter Thompson, Chloe Ward.

### Year 10

Roheemot Abimbola, Sekinat Abimbola, Gisele Ayo, Malachai Gwazai, Jayden McFarlane, Callum Shaw, Michael Ziolek.

### Year 11

Emmanuella Boakye, Katie Lewis, Kyra Idel Lima, Gift Okeh, Olivia Olsen.