



# SUMMER NEWS

## TOLMERS 2019

Tolmers unlocked many new opportunities and challenges, not only for Year 7-8 but also for the Sixth Form team. In fact some may say it was a greater challenge for the Sixth Form! However as a team we all rose to the occasion and learnt to depend on each other. This allowed for new friendships to blossom and existing ones to thrive. We created a community where we were all prepared to help each other which really reflected our school values. The experience was very rewarding; however it did come with its ups and downs. Alongside my partner, I had to lead a group having not had very much sleep. This meant I had to put my emotions aside to ensure that my group had the best week possible. It was hard, but definitely worth it when I saw the smiles on their faces. We participated in a range of activities such as; white water rafting, rock climbing, storytelling and many more. Personally, storytelling was my favourite activity because I really got to see my group come together and work as a team, made my job very easy! Every morning after breakfast, a member of the Sixth Form team would lead an Act of Worship. This allowed us to stay true to our values as it encouraged us to show love and compassion towards each other. This was then followed up by the cleaning. I felt that this was an important aspect of the week because it reminded us that although we were having fun and facing new fears that we still needed to help others. The trip was an amazing learning experience for me, where I learnt skills that I will keep for a lifetime.  
*Skye Broadfoot – Year 12*

Tolmers was overall a great experience for all of us. White Water Rafting was the best activity for everyone in our group. It was very eventful and fun and our Sixth Form leaders made the experience ten times better. The caterers there were a ten out of ten and were providing us with delicious food and seconds! The Wasps were the best group, they had great communication and lots of fun, whilst staying disciplined. The talent show was a great addition for people to show people what they can



do and practise their talents. There were also activities in the evening for example the campfire. The pupils in Year 8 and their Sixth Form leaders also had a 'slip and slide', whilst the Year 7 groups had a mini sports day. In the mornings, there would be an assembly, similar to school mornings, these assemblies were led by Sixth Form leaders and we found them enjoyable. We had a great week!

*Pupils who attended Tolmers from 8AC2 English.*

## GEOGRAPHY NEWS

### CAMBER SANDS

"The trip to Camber and Rye was one of the best trips so far. My favourite part in Camber was exploring the beach, climbing the dunes and having fun with my friends. My favourite part of being in the Medieval Cinque Port of Rye was looking around the cobbled streets, climbing St. Mary's Tower and solving the murder mystery. This was a great trip and I would like to go again."  
*Molly Fitzgibbon Year 7*

A special thank you to our Year 12 helpers from Travel and Tourism and Geography this year who not only helped to chaperone the pupils and support them in their observations but also took video diaries to help us capture the sense of place.

### SATELLIFE COMPETITION

The geography department were delighted to send a number of entries to the national SatelLife competition run by the U.K. Space Agency. Pupils were required to design an App which uses satellites to help improve people's life on Earth. Entries were sent from Leo Paddington, Elvis Ekeh, Mateo Mantinan, Salmo Monko, Ryan Roice, Austeja Siksnyte, Eliza Mercer, Amanpreet Kaur, Katie Pearce, Neve Thomas and Caroline Roice. However a special congratulation goes to Sean Keogh who received a runner-up certificate, as the judges particularly liked his 'Animal Vision' app designed for people to track endangered animals they might sponsor and to be up-dated on their welfare through contact with rangers.



### TONBRIDGE & EASTBOURNE TRIP

"I enjoyed visiting the Seven Sisters Country Park by the seaside. The seaside was brilliant as we were able to eat by the sea and skim a few rocks. The meanders were spectacular. I also found the tour of the Earthship in Brighton very interesting."  
*Hannah Scotter Year 10*

"I loved the visit to the Earthship where I learnt about sustainable living. We also learnt how to make fire using flint and steel! "  
*Abbie Boden Year 10*

"We found it fascinating that people were comfortable to live in such a rural area, where the houses had been built on grounds which were dramatically affected by erosion."  
*Victoria Adebo and Agbolade Amusa Year 10*



### BTEC PUBLIC SERVICES

"As part of a very successful year of learning, 6th Form BTEC Public Service students were privileged to visit our local Fire Station and develop their team work skills further with a scenario to debate followed by an opportunity to work with the hose and cutting equipment."





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## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### SUMMER SHOWCASE

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Trinity School hall was abuzz with music, dancing, acting and poetry. It was our annual Summer Showcase, which gives pupils the opportunity to perform to their family and friends and for them to see what we have been working on within school. The evening was a tremendous success and it was lovely to see all pupils get on the stage and perform with confidence and commitment. We are very lucky to have such talented pupils here at Trinity.

### LONDON COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, London College of Performing Arts held an interactive workshop with Year 10 drama and dance pupils. In dance, pupils developed their choreography skills and learnt new movements. In drama pupils worked on developing their devising skills with their peers.

Finally, a huge thank you to parents, pupils and staff for your continued support allowing Trinity pupils to flourish

*Mrs Lockwood – Teacher in Charge Of Dance and Drama*

### TRINITY SCHOOL MUSICAL DECEMBER 2019

Auditions for the show are Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Come along to Room 101 after school; there is not much to remember. Audition song will be 'Horton Hears a Who' A script you'll be given, wow us with what you can do! If you have, any questions find member of the Performing Arts team Miss Edwards, Mrs Lockwood, Mr Cattell or Mr McGee.



## LIBRARY NEWS

It has been another very busy term in the library. We have celebrated **Empathy Day** with a brand new collection of Empathy Boosting books, purchased (mostly) from the Jack Petchey money dedicated to library by Jamie-Lee Brown. Thank you Jamie! I hope you all find a book to enjoy.

Mental Health Awareness Week has become an important time for the library, as we want to help raise awareness of the issue that affect pupils. Did you know that 50% of mental health problems are established by the age of 14 and 75% by the age of 24? That is why it is so important to help promote good mental health. This year's theme was Body Image, which can be a big issue for teenagers. Books are a useful tool to support pupils, and help to create better understanding and awareness of issues that may be affecting them or their friends.

### INDUCTION DAYS

These days are very busy for the library as I meet all the new pupils during a library induction lesson. This year we played the alphabet game with some of the groups, which was lots of fun! I am looking forward to getting to know them all much better in September, and seeing what books they have been reading over the summer holidays. It was great to see that many of the new pupils are keen readers, almost 100 of them have borrowed a book to read over the summer holidays.

### ORIGAMI CLUB

Origami Club has been very successful this year, thanks to the hard work and preparation put into each week's session by Emilia, whose contributions have been outstanding. Her leadership, planning and preparation of interesting, well thought out and timely activities, and support for the pupils has meant that each week pupils have been able to enjoy a fun session whilst practising the art of origami. This week pupils said goodbye to Emilia who is stepping down from running the club to concentrate on her studies. Next year Origami Club will be run by Jala Brooks-Roger, who has said that she has "*some very big shoes to fill*", but we have every confidence that she will be bringing her own style of fun and leadership to the group, and we hope that she will enjoy running Origami Club as much as Emilia has. In her own words.

*"Thank you so much for coming to Origami Club, we have really enjoyed you coming. Without you, Origami Club would never have been so fun! I am grateful for your presence in Origami Club over the last 2 years and have had absolutely the best times with you all. You are all the most amazing people! Thank you so much for coming and have a lovely summer holiday!"* from Emilia X

Over the last few weeks, Origami Club have been working on building an Ark for their origami animals they have been making. Take a look at the photos, but if you want to see the real thing, the Ark is on display in the Library. What clever little bees they all are! It has been a real pleasure watching the group develop and enjoying themselves so much and to participate in some of the activities too! Well done everyone!



### LEGO CLUB

We were very fortunate in being donated a Harry Potter Hogwarts set earlier this year, and many pupils have been helping to put it together. It looks fantastic! Well done all!



### SUMMER READING

Don't forget to sign up for the reading pledge this summer!

*I will read every day because I love my brain!  
I will read every night before I sleep  
I will feel proud every time I read, because reading grows my brain and stretches my mind.*

### STAR READER

This year there is one pupil who stands out with the number of books he has read and book reviews he has written. **Ethan Muyaba, 80** has borrowed 117 books this year and 244 books in the last 2 years written 59 book reviews since September and is the only pupil in KS3 to have achieved Mastered Reader this year. Congratulations Ethan, well done, and Happy Reading!

### YEAR 7 TOP READERS

Teniola Odunuga 7R, borrowed 90 books  
Oluwatamilore Dotun-Oladeji 7B, borrowed 77 books  
Armandas Kostkevicius 7O, borrowed 58 books  
Ariana Ramzan has written the most book reviews in Year 7 (5 in total) *contd.....*



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## YEAR 8 TOP READERS

Starry-Josh Mustapha 8O, borrowed 85 books  
Jamie Lee-Brown 8R, has read 70 books and written the most book reviews in Year 8, after Ethan, that is! (7 in total)  
Oluwatofunmi Oyegbola 8G, borrowed 50 books

## YEAR 9 TOP READERS

Joel Iyangbe-Idiaghe 9P, borrowed 34 books  
Kellan Chu 9R, borrowed 33 books  
Jessica Dickson-Sabestine 9O, borrowed 31 books

Mine Muslu-Richards has written the most book reviews in Year 9 (6 in total)

## YEAR 10 TOP READERS

Owen Muyaba 10G, borrowed 30 books  
Mitva Bhavsar 10R, borrowed 29 books  
Skye Robertson 10Y, borrowed 29 books

The English class that wrote the most books reviews this year was 8BC3, with 89 thanks to Ethan's efforts, followed by 8A2 with 64 book reviews and then 8B1 with 42.  
7A2 wrote the most book reviews in year 7 with 50, followed by 7B2 with 31.

## 'EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO..

The new Waterstones Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell is full of exciting plans and wants EVERY child to read for fun and get something out of books. Here, she shares her Children's Laureate Charter with you all. Cressida Cowell is the number one bestselling author-illustrator of the [How to Train Your Dragon](#) and [The Wizards of Once](#) book series, and the author of the Emily Brown picture books, illustrated by Neal Layton. She has sold over 11 million books worldwide in 38 languages. As [Waterstones Children's Laureate](#), she's championing children's books and get even more kids reading. Read the Charter, know your Reading Rights. For more information about the role of the Children's Laureate and Cressida Cowell check out the Booktrust website <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/> or the Waterstones website <https://www.waterstones.com/waterstones-childrens-laureate> or #childrenslaureate

## OVERDUE BOOK AMNESTY

This is a plea to everyone who has an overdue Library book at home. Please would you have a look for your book/s over the summer holidays and return them to the Library in September. Wishing you all a very relaxing Summer, and may the sun keep shining. I hope you get to enjoy a good book or two, Happy Reading!  
P.S. Are you a *Horrible Histories* fan? Did you know that there is a brand new movie due to be released next week, 26th July, *The Rotten Romans*! With an all star cast including Nick Frost, Derek Jacobi, Kim Cattrall and Rupert Graves, you won't want to miss it!

## MFL NEWS

On the 21st June, 28 Year 7 and 8 French students went to France for the day. Here is an account by Evelina and Ben in Year 7.

*Our trip to France was a great experience. We had a really fun time and we did many great things. First we woke up really early and got on the coach and we drove to the coast and got on the Eurotunnel and arrived in France, later arriving at Boulogne-sur-mer. We went to a bakery and made our own crepes, which were delicious and the owner also made us an amazing piece of marzipan, especially for us. Then we walked into town and got to walk around and buy things from the shops using our French and have lunch. Then we walked to a sweet factory called Bec à suc and we saw how sweets are made and it was really nice. We learnt new things and everything about the trip we enjoyed thoroughly. It was nice to see how a different culture do things.*



## WELLBEING

### TRINITY WELLBEING

We have been doing various assemblies and activities to increase awareness about our own wellbeing and also looking out for the wellbeing of others.

### FEELING HUSKY

Throughout the year, a total of 60 pupils have been selected to go to Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation to get some unconditional love from the huskies. Interacting with animals and nature is proven to improve emotional health, mood and reduce stress.

Noah, Alfie and Nebraska



## BE AWARE!

Some Year 9 PSHE classes have been involved in a scientific study about mental health with The Anna Freud Foundation and University of Manchester.

## TRINITY WELLBEING AMBASSADORS

Seven Year 10s and six Year 12s have been trained in mental health awareness and will be working with other year groups from September. The Year 10 Ambassadors delivered sessions about wellbeing and the transition to secondary school, to Year 6 pupils from across Bexley Borough as part of the Bexley Junior Citizen project. Caroline and Lilly talking about emotional resilience

## NEED TO TALK? IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK!

Do not forget you can email [speakeasy@trinity.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:speakeasy@trinity.bexley.sch.uk) for confidential advice or to share your ideas. We have already provided extra support to those who need it and implemented several pupil suggestions, which have improved the school environment. There is also The Space on Tuesdays in Rm 103, a place to just come and be!



## JACK PETCHEY

Huge congratulations to all our Jack Petchey Foundation winners for this academic year. Each award is given for pupils who go above and beyond, not just in their studies but often in the wider community, too. Winners are awarded a grant of £250, which is spent in an area of development within the school of the recipient's choosing. All of our award winners celebrated their achievements at the recent Bexley celebration event at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, where Mrs Ware, our Young Leader award winner, collected her framed certificate for her dedication to the school's geographers and the numerous experience she provides to them outside of the classroom on trips and residential visits.

Mr Cattell





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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF TERM:

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

#### Wednesday, 4th September

School closed for staff training

#### Thursday, 5th September

School begins for pupils

Y7 9am, Y8-11 11am

Y12 course sign-up 9.30am

Y13 course sign-up 10.30am

#### Friday, 6th September

All pupils attend at the usual time (Y12 study skills)

Week beginning **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** will be **Week 2**

## PUPIL HANDBOOK

After considering feedback from parents and pupils, pupil handbooks will not be issued next academic year. KS3 pupils will be given a small notebook to put their timetable in, which may also be used for communication between home and school regarding absence, detentions etc..

## UNIFORM SALES

Uniform must be ordered online and will be available to collect from 10am to 12noon Monday to Friday from 22nd July to 19th August.

## HEADS OF YEAR 2019/20

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| KS3 Co-ordinator | Mrs McMahon   |
| Head of Year 7   | Miss Jones    |
| Head of Year 8   | Mrs Lockwood  |
| Head of Year 9   | Mr Holloway   |
| Head of Year 10  | Miss Pollitt  |
| Head of Year 11  | Miss Lorraine |
| Head of 6th Form | Miss Patten   |

## MOBILE PHONES

Parents and pupils are reminded that mobile phones may be brought to school but must be **TURNED OFF** and remain out of sight at all times on the school premises. Staff may confiscate phones if they are seen, and a parent will be required to collect the phone.

## SAFEGUARDING

Our Designated Teacher in charge of Safeguarding (CPO1) is Mr Heimsath. The Deputy DT is Mrs Frawley (CPO2). Miss Pollitt is CPO3 and Mrs McMahon is CPO4. If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of a child, please contact any of them.

## ABSENCE

YEAR 7-11 If your child is absent please call the absence line on 01322 463041. You will need to state why they will not be in and to give medical evidence if they are off for 3 days or more.

The Sixth Form have their own dedicated line which is 01322 463044. Please also use these lines if your child is going to be late for any reason.

## ATTENDANCE

### ATTENDANCE 2018-2019

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| 7Y  | 97.6%  |
| 8R  | 98.0%  |
| 9O  | 96.5%  |
| 10R | 97.1 % |

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TUTOR GROUPS!