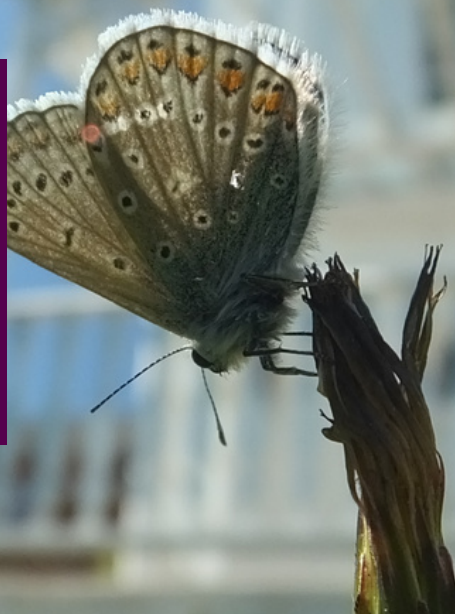


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Headmaster's Message

BY MR ROBINSON

There are always a few good things to watch on television over the Christmas holidays. Possibly, most striking of them all and one you may have heard of, was the phenomenon, "Mr Bates v The Post Office" which reached audiences of 10.32 million on the final night of its four part run. It dramatized the story of a group of sub-postmasters and mistresses falsely accused of stealing money from the Post Office. The initial fault was with Horizon, a digital accounting system which wrongly said Post Office branches had cash shortfalls. Overall, 3,500 branch owner-operators were wrongly accused and more than 900 prosecuted, with many of these jailed and ruined. Some suffered significant ill health, local ostracism and family breakup, and in a handful of cases, suicide. The drama has had a significant impact, with the Post Office being criticised by politicians and across the media. Less than a week after the final episode was aired, on 10 January 2024, Rishi Sunak, the Prime Minister announced an unprecedented plan to pass a law that would overturn the convictions of all those accused over Horizon-related fraud.

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It is far from the first time a docudrama has caught public attention and put politicians under pressure to act. I first came across Cathy Come Home, Ken Loach's BBC television play about homelessness when I was taking a British Film Institute course to develop my skill in analysing the moving image as history source material. The drama was first broadcast in 1966 and sparked a huge public reaction which led to government interest, parliamentary debate and increased support for charities like Crisis and Shelter. There have been many others, like Jimmy McGovern's drama, "Hillsborough", about the fight for justice by the families of 97 Liverpool fans killed during the Sheffield Wednesday stadium crush in 1989 and "Three Girls" aired on BBC One in 2017 that was based on the true stories of the 2012 Rochdale Grooming case and stimulated the government to pass more stringent legislation.

So we have the power of drama very well demonstrated for those who ever wonder what its use is and it doesn't always have to be powerful social drama. If we look at why America elected its first Black President, a personal hero of mine, Barak Obama, alongside the many political reasons, I would suggest that Hollywood movies played a part. Mainstream movies like Deep Impact, The Fifth Element, "2012" released in 2009, portrayed The President as Black. Americans got used to the idea of the possibility of a Black President and proved the great Black politician, Jesse Jackson wrong in his belief that it would not happen in his life time by electing Obama.

At first I have to admit I was a little irritated by the reaction to "Mr Bates v The Post Office", agreeing that it was good to see a drama having such an impact but questioning why the public does not pay more attention to news and documentary. I had listened, back in 2020, to Nick Wallis's in depth Radio 4 documentary series on the subject, called The Great Post Office Trial but even so, I was late to this story that has been running since 1999. Therefore, on second thoughts, I was less irritated, these two mediums, rather than working in competition, often complement each other. So often, these types of dramas are inspired by stories painstakingly researched over years by journalists. Indeed the drama was produced by a company who also made a television documentary on the Post Office scandal and dramas can do something that a documentary and a newspaper article cannot, they can bring to life the true emotional impact on people, turning facts into the narratives we understand at a deeply human level.

We need our Scientists and Mathematicians but we also very much need our actors, dramatists and journalists, and dare I say it, our politicians. We need our education system to produce well rounded people, moral and with integrity, who are willing to take on these roles in society. This is the challenge I put to teachers and senior school pupils in our Friday morning assembly this week.

Empower yourselves with a good
education, then get out there and
use that education to build a country
worthy of your boundless promise.

Michelle Obama



BOARDING LIFE

Last weekend the boarders enjoyed going to an indoor climbing centre with Mr Milsom, baking yummy chocolate-fudge cupcakes and playing games to introduce themselves and their competitive spirits! Great fun was had by all!



TALES FROM T2

Year 7 are studying Medieval England. We have assessed the impact of The Battle of Hastings and examined how William I responded to the problems he then faced. We are now looking at how William I conquered and then controlled England after 1066. We are currently focusing on the design and role of Motte and Bailey castles. Pupils had a homework task to research and then draw, write about, build or design one of their own. The results are superb. Fantastic models of various designs, sizes and materials as well as excellent drawings, descriptions. Several Minecraft designs and videos have also been brilliant. We are now sharing all of our expertise learned so far with Prep 2 and teaching them a lesson on this topic. The Year 12 History Ambassadors are assisting in the lesson. Well done Year 7 historians!

"It is wonderful to see students from across our Trinity community sharing what they have learnt with one another"



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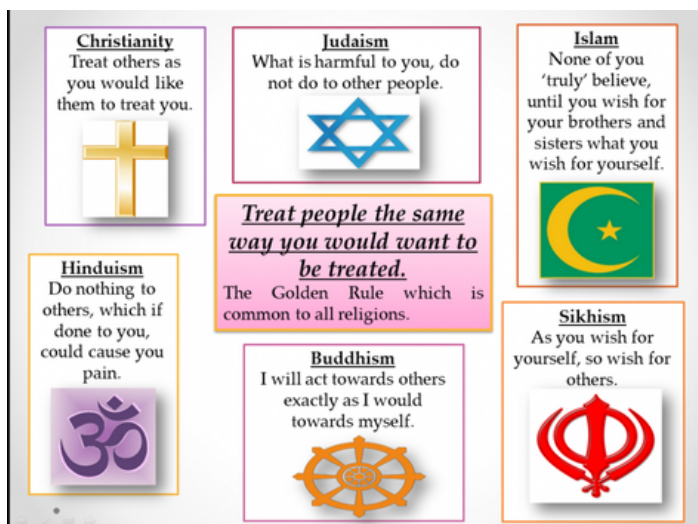


21st- WORLD RELIGION DAY

World Religion Day is celebrated to encourage people of different faiths to come together to learn about each other's beliefs and practices. The ultimate focus is to help promote peace, understanding, and mutual respect amongst different religious communities. Did you know, there are approximately 4,200 religions around the world?

World Religion Day is easy to observe, you need merely take the time to study the faiths of the world around you with an open mind. World Religion Day is about conversion, it's about learning about the religions that shape the world around you, and becoming aware of how many there are that just don't appear in mainstream western culture.

Take some time to open the taboo subject of religion today, share openly and learn about what those around you believe, and maybe do a little research into your favourite culture to learn a bit about its foundational religions. Whether you're learning about the Hindu faith with its thousands of Gods, or precisely how the thousands of denominations of Christianity grew out of the Judaic faith thousands of years ago, World Religion Day is your opportunity to broaden your horizons.



GEORGE'S SWIMMING SUCCESS

Last weekend, George started swimming in the Devon County Swimming Championships which he has been qualifying for at galas last year.

He swam in the boys 1500m freestyle and got a gold medal, making him the County Champion in 12yr old boys 1500m freestyle this year!!

Trinity has played a good part in his preparation for these events with all the extra swimming at school.

Well done George, we are so looking forward to following your success!



NETBALL EVENT

On Wednesday we welcomed 17 netball teams from other schools to take part in the ISA South West National Championships. The day was filled with non stop netball and a very high level. Well done to our U11 and U13s teams, all teams worked very hard throughout a very cold day.



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CULTURAL CUISINES

Year 8 and 9 have been looking at world foods. They each chose a country and cooked their main course this week. We had a range of dishes from China, Italy, France and America. Star chefs were Jess in year 8 for fajitas and Oliver in year 9 for Italian Pizza.



"I'm looking forward to seeing the desserts they make next week!"

MRS BEER

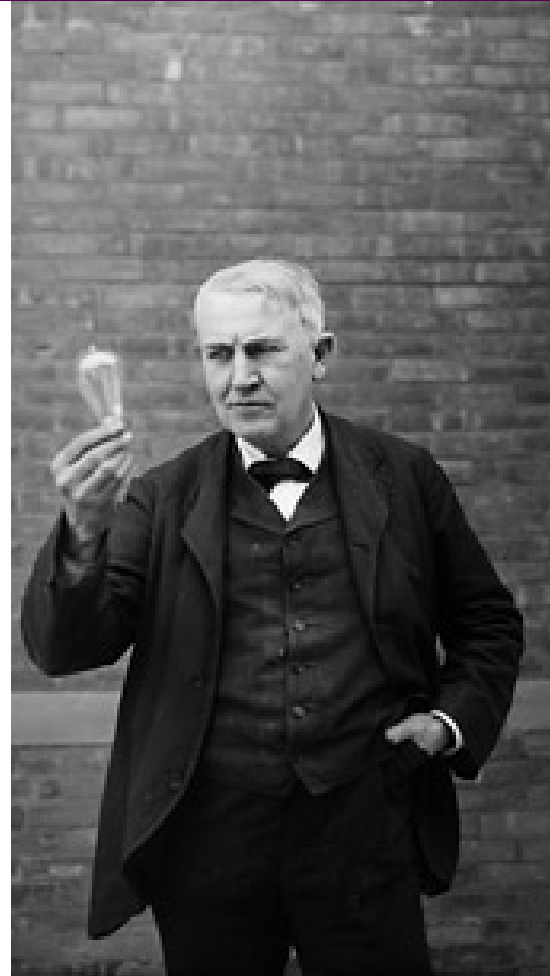
MOMENTS OF MINDFULNESS

We have been treated to some glorious sunrises this week!



HISTORY CORNER

This week's photo from our archives. This is some girls in a sewing class.



ON THIS DAY... 19th JANUARY

In 1883 the first electric lighting system by Thomas Edison begins in New Jersey...

In 1915 4 people die in a WW1 Zeppelin air raid in Norfolk...

In 1955 the board game 'Scrabble' debuts...

In 1966 Indira Gandhi became the first female Prime Minister of India...

In 1983 the Apple Lisa was announced as the first commercial computer with a mouse...

In 2009 Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of America...

Today is Dolly Parton's 78th Birthday.



THAT FRIDAY FEELING!

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Congratulations to every student who was awarded Work of the Week or received a Commendation!



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Nyrie Ridge
Shelby Tait
Adam Moore

Matthew Smith
Eugenie Turkmen
Lea Morandini
Gabriel Summers
Logan Jeffery

Alfie Jeffery
Sebastian Drake
Reuben Cook
Elliot Starr
Ethan Harris Deans
Lilly-May Salter



WELLBEING



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Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

TAKE CARE WHAT YOU SHARE!

CHECK YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS

AVOID COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS

TRACK YOUR SCREEN TIME

TAKE BREAKS

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

BE KIND & BE CAREFUL

PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST

BLOCK BULLIES

SPEAK UP AGAINST HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR

STAY ACTIVE OFFLINE

GO TECH FREE BEFORE BED

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