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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Alongside banning paper straws, one of the more populist policies of the new US President has been to release 80,00 documents regarding the US government's investigation into the assassination of former US President Kennedy. From all the hyperbole, you would think that this was new but the US government has been slowly releasing such documents since 2017 and even Trump's claim that there will be no redactions is not quite true but the recent release did reveal several people's social security numbers; whoops! Did the document release reveal all however? It seems currently that it did not provide any ground breaking revelations to appease the conspiracy theorists, many Trump supporters which in one sense is good because what is a conspiracy theorist without a conspiracy.

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There was more on Lee Harvey Oswald, the lone shooter said to have shot JFK, some old conspiracies reignited but with no further evidence to support them and then some reveals as to how the CIA worked back then but no hint of “the truth is now there for all to see”. Now I do believe man went to the moon and don’t believe the US Government launched attacks on itself on 9/11. That said, there are lots of questions around the JFK assassination that are hard to answer which doesn’t in itself mean that there was a conspiracy but doesn’t also rule it out. The problem with history however, is just that, it is the pursuit of truth with the acknowledgement that we may never achieve it.

Let’s take the death of Harold Godwinson at Hastings. It makes for a good story that Harold died from an arrow striking him in the eye. It is shocking, so ticks that box for us, and it allows us to think the Normans, painted as the bad guys, then and ever after, were just a bit lucky. What were the chances after all, an arrow in the eye? The only problem is that we do not know if the story is true. All we have is the Bayeux Tapestry, produced years later by nuns in a monastery in Normandy and the figure depicted might not even be Harold. Does the exact details of the death matter, because the real truth here is we create the myths we need, like the death of JFK for Americans.

JFK represented for many in the USA someone fundamentally and virtuously American who had he lived would have steered the country to something better but he was killed and times grew worse. Harold represents to many the English before the Normans, those alien usurpers who took over our land. The myth of Harold persists in the myth of Robin Hood who once again has to fight the conspiracy of King John and his Normans. In JFK’s case, his widow Jackie was often said to have tried to create a “Camelot” myth around his short lived presidency, a reference to our own King Arthur’s court, another one of our myths of lost better times.

We may likely never know the exact truth of how Harold or JFK died but we can know that it is true that things changed quite dramatically after they died and that myths are as big a truth about our history as facts and often influence it and our actions in it more so. Nevertheless, whilst we cannot be certain of the exact truth, we should never stop pursuing it, interrogating it and valuing it.



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INTERNATIONAL EVENING



Friday night was the international dinner, in which year eleven and sixth form celebrated the amazing mix of cultures in our school. Year eleven and sixth form ate traditional dishes from countries such as China, Ukraine, Nigeria, Russia, Canada, Turkey, Spain and more. After food Staff and students took part in fun games, hosted by Mariia!

Congratulations to Sam Bird for winning the games and a special thanks to Mariia for hosting being a brilliant host!



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The Art- Pop up exhibition showed off some of the best artworks from our students. Open for staff, pupils and parents, it displayed a range of art from across the school. It featured, paintings, drawings, 3D models, and even a fashion piece.

Well done to all of Trinity's artists!



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FIXTURES



The Under 16 Girls Netball Team won their fixture.

The Under 13 Girls Football Team competed in the English Schools's Cup Quarter Finals last week and have made it though to the next round in Portsmouth.

The Under 13 Boys Football Team competed at Stover. Although unbeaten, our team narrowly came second.



Esmee Glue
Cat Flynn



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WORLD CHALLENGE

We are excited to announce we now have our World Challenge Team who will be travelling to Montenegro in the summer of 2026. The team of 7 across 4 year groups includes Nathan, Josh, Rosie, Ruby, Laith, Matthew and Shakira. They had their first Discovery meeting with World Challenge this week and are looking forward to getting into their fitness and fundraising in the coming months. Well done team! Exciting times ahead!



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THE GOOD EGG AWARD



In Celebration of Easter, the 'Good Egg Awards' were given out. Members of school could nominate others, who have been 'Good Eggs'. Dozens of nominations were sent in for staff and pupils.



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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 4415 Points

2nd – Powderham – 4349 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 4118 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 252 points

2nd – Jayden Kirungi - 206 points

3rd – Alice Lovett - 195 points

4th – Jessica Sinclair - 191 points

4th – Lana Magill - 181 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Shakira May

2nd – Esmee Glue

3rd – Pixie Dollar

"The difference
between the
impossible and the
possible lies in a
person's
determination."



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COMMENDATIONS



Finn Jones
Celia Bennet
Pixie Dollar
Frasier Simmons
Shakira May
Lily Moffat
Libbet Marshall
Riley Fryer
Junior Bartorelli
Max Kirton
Gemma Newton
Noah Smith
Blake Hawkins
William Mason



Gemma Newton
Jessica Sinclair
Ashton Foxworthy
Ethan Harris-Deans
Lilly-May Salter
Tor Jones
Charlie Scoot
Owen Young
Joshua Ball
Amelia Bartorelli
Bethany Dayman
George Knight



Lana Magill
Narjes Mohammed
Elin Partridge
Lauren Roberts
Charles Scoot
Esmee Glue
Anna Kaiser
Olive Martin
Johannah Michel
Ruwa Mwaturura
Joshua Smith
Catherine Flynn
Adam Moore
Amir Yazdanpanah
Antonio Cafaro
Darcie Crouch
Marc Shukha
Maryann Edokpolor
Priya Ramakrishnan
Vivien Pashendag
Lisa Dengler
Bele Schaffer
Mascha Hoffman-Steudner
Matthew Cusworth

Shakira May
Pixie Dollar
Noah Smith
Gemma Newton
Ethan Harris-Deans
Jacob Mason
Joshua Smith
Celia Bennett
Fin Jones
Narjes Mohammed
Darcie Crouch





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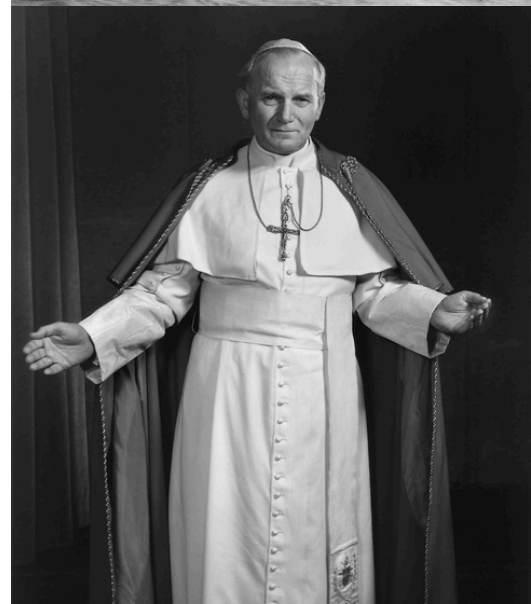
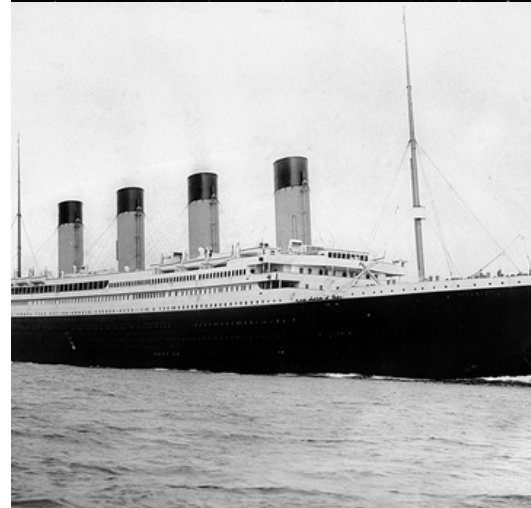
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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... 2ND OF APRIL

- In 1513 Spanish explorers claimed Florida..
- In 1800 first performance of Beethoven's "1st Symphony in C"...
- In 1827 the first manufacture of lead pencils...
- In 1877 first human cannonball stunt act performed, in London...
- In 1912 RMS Titanic began sea trials...
- In 1932 the first of 12 Tarzan films released, starring Olympic swimmer Johnny Weissmuller...
- In 1935 Robert Watson-Watt patents RADAR...
- In 1978 velcro sold on the open market...
- In 1982 Argentina invaded The Falkland Islands...
- In 2005 Pope John Paul II died...
- In 2020 worldwide Covid 19 cases passed 1 million with over 50,000 deaths....
- In 2014 Taylor Swift joined the ranks of the then 2,781 world billionaires...

Today is World Autism Awareness Day and International Children's Book Day celebrating the birth of Hans Christian Andersen in 1805.



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Read to... ...recharge

**Reading is vital for wellbeing – offering entertainment,
escape and a much-needed screen break!**

...succeed

**Research has shown that reading for pleasure
helps to improve life-chances**



...connect

**Readathon is a great way to share experiences and
reach goals, whether in school or at home**

...help others

**Reading and raising money to buy books
for children in hospital feels great!**



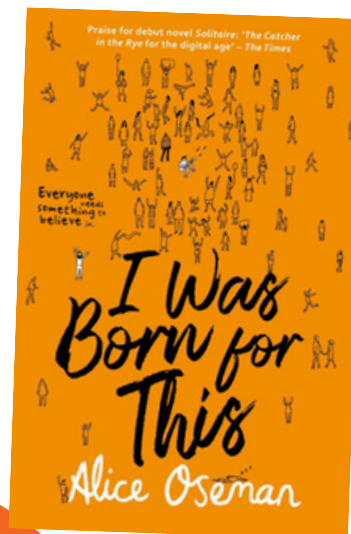
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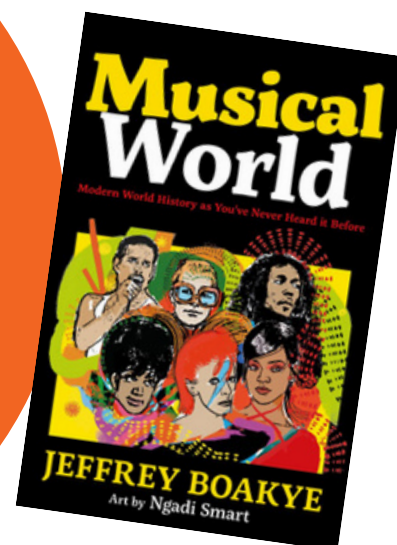
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Be inspired... which one will you try first?



If you love
Music
then try...



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Nicola Collison

PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

Talking and Creative therapy

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

I will have a room set up in school so children and young people can choose, with my guidance, how they want to use the sessions.

Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



No thought or feeling is ever too small or insignificant to explore

“Young people’s lives are so busy and full of pressures that they are having to deal with daily. The need for a safe space where they can be themselves and learn to understand feelings that arise has become ever more important.”

I have worked with children and young people with a variety of needs. Amongst these are bereavement, anxiety, self-esteem, gender, trichotillomania, addictive tendencies, self-harm, eating difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, children with A.D.H.D. and autism. I work primarily in a person-centred way, but depending on how the person I am working with wants to progress, we can dip into different ways of working together either creative or Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). This will very much allow them to lead the session and me to be there to listen- we can explore together.

Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com

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