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WELCOME BACK

WILLIAM TROOST-EKONG

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Over the half term I read a book called *The Penguin Lessons*, a true story about a young man from Sussex who travels to Argentina and rescues a Magellan penguin which in turn becomes his companion. A film of the book has been made with the 58 year old actor, Steve Coogan playing the protagonist, Tom Michell. I haven't seen the film yet but I am intrigued as to how they are going to make it work because the real Tom was 23 and some of the decisions he made and his behaviour are those of, as he suggests, a callow youth when he arrives in Argentina in the 1970s to teach in a boys' boarding school. This is also the Argentina of the tail end of the Perons and the military dictatorship that followed, with the excessive inflation and poverty of that time.

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In the school holidays, Tom travels into Uruguay and whilst there, he sees hundreds of dead penguins, killed by a boat oil leak on the beach in Punta del Este. Michell sees just one penguin alive amid a scene of devastation, birds lying dead in the sand “from the high water mark to the sea and stretching far away along the shore to the north”. He decides he has to save this one bird, and manages to transport it back to the flat where he’s staying. He cleans up the bird and tries then to return it to the sea but it will not leave his side and follows him. At this point, Tom decides he has no alternative other than to smuggle the penguin back into Argentina to live with him at the school he works at; the logic of a twenty three year old.

From the book, as Tom does, we learn an awful lot about penguins, like penguins will not return to the sea on their own, explaining why Juan Salvador stuck with his rescuer. We also see Juan Salvador do things which are hard to explain, like he runs up and down the touchline of the Rugby field and never goes on to the pitch unlike every spaniel I have seen brought along to a fixture.

It is a comic tale at times but wonderfully heart warming as well. The story is laden with ways in which those who come into contact with Juan Salvador confide in him and learn from him. The boys at the school take care of him, make him the Rugby team mascot and learn tactics from him. They look after him, fetch and feed him sprats and swim with him in the school pool. One boy, cowed and miserable at school initially is reborn, given courage and resilience because of a moment with the penguin. The book is about humanity but also our relationship with nature and how being closer to it brings us closer to ourselves. It is thought provoking, entertaining and gently educational, not surprising then that it has just been made part of South Korea’s national curriculum. Definitely worth a read for young and old.



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A Warm Welcome back to Trinity

Year 12's have come back to a very busy careers week. This has given them a flavour of what's to come in the next couple of years and the choices they have. With talks from Universities about student life and the application process that pairs with it, to talks from the Armed forces. The programme is brand new and sported by our very own Mrs Moss, head of 6th form.

The U13 played St. Johns in an amazing game of hardball cricket. There's no other way to describe the game other than a waterfall of wickets, with 9 wickets taken. The bowler of the match was awarded to Nova Jeffery and the batter of the match was Kodie Humphreys. A huge performance by our Trinitonians, leaving everything they had on the pitch; the final score of 138 runs to 62 proves just that. Well done!

The 3rd saw a win for the U15 softball cricket against St. John's with some outstanding performances from Tor Jones, being selected as bowler of the match and Star Dollar being given the overall player of the match. Keep up the sporting prowess!

Since coming back, the students have been working very hard to prepare for their end of year exams that start next week. We're in a full exam lockdown mode! We continue to wish the best of luck to those A-Level and GCSE students who are nearing the end of their exam season and a very big chapter in their lives.



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Honoured guests: William Troost-Ekong

Thursday the 5th of June saw William Troost-Ekong visit the EFP students for a 15 minute Q&A session. This is a huge opportunity for our students who are part of the Elite Football Programme, and we are so grateful at Trinity to host this amazing event for our students. William currently plays for Al Kholood in the Saudi Pro League boasting 32 appearances from August 2024. As well as his club duties, William captains the Nigerian National team, where he's led them to become the AFCON team of the tournament also sporting the AFCON player of the tournament; Two huge accolades. William also sees the beauty of Football and education, where he's set up the William Troost-Ekong Foundation, which seeks to empower Nigerian and African youth with football and education to inspire success.



The EFP students really utilised the short time period they had with William, asking some great questions ranging from how to deal with pressure on the pitch to overcoming individual challenges off the pitch. The main points William spoke about were the challenges he faced, and how he had to be resilient to overcome them. He spoke about how it took many rejections to finally get the Tottenham Hotspurs academy to accept him, and even then he was let go but still bounced back. The phrase he liked, and I thought was super impactful was 'Leave no stone unturned.'

He also took the time to emphasise the importance of education alongside football; that these two are co-dependent and not interchangeable. A huge life lesson from a great role model. Thank you William for your wisdom and time, we're super grateful.





Readathon Success

This week we have received our Thank You pack for completing our School Readathon and raising £111. The money raised will help children in hospital access a range of reading books and story-telling experiences. Our own library also received a book voucher to spend on some brand-new books for our pupils to enjoy!

A huge well done to Libbet Marshall for raising the most money for the charity and Max Kirton for reading the most amount of books during the time it was running! They both won a book voucher and received a commendation for their dedication to reading for enjoyment.

Dates for your diaries...

- June 10th - Y9 and 10 football vs St. John's
- June 11th - U13 swimming gala at Trinity with St. John's and Interhouse!
- June 13th - Golf match vs Stover school
- June 14th - Devon Schools Athletics, Josh Smith to represent and race
- June 18th - Senior Fishing competition vs TCS
- June 19th - Sports day (*time to bring the heat*)
- June 20th - U12 Stover bowl. 7-a-side Softball and hardball





HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 5011 Points

2nd – Powderham – 4939 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 4784 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 286 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 234 points

3rd - Jayden Kirungi - 231 points

4th – Lana Magill - 219 points

5th – Jessica Sinclair - 217 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Yana Evans

2nd – Nova Jeffery

3rd – Evie Collison

**‘If everyone is
thinking alike,
then somebody
isn’t thinking’**

Editor’s QotW

This week’s quote comes from across the pond, from one of America’s greatest generals. General George S. Patton. During Patton’s time, this would’ve meant war-time tactics, and about that herd mentality. Well, we can take those themes and still apply them today. In a society where social media runs a lot of our thought process, and has planted a seed of self doubt; this, hopefully, can shed some light and help us to try and be original. To be brave! To have the courage to do what no one else is doing. If it goes wrong, then you’ve found 10,000 ways which don’t work (*last week’s QOTW*) In a school setting it’s so important to have the courage and bravery to be original, to not be afraid to be unique because being unique is part of being Human. Not one human shares the exact same DNA sequence as the other. Think what you want. Just be the best version of you. It’s the best way to learn.





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6th of June Commendations

- Shakira May
- Celia Bennett
- Libbet Marshall
- Riley Fryer
- Ben Jones
- Frank Knight
- Lily Moffat
- Nova Jeffery
- Willow Jeffery
- Max Kirton
- Will Mason
- Grace Darby
- Sebastian Glue
- Victoria Ward
- Felix Balfour-Paul
- Star Dollar
- Solomon Chuol
- Maisey Down
- Jessica Thomas-McKay
- Gabriel Whitney
- Nyrie Ridge
- Ben Clark
- Joshua Smith
- Reuben Cooke
- Ben Collison
- Daniel Crompton
- Miracle Kabore
- Yana Evans

Headmaster's Commendations

- Shakira May
- Libbet Marshall
- Ben Jones
- Frank Knight
- Max Kirton

Keep up all the hard work...



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

THE 6TH OF JUNE

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In 1844 George Williams originated the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)...

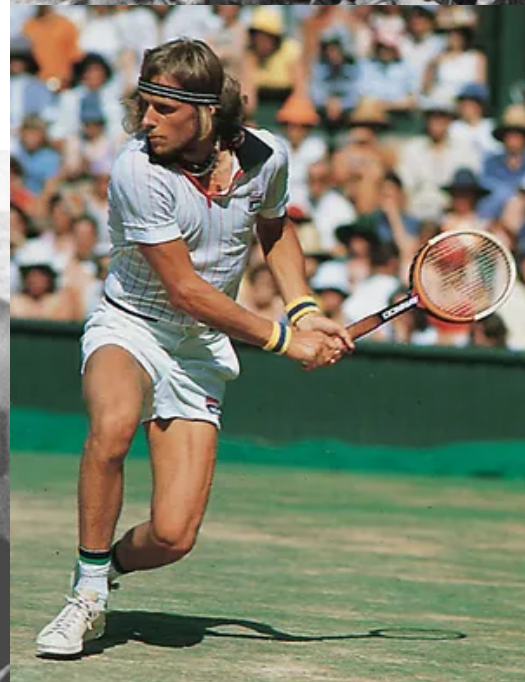
In 1901 British Open Men's Golf, Muirfield: Scotsman James Braid wins first of 5 Open titles by 3 strokes from Harry Vardon of Jersey...

In 1944 Operation Overlord: D-Day begins as the 156,000-strong Allied Expeditionary Force lands in Normandy, France, during World War II...

In 1956 Swedish tennis player Björn Borg, who was considered one of the sport's greatest competitors, was born...

In 1982 30,000 Israeli troops invade Lebanon to drive out the PLO...

In 1984 The video game Tetris is published...



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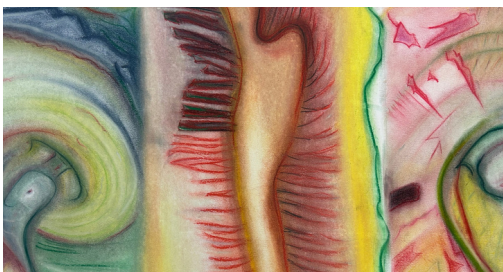
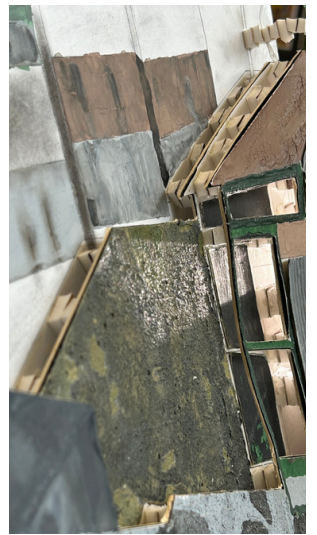
ART AND DESIGN

SUMMER SHOW

25TH JUNE
5-7pm

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...connect

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reach goals, whether in school or at home**

...help others

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for children in hospital feels great!**



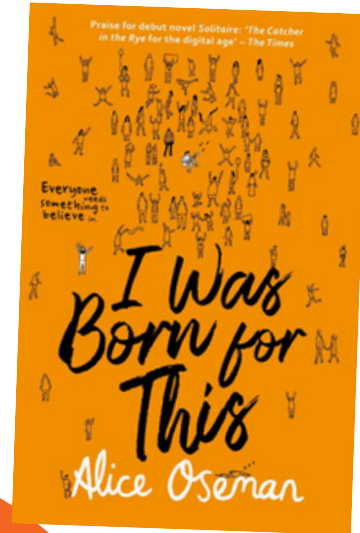
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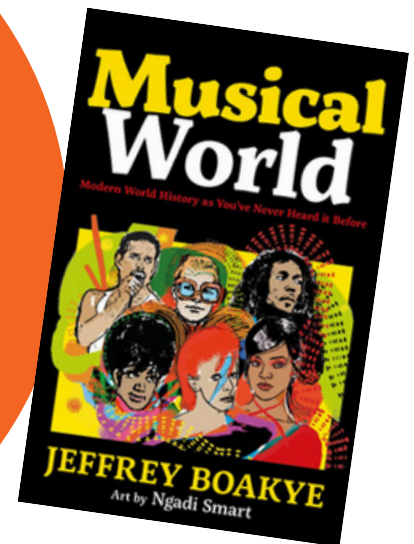
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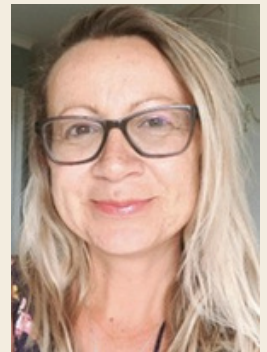
PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

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

Careers education learning journey (11 - 18)

