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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

History is an interesting thing in many ways but particularly in how we remember it and why we choose to remember. It is not shocking to suggest that for some the “truth” of history plays little part in its role in our current world. President Trump’s late night post that he wants to rename VE day on the 8th May as “Victory Day for World War 2” is a case in point. I am sure that many have politely pointed out to him that victory in Europe was not victory in World War 2 as this took place in August with the defeat of Japan. Some may also wish to point out that knowing a little history can help too. Trump also wants to rename Veterans Day in America, calling it Victory Day World War 1. November 11th, was originally called Armistice Day but was later renamed Veterans Day to honour all American military veterans across the years, so pinning it just to World War 1 and victory is also possibly not going to be popular.

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It is, of course, up to the US what it names its commemoration days but where I come back to how we remember history and take issue with the current President was in his further statements:

“We won both wars, nobody was close to us in terms of strength, bravery or military brilliance”

“We did more than any other country, by far, in producing a victorious result”(in the Second World War).

The US did not join in the fighting of the First World War until late in 1917, three years into it and were not a fighting force until spring 1918, a matter of months before the global conflict's end. At least initially, US military impact was limited as its generals insisted on replicating the tactics of 1914, with great cost in terms of loss of men. Brave yes, military brilliance, no. As for the Second World War, again late to the event but it depends on how “more than any other country” is measured. If damage to the country and therefore sacrifice is the benchmark, the USA wouldn't even be close. Loss of life, Russia has the greater claim and might even claim it had the more significant victories. You might interrogate Russia's claim and say their victories were not a matter of “military brilliance” but were won through force of numbers and that the Russian military lost so many men because of an operational disregard for life. Britain and the Commonwealth countries could claim by staying in the war between 1939 and 1941 that they did more by keeping the war going and in the end providing the enormous aircraft carrier off the coast of Europe from where D Day was launched. The point is that such a question is more complex than the simplistic assertions made or indeed the statements made in the above paragraph.

To be fair to Trump, he wouldn't be the first person, let alone leader, to simplify history for his own end but this is why a good knowledge of history can be our best defence against such populist assertions. So to my second point at the start of this piece, why we choose to remember. This week, we have chosen to remember VE day and the sacrifice the people of this country have made. There is in the commemoration, celebration of the people of Britain whose resilience saw them survive and overcome the very real threat that Nazism posed to the world. There might also in these days be a little jingoism but it is marginal by comparison to the overwhelming feeling, of respect for those who saw out these days. As Wellington said, “Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.” It is right that we celebrate our victories but partly we remember ruefully because it would be better for the world if there were none to.



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MOUNTAINOUS CHALLENGES: TEN TORS 2025

It doesn't get more hardcore participating in a challenge championed by the British Army in an area coined as the playground for the Royal Marines. That's exactly what 6 of our students are heading into this weekend. They'll have 2 days to walk a 35 mile route spanning 'Ten Tors' along the way, carrying everything they need for the journey. (*I can already feel the blisters and sore legs...*) Because they'll have no external help, they'll be self sufficient in everything they do. Just to make matters more competitive, they'll be up against over 200 teams all looking to achieve success.

Our team of 6 includes; Esmee Glue (*captain*), Cat Flynn, Oliver Cafaro, Dexter Jeffery, Charlie Arthur and Gabe Whitney. We're hugely proud of the determination and willpower they are showing to represent Trinity in this highly esteemed race. The background work and training they have put into this event is commendable. If you do see them, please wish them luck for this weekend, and think about them as they head off at 6am Saturday.



Shown above is the team on one of their practice walks, putting in the hours to prepare for their big moment. Good luck





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ISA Wider School Competitions

Athletes and poets



In February, all pupils in Key Stage 3 wrote a poem to be entered for the ISA Poetry Competition and four poems were selected by our sixth form judges and the English department to represent Trinity School. These were Leonie Miller, Matthew Norrish-Jones, Star Dollar and Hannah Swoboda. We finally received the results in the Easter holidays, and although they didn't win their category, they each wrote a marvellous, creative poem with the title: My Life As...

WELL DONE for participating and being selected to represent Trinity!

Also, a special mention to Gemma Newton and Shakira May who made it to the top 6, as well as Siena Berner, Hugo Palmer, Jayden Kirungi, Lana Magill, Jess Sinclair and Ruby Simmons who were all runners up and produced excellent poems!



Last Friday, George Tucker (year 8) (*above*) competed in the ISA National Triathlon Championships, representing Trinity School in the finals in Ipswich. George absolutely smashed the competition by coming first and winning the entire event. There's no rest however, as this weekend he'll be competing for a spot on the junior regional Triathlon team representing the South West. Only 4 children get selected, so it's a huge moment for George. Many congratulations and best of luck for this weekend. We know you'll do yourself and the School proud.



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OFF-ROADING MAYHEM!

Sunshine. Devon countryside. Quadbikes? This weekend had it all. A few of our boarders made their way over to Devon Country Pursuits where they had a blast on the quadbikes. Filled with tight corners, undulating ground and fast straights; they all came back from the trip with huge smiles. It was certainly an adrenaline rush! Especially with those quad bikes... they weren't short of power or size on the 450cc engines.



The boarders were offered a wide variety of activities again. One being bubble football; where less football was played and more running into each other occurred. The weekend also saw an MD boarding house thrashing versus Chapel house, with the final result being 8-1 to MD. Next time, chapel! (*totally not biased*)



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Continued Success for River Teign Rowing club



From one success to the next. The Gigs Super vets rowing team can't stop winning, and we're here for it. After winning the GRP Gigs super vets National Championships, Cat (*third from the right*) and her team competed in the Gigs World Championship and won. With the chance of success also being competed for by 300 other teams, they put in an outstanding performance and brought home gold. The only Devon team to do so. The hours in the 'Pain Cave' training has worked off for the club with the men's team and women's senior team coming 10th and 18th respectively; all three amazing results. Well done Cat, Trinity are super proud of your achievement. Please feel free to congratulate Cat if you see her.

Valiant effort by our U13 Girls

A huge congratulations are in order for our U13 girls for getting to round 16. Over the season they've all played amazingly and really come together as a team.

Unfortunately, the girls did lose in the round 16 vs Horndean school. Despite this, they fought very hard right until the end with Korey Barker and Grace Darby having a great game. Grace even scored two goals for Trinity. Even though it's not the result they wanted, it's an amazing achievement to get this far within the tournament and they should be super proud of themselves; just as we are. Here's to the next season!

(Right: shows the U13 girls before the game started.)



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Surf's Up



The Sun's out, and so are we! Students from years 9-10 have started a 5 week surf school course which started last Tuesday down in Bigbury bay. Taught by professionals, the children enjoyed a long day out on the water in the beautiful weather. Thank you Mr Milson for sorting out the surf club and for taking them.

Coming up...

- U13 Cricket vs Mount Kelly - Monday the 12th
- Inter House Netball - Monday the 12th
- U15 cricket vs Stover - Tuesday the 13th
- South Devon Athletic trials - Wednesday the 14th
- Senior Tennis fixture vs St. John's - Thursday the 15th
- KS2/3 Table Tennis vs St. John's - Thursday the 15th

We wish all those who are starting to sit their exams the best of luck. It's a tough time of the year but it'll be over before you know it. Keep up the hard work and try your absolute hardest. Trinity will continue to support you. Keep pushing!





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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 4646 Points

2nd – Powderham – 4598 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 4440 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 272 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 221 points

3rd - Jayden Kirungi - 215 points

4th – Libbet Marshall - 204 points

5th – Jessica Sinclair - 202 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Nova Jeffery

2nd – Willow Jeffery

3rd – Blake Hawkins

‘Nulli Secundus’ in
Latin meaning,
‘Second to none’



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9th of May Commendations

- Luca Impey
- Nova Jeffery
- Ben Jones
- Frank Knight
- Leonie Miller
- Shakira May
- Blake Hawkins
- Lachlan Renwick
- Alice Perrett
- Jessica Newton
- Esther Rigden Green

Headmaster's Commendations

- Shakira May
- Blake Hawkins
- Alice Perrett

Well done for all your hard work...





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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... THE 9TH OF MAY

In 1396 the world's oldest treaty, and still in force, The Treaty of Windsor was signed between England and Portugal...

In 1671 Thomas Blood was caught trying to steal the Crown Jewels from The Tower of London...

In 1785 the beer-pump handle was patented in England...

In 1927 Canberra replaced Melbourne as the capital of Australia...

In 1941 British intelligence broke the German spy codes using Enigma machines..

In 1945 USSR celebrated Victory Day in Red Square... and The Channel Islands were liberated...

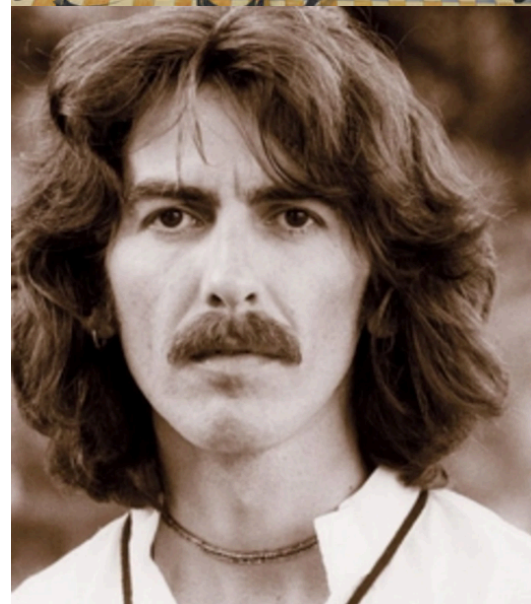
In 1960 USA approved the first birth control pill...

In 1974 formal hearings began in the impeachment investigation of Richard Nixon...

In 1980 the cult classic horror film "Friday the 13th" was released...

In 2022 Andy Warhol's portrait of Marilyn Monroe sold for 195 million dollars...

In 2023 George Harrison's "Here Comes the Sun" became the oldest song on Spotify to register a billion streams...



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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!**



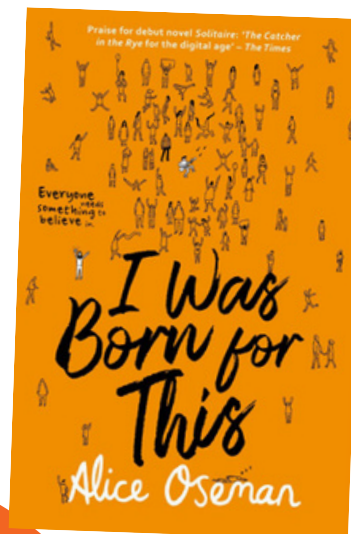
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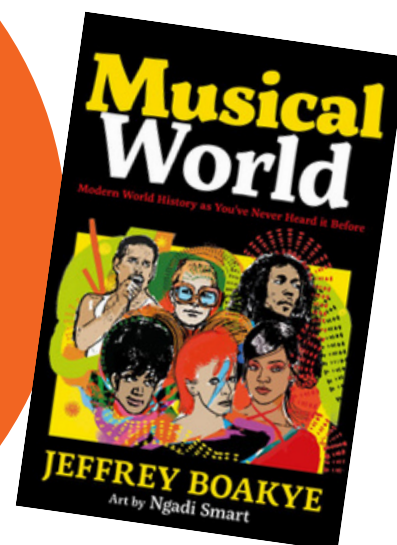
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Be inspired... which one will you try first?



If you love
Music
then try...



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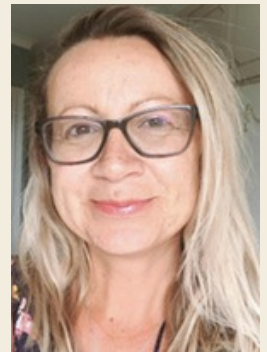
PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

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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