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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Following on from my previous piece about history and commemoration in relation to VE Day, I read of a recent survey by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). The survey recorded that only 48% of those aged 18-34 recognized D-Day as the date of the Normandy landings, with 21% unaware of it and 12% believing it was the day of German surrender. A significant portion of young people surveyed expressed disinterest in commemoration events, finding them "boring" and "repetitive.". Many young people apparently, believe that the money spent on commemoration could be better utilized elsewhere.

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This was all presented by the media in either full shock and horror mode or at least how very woeful it all is. Such things do not shock me; it was ever thus. I remember a survey in the 1990s revealing that one in ten young people thought Guy Fawkes invented fireworks and 7% of those surveyed thought he invented the fork. Is it the young peoples' fault or is it a sad indictment of our education system, or is it simply that the delivery of knowledge rarely has a 100% success rate? As for commemoration events, without context provided they can be rather uninteresting and respect is not often presented as something we give today, rather we demand it and this is across all age ranges. Money utilized better elsewhere? Well that is an argument of the ages, like what is the point of the Art's Council, Space exploration, Diversity and Inclusion Officers. What it usually means is, it is not my interest or something I care about.

I would, however, argue that VE Day or Holocaust Memorial Day are relevant and something we should care about because, it's more than knowing a little about history, it's more than reflecting on the sacrifice of previous generations, it should teach us that we need to be informed. We need to know what is going on and we need to be aware because, if we are not, then these things will happen again or something similar; another war or holocaust, a Rwandan genocide, a Mai Lai, a Nanjing massacre, a Gaza.

It is good to have a happy place, to get away from the woes of the world from time to time but we cannot afford to live in our own little bubble all the time, ill informed and not aware of what is going on because that is what the malign, the evil, the exploitative thrive upon and then we end up with the wars, the dictatorships, the atrocities and the destruction of human lives that follows. So history is important, and commemoration is part of that but it is also part of being informed and aware of our present and that is a defence against a poorer future.



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The team after completing the Ten Tors with their medals. From the left: Oliver Cafaro, Charlie Arthur, Dexter Jeffery, Gabe Whitney, Cat Flynn and Esmee Glue (captain)

Conquering the Tors: Sensational Six

At 10:31, on the 11th of May, this team of 6 wowed the entire Trinity community by crossing the finish line. Tired and aching, battered and beaten, and ready to just finish, the sensational six beat the Trinity record by 3 hours. They surpassed the expectations of the Ten Tors staff, and no doubt surpassed even their own expectations of what they thought they could do. The resilience and team work they've shown was an outstanding display of the Trinity Values.

After a little scare with the tracker, and thinking the team had fallen behind, the staff got the call that the team were coming in under schedule. This was a huge surprise and a massive relief. They'd done it! All the months of training and preparation prior to the event was finally coming to an end. They flew over the 35 mile mark and had completed the huge mountainous challenge. The overwhelming feeling of seeing the finish line in sight is a memory they'll remember for many years to come. They've done so well, and we at Trinity couldn't be more proud of the dedication and valiant effort they've all shown. If you see them, please ask them all about it and congratulate them.



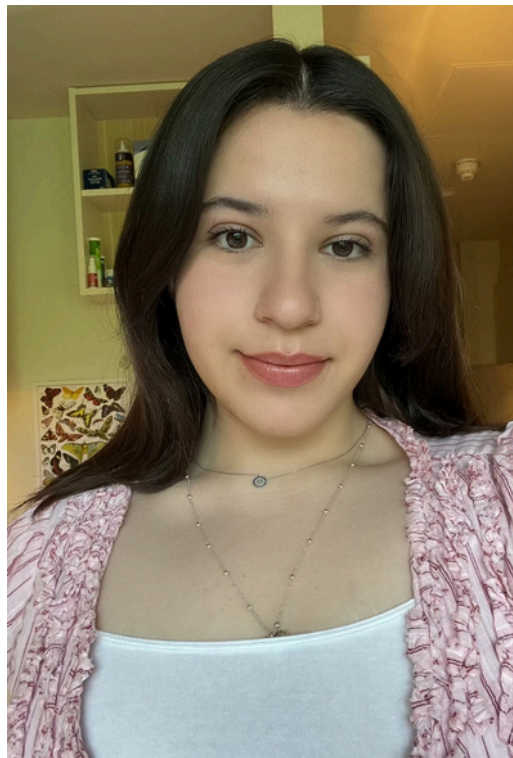


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Excellence within the Trinity Community



Moving up in the World of Psychology

Old-Trinitonian, Elif Nalcaci, a final year Kings College London student, has been offered a research post at Cambridge University. Here, she will be researching the use of mindfulness in supporting adolescents experiencing anxiety and depression. A huge discipline within the world of Clinical Psychology, and one that's massively important within schools to help our younger generations coming through.

Elif joined Trinity in year 7 and had to learn to become fluent in English. Since then, she came on leaps and bounds to become the head of school for her year and is now to achieve big things within the world of Psychology. Well done Elif, keep on doing amazing things. We wish you the best of luck for the post.

Congrats to...

All those who competed in the Interschools Athletics on the Wednesday 14th. A great effort from Trinity, with a special mention to Josh Smith (*middle*) who came 1st in the 100m for his heat.

Josh, if selected, will represent South Devon at the County Championships on the 14th of June. Those who get in the top 8 will make it to the finals, but with a time of 12.06 seconds, we can expect big things from Josh.

Best of luck to him, and all the athletes competing in competitions soon. We wish you the best of luck!



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Make a splash for the boarding madness

The weekend just gone saw an amazing boarding trip full of excitement and adventure. Those who went, 9 of them including Mrs Fischer, started with the river scrambling and then finished with a daring scramble up a ridge. In the river scramble they had to navigate over the drops, through the fast waters and around the gigantic boulders. This didn't stop our boarders however; wetsuits and helmets on, and a great sense of exploration installed, they all ploughed on. They were all soaked right through but still had such a good time.

The second half of the trip was a scramble up a ridge full of ledges and wedges. The team had to crawl over and around small gaps in the ridge; even through the small gaps at times. Not only did they have a great time, but they had to use teamwork to help each other up. A great time and a great lesson.

The instructors that took the team turned around and said that our group was the best they ever had; really testing the instructors and asking to take the harder routes and explore areas most wouldn't ask to explore. A great example of curiosity; hopefully inspiring academic curiosity too! Well done all.



Excellent photos taken by our very own Mrs Fischer, explorer extraordinaire. Thank you





Our year 8's have been working hard this term A photo of 8X historians after they worked through a pictorial revision diagram of the reasons for the failure of The Spanish Armada in 1588. Perhaps they're now feeling confident enough to answer this with an essay!?..

Dates for your diaries...

Fixtures coming up;

- Monday 19th Year 7-9 Water polo (H) vs St. John's
- Tuesday 20th Surf club 13:00-17:30
- Tuesday 20th U15 boys softball cricket (H) vs John's
- Wednesday 21st Senior Sports day - **bring your A game!**
- Thursday 22nd ISA regional athletics U9-U13 (A) Milfield
- Friday 23rd Interhouse cricket year7-13 at Teignmouth Cricket Club

Keep a look out for the fixtures and important dates after half term!





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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 4832 Points

2nd – Powderham – 4793 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 4577 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 284 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 225 points

3rd - Jayden Kirungi - 218 points

4th – Lana Magill - 212 points

5th – Jessica Sinclair - 209 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Antonio Cafaro

2nd – Darcie Crouch

3rd – Pixie Dollar

‘The standard you
walk past is the
standard you
accept’

Summer Term notice

Quick reminder;

- Students are reminded that summer dress is now allowed.
- We ask that all students remain neat and tidy throughout the day.
- Normal rules apply to shoes, jewellery and make up.
- Ties and jackets must be kept safe for speech day.



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16th of May Commendations

- Win Mahasarakul
- Rosie Neale
- Lilly-May Salter
- Ruby Simmons
- Star Dollar
- Gabriel Whitney
- Federico Bernades Pifarre
- Catherine Flynn
- Jacob Mason
- Ruwa Mwaturura
- Antonio Cafaro
- Darcie Crouch
- Libbet Marshall
- Ben Jones
- Frank Knight
- Pixie Dollar
- Shakira May
- Riley Fryer
- Louis Martin
- Frasier Simmons
- Lowenna Lewis
- Korey Barker
- Sienna Cullen
- Sebastian Glue

Headmaster's Commendations

- Libbet Marshall
- Pixie Dollar
- Frasier Simmons
- Korey Barker
- Sienna Cullen
- Sebastian Glue
- Yannakorn Mahasarakul
- Ruby Simmons
- Star Dollar

Keep up all the hard work...



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

THE 16TH OF MAY

In 1220 Henry III laid the foundation stone for rebuilding of part of Westminster Abbey...

In 1568 Mary Queen of Scots fled Scotland in hope of support from Elizabeth I...

In 1881 the world's first electric train entered service in Lichterfelder, Berlin...

In 1884 the first patent for the espresso machine was issued...

In 1920 the Catholic church canonised Joan of Arc...

In 1929 the first Academy Awards were held in Los Angeles, USA...

In 1943 RAF 617 Squadron began the "Dambusters Raid"...

In 1966 the Chinese Communist Party began the Cultural Revolution...

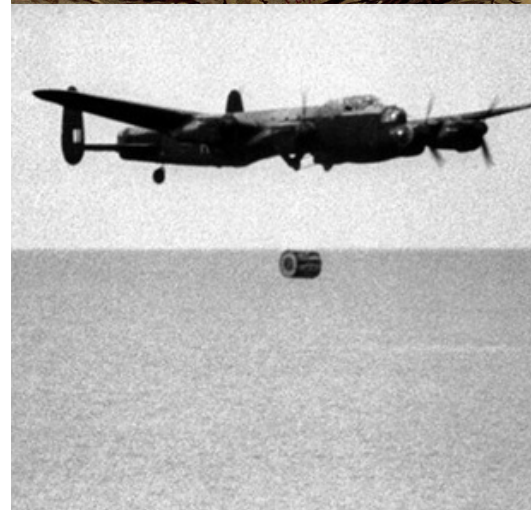
In 1975 Junko Tabei of Japan became the first woman to ascend Everest...

In 1986 "Top Gun" premiered...

In 1989 Mikhail Gorbachev and Deng Xiaoping meet in Beijing and formally end a 30-year rift...

In 2013 Bill Gates regained his position as the world's richest man with net worth of \$72.7 billion... and human stem cells were successfully cloned...

In 2019 DNA research revealed that bedbugs are older than humans, at 115 million years old...



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HOUSE CRICKET

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23/05/2025



POWDERHAM

VS



LUSCOMBE

VS



UGBROOKE

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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!**



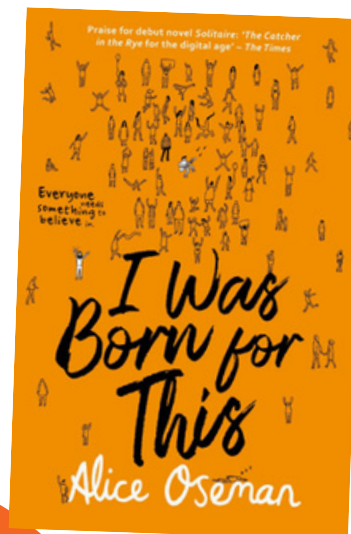
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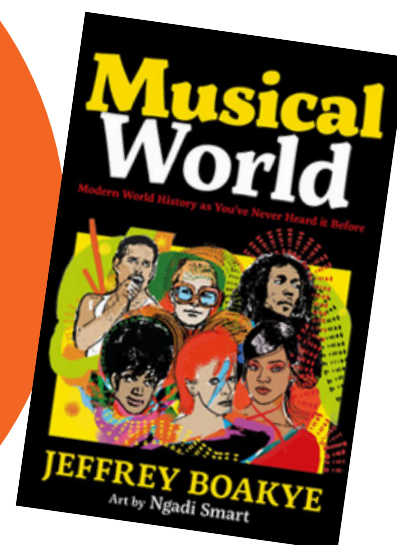
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If you love
Music
then try...



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Nicola Collison

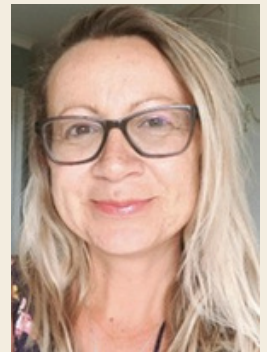
PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

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

Careers education learning journey (11 - 18)

