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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Way back when I was a young man, I had a friend who decided that each day at school he would find a word that was new to him and his friends and try to introduce it into conversation throughout the day. "Cosher" was his nickname, given to him because of his surname and the song, "Cosher Bailey had an engine". Cosher was irritating in other ways too. Despite my holding for a short while the record for the U15 100 metres in Staffordshire, I never beat Cosher in a race, to his delight and my annoyance. I have digressed but Cosher and his lexical fun came into my mind recently when I came across the word "aestival".

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Albeit that the word aestival was most used in the period 1150 to 1500, it is the lesser cousin of the word “estival” and its written occurrence per million words in modern English is 0.01, nevertheless, it seemed appropriate now, as we pass from the vernal (spring) to the estival or aestival (summer). Aestival means belonging to or appearing in summer and as I sit writing this on the brink of the late spring bank holiday, I am aware that the summer season is just around the corner. Given the dry spring we have had, no doubt the drizzle and showers will come in the moment we arrive in June but it is a part of our summer events to be scurrying from out to in and back again, and to be layering up and down our clothes in response to the vagaries of the weather.

This week we have Chelsea, shortly we will have Queens, then Wimbledon, the Women’s Euros with England defending their crown, Henley Royal Regatta, the summer tests and all the festivals (some etymology here), air shows, fetes and so on that make up the rhythm of these next few months. Already in true English tradition, we have had to postpone the Trinity Sports’ Day because out of five days this week, that day is when it chose to rain but we still have our new House cricket tournament to enjoy this Friday. Coming up after half term, we have the Acoustic Chill Evening, Oceans Week, a fishing competition, regional and national athletics competitions, our own triathlon, more cricket, Careers Week, residential trips, the Art Summer Exhibition and Speech Days. So much to look forward to in the second half of the summer term and yes I know we have examinations, stressful for all to differing degrees but before the end of June, they will be done with the summer holidays ahead. So, aestival; a word for the moment perhaps.





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Breaking: Thomas Becket murdered in S10...

1170 saw one of the biggest and most pivotal moments in history; a corrupt promotion that led to deteriorating relations and eventually an execution at the altar. Going back to 1162, chancellor Thomas Becket was promoted to Archbishop of Canterbury, the highest role within the Church, in a move to bring more control over the church to the monarchy. Henry II was deeply mistaken in his thinking as Thomas Becket gave up his role as Chancellor to pursue his role within the Church. This, and an attack by King Henry II, led to relations failing between the once friends, causing Thomas Becket to flee to France in 1164. Fast forward a few years, Henry's son was crowned 'Henry the junior king' by the Archbishop of York. We all know that the role of coronations lies with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and so Thomas Becket came back, only to be greeted by the sword. This is what 7Y have been learning

This is what our year 7 Historians enjoyably re-enacted. As Henry II screamed the words, "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?" who was really to blame for his death? Some great discussions analysing sources before a final vote. Year 10 Historians made up the audience and witnessed some fantastic acting skills shown and they certainly enjoyed swinging the swords. Well done Year 7. Thank you Mrs Bird for a great lesson!



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Trinity's Sporting

This week has been filled with so much excitement; excitement not only for the half term, a well deserved break, but because of the sporting successes Trinity students are boasting. From water polo to Table tennis, We've won $\frac{3}{4}$ of our fixtures this week. A great success! This term so far has shown great success and attitude towards sport; from individual success to team success. Trinity sport is on a mission to install life lessons in our students but also to create well rounded students who can get back up when times get tough, and this week has been proof of that.

Here's what's gone on this week:

- Trinity came out on top vs St. John's in the mixed doubles tennis. Jayden and Laith won both of their games. Pixie and Nova won 1 and lost 1. Luca and Fin won both, as did Adam and Teo. Well done all for such a great result.
- Table tennis also saw Trinity victorious. The students won most of their games. They started with the initial rounds and then a ladder tournament. Well done to Louis Martin who stood out as the player of the tournament.
- Water Polo!? Conquered it! A final score of 23-3 against St. John's. Well done to all who took part! A great display of skill shown by the students and a great watch. Well done to Gabe Whitney who was crowned as player of the match.
- A narrow loss for the U15 softball cricket, losing by 2 runs (90-92). Lachlan Renwick had a superb game.





Tales from T2

T2 Trinitonians: Where are they now?

Lottie Brown left Trinity 2 years ago after gaining A Levels in History, English and Business Studies. Lottie was with us for 7 years and during that time was an Ambassador for History as well as taking part in numerous assemblies on historical events and themes. She was an excellent role model for younger historians and continued in this way as a superb Head of School.



Picture above shows Lottie and friends

During a busy Gap Year she travelled to visit other Trinitonians in Germany and worked in her old primary school. The highlight of her year was the time spent enjoying historical sites in Italy, especially Florence. Lottie has now just completed her first year reading History at Cardiff University. Amongst the many units covered were Welsh nationhood, Australian colonial history, The French Revolution, The Russian Revolution and the histories of world religions. Aside from her academic studies Lottie has played netball and joined the History Society. She has had a great start to the next stage of her academic journey, enjoyed the learning and already made some life-long friendships. Well done Lottie, we are very proud of you indeed!



Best of luck to...

Good Luck to Year 13 historians:

After 7 years of Trinity History for Zach Foulser and Matthew Smith, alongside 6 years for Samuel Bird, their academic journey in History is coming to an end.

On Wednesday we had the final lesson before the first exam- "Russia 1855 to 1964".

So, GOOD LUCK Zach, Matthew and Samuel! We're very proud of you!!





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Progression Day: Moving up to Senior School

Tuesday saw the senior school swell, as more than 25 students from prep and other primary schools, had a day of 'senior school life'. It was an exciting and busy day, kicking off with Mathematics, then Geography. Cookies and juice, once fortified, onto DT and Food Tech, making boxes and more cookies. After a lunch and a chance to explore the grounds under the perfect sun, science experiments. A really enjoyable day had by all.

Dates for your diaries...

- June 2nd - U13 hardball cricket vs Stover
- June 3rd - U15 softball cricket vs St. John's
- June 4th - U13 softball cricket vs St. John's
- June 6th - Y9,10 and 12 elite skills Army day. All day
- June 10th - Y9 and 10 football vs St. John's
- June 11th - U13 swimming gala at Trinity with St. John's and TCS
- As you're well aware sports day was cancelled due to bad weather.

Sports day has now been moved to **19th of June**, the 2nd week after half term.



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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 4956 Points

2nd – Powderham – 4893 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 4690 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 285 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 230 points

3rd - Jayden Kirungi - 227 points

4th – Jessica Sinclair - 216 points

5th – Lana Magill - 215 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Blake Hawkins

2nd – Jayden Kirungi

3rd – Felix Balfour-Paul

‘I’ve not failed. I’ve
just found 10,000
ways that won’t
work’

Editor’s QotW

This week’s ‘Quote of the Week’ comes from Thomas A. Edison. Edison came to fame by his many inventions and business ventures; most notably his lightbulb. I’ve chosen the quote due to how applicable it is for student life. Not one student will breeze through school without challenge. We all fall down and we have to learn to be resilient (a springboard if you will). What Edison is saying is that he’s learnt through mistakes, and from these mistakes he’s persevered. Students, and adults alike, can take this invaluable advice and try to embody it. If we do that, real progress can be made.





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23rd of May Commendations

- Esmie Birch
- Libbett Marshall
- Hugo Palmer
- Hannah Yandle
- Victoria Ward
- Noah Smith
- Elliot Starr
- Ashton Foxworthy
- Dare Ali-Napo
- Sienna Cullen
- Lowenna Lewis
- Jessica Sinclair
- Lana Magill
- Reuben Cooke
- Sebastian Drake
- Iruoghene Ojile
- Jeanne Tardy
- Faith Tomlinson
- Eugenie Turkmen
- Hannah Swoboda
- Roger Williams
- Blake Jeffery
- Stanley Nwagborogu
- Bader Saidi

Headmaster's Commendations

- Hugo Palmer
- Lowenna Lewis
- Jessica Sinclair
- Ashton Foxworthy
- Reuben Cooke
- Sebastian Drake
- Faith Tomlinson

Keep up all the hard work...



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

THE 23RD OF MAY

In 1430 Joan of Arc was captured and sold to the English...

In 1660 Charles II returned to England from exile...

In 1785 the invention of the bifocals was announced by Benjamin Franklin...

In 1934 the US outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot dead by American police...

In 1940 the first great dogfight between British Spitfires and the German Luftwaffe took place...

In 1945 Nazi Germany was formally dissolved...

In 1949 Federal Republic of West Germany created out of the American, British and French occupation zones...

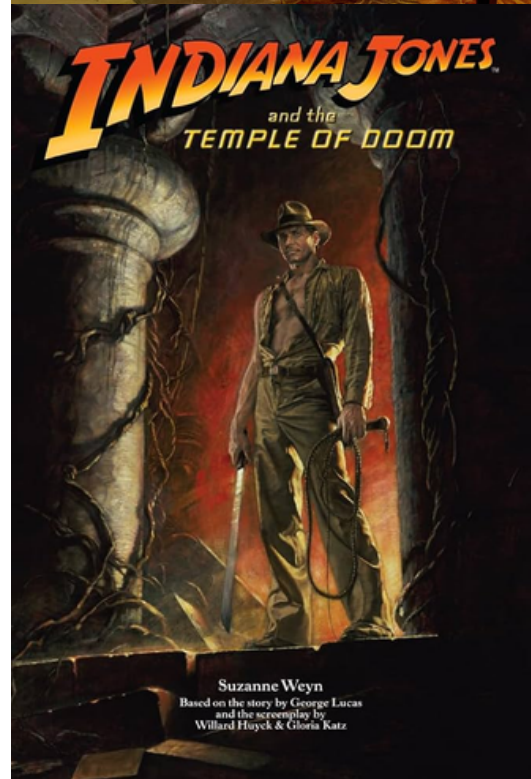
In 1984 "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" premiered...

In 1998 The Good Friday Agreement was accepted in a referendum in N.Ireland...

In 2001 Marco Siffredi snowboarded down the north face of Everest via the Norton Couloir gully ...

In 2019 the world's largest-ever democratic election of over 600 million votes re-elected Narendra Modi in India...

In 2024 Prime Minister Rishi Sunak called an early general election for 4th July...



Wishing you all a happy half-term



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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!**



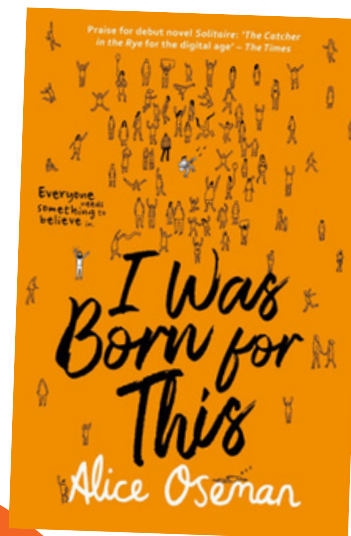
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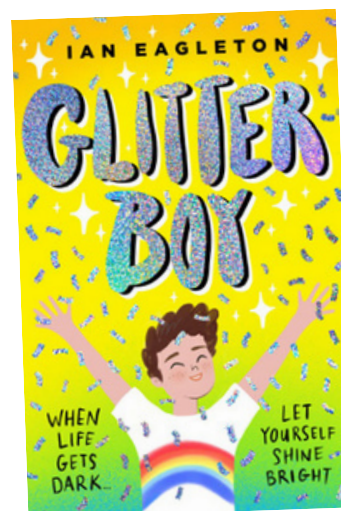
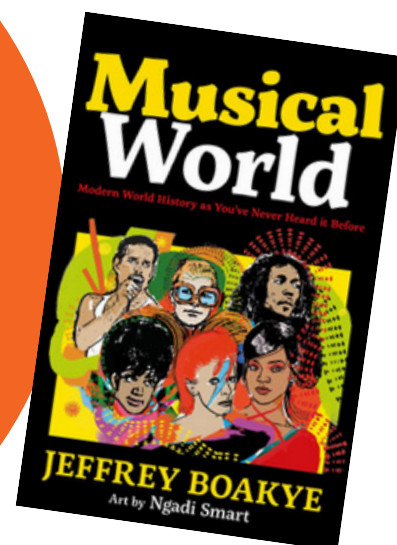
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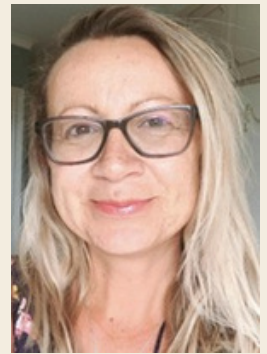
PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

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)

