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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

I have a bit of a problem with the word “excellent” particularly when it comes to schools but also in general which puts me at odds with some, marketing people amongst them, who love the word. I can just about see how a finished article, a painting, a sculpture, a book, might be considered an example of excellence or a specific tennis, cricket, golf shot, a goal, a try but I am not so convinced when it comes to such a claim for a person. To say this person is an excellent writer for example can only really mean they have moments of excellence. Their entire oeuvre is likely to be patchy or mixed, this may even be the case in a single book. Alan Rickman and Helen Mirren were and are considered excellent actors but I once went to see them in Anthony and Cleopatra and both that night, in my opinion, were off their game.

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Excellence is defined as greatness, the very best. You could, of course, make a case for any acting legend and greatness but the very best, well that will always be a matter of opinion, perhaps based on a criteria or more likely a personal opinion. Excellence, therefore for me, exists largely in a moment or a reflection on what we consider to be important. Are the paintings of the impressionists more or less excellent than those of the surrealists or classicists? Even where we can record times, say with athletes, does the fact that Usain Bolt ran quicker than Jesse Owens mean he was the greater, without our taking into consideration the better diet available now and therefore, physiques, the improvement in Sport's Science, training, running shoes, tracks and so on.

In a sporting sense, Jonny Wilkinson would be considered an excellent fly half but look at his drop goal to win the 1991 Rugby World Cup; it was a wobbly old thing. Until it finally went over, Will Greenwood, his team mate was not convinced but of course, you are as likely to win through a piece of what is often called "anti-skill" as you are a piece of excellence. When you look at that England Rugby team in the World Cup final, they were well below excellent, but they found a way to win. Over the preceding years before they became World Cup winners, I watched that team, in person and on the television, evolve. Certainly, there were many moments of excellence and they collectively always worked towards excellence but it was their acknowledgement that even should they fall short of such a pinnacle, if they were at times second best, that they would find a way to win, that meant they became world champions.

So when we talk of an excellent school producing excellent pupils as if it were a fixed thing, we are distracting from the process through failure and success that leads to progress, the very essence of an educational and life journey. The pursuit of excellence is always worthwhile but as the saying goes, excellence should not be the enemy of very good or even good. Also our pursuit of excellence should not distract from the development of the resilience that may lead to it and is likely, even when we are not at our best, to lead to us winning through.





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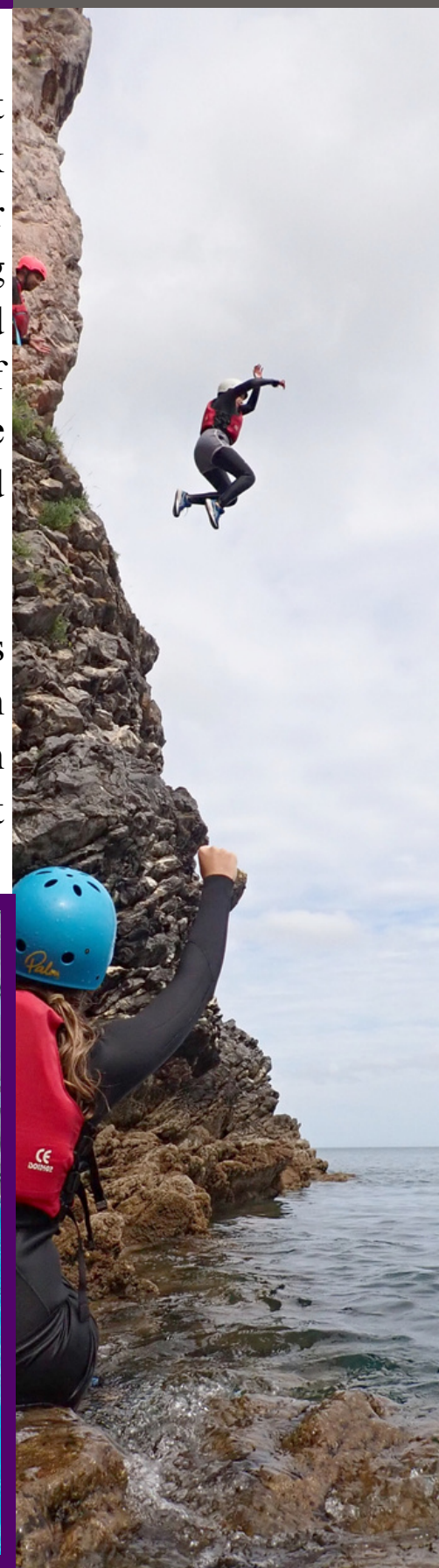
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Weekend Shenanigans

A plethora of activities were on offer this weekend just gone; from a chill day bowling to a day of hard work adventuring the unforgiving, cavernous Devon cliffs. Our boarders really took to the coasteering; pushing themselves and the others around them to try harder and bigger jumps. Back at home base, after a long day of swimming in the pool and getting competitive on the Astro Turf; we topped off the evening with a campfire and much needed marshmallows.

We, at Trinity, always ask that our students try activities that they've never done before; or may not try again. With our extensive weekend programme, the two go hand in hand, and our students take it in their stride, pushing past their comfort zones. Well done all for getting stuck in!



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Triathlon Madness

Well done to all those who've taken part in the Triathlon on Monday afternoon. A gruelling swim, a treacherous row and a 1.5 mile run; Trinity, St. John's and Churston Grammar School, all did amazingly well to give it their best effort. Special well done to those individuals and teams who won their respective races. A great feat of athleticism on display from all students who took part. Thank you to the PE department who ran and hosted the event and to all who helped.



Jurassic Coast Fundraising

This weekend just passed saw 7 of our amazing prep team walk 13 miles in aid of Cancer Research UK. Through the unforgiving terrain and the hot weather, the team amazingly got £1600 together. A huge amount of money for such a great cause. Well done team! If you see them, be sure to congratulate them on a great achievement.

The Jurassic coast showcases 185 million years worth of history. Scattered along the way you can see sea arches, daunting cliffs and sea stacks.



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A Collage of Colours: Art and DT exhibition

What a great evening the Art and Design Summer Exhibition was. It was fantastic to see so many staff, parents and students supporting and enjoying all the wonderful work on display. It really demonstrated the huge wealth of artist talent we have at Trinity. So many different topics, themes and materials were on display, from 3D copper shells, sculptural dresses, oak tables, not to mention the numerous beautiful paintings. A huge well done to all the students involved. A huge thank you for the DT and Art departments for hosting such a great evening.



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Champions Battle

In a closely fought battle between the 3 chosen Champions; Gabe Summers, Amir Yazdanpanah and Dare Ali-Napo, only one could win it all...

Congratulations to Amir who amassed 8 points overall, claiming the house House Champion title, and bringing it home for Luscombe. Well done to all who took part and helped.



Taking to the Water with our Year 7s

Fear no more! Our Year 7s, during their PE lessons, have been learning lifesaving skills. From the basic contact tows to handling the torpedo buoys, our year 7s are on the lookout! The lifeguarding curriculum isn't easy, but despite this, our year 7s have done incredibly well; showcasing their amazing talent and ability to perform in potentially difficult situations. *(They'll be taking my lifeguarding job soon...)*



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6th Form Taster day

Year 10's had the opportunity to experience Trinity 6th Form life. This included 5 taster A-Level lessons. Where they were able to talk to the subject leaders about their subject, what they can do with it and the support they'll receive during their A-Level studies. It was also a chance to delve into the opportunities they'll be exposed to while at Trinity. A lot going on for the 6th Form, so a huge thank you to Miss Moss for all her efforts this year.



Montenegro Fundraising

On Wednesday, students were invited to join in with a mufti-day in aid of the Montenegro team. This included cake sales, donations and sporting the Montenegro colours. A huge thank you for your cooperation, without you and your donations we couldn't have raised £326.95. We must also extend our thanks to the staff who helped out; your continued support is greatly appreciated. A big shoutout to Kiyan(Y10) who, at the end of the day, bought all remaining cakes at £25. QR below.



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A Night to Remember: the Leavers Ball 2025



Last night hosted Trinity's Leavers Ball at the lovely Humber Barn. A lovely venue for such a special evening. The night saw great weather, great food and most importantly, great company.

The students enjoyed themselves massively; which contributed to what turned out to be such a special night for them. A happy farewell to the leavers.

A huge thank you has to go out to Miss Moss for organising the event. Months of dedicated planning wasn't overlooked last night, as she really outdid herself. Thank you, Miss Moss!

Finally, best of luck to those leavers; whatever you're moving on to we, at Trinity, wish you the best of luck. It's been a pleasure to share in your journey so far. Please do keep in touch and let us know what you're up to!



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Maritime Ventures: Trinity Edition

Over several weeks, Year 7 pupils have designed and built vacuum formed boats based on the Amazon Patrol Crafts (APC). They are powered by electric motors and top mounted propellers. They then tested and raced their masterpieces in the pool. Well done to Louis who won the event, and well done to Leo, Luca and Ryley who were all runners up!

Shop Opening Times

- Thursday 31 July and Friday 1 August between 10am to 1pm on each day
- Monday 1 September from 2.30 to 4.00pm
- Wednesday 3 September between 3 to 5pm (this is the first day of term so instead of being open on Thursday as usual we're bringing it forward a day)
- After these dates, the school shop will revert back to it's normal times of 3-5pm

Dates for your diaries...

- June 30th - Start of Year 7-9 Trips Week
- July 2nd - 4th - Year 8 residential Trip
- July 9th - Speech Day

QR code for
Montenegro
Fundraising



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HOUSEPOINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 5197 Points

2nd – Powderham – 5091 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 5045 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 295 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 260 points

3rd – Jayden Kirungi - 245 points

4th – Libbet Marshall - 228 points

5th – Lana Magill - 227 points



“The battle is with no one other than your own mind, but it’s one I believe you have to consistently win if you’re going to achieve great things”

Editor’s QOTW

An All Black great. A world class Fly half; and a great role model. Dan Carter tops the list of greatest leaders and motivational figureheads in my opinion. I’ve chosen this quote this week because of one word, **Consistently**. It also tied in with what my coaches would tell me, ‘Practice makes permanent. Permanent practice makes perfect’. Unfortunately, we have drilled into ourselves to be perfect on the first try, but this is so unreasonable. We end up beating ourselves up; but if we consistently practice, and focus on our journey then we can start to conquer mental battles and improve in what we want to.





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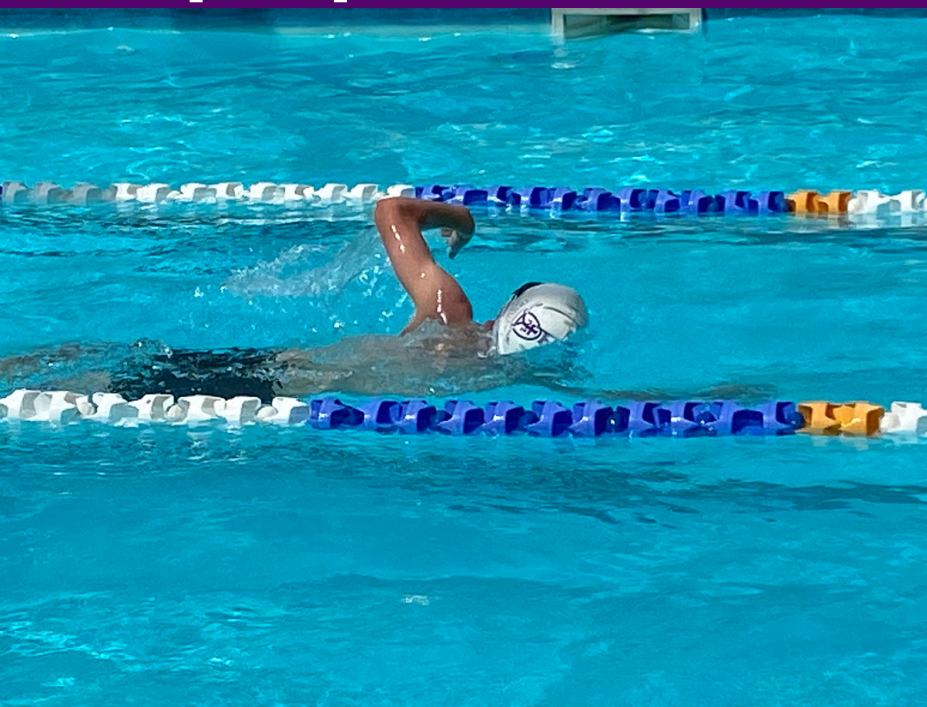
27th of June Commendations

- Riley Fryer · Victoria Ward
- Finn Jones · Sienna Winsor
- Leo Viney · Sophia Impey
- Korey Barker · Nathan Mwaturua
- Ethan Harris-Deans · Harry Bass
- Blake Hawkins · Esmee Glue
- Jayden Kirungi · Miracle Kabore
- Laith Owalsky · Jessica Newton
- Lilly-May Salter · Faith Tomlinson
- Noah Smith · Nathan Yeo

Headmaster's Commendations

- Riley Fryer
- Leo Viney
- Jayden Kirungi
- Noah Smith
- Nathan Mwaturura
- Esmee Glue

Keep up all the hard work...



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

THE 27TH OF JUNE

In 1542 the first voyage from Spain set sail to explore America...

In 1743 George II was the last British monarch to lead troops into battle, at The Battle of Dettingen...

In 1894 Annie Londonderry set off to then become the first woman to cycle around the world, arriving home in September 1895...

In 1898 Joshua Slocum completed the first solo circumnavigation of the globe...

In 1923 the first ever aerial refuelling took place between 2 bi-planes...

In 1929 the first demonstration of colour television took place...

In 1967 Barclays Bank opened Britain's first cash dispenser...

In 1987 the new James Bond, Timothy Dalton, premiered in "The Living Daylights"...

In 2007 Gordon Brown became Prime Minister...

In 2020 a locust plague called 'Swarmaggedon' hit Delhi...

In 2024 the Biden v Trump presidential debate sparked concerns for Biden's health...



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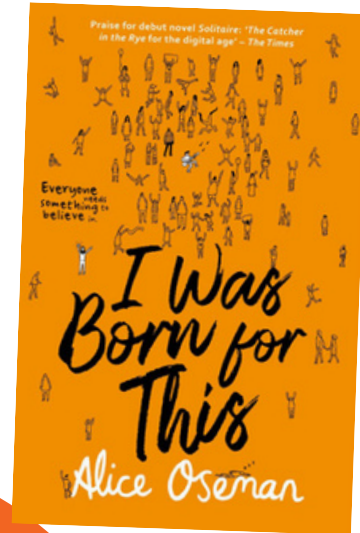
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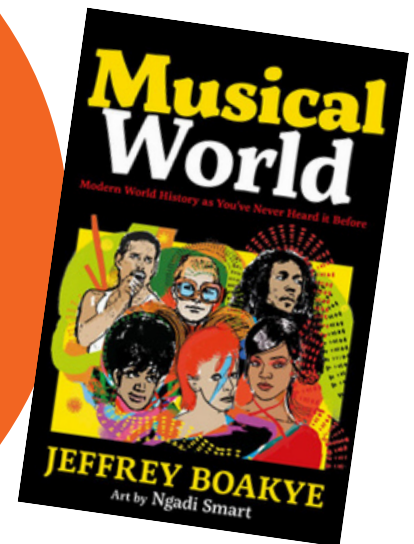
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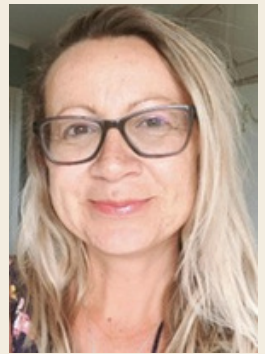
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Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



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Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com

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