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Trinity School, Teignmouth, TQ14 8LY



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

By Mr Robinson

One of the things I missed most about Britain, apart from cheddar cheese and rhubarb, when living in Rio was the lack of seasons. As one colleague of mine at the time said, "here, there are three very hot months and then it is like a European summer for the rest of the time". We all have our favourite season. A few even vote for winter but they tend to be enormous fans of Christmas, summer is the top pick, with others more keen on spring, my wife in their number. For me, my favourite is autumn, particularly on a day like today, where the soft sun is making the waves glisten and creating colour like light through stained glass, as it illuminates the changing shades of the trees' leaves. In many ways, it is a most English season. I know we are told to visit New England in the Fall but in all honesty, this is just an American version of what we have in abundance here. Some of my favourite places to see autumn leaves resplendent are Betwys-y- Coed in North Wales, the Lake District, Castle Combe in the Cotswolds, Haver Castle in Kent, although my family always preferred Sheffield Park in Sussex. Then there is a bend in the river just outside Henley on Thames, going towards London, where wealthy landowners once planted a variety of trees, that outlived those who planted them and ordered them planted to continue year on year to produce a cornucopia of colour for any walker's pleasure.
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The beauty of autumn in this country is not just in a handful of places however, it is all around us in every county and in the parks of our towns and cities. The love of and joy of autumn was the inspiration for one of our great poets, John Keats, with his "Ode to Autumn". The poem captures the transition from summer to autumn, vividly portraying the ripening of fruits, the changing colours of the landscape, and the changing soundscape as summer insects give way to autumn creatures. It is sensory and individual, reflecting on abundance that leads to our Harvest Festivals and displaying a very British fascination with nature and its impact on us. Does any other nation talk as much about the weather and how we feel about it?

As I write, it is not just the early days of the midpoint of autumn, it is National Poetry Day and Trinity pupils from KS3 are engaging in the "Declamations" of poems they have learnt or even written. Therefore, I feel I should share the first verse of Keats' poem with you. There are two more verses, if you are tempted to read more.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,

Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;

Conspiring with him how to load and bless

With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;

To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,

And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;

To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells

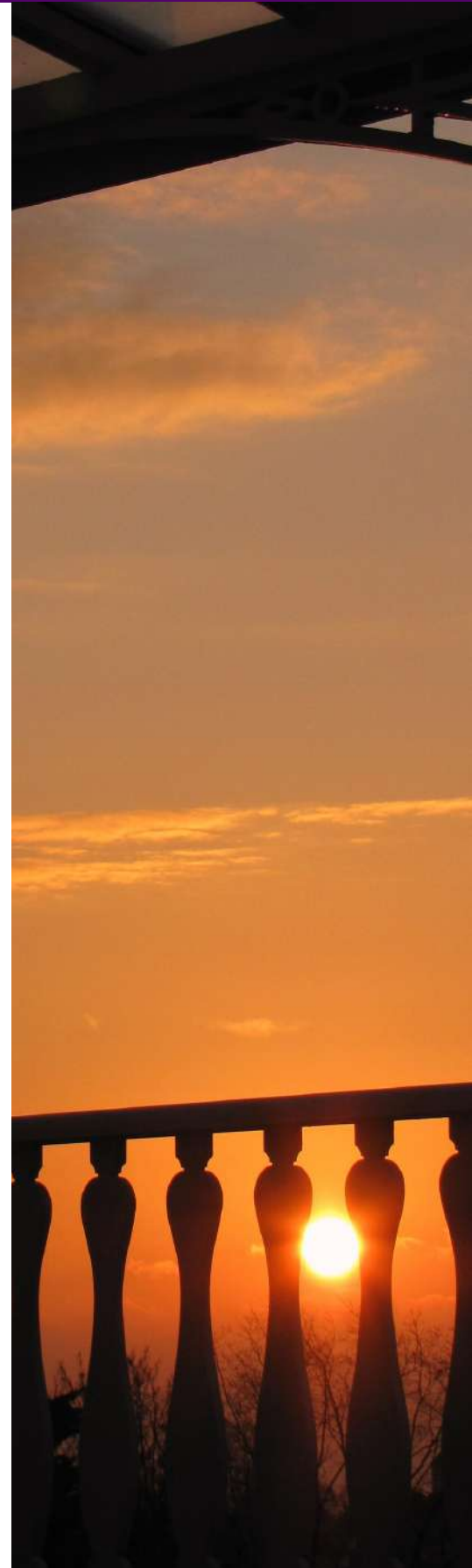
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,

And still more, later flowers for the bees,

Until they think warm days will never cease,

For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells

The seasons for us are times of reflection on the nature of change, the need to adapt, the chance of a change of mind set. We are lucky to have them. So, scarves, woolly hats and gloves and thick coats it is then.



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Monday 30 September 2024 saw the school Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Biennial Review. This happens every two years and because we have both Royal Navy and Army Sections in our Contingent, the RN and Army take turns in inviting a senior serving officer to attend.

This year was the turn of the RN and we were delighted to have Captain Andy Bray RN who describes himself as the Headteacher of Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth as the Reviewing Officer. BRNC is the where the Royal Navy trains future RN officers. Captain Bray was accompanied by Lt Cdr Sophie Rennie RNR who is well known to our Year 13 cadets who have visited and taken part in Camps and Course at BRNC. She is the permanent Liaison Officer for CCF RN Headquarters, based at Portsmouth.

As Contingent Commander, I should like to thank every cadet who attended on Monday, demonstrating your prowess on the climbing wall, being trained on the safe handling of CCF weapon systems and learning how to manoeuvre our newly acquired cadet field gun. My gratitude goes also to all the CCF staff from within school and from outside, especially Sgt Tosh and Chief Jonah. Year 12 and 13 cadets were outstanding ambassadors for Trinity when they assembled to form the greeting party outside the White House and at the splendid lunch enjoyed by the VIPs and the Senior Leadership Team. Captain Andy and Lt Cdr Sophie were most impressed by the happy atmosphere during their tour of the school and that is a tribute to everyone at Trinity - both staff and pupils.





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YEAR 13 FISHING TRIP



During our Friday afternoon PE lesson, Year 13 embarked on an exciting fishing trip that proved to be both educational and enjoyable. The students successfully caught 27 mackerels, showcasing their teamwork and fishing skills. This outdoor adventure not only allowed them to connect with nature but also fostered camaraderie and strengthened relationships within the year group. It was a memorable experience that combined sport, learning, and fun, making lasting connections among classmates!



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“JUST KEEP
SWIMMING
SWIMMING
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”

Dory, Finding Nemo

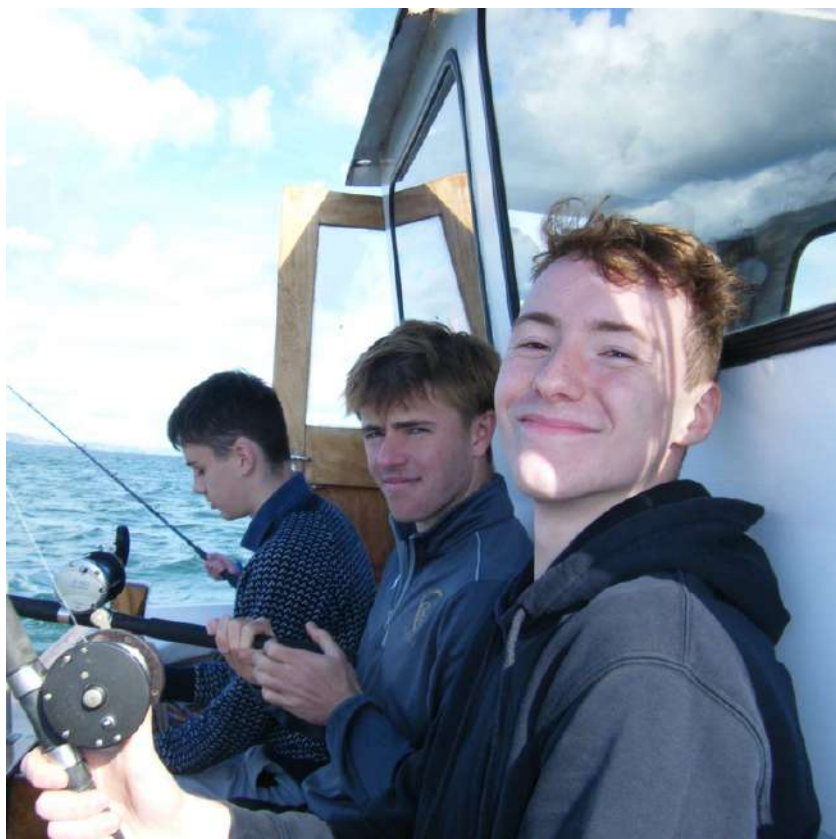


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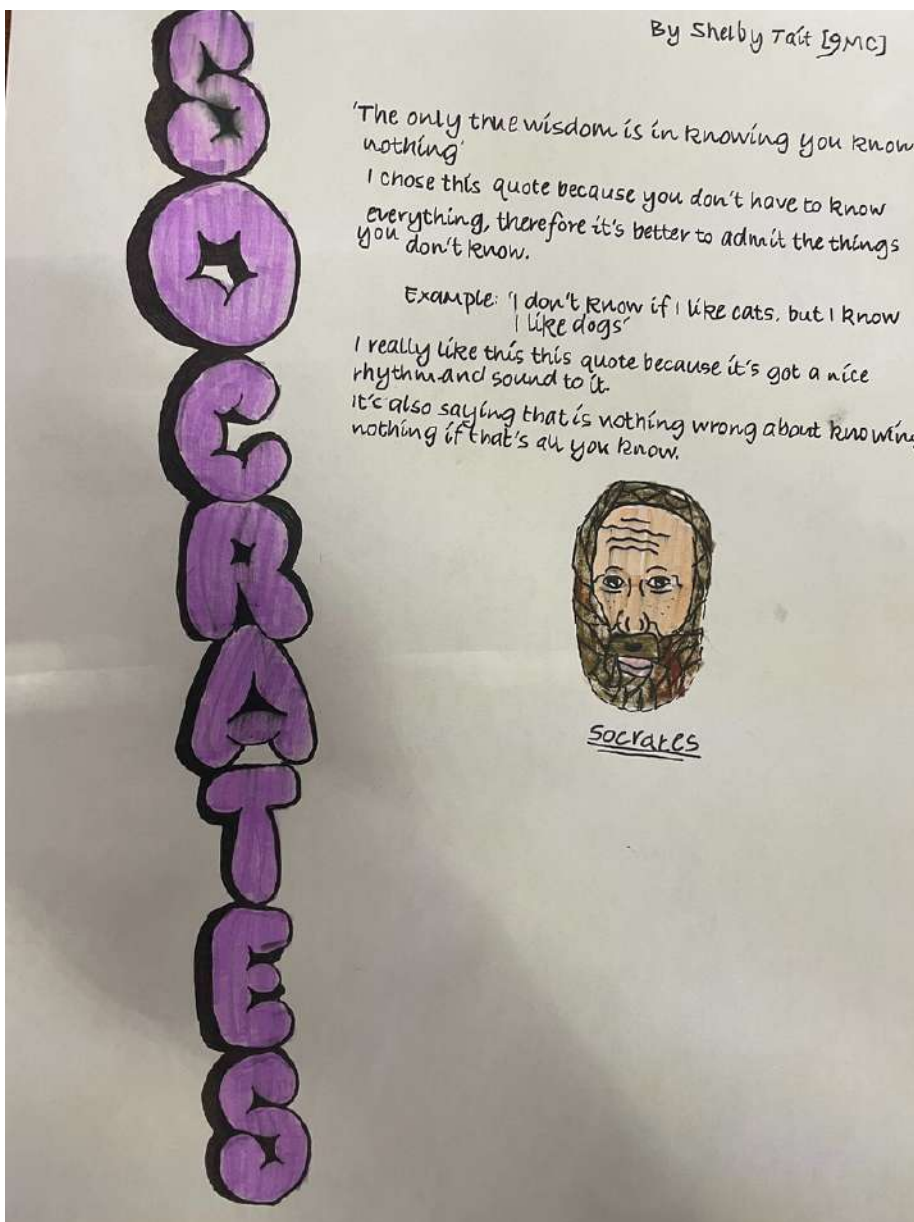
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PHILOSOPHER OF THE MONTH

Shelby Tait winner of the RS department competition October philosopher of the month. Every month year 8 & year 9 students compete to see who can win the philosopher of the month competition. Students have to firstly choose a philosopher and explain why they like the quote. Well done Shelby! Her work will be displayed on the door of S10 throughout October.

"THE ONLY TRUE WISDOM IS IN KNOWING YOU KNOW NOTHING. THE UNEXAMINED LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOOD, KNOWLEDGE, AND ONE EVIL, IGNORANCE."

Socrates



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YEAR 8 HARVEST FESTIVAL CHAPEL



During our Tuesday chapel, Year 8 presented an engaging overview of Harvest Festival, showcasing its traditions and celebrations around the world.

In a wonderful display of community spirit, the entire school contributed food donations to support the local charity HITS in Teignmouth. This effort highlights our commitment to gratitude and giving back, reminding us of the importance of sharing our blessings and making a positive impact in our community. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY



In the Year 11 Chemistry experiment, students investigated how varying the concentration of a reactant influences the reaction rate. They discovered that increasing the concentration typically accelerates the reaction. This is because a higher concentration results in more reactant particles, which in turn leads to more frequent collisions. Their findings effectively illustrate the principles of collision theory and deepen their understanding of chemical kinetics.



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KS3 DECLAMATIONS

Year 7, 8 and 9 celebrated National Poetry Day - Thursday 3rd October- by holding the annual Trinity Declamation Day. They had to choose or write a poem of their own to perform in front of their house group, whilst being judged on their presenting skills, speaking voice, whether they managed to memorise their poem and how creative, or challenging their poem was.



"A POEM IS A
DELICATE
THREAD,
WOVEN WITH
WORDS THAT
BREATHE LIFE
INTO SILENCE
AND PAINT
EMOTIONS
WHERE
LANGUAGE
FALTERS."



Year 7 Winner
Shakira May



Year 8 Winner
Jayden Kirungi



Year 9 Winner
Charles Scoot



KS3 Overall Winner
Shakira May





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BOARDING LIFE



Last Saturday our boarders went on a surfing trip and had soft archery. On Sunday unfortunately there was no trip but the boarders still enjoyed the social time with each other.



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INTERVIEWS WITH NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

This is an interview with new members of staff, we would like for you to get to know our fellow members to keep up the traditional feel of the Trinitonian Family!

Ms. Kristina Phillips - New Exams Officer and Administrator

What was your favourite job before this one?

I worked at Plymouth University as a science technician

What were your first thoughts about Trinity when you first saw it?

It has historical buildings that look cool for a school in the modern age.

Have you ever lived somewhere other than the UK?

Yes, I lived in South Korea for 3 years

What's the best part of this job?

The best part of my job is seeing how much kids improve over time

What animal would you be if you were one?

I would love to be a cat because they just sleep and eat all-day

What was your favourite subject in school?

My favourite subject was Biology

Who was your favourite teacher?

The one and only Mr Smaridge who now teaches here

Why did you become a teacher?

I worked as a kindergarten and primary school teacher and it was fun

What was your dream job?

Back in the day was to be a neuroscientist

Why did you choose Trinity?

Trinity has a really good reputation and as well I think that all the students are really cool

What A levels did you study?

Biology, Psychology, Geography and Travel and Tourism

What advice would you give to any student?

Put in the hard work now while you can to save you from even harder later - don't leave it too late

What's your favourite inspirational quote?

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched they must be felt with the heart.

If you could pass some advice to your younger self, what would it be?

You are doing great!



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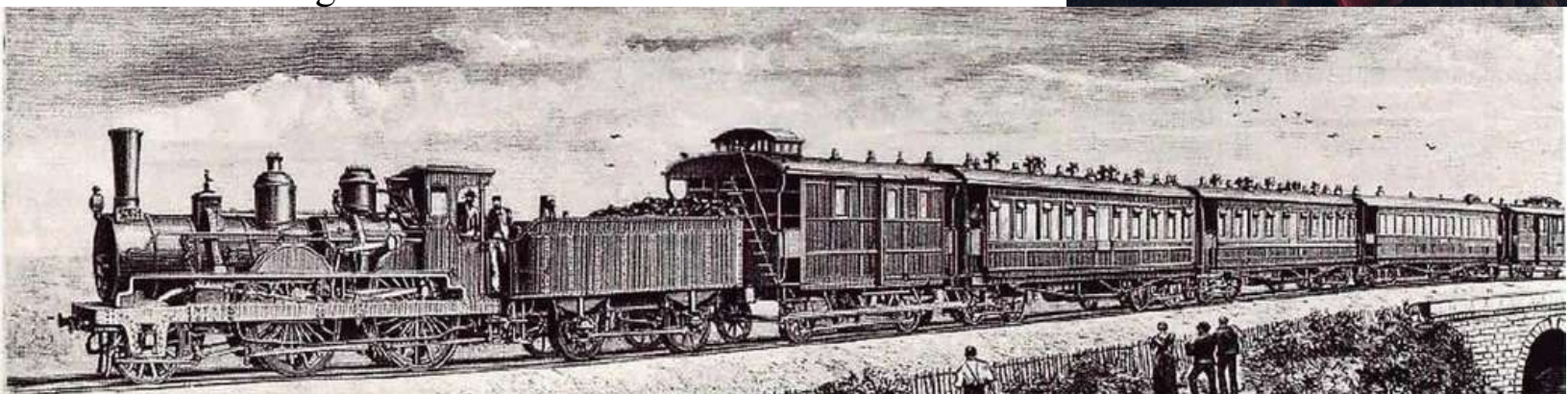
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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... 4TH OCTOBER

- In 1537 the complete English-language Bible was printed in England...
- In 1539 Henry VIII married his 4th wife, Anne of Cleves...
- In 1675 Dutch mathematician Christiaan Huygens patented the pocket watch...
- In 1853 The Crimean War began...
- In 1883 The Orient Express departed on its first official journey from Paris to Istanbul...
- In 1911 the first escalator was installed on the London Underground...
- In 1927 work began on the Mount Rushmore sculptures in America...
- In 1983 Richard Noble set a new land speed record of 650.88 mph in Thrust2...
- In 2006 WikiLeaks was created by Internet activist Julian Assange...





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"Success is
not final,
failure is not
fatal: It is
the courage
to continue
that counts."

KEY STAGE COMMENDATION

- ★ Nova Jeffery
- ★ Libbett Marshall
- ★ Shakira May
- ★ Jayden Kirungi
- ★ Alice Lovett
- ★ Shelby Tait
- ★ Korey Barker
- ★ Gemma Newton
- ★ Jessica Sinclair
- ★ Nyrie Ridge
- ★ Lana Macgill
- ★ Dexter Jeffery
- ★ Poppy Allen
- ★ Charlie Scoot
- ★ Shelby Tait
- ★ Amir Yazdanpanah
- ★ Lewis Ward

HEAD MASTER COMMENDATION

Jayden Kirungi
Gemma Newton
Dexter Jeffery



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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.

Collecting for HIT

Trinity Harvest Festival

Tins Of Meat Meals (like curry, chicken in sauce etc),

Chopped Tomatoes,

Tinned Spaghetti,

Packets of Microwaveable Rice,

Tinned Custard,

Tea or Coffee,

Chocolate,

Packets of Instant Noodles,

Pot Noodles,

Jars of Pasta Sauce,

Jars of Curry Sauce,

Biscuits,

Bags of Sugar,

Tinned Rice Pudding,

Squash (like Ribena, Orange),

1 Litre Cartons of Orange Juice,