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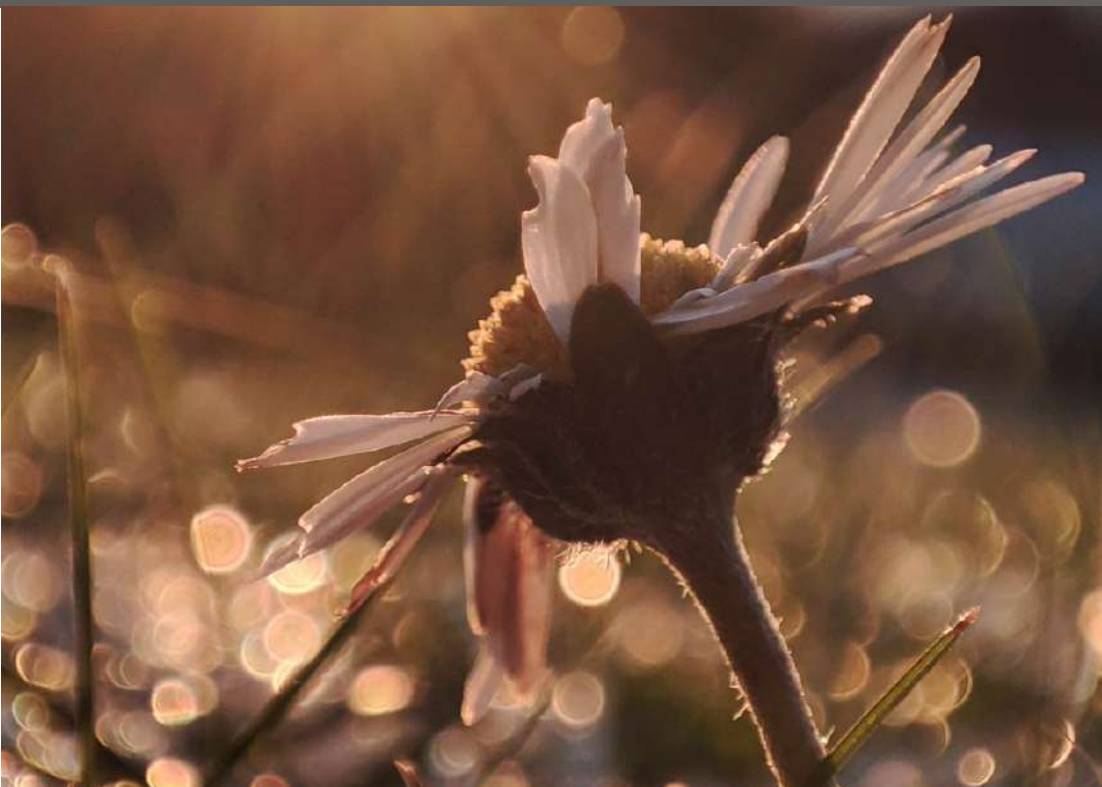
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Over the Christmas holiday, I watched a film I had greatly enjoyed previously, "The Boys in the Boat". Reviews in some case had been a little sniffy, possibly a reaction against its director George Clooney. I remember such an approach from critics contemporaneously to first release of some of Spielberg's films, now well regarded. There is also the question, are critics complicit in the "death of narrative cinema"? That is not for discussion in this article. So, for me, the film is a rattling narrative based on a real life story that in its detail is perhaps more astounding than the film portrayal. It is the story of the University of Washington's (Seattle) 1936, eight oar crew and their cox, Bobby Moch. They are not the boys from elite backgrounds we might expect to find in a racing shell but the sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers, many of them there because rowing at Washington offered these aspirational but poor students in the Great Depression, a meal, a bed and a way to pay for their education. The university secured part time jobs for all members of its rowing crews, which was why many persevered with the arduous try outs, from the hundreds who trialled.

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The boys make up the junior team before their coach Al Ulbrickson promotes them to be the varsity boat. Although in Daniel James Brown's excellent book on the crew, most are sophomores and the final crew has a couple of oars from other crews. The "Husky" crew as they become known go on to beat all their rivals, University of California, The Navy and even the elite eastern crews like Yale and Harvard. At that time, the boat that won the trials represented the USA in the Olympics and the "Boys" then went on to beat the world's best, including the Nazi Germany team in front of Hitler. The only boat that wasn't German, in any of the races of the Olympic regatta, to win gold.

I watched the film a second time because I had read the book on the history of the team and their gold medal. A central character in the film is Joe Rantz and it is through his story, more developed in print, that the history of the period and the hardships for these young men is further explored. Born in 1914 in Spokane, Washington, he was four years old when he lost his mother to cancer, and when his father remarried, his stepmother reportedly took a dislike to him. At the age of 10, Joe was forced out of the family home, and for more than a year he slept in the town's schoolhouse. Eventually, allowed to return home, when he was 15, he was abandoned completely, arriving home from school to find his father, stepmother and half-brother in the car with their belongings, ready to leave Spokane in search of a better life. They had no intention of taking young Joe, and he had no idea where they were going. He was left to fend for himself: hunting or fishing to eat, visiting soup kitchens, and earning scraps of money taking jobs where he could. Fortunately, Joe was a bright boy and grew up tall, strong and athletic, and it was while competing in sports at school that he caught the eye of Al Ulbrickson. The book is at once a story of individuals, the history of the times, a history of rowing and how the shells were made, a narrative of an incredible achievement, a story of friendship and love, and with chapter titles like "Resilience", a philosophy of life. This last is best exemplified by the boat builder and rowing sage George Pocock, an Englishman who made his way to Seattle at the turn of the century and helped shape not just the shells but the oarsmen of Washington University. A reading of the book, even a watch of the film, is to contemplate life through a different paradigm and well worth the time.

It was our Catering Manager, Cat, who passed on the book to me and is still kindly listening to my ruminations on it. No mean rower herself, she represents Devon in Cornish Pilot Gig sea rowing and came third with her crew in the recent World Championships. On that note, we will be welcoming the River Teign Rowing Club to Trinity this term for some of their winter training but they are also offering training to some of our pupils with an aim of getting them doing some sea rowing themselves.



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THE THREE KING

On Fridays chaple Miss Climent did a presentation on the Three Kings Day, and Rooney M, Isabel S and Automne M dressed up as the three kings giving out sweets to VERY good students in each year.

WELL DONE TO :





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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 2,563

2nd – Powderham – 2,461

3rd – Ugbrooke – 2,409

Student Leaderboard :

1. Shakira May - 162
2. Jaden Kirungi - 149
3. Jessica Sinclair - 131
4. Libbet Marshall - 125
5. Alice Lovett - 114
6. Dare Ali-Napo - 110
7. Dexter Jeffery - 110
8. Lana Magill – 107
9. Nova Jeffery - 93
10. Gemma Newton - 91

Weekly Leaderboard

- Lily-Mae Pettifer – 6
- Pixie Dollar – 5
- Libbet Marshall – 5
- Joshua Smith – 5
- Irou Ojile – 5

"Determination is the steadfast commitment to push forward, no matter the obstacles, knowing that every step brings you closer to your goal."





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UPCOMING FIXTURES

ESFA U15 Girls 9-a-side @ Paignton 3:30KO

U14+U16 ISA National Football (Boys) Nottingham 7-a-side 10-3:30



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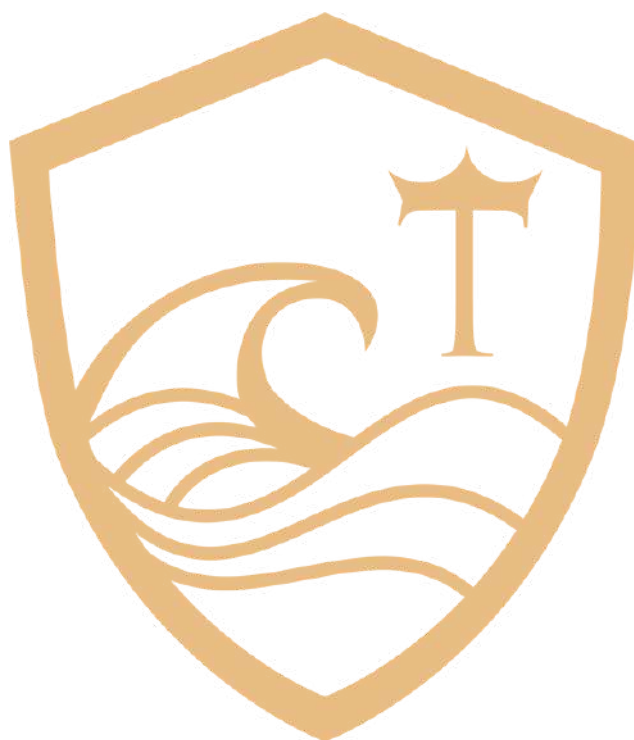
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U16S ISA NATIONAL FOOTBALL FINALS TEAM SHEET

Josh Smith
Elias Ngowet
Samba Barrie
Alex Ajoku
Mykyta Chernetskyi
Asher Ikuwe
Josh Wahome
Olise Micheals
Lachlan Renwick
Fede Bernades Pifarre



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WHERE DID OUR CHRISTMAS TREE GO ?

Trinity School is committed to supporting our local community and today our lovely Head Boys delivered our Christmas tree to the Alice Cross Centre in Teignmouth.



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LAST FRIDAY DAY IN HISTORY... 10TH DECEMBER

- In 1776 Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" advocated for American Independence...
- In 1840 the Penny Post system started...
- In 1863 the first underground railway opened in London...
- In 1912 the maiden voyage of the world's first flying boat took place in New York...
- In 1928 Soviet Union exiled Leon Trotsky...
- In 1946 UN General Assembly met for the first time...
- In 1973 the first Open University degrees were received...
- In 2018 Jeff Bezos became the second man worth over 100 billion dollars...
- In 2023 Prince Harry's memoir "Spare" went on sale worldwide...



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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