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Senior Voice

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

By Mr Robinson

My sporting summer ended on 31st August with me being captured on the English Football League's Instagram applauding Million Manhoef's 86th minute winning goal for Stoke City at Plymouth. Moments before, I had been hugging my son's in jubilation rather than in the usual affection. Jubilation had not been the order of the day earlier in the summer when yet again England had fallen at the last in a major Football tournament, the Euros. Spain were the best side however. Spain were again triumphant in the men's final at Wimbledon, when the effervescent Alcaraz proved just toopotent for Djokovic. A few days earlier I had enjoyed a trip to Wimbledon, enjoying both ladies doubles' semi-finals and a world class sporting venue. Then, there was the Rugby and the Cricket, with national teams showing their potential but my favourite sporting event of the summer was the Olympics. Well done to the French for organising an outstanding event, give or take the odd moment in the opening ceremony. It is inspirational to see and learn of the different stories of Olympians, the journey they have been on, the ups and downs, resilience and determination, not just to win a medal but many times just to be there, taking part. One day, having a break from packing up my house in order to move, I found myself watching a women's diving event, not necessarily something I understood a great deal about but the competition was tight and hard fought between a Chinese and Australian diver.

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The Chinese diver won out but for me the most striking element of this competition, the most touching, was at its end, when the two divers came together displaying a genuine warmth, friendship and appreciation of each other. They continued to chat and laugh long after it was polite to do so.

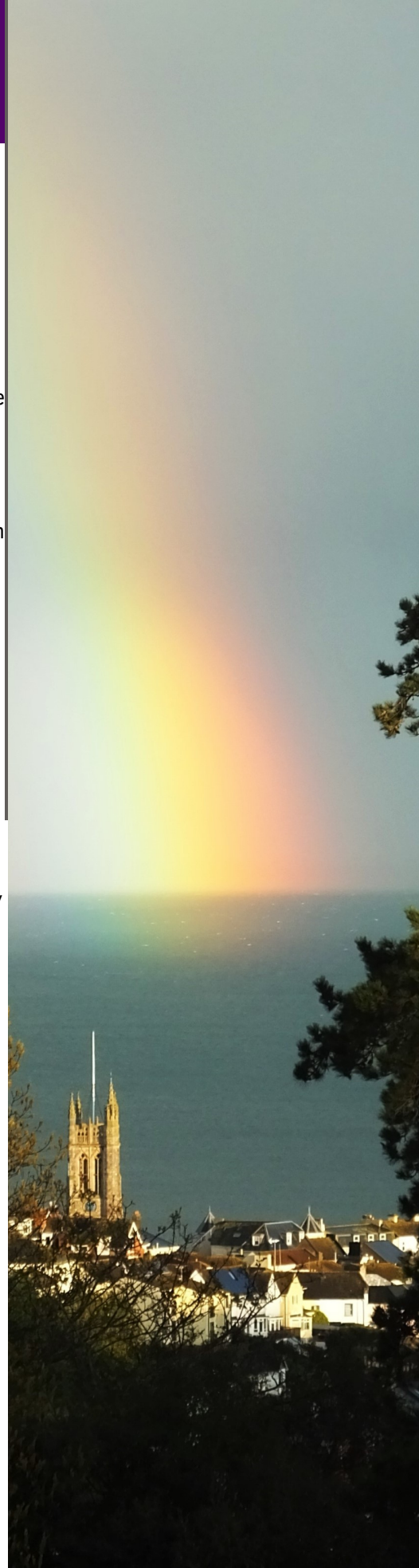
I have met a few young people who have gone on to become Olympians, one such was a Hockey Player. Talented but no more so than a half dozen of his school team mates, he seemed less likely to succeed because he believed having that talent made him something special, better than other people, dismissive of team mates and umpires. Coaches had to work hard to get past his ego to get him to focus on his development as a player but also as a person that would be able to cope with the high performing environment he wished to be part of. I was asked to speak to him on a few occasions about his attitude. I claim no particular credit here other than being one of a number of voices, by no means in my case the most important, who supported this young man but in his final year at school, it all came together, he addressed his character flaw, re-focused, embraced friendships beyond his sport and became more grounded.

Before he left school, he took time to thank all those who had helped him and as I watched him playing for his nation at the Olympics, it was not just the level of his play that impressed me but the quality of the young man he had become to help him to get to that place. I also noted that as he played there was not a word of dissent, not even a look of disbelief to the umpires.

The nature of pursuing your talent or talents while being grounded in the community that surrounds you and the community of support beyond was a strong message that came out of this year's Olympics. It was not so much the Olympians' medals as their stories that inspired me this summer. It was a theme I took up in my first address to Trinity's pupils, something to think about.

THE NEW SENIOR VOICE

The Senior Voice magazine will now be ran by students and will be issued to students and parents alike. Leading this new direction for the Senior Voice Magazine are the Deputy Heads of School: Zach Foulser and Daniel Wong, with help from Enovy Esther Rigden-Green.



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SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAY

Year 12 had a fantastic opportunity to go and explore the coast line of Teignmouth and attempt to catch their own dinner. It was a beautiful, but slightly chilly, afternoon out to sea. We did not quite exceed the number of fish caught last year however, we did catch a beautiful Gurnard. Luckily we had pizzas at the ready and a bonfire to warm up for our return to school. A wonderful way to start the new academic year in Sixth Form.



SIXTH FORM SOCIAL

After their fishing trip the Sixth Form joined with Year 11 for their first School Social this year! The Social Events are a great way to bring students together across years. The Sixth Form had a great time dancing, singing and laughing all night!



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YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY

The Year 7 Geographers have been working on their Map Skills and World Geography knowledge.



"My tower wouldn't have been particularly high as I would have wanted to eat all of the marshmallows"

KS4 Team-Building

KS4 were set the challenging task of building the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. All of the students worked brilliantly together and it was lovely to see the excellent team building skills being developed.



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INTER-HOUSE CHAMPIONS

The Inter-House Champions Challenge is back! Following Antonio's success for Powderham last year, this year's Inter-House Champions will be selected! The Champions will undertake three challenges throughout the year: one creative challenge, one mental challenge, and one physical challenge.

Last year these Challenges were to: decorate their House Wall, a memory challenge, and to juggle fruits and vegetables!

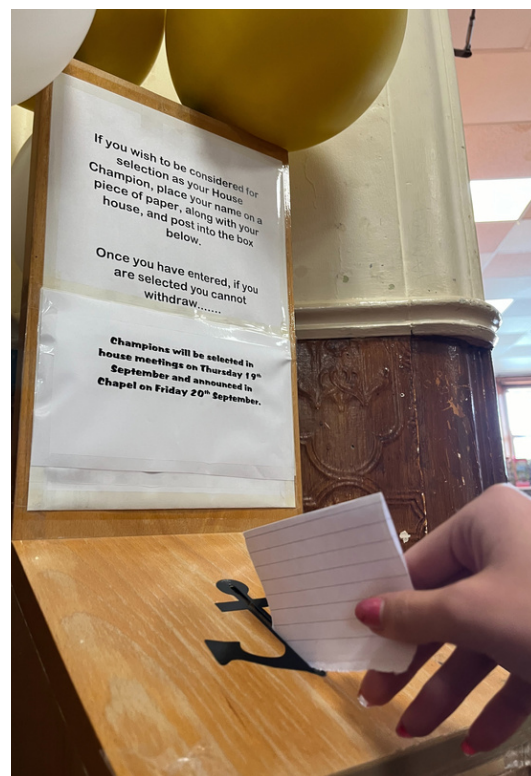
Pupils from any senior year group are encouraged to put themselves forward to be the Champion of their house by using the entry box outside the Refectory.

Please include your name and school House.
Good Luck!

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“House Champion gave me a chance to show the school what I can do”

*-Zach Foulser,
Former House
Champion Winner*



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BOARDING LIFE

After their first week in boarding, the boarders set off to Adrenaline Quarry and Devon Sea Safari where they enjoy the lovely sea view and the massive slides.



“Adrenaline Quarry is where adventure meets its match and adrenaline is the only limit.”

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO JOIN BOARDING?

We interviewed a new pupil in boarding and here is what they had to say:

“Boarding is so amazing. even though I have only been here for just a few days, it already feels like a second home! The connection between the boarders is incredible and everyone is so helpful. I’ve already made so many friendships with both Day Students and boarders.”



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Here is a quick list of the new staff. We will be interviewing our staff to tell you a little more about them soon!

Name: Mr Beaty

Role: PE Teacher

Name: Ms. Kryiacou

Role: Biology Teacher

Name: Ms. Phillips

Role: Exams Officer and Administrator

Name: Ms. Sheppard

Role: Drama Teacher and Teaching Assistant

Name: Ms. Davey

Role: English Teacher

Name: Ms. Beech

Role: SENCo

Name: Ms. O'Hara

Role: Teaching Assistant

Name: Ms. Moffat

Role: Teaching Assistant

Name: Ms. Vaid

Role: Teaching Assistant

Name: Ms. Beresova

Role: Teaching Assistant

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Name: Mr Davey

Role: Minibus Driver

Name: Mr Harris

Role: Minibus Driver

Name: Mr Tobin Broadbent

Role: Communication Support Worker

Name: Ms. Vicky Hardy

Role: Communication Support Worker

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STUDENT LEADERS

At Trinity School we pride ourselves on wonderful student body. From our Envoys to the Heads of School, here is the list of our Trinity Student Leaders.

Heads of School

Sam Mortimer

Lewis Ward

Deputy Heads of

School

Daniel Wong

Zach Foulser

Prefects

Samuel Bird

Matthew Cusworth

Matthew Smith

Envoys

Darcy Crouch

Rowan Dale

Tom Sinclair

Joe Rogers

Lilly Mae Pettifer

Logan Jeffery

Esther Rigden-Green

Antonio Cafaro

“Our wonderful Prefect body demonstrates exactly what it means to be a Trinitonian”



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

13TH SEPTEMBER

- In 122AD the building of Hadrian's Wall began...
- In 1501 Michelangelo began his Renaissance masterpiece, the statue of David...
- In 1845 Michael Faraday discovered the 'Faraday Effect' of the influence of a magnetic field on polarized light...
- In 1916 The writer Roald Dahl was born...
- In 1955 velcro was patented by a Swiss inventor...
- In 1965 the 'Beatles' released "Yesterday"...
- In 1969 "Scooby-doo Where are You" first aired on CBS in America...
- In 1971 former USSR leader Nikita Khrushchev was buried in Moscow...
- In 1985 Super Mario Bros first appeared...
- And today... if you are superstitious... it is Friday the 13th!....

