

THE TRINITY TIMES

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Autumn Term 2005



As Trinity Academy opened its doors to students for the very first time on 8th September 2005, sixth formers attired in business dress congregated outside the main entrance, looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead. Meanwhile, children from Year 7 took pride in their smart new uniforms, marvelled at the size of the building and the fabulous facilities and enjoyed their first taste of "big school".

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message from the principal

I am pleased to write this preface to the first edition of the Trinity Times which celebrates the end of what has been a challenging and rewarding first term. Our students have excelled themselves, rising to new challenges such as a longer school day and the wearing of a new uniform. In the first few weeks of the Academy they hosted tours for over four thousand parents and residents. In addition they were proud to host 350 alumni on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Thorne Grammar School and the Tercentenary of the Brooke's Trust. This was a memorable and moving event and so impressed were their guests that the Alumni donated the Thorne Grammar Alumni Prize, to be awarded annually on Trinity Academy's Presentation Day.

Term one also saw the first Emmanuel Schools Foundation Rugby Tour, with eight players from Trinity playing a leading role in a grand slam victory over three independent schools in Scotland. Finally, the term closed with a very enjoyable Carol Service featuring the Year seven choir, performing in front of 650 parents and friends. On this occasion, we also raised a considerable donation for the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

We have much to look forward to the Spring Term, as the Academy production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' is performed in early March. We will also be renewing friendships at The King's Academy and Emmanuel College during the annual Foundation Olympics, which will be held in Gateshead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and the parents of the Academy for their support and hard work in what has been a land mark term. We look forward to working together in the months to come, in our common aim of preparing our young people to be confident, but not arrogant, responsible, respected and selfless citizens in a world which needs young men and women of character, dedication and compassion.

Mr I Brew
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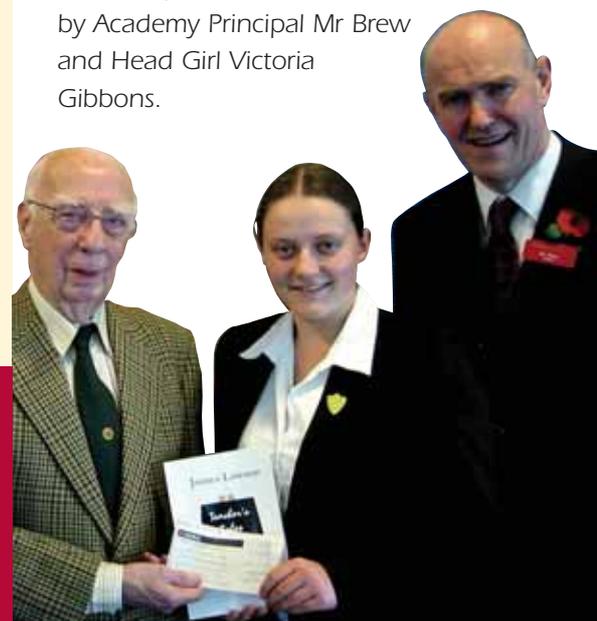
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Book Proceeds Boost Thorne Grammar School Alumni Fund

A teacher's memories of his old school recorded in a book are helping to support talented young students at Trinity Academy.

James Lawson, who joined Thorne Grammar School as Head of History in 1947 and rose to become Deputy Headmaster, wrote down his experiences and memories after he retired in 1978. His handwritten notes were put into a book, *Teacher's Tales*, by Grammar School old boy Keith Williams, and then sold. Now Mr Lawson, 90, has handed over more than £1,200 from the book sales and extra donations to the Thorne Grammar School Alumni Fund. The money was accepted on behalf of the Fund by Academy Principal Mr Brew and Head Girl Victoria Gibbons.



The Sixth Form take to the hills

LIFE in the Sixth Form got off to an adventurous start at the beginning of term when students from Year 12 headed out into the country for an outdoor adventure weekend. Eighty students spent just two days in the brand new buildings before being whisked off to the Lake District.

Students stayed at the Lakeside YMCA national centre, on the shores of Lake Windermere, where they swapped their uniforms for hiking boots and sports gear to take part in a range of activities including canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, fell walking and raft building. There were also initiative activities like problem solving and mental challenges.

“The idea was to bring everyone together so the students could all get to know each other in a relaxed and social environment. The Academy has its own set of values like courage, having purpose and helping others so we talked about those things and put them into practice during the weekend.”

Mr Shay, Head of Sixth Form



“I was amazed at how the staff and other members of the public treated us at the service station. They looked up at us with total respect and some of the pupils from Trinity Academy were asked if they were from a private school because of how smartly dressed we looked in our uniform”

Jodie Kilgour, 12 Cole

“After going on the trip I have seen a different side to the teachers which I never would normally see. Also I have learned what is expected of the sixth form and I have learned how the Christian ethos is incorporated into the day to day running of the school. Most importantly I had fun!”

Sam Wood, 12 Cole



“I thoroughly enjoyed all the activities I took part in and found them greatly beneficial in all areas of personal development, including confidence building and team and leadership skills”

Claire Holder, 12 Hanna



Friends Re-united

THREE centuries of education in Thorne were celebrated at a reunion which brought together old school friends from decades past in the town's newest place of learning.

On Saturday 1st October, Trinity Academy hosted a celebration to mark the 300th anniversary of the Brooke's Trust and the 75th anniversary of Thorne Grammar School.



Guests came from opposite sides of the globe as people travelled from Australia and America as well as just around the corner to renew acquaintances, to meet up with classmates and to share memories of their old school dating back as far as the 1930s.

The current generation of students, from Years 7, 12 and 13, played their part by performing a guard of honour for the re-dedication of the war memorial, which was moved from the Grammar School to the Academy. The ceremony was performed by the Venerable Bernard Holdridge.

The students also acted as the guests' hosts for the afternoon, taking them on guided tours of the Academy.



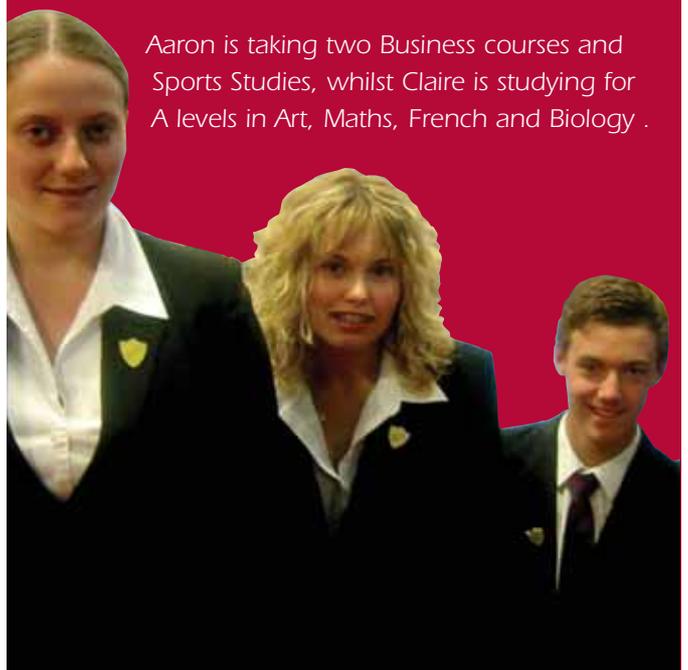
Heather Lyon (nee Overton), who was a pupil at the Grammar School from 1943-1951 and later taught PE there, travelled from her home in Canada. "I came back specially for the reunion, when I heard about it and thought 'I've got to go'."

Sixth Formers Elected to Key Positions

THREE outstanding students have been elected to hold the most senior and prestigious positions in the Academy. Victoria Gibbons and Aaron Hodkin have been chosen as Head Girl and Head Boy of Trinity, whilst Claire Holder is Deputy Head Girl.

THIS summer Victoria achieved the highest results in her year group in her AS level exams, with an A in Biology, Bs in German and Chemistry and Cs in Physics and General Studies. She is continuing with Physics, Chemistry and Biology A levels.

In recognition of her success, she was also selected to be the first student to receive the Thorne Grammar School Alumni Fund Award, a new prize launched at the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Grammar School.



Aaron is taking two Business courses and Sports Studies, whilst Claire is studying for A levels in Art, Maths, French and Biology.

TRINITY STUDENTS get the Royal Seal of Approval

IN October Princess Anne visited Thorne to perform the official opening of the new canal footbridge - and Trinity students were specially selected to greet her. Waving Union flags, about 40 students from Years 7 and 8 and the Sixth Form waited patiently with a crowd of residents and young children for Her Royal Highness, who flew in by helicopter.



ELLIS GRAY, FROM YEAR 8, WAS CHOSEN TO PRESENT THE PRINCESS WITH A POSY OF FLOWERS IN TRINITY'S COLOURS OF BURGUNDY AND GOLD.



On being introduced to the students, the Princess told them: "You all look very smart in your uniforms." She was interested to find about Thorne's new Academy and to hear about how students had transferred from Thorne Grammar School.

Shepherds house captain Rory Hillier was keen to tell the Princess about the fantastic facilities at Trinity before the royal visitor waved goodbye.



It's Food Glorious Food for Year 7

In the last week of the very first half-term at Trinity Academy, Year 7 were asked to reflect on what they liked best about life in the Academy.

They could have chosen the numerous entertaining after-school clubs, the fantastic sporting facilities, the array of house competitions, or the informative special lectures. Yet, Year 7 put their stomachs first and chose the abundance of fresh tasty food, served in each of the school's restaurants every day.

The students are enthusiastic about the choice of food available in the restaurants and it was refreshing to see so many children tucking in to the many healthy options available, including pasta dishes and the plentiful fresh salad bar.

Trinity's fabulous sporting facilities came third in the poll, with 16% of the vote, just behind after school clubs with 20%. But school dinners topped the table, with the great choice of food winning 41% of the overall vote. Of course, this could have had something to do with the location chosen for giving out the questionnaires, as Year 7 took time out from the delights of the Sower restaurant to make their choices!

Members of Year 7 also highlighted other areas of the Academy, which have left a positive impression, including the many resources available in the library and the leading edge computer facilities.



The food is very tasty whether you get the hot or cold choice. It's the best!

Zak Fitsimmons, 7 Kennedy

Megan Andrews, 7 Beaman



After school clubs are a better thing to do after school than just watch TV.

The computer facilities are great because you get one per person.



Ben Wooldridge, 7 Claringbold

I like House Competitions because everybody works together as a team.



Dean Cavanagh, 7 Claringbold



After school clubs are great and you do good things.
Laura Lovell, 7 Beauman

Craig Southam, 7 Steele



I like after school clubs best because they are easy going and fun.

House competitions are my favourite because they are fun and give us something to think about.



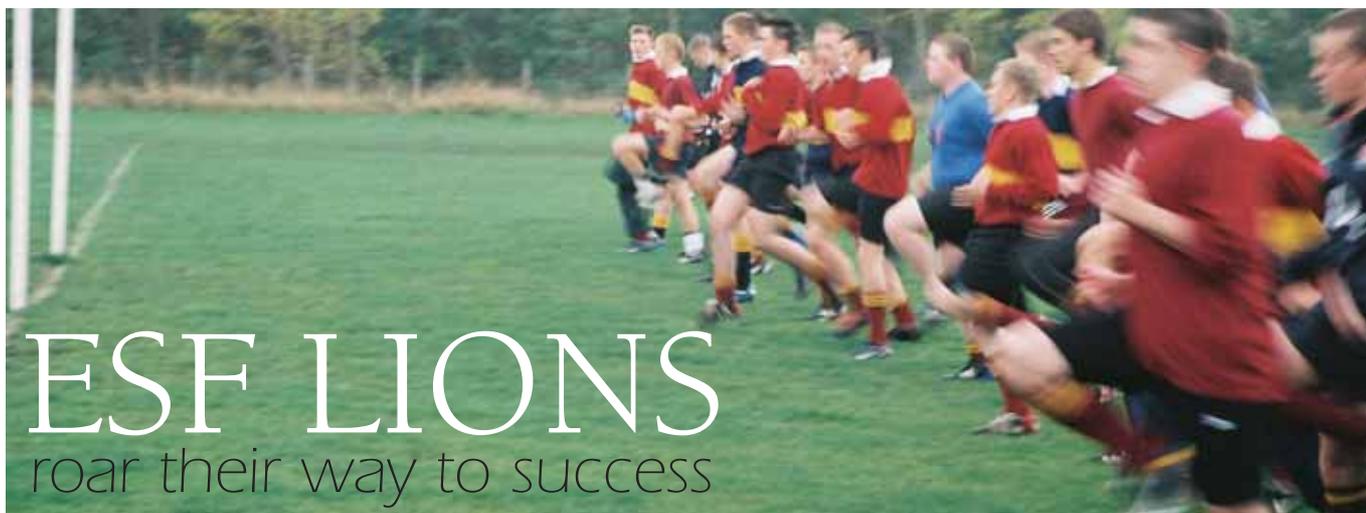
Jody Oxley, 7 Steele

I love the library because it has a wide variety of different resources such as books and computers.



Anthony Lofthouse, 7 Claringbold

The Food	41%
After-School Clubs	21%
Sports Facilities	16%
House Competitions	10%
Computer Facilities	6%
Uniform	3%
Library	3%



ESF LIONS

roar their way to success

THE ESF LIONS ROARED THEIR WAY TO VICTORY IN ALL THREE MATCHES OF THEIR RECENT TOUR OF SCOTLAND, HELD DURING THE OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY.

The victorious squad comprised team members from each of the three schools in the Emmanuel Schools Foundation. The players were selected during a trial, held at the King's Academy, on the 18th September.

It was a challenging day, for Trinity's boys as each of the hopeful Year 11 rugby players was put to the test, with the chance of selection within their grasp. In the event they excelled themselves, as every single one who took part in the trial was either selected for the team, or chosen as a reserve.

Although the tour was a tough physical test for the boys, it wasn't all hard work. There were several activities held off the pitch as well, with the boys enjoying a sports quiz and a night out to the cinema. There was even a Brazilian-style beach soccer tournament to entertain the boys, although the South American sunshine was nowhere to be seen!

The squad played against three independent schools, each having a strong tradition of rugby. However, the victorious ESF Lions took the points in all three matches, beating Longridge Towers School 10-0, Hutchesons Grammar School 32-10 and George Heriot's School, in Edinburgh, 24-12.

Trinity Academy can feel especially proud, as Marcus Stones in Year 11, was awarded the Player of the Tour trophy, for his outstanding effort on the pitch. The other players representing Trinity Academy on the tour were:



Owen Abbott; Daniel Hornsby; Jak Parkes; Mark Pearson; Oliver Rothwell, Michael Shaw and Lee Walker.

'It was a real test for us all and it was a very enjoyable day. There was a lot of competition and we knew it was going to be hard to make it into the squad.'

Lee Walker, 11Briggs



TRINITY has the X-Factor

Trinity's students amazed an audience of over two hundred in the inaugural X-factor house talent competition, held on Wednesday, 23rd November. Although the competition was a house event, immense support and encouragement was given to each of the twelve contestants, whether they were a King, a Poet or a Shepherd. The event clearly highlighted the supportive nature of our students, who recognised the courage and skills of each performer.

The first act to hit the stage was 'Drums in Motion', who wowed the audience with the mesmerising beat of their drums, played by Kirk Towler and Sammy Jo Booth, with the added dimension of Ben Smith displaying his circus skills on a unicycle!

After such a good start the competition appeared to be wrapped up already, and yet each of the acts rose in turn to the challenge, beating down any fears and shining under the intense glare of the spotlights.

Music was on the agenda for Josh Taylor and Ben Guilfoyle, who both amazed the audience with their piano playing talents. Josh should be particularly proud of himself, as he has only been playing for two years. Mr Brew, who was one of the three judges, commented that it was 'a beautiful piece, played with real emotion.'

Dancing was an extremely popular choice, with five of the twelve acts featuring amazingly energetic dance routines. Each of the girls had clearly prepared well and displayed

inspiring performances, without a trace of nerves.

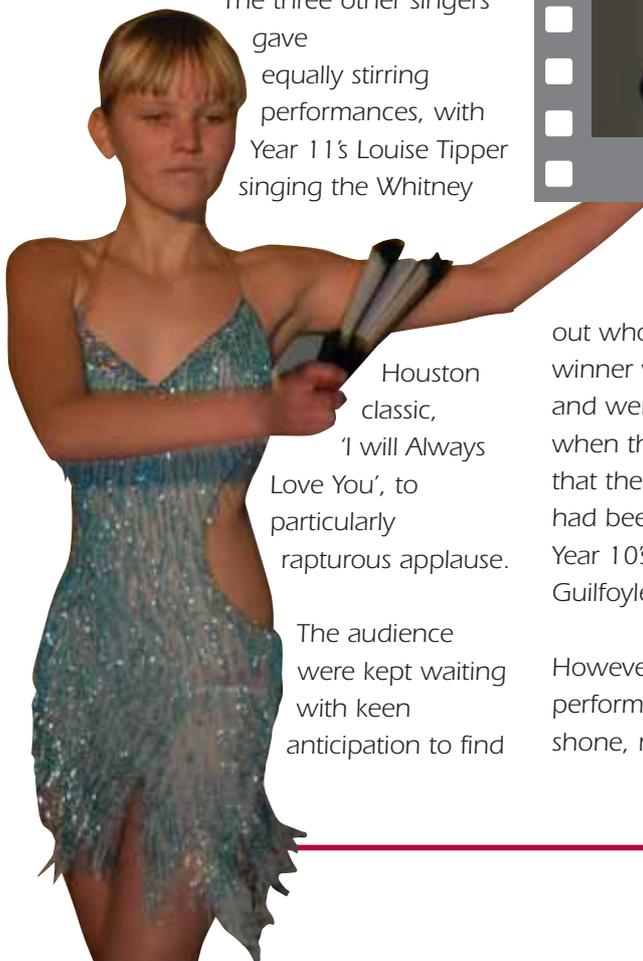
The dancing got off to an acrobatic start, as Stacey-Jay Bagnall tumbled confidently across the stage and even drew a few tears from the crowd, as she dramatically bounced into the splits from a great height! Tarryn Exall, in Year 7, also put on a gymnastic display, and delighted the audience and judges by keeping a smile on her face throughout her high tumbles, twists and turns.



The other dancers were Ksenija Kalversa in Year 9 and Keeli Hodgson in Year 8, both of whom amazed the audience with their suppleness and flair. Finally, Chloe Wallace in Year 7 donned her highland outfit for a display of Scottish dancing. The audience gasped as she leapt over two extremely sharp looking swords, all on her tip toes! Chloe showed her star potential and incredible talent and the audience were very impressed when informed that she has represented England!

The show was topped off by four sensational solo singing performances from Holly Gibbons, Harriet Payne, Lian Godley and Louise Tipper. Holly was the first to take to the stage, with a powerful and inspiring performance, as she sang a heartfelt 'There's a hero deep inside.

The three other singers gave equally stirring performances, with Year 11's Louise Tipper singing the Whitney



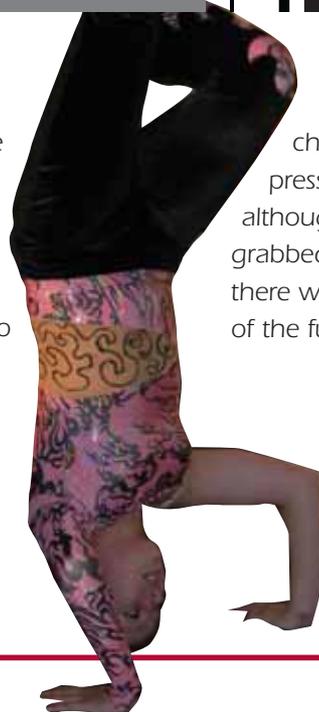
Houston classic, 'I will Always Love You', to particularly rapturous applause.

The audience were kept waiting with keen anticipation to find



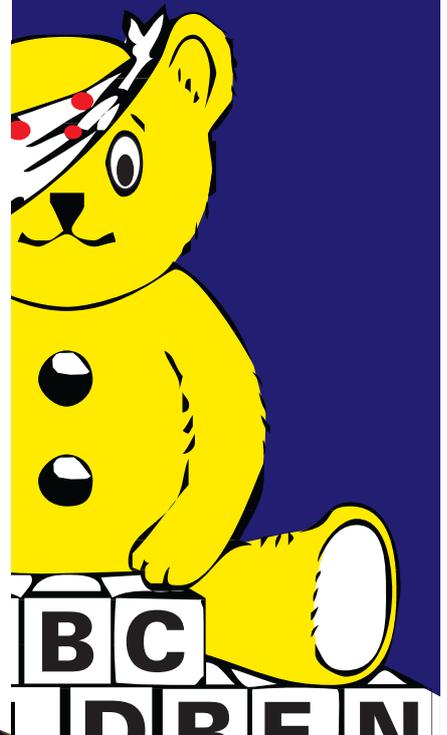
out who the ultimate winner would be and were delighted when they heard that the top place had been awarded to Year 10's Ben Guilfoyle.

However, each performer truly shone, rising to the

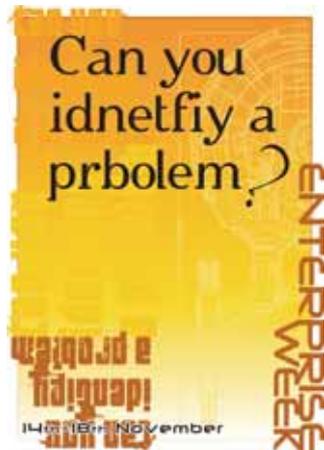


Children in Need

TICKET SALES FROM THE X-FACTOR FINAL RAISED £288 FOR THE BBC'S CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL



challenge under immense pressure and expectation and, although Kings House may have grabbed the points on this occasion, there were certainly some true stars of the future on show.



enterprise week

14-18th November

Enterprise Week kicked off in style for students at Trinity as they learned about banking - and wrote themselves a million pound cheque. Pupils from Years 7 and 9 were treated to a lesson in personal finance by Catherine Jewitt, South Yorkshire area manager with HSBC, and Bridget Lewis, manager of the bank's Thorne branch.

Mrs Jewitt explained how banks operate, about the skills needed for a career in banking and gave the students some tips on saving. Mrs Lewis told the students about different accounts and about the refurbishment of the Thorne branch, which will be one of

the first eco-friendly HSBCs with reclaimed bamboo woodwork and low energy lighting when its new look is unveiled on December 12.

The lesson ended with some fun for Year 7 students Vicki Lake and Luke Whittaker who learned how to write a cheque, with Vicki choosing her best friend Tarryn Exall as the recipient of the million.

Enterprising students with a talent for business are to be given support to get their venture off the ground. On the final day of Enterprise Week sixth form students learned that the best idea for a viable business will receive a £1,000 bursary next Easter. The winning business will be chosen 'Dragon's Den' style, with students presenting their

ideas to a panel of judges who will decide which enterprise is most likely to succeed and which to invest in.

Students in Years 11 and 12 heard from guest speaker Philippa Stroud of the Centre for Social Justice and a former Conservative Parliamentary candidate. Explaining the work she and others had done in projects around the world to help the poor and needy, she told the students what made someone enterprising and what they could do as individuals to make a difference.

Sixth formers became 'President for a Day' in an activity which saw them as leaders of a newly independent African nation. They had to make decisions on what sort of economy the country should have and how it should move forward.

Finally, the students took part in a question and answer session with Edward Miliband, Labour MP for Doncaster North, and Steve Blunden, CEO of Link Community Development, an organisation that works with schools in South Africa to raise standards.



Boxing Day comes early to Trinity

Trinity students have collected more than 200 boxes of gifts to bring needy children in Eastern Europe some Christmas cheer. As the festive shopping season gets under way, our students have been thinking of children they have never met to put together special presents for them.

Operation Christmas Child was launched 15 years ago by Samaritan's Purse and, since then, shoeboxes filled with small gifts have been given to 38 million children in Eastern and Central Europe.

At Trinity the empty boxes were donated by the company that supplies the Academy uniform shoes and were distributed by the Sixth Form.

Mr Bunce, who organised the collection said: "We've been thrilled to bits with the response from students and their parents. When we ran out of boxes people found their own, and some of the gifts have been very generous. It's clear the students have enjoyed getting involved and it's reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas"



YEAR 10 STUDENTS JESSICA DALE AND DANIELLE COOPER BOTH MADE UP BOXES FOR GIRLS.

JESSICA'S BOX WAS FOR A GIRL AGED FIVE-NINE: "I LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD FUN FINDING CUTE THINGS THEY MIGHT LIKE."

DANIELLE FILLED A BOX FOR AN OLDER GIRL AND PUT IN A SCARF, NAIL VARNISH, A HAIRBRUSH, SHAMPOO AND OTHER GOODIES.



Carol Service

Trinity's first term was rounded off with a rousing Christmas carol service for parents, governors, staff and friends. Hundreds of guests were welcomed for the service of nativity, carols, music, readings and Christmas messages in the main hall.

Around 140 students from Year 7 sang together, providing a spectacular backdrop to the stage. The band played whilst the choir, comprising staff and older students, performed songs from Africa and stirring Christmas choruses. Staff and students also took part in a nativity sketch whilst Mr McQuoid offered a Christmas message.

Sir Peter Vardy, Chairman of the Emmanuel Schools Foundation, was among the audience, along with the rest of the Academy Board of Directors. Sir Peter said: "Considering the Academy has only been open a matter of weeks, the Creative Arts team have done a magnificent job in putting together such a great event. The students were a credit to themselves and the Academy and looked like they were really enjoying themselves."

Afterwards guests were invited for refreshments in the Academy's two restaurants and to sample food made by students.

During the evening funds were raised from the sale of Christmas cakes and cards, made and designed by students. This money, together with the proceeds of the collection, totalled £460, which will be donated to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.



A Clash of Football Titans



The highly anticipated Dads v Staff football match was played on 7 October 2005. Facing stiff competition from fathers of Trinity Academy students, the staff fielded a rather formidable squad with a mixture of talent, experience, and sheer determination.

Both teams took the field in an anticipatory atmosphere. After an initial push forward by the Trinity staff, the Dads found themselves in the staff half of the field and, after a confused scuffle in the 18-yard area, a penalty was awarded under questionable circumstances. The staff keeper, Mr Mclean, produced a spectacular save that denied the penalty attempt. The action continued at a feverish pace throughout the first half with both teams up and down the field producing excellent chances. By the end of the first half, the Dads' squad had gained a 2-0 advantage through spectacular football prowess.

The second half started with some fresh replacements for each team. Unfortunately, with 30 minutes still to play until the end of the game, one of the Dads sustained a serious injury and the match had to be abandoned.

Despite the injury setback, the match was an opportunity for the community to become more involved in Academy life. Dads from all year groups were welcomed to play in the match. Trinity Academy now looks forward to further involvement from the community of Thorne and Moorends in upcoming events and activities. Also, there were football skills exhibited by the staff rarely seen in any other venue, including the Premiership. Perhaps a trial contract may be in order for some of the more adept footballing Trinity staff!



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House Points Summary

Autumn Term 2005

The house system is proving to be a huge success. Rivalries are, of course inevitable, and the competitive spirit shines through all house activities. But, whether taking part in competitions or supporting their house mates, students and staff alike are enjoying a sense of belonging and camaraderie.

As House Managers, we find our new roles enormous fun, although very demanding, and are happy to be able to remain friends in the heat of competition.

2006 will be a challenging year for house competitions with everything still to play for. The Trinity House Cup is there for the taking and all three of us believe that winning the cup in this first year will be special and will create history for Trinity.

Mrs Fowler, Mrs McMurdo, Mrs Taylor
 House Managers

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P	6	3	6	3	3	3
S	9	7.5	3	6	9	7.5