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# Holy Trinity International News

## Physics Big Quiz

Budding Physicists in Year 9 competed in the University of Birmingham Physics “Big Quiz” last week. The quiz took place in the Great Hall, where the degree ceremonies take place, and was hosted by The School of Physics and Outreach Department.

Dr Evans, an eminent physicist at Cern working on the hadron collider, also gave a talk about the mysterious Higgs-Bosen particle.

Of the two teams, Team A won a spot prize for knowing the mass of the earth, well done Jenny, Alexa, Lucy and Lydia. Just in case you are wondering, the answer is  $6 \times 10^{24}$  Kg.

Team A also came within the top 15 to 20 schools and the Team B were just 3 points behind. 90 schools took part and therefore this was an excellent achievement for HTIS.

Well done girls and many thanks to Mrs Mackie-Smith for organising the trip.



### Discombobulated

Students studying Drama at GCSE & A level spent another exhilarating night at the theatre this week. Once again they visited the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton, which is part of the University of Wolverhampton, to see the touring version of a new show

“Discombobulated”. The

show is directed by Aitor Basauri of Cirque de Soleil fame and The Guardian

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certainly came true—it was a “*Laugh-out-loud evening.*” Stop and search experts Malcolm McClosky and Esperanza Vallejo presented their take on all matters of security, born out of a lifetime of patrolling airports and being shouted at.

These theatre visits stimulate the students and provide new ideas to put into their performance for their practical examination. They will be performing John Godber’s “Shakers” on Tuesday 27 March at 4.30pm in front of an Edexcel examiner. You are most welcome to attend. No charge.

Many thanks to Mr Dunnington for organising these theatre visits.



### Melissa Porter

On Monday, 30th January television presenter and writer Melissa Porter came to the School to meet a team of students from the Sixth Form and Year 11. Holy Trinity students have been chosen to play the central role in an ambitious national project in which they organise a major

event in London for disadvantaged young people. A major purpose is to target the undiscovered talent within the 1,163,000 NEETS (not in employment, education or training) aged between 16 and 24 within the UK, and to give opportunities to those who have known only disappointment and rejection. Full details of the project will be announced when it goes live four weeks from now.

Melissa was hugely impressed with the commitment, focus and high level skills of the Holy Trinity students in the Project Team. She is keen to stretch individuals and to develop their skills to the highest level. On Friday, 10th February she will return to the school for a further meeting with the team. I am confident that the project will play an important part in enhancing the AS/A level performances of team members.

*Ernest Carwithen  
Head of History)*



## Sports Report

### Swimming

#### Gala v Abberley Hall

Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 challenged Abberley Hall students.

**It was a close and exciting gala and the drive and determination of HTIS came through!!!**

A team HTIS 51 points Abberley Hall 28 points

B team HTIS 82 points Abberley Hall 77 points

**Overall result HTIS 133 points Abberley Hall 105**

Well done all pupils and students, and many thanks to Mrs Thomas who organised this event, and to the many staff who helped during the evening.

#### Gala v Bromsgrove

Students from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 swam in a “friendly” gala against Bromsgrove last week. This was a non-scoring swimming gala and allowed a large number of pupils to participate and enjoy their races.

**Well done to all who took part!!!**

### Cross Country

Years 7 and 8 took part in the ISA Cross Country race at Bedstone College in Shropshire. The standard was very high and over 100 runners took place in each race. Eleanor B, Year 7, achieved 55th place and all HTIS runners completed the course and were a credit to the school.

Year 8 student Grace reports: “This was a true Cross Country course. Mud was as deep as 40cm. We had to wear elastic bands around our trainers to stop them falling off. We ran through two streams and at the end it felt like a mountain because the hill was so steep and muddy. However, when we finished all runners had hot chocolate and lovely homemade cookies to eat”. **Thank you Grace, a splendid report.**

## OPEN MORNING Saturday 11 February 10am—12.00pm Please bring a friend

### 5\* Catering

MiQuill Catering were inspected by the Environmental Health this week. They received a 5\* classification; this is the best accolade a catering establishment can receive. It is considered to be “outstanding” in environmental health terms.

Congratulations to Simon Quill, pictured here with Assistant Cook, Tamara Roberts.



### RS and Citizenship

Years 10, 11 and 6th form have had visitors to their RS and Citizenship lessons in the last two weeks.

Christopher Dale of Cancer Research UK gave a most inspiring talk to Year 10 about cancer and gave the students a greater insight into what cancer is, how it works and what happens when we do things that are likely to stimulate the development of the disease. Lauren is pictured here with an experiment



involving worms and a bottle of gin.

The GCSE and A level Citizenship groups were visited by Nick Marlow, parent of two Prep School children. Mr Marlow has been involved in the Special Constabulary for over 16 years and has achieved the rank of Superintendent. He involved the students in Q&A sessions and made them aware of the work of the UK’s part-time police force. The session took on a practical aspect when members of the class, and the teacher, were handcuffed!!!

Many thanks to Mr Dunnington for arranging these visits to lessons.



### Dates for your diary

#### Tuesday 7 February

6th Form visit to Houses of Parliament 7.30am—10.00pm

#### Wednesday 8 February

Senior School House Netball Competition

#### Thursday 9 February

Year 11 and 6th Form Leadership Day, Upton Warren

#### Saturday 11 February

**OPEN MORNING 10am—12.00pm**

Monday 13—Friday 17 February

**HALF TERM**

#### Monday 20 February

School re-opens

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