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12,000 TREES PLANTED IN LAMBETH

National Tree Week was marked in Lambeth with the confirmation of the tree-planting target being absolutely smashed! Since 2022, Lambeth has more than doubled the pledge to plant 6,000 by 2026. As part of Lambeth's Climate Action Plan, the borough aims to promote urban greening by planting trees in various locations.

The Urban Forest Strategy is also widely supported within the area and includes the protection of over 40,000 council-managed trees. Just this week alone, the initiative will see over 500 trees planted across the borough as well as a community session with Bandstand Beds in Clapham Common.

The drive has been backed with over £3.9 million in external funding and £39,000 from the Tree Council this season. Additionally, our borough has planted 150 species to improve resilience. 2,200+ of the newly planted trees are street trees!

Daniya Ahmed, Year 10

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WEATHER GONE WILD

Remember when we all said it was too hot — the dreadful heat, the sun blazing down on us — and we (yes, we) wanted it to end? Well, in the universe's special way of granting our wish, it gave us cold temperatures in the negatives.

The week started off with unsuspecting citizens stepping out of their houses without a coat — first mistake — only to arrive at school and freeze through the entire day. On Monday, the week began with those same unsuspecting citizens facing a record-low temperature of… 5 degrees. One of these citizens I've so generously mentioned was Saran Kourouma, who left the house like she was in a movie, except instead of her hijab swaying gracefully in the wind, it slapped her right in the face. Poor Saran.

But she still didn't bring a coat the next day. Or the day after. Talk about learning from mistakes.

Tuesday was the same — and pretty much the rest of the week — and even the week after. Then suddenly, it was sunny. Thanks to the weather's indecisiveness, we were cold one day and completely fine the next. And that's Natural Phenomenon November for you.

Now onto Disastrous December. We're apparently expecting snow. Yes, the same snow they've promised us for the past two years that has coincidentally never appeared. But on the "joyous" side of things:

- December in the UK is one of the coldest months. (Okay… maybe not so joyous.)
- Temperatures range from 3.5 to 8 degrees, which is three more than what we had at the start of November.
- It's also particularly rainy, so bring an umbrella!

It's not much, but it's London — so it's all we have.

On a serious note, the weather's getting colder and the days are getting shorter, so it's important to stay safe: bring a coat, pack an umbrella, and build strong emotional resilience for when that umbrella inevitably folds in on itself. Yes, it's happened, and it will happen again.

Stay safe and stay warm!

Hajrah Abdoul Baki, Year 10

CONVERSATIONS WITH KENE

On Friday the 28th of November, I sat down to interview a very special member of staff and an invaluable member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Miss Johnstone. She told me about her passion for music and how she sees it as a universal language. For her, music is not just enjoyable, it's about community. She told me about the many trips she enjoyed during her time in school and how each impacted her life and passion for music. Some of the places she has visited include Belgium and Italy and various theatres and musicals. These experiences came about because she was involved in many clubs. She smiled as she told me of how special these clubs and trips made her time in school.

I was curious about why she decided to work here, at Trinity, and what advise she had for us as students when we feel lonely or sad. She advised me that there are so many people who struggle daily but it is what we do that really matters. She wants everyone to remember that we should always talk to a member of staff or SLT so we can feel better about ourselves and our issues. For Ms. Johnstone, the decision to work at Trinity Academy and be a member of SLT came from a desire to make a positive change and we can see that impact. Did you know your friends were so talented until rehearsals for showcases?

On our worst days, she recommends MUSIC! Maybe give her favourite artist of the moment, Laufey, a listen. She is loving the song 'Beautiful Stranger', maybe you will find it beautiful and jazzy too. Thank you, Miss Johnstone for having that lovely little chat with me. We appreciate you!

Kene Ononye Freeman, year 8

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IN SCHOOL FOCUS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It's a new year, which means the Scholastic Book Fair is back! You may have seen it on the screens already, but the book fair began on the 27th of November and will last until the 3rd of December — so save up your pocket money to get the books you have been waiting for before it ends.

Several books are on display, such as Once Upon a Broken Heart by Stephanie Garber, Five Nights at Freddy's: Tales from the Pizzaplex, and Be Right Back by Bill Wood; so maybe this book fair will fulfil your BookTok dreams… The book fair is taking place in the library as per usual, where Ms Osman-Hall is stealing the spotlight with her flawless decoration. Hurry, before it's too late!

Saran Kourouma, Year 10

THE REAL IMPACTS OF MIGRATION

Many of the people we see every day in school and in our daily lives come from immigrant families, or are immigrants themselves. The idea of migration is familiar to all of us, yet some still discriminate against those who weren't born in the country they live in. Across the world, countries have taken different actions on immigration. For example, in the USA, where Donald Trump expanded the role of ICE, an organisation that enforces immigration laws.

However, immigration, especially illegal or undocumented immigration, quickly became a topic of debate about whether certain people should stay or go. In the UK, plans were made to deport large numbers of people without legal status, and there were even concerns about children being affected.

These policies sparked outrage among human rights groups, who argued they were unethical and placed families at risk. Supporters, however, claimed stricter laws were needed to manage population pressures and protect national resources.

Despite the debate, one thing is clear: migration continues to shape our communities. It brings culture, diversity, and new perspectives into our everyday lives. And while opinions may differ, many agree that fair and humane treatment is essential if we want a society that reflects the values we claim to stand for.

Aqeelah Salahidin, Year 10

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CLUBS TIMETABLE

Autumn Term 2 Clubs					
Day	Time	Club	Teacher	Room	Group
Monday	12:40-13:10	Bright Sparx	Ms Correia	Computer Room Ground Floor	Y7-11
	15:15-16:15	Football 7 & 8 Boys	Mr Palmer	MUGA	Y7 and Y8 Boys
Tuesday	12:40-13:10	Songwriting Club	Ms Johnstone	2.29	All students
		Trinity Lead Vocalists	Ms Franco	2.05	All students
		Bible Club	Dr Hayes	3.29	Y7-10
	15:15-16:15	Netball	Ms Pachalieva and Ms Easy	MUGA	All girls
		First Story	English Teachers	1.35	Selected Students
		Trinity Talks Podcast	Ms Johnstone and Sixth form	2.09	Sixth Form
		Percussion Club	Mr Howard	2.05	All students
		Rap Club	Ms Johnstone and Toni	2.29	All students
Wednesday	12:40-13:10	Green Club	Ms Kirley	2.29	All year groups
		Year 7 Art Club	Ms Duncan	2.30	Year 7 students
	15:15-16:15	Trinity Voices	Ms Franco	2.05	KS3 Auditioned Students
		Chess Club	Ms Kirley	Library	Any students
		Modern Dance	Solene	Sports Hall (2.29 During Mocks)	All Students
Thursday	12:40-13:10	Coding Club	Mr Ahad	2.29	All year groups
	15:15-16:15	Girls Football	Ms Kamara	MUGA	All girls
		Basketball	Ms Pachalieva	Sports Hall	All boys
		Junior Choir	Ms Franco	2.05	Auditioned Choir
		Guitar Club	Mr Roberts	2.29	All students
		Science Club	Ms Harle	3.17	Year 7-10
		Model United Nations	Ms Bradley	1.27	All students
		Year 9 Art	Ms Duncan	2.30	Year 9 Students
		Spanish Club	Ms Ruggeri	1.17	KS3 Students
		Further Maths Club	Mr Allott	2.43	Selected Students
		Boxing	Derek	Drama Studio	All Students
		Axiom Maths	Mr Fluck and Mr Arrowsmith	2.32 and 2.38	Selected Students
Friday	12:40-13:10	School Newspaper	Ms Johnstone	2.29	All students
		Business and Economics	Mr Kamara	Glass Room	All Students
		Bible Club	Dr Hayes	3.29	Y11-13
		Geography Club	Ms Lovegrove	2.26	All students
	15:15-16:15	Football 9 and 10 Boys	Mr Palmer	MUGA	Y9 and Y10 Boys
		Jazz Band	Ms Johnstone and Mr Roberts	2.05	All students
		KS3 Greek Club	Mr Norris	1.26	All KS3 students
		Ancient Greek	Ms Bradley	1.27	Selected Students
		Art Club (Y11)	Ms Duncan	2.30	Year 11 GCSE Art Students

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