



THE TRINITY TIMES

Welcome back to school, everyone! As we kick off this new academic year, let's come together to make it our best year yet. With fresh opportunities and exciting challenges ahead, I am proud to say, "I am a Holy Trinity pupil, and I can achieve anything!"

This year, we're also thrilled to continue our student-led newspaper, where your voices and stories will shine. Let's embrace this year with enthusiasm, support one another, and strive for excellence in everything we do.

Here's to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable memories!

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Holy
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Goes For
Gold



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The People vs The Economy

*The UK crisis we
don't really talk
about - but should.*

by Carson Lam 11R

The economic crisis and stagnation of the UK is such an important issue that it affects all our lives, yet we cannot do anything about it. You might think this is another nonsense or nerdy topic, but it deeply relates to our cost-of-living crisis and OUR future.

The UK's economic growth has been stunted since 2007 - that's over a decade - and shows barely any signs of recovery.

The Global Financial Crisis in 2008 has led to the deepest recession of the UK economy since the second world war, only to be again beaten by the 2020 Global Covid-19 pandemic.

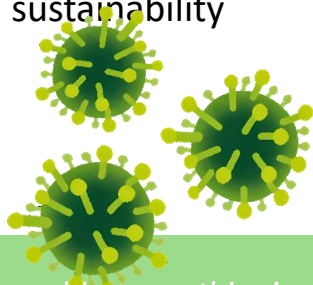
What about us?

These crises have led to a big impact on people's lives, giving a lot of people with long-term depression and anxiety and suicidal thoughts with unemployment, home repossession, debt and rise in redundancy. For a lot of people all hope of their future is lost, even more so for young people as they feel the burden of having to carry the older generation's debt. Will we as teenagers need to pay for the debts of our parents? For our government? And if this is the case, for how long? Will we ever see an upward trajectory in our economy?

What was the cause?

Due to a huge chunk of the UK's economy coming from financial sector, it took a critical hit from the 2008 global financial crisis, which was made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic put a brutal stop to the economy. This resulted in the economy shrinking by 11% in 2020, the worst since 1709. People started to lose trust in money and spend less. To try and repair the situation, the government tried to boost the economy with schemes such as 'Eat Out to Help Out', and although it was quite popular, and while it provided a short term boost to the hospitality sector, its effectiveness in terms of public health and sustainability remains debated.



Furthermore, Brexit has really changed things for the UK economy, and not in a good way for a lot of people. For starters, it made trading with other countries, especially those in the EU, a lot harder. There are new rules and customs checks now, which means businesses have to deal with extra costs and delays when sending their products. This can lead to higher prices for us as consumers, which isn't great.

Will this change?

Now in 2024, it has started to slowly grow back, however with this problem in hand, the country's GDP would be worse than Poland's in a decade.

The Government used its debt to slow down the situation, and also inflate the economy, so people would spend more. Although people's wage matches the growth of inflation, this did not increase their spending power, which remains almost identical to 2008. This has cost the government 20% more of its debt to save the economy within just a year, from 86% to 105%.

This is just a brief description of the problem we need to know about. For more information, you can go to the Bank of England website or simply go on YouTube and start understanding what is happening internationally and globally.



5 minutes with...

Mr. Morton

What is it about being a teacher that you enjoy the most?

The students, talking about books and reading.

What is the proudest moment in your life?

The birth of my children.

Tell us a fact that we wouldn't guess about you.

I have a brother who is 21 years younger than me!

What's something you would like to happen this year?

Man United getting better.

Favourite moments as a teacher?

When my year 11s got grade 9s on their GCSEs.

What is one thing you could change about your lessons?

I wish I had a 'clever touch' board.
(hint hint Mr. Crehan)

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

I would be a chef, which I used to be!



Favourite genre?

Fantasy - when I was a child, but now it's Spy novels.

Favourite book?

Ridley Walker, its about life after a nuclear war.

If you had to recommend one book for people to read, what would it be and why?

The Graveyard Book and Frankenstein.

The Graveyard Book because it's like The Jungle Book but instead of animals it's ghosts.

And Frankenstein because it is VERY interesting and scary.

PERCY JACKSON & THE LIGHTNING THIEF

A book review by Hashim Ahmed 8I

From the first page you will escape into the wonderful world and explore the legendary book that is, *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. This book is an amazing fantasy book, that follows a young boy named Percy who is just a normal kid (or so he thinks). The story develops and we find out his big secret, which leads him to go on an adventure with lots of surprises, twists, and difficulties.

I enjoy how relatable the characters are - and it doesn't feel like it was forced or just made up. That is what makes this book special, the characters and descriptions. It makes you feel like you are the character; you see what

they see, and it makes you think inevitably like them.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves Greek history or the fantasy genre. This is the first book in an amazing series with mind-bending plots in all of them.

There are six books in this main series (which you will not be able to put down), and there are 17 books in this whole universe!

This book is a definite 10/10.

(This series is available in the LRC.)

Cultural Moments

by Ganeem Kaur Matta- 9E

What is Bhangra?

Bhangra is a lively and energetic folk dance that originated in the Punjab region of India and Pakistan. Traditionally, it was performed during the harvest season to celebrate the abundance of crops and to express joy and gratitude. Bhangra is characterized by its vibrant music, fast-paced rhythms, and colorful costumes, which often include items like turbans and traditional Punjabi attire.



What does Bhangra consist of?

In a typical performance, several dancers execute vigorous kicks, leaps, and bends of the body—often with upraised, thrusting arm or shoulder movements—to the accompaniment of short songs called bolian and, most significantly, to the beat of a dhol (double-headed drum).



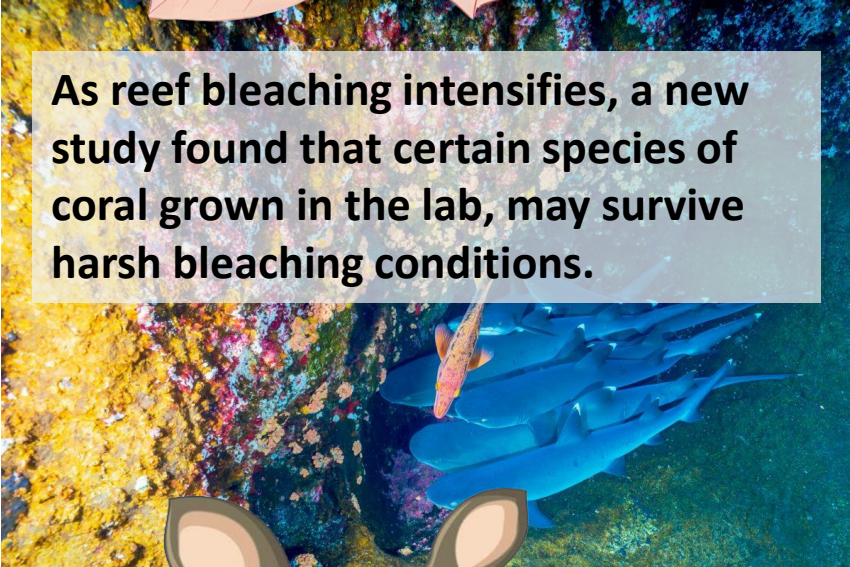
What place does Bhangra have in the UK?

In recent years, Bhangra has gained popularity around the world, especially in the UK and North America, where it has been blended with other music styles like hip-hop and pop. Today, Bhangra is not only a symbol of Punjabi culture but also a celebration of community and togetherness. It is often performed at weddings, festivals, and cultural events, bringing people together to dance and enjoy the music. Whether you're watching or participating, Bhangra is a joyful expression of culture and tradition that continues to thrive and evolve.




Good Things

POCKETS OF JOY FROM AROUND THE WORLD



As reef bleaching intensifies, a new study found that certain species of coral grown in the lab, may survive harsh bleaching conditions.

Scientists grow tree from 1,000-year-old seed found in cave—may be lost Medicinal plant in the Bible.



A girl born with a congenital heart defect successfully underwent surgery and is now able to play sports for the first time in her life.

Two safari parks complete rhino swap to unite sisters for the first time.

In Costa Rica, volunteers have planted thousands of trees to restore deforested areas, contributing to biodiversity and combating climate change.



Near-extinct crocodiles make comeback in Cambodia.

Holy Trinity is Golden

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



At the heart of this success are our incredible students, whose dedication to promoting kindness, fairness, and respect for others truly reflects the spirit of this award. From student-led assemblies on equality to ongoing charity projects supporting children's rights worldwide, our students have demonstrated an inspiring level of responsibility and empathy. They have embraced the values that make our school a model for others to follow.

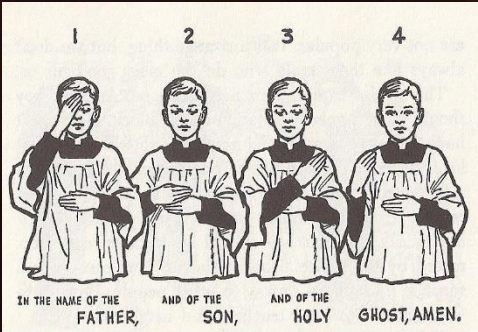
We also want to give special recognition to Miss McKiernan, the driving force behind this initiative. Her unwavering dedication, guidance, and passion for making our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard have been essential to achieving this Gold award.

This award is not just a reflection of past achievements but a commitment to continue promoting children's rights for years to come. Well done to everyone involved in making this happen!



We are thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious Rights Respecting School Gold Award by UNICEF. This remarkable achievement highlights our school's commitment to fostering an environment where children's rights are learned, understood, and respected.

A Moment Of Reflection



O Lord, support us
all the day long of
this troublous life,
until the shadows
lengthen, and the
evening comes, and
the busy world is
hushed, and the
fever of life is over,
and our work is
done. Then, Lord,
in thy mercy, grant
us a safe lodging, a
holy rest, and peace
at the last.

Amen



Hello Autumn

word search

Words may be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.

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| SWEATER | LEAVES | CORN | PUMPKIN |
| RAIN | AUTUMN | BOOTS | RAKE |
| THANKSGIVING | HARVEST | TURKEY | SUNFLOWER |

You're in a race and you pass the person in second place. What place are you now?

Answer on the last page.

THE FINAL HALLOWEEN

BY OMAR HUSSAIN 10S (SPOOKY STORY WINNER 2023)

Halloween was always a really fun time during the year. The spooky stories, the horrifying films, the spectacular decorations and of course - trick or treat. I loved trick or treat, every year, me and Fiji - my best friend - go trick or treating and try to see who can collect the most sweets. And if I'm being honest, Fiji is way too shy and stealthy for my bucket of sweets to be fuller than his by midnight. However, this one Halloween was my last.

October 31st, 2007

It was a wet, rainy Halloween night. The streets were filled with bright orange lights to illuminate the darkness of the night's sky. Just like last year, we had a lot of fun trick or treating. It was all going really smooth, in fact it seemed to be going a bit too smooth. I finally, for the first time, collected more sweets than Fiji. It was great.

The neighbourhood that we were collecting the sweets in was surrounded by woodlands, the streets were filled with decorations but it was relatively empty. Around 9pm, Fiji went to the corner to buy this cool, glow in the dark bouncy ball. The ball that he bought had a pumpkin design and was really light. I raced to the end of the empty road and Fiji ran the opposite way, we were now on separate ends of the deserted road.

"Ready Axel?" Fiji called out. I nodded, Fiji then flung the ball really high towards me and I tried my best to catch it, but the ball just glided past me and flew into the woods.

"Don't worry - I'll go and get it" I yelled, before darting into the woods to get the glow in the dark ball. But the only thing that I saw was a very peculiar man in dingy clothes. His damp hair hung down the front, back and side of his head. His shoes were also far from polished and there was a horrid stench coming from his direction. I froze as the man just stared at me, with his eyes wide open. I gulped.

I decided to walk in a different direction, acting like what I just saw was my imagination. But then, something dreadful happened. This dingy creep began chasing me. He had many sticks in his hands with sharp edges. I scrambled away from him as he threw sticks at me, as if they were javelins. However, most of the sticks just flew past me but the last one pierced through the flesh of my right leg.

"AAAAGGGHHHH!" I cried out in absolute agony. I soon began to feel hot water run down my leg and when I looked - realised it wasn't actually water at all. It was my crimson blood. But I still continued running as adrenaline was rushing through my veins. I tried my best to run as fast as possible without slipping in the rain, but with the pain in my legs, it just wasn't possible.

SPLASH. I fell directly into a puddle with brown muddy water. But now the man wasn't chasing me anymore, in fact he was gone. Nothing in sight, I slowly stumbled my way out the woods and told Fiji about what had happened.

"So you got chased by a 'monster', where's the Ghost Busters when you need them?" Fiji joked.

"Now is not the time for jokes!" I snapped.

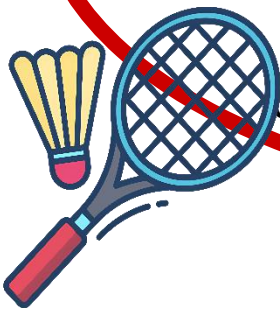
Fiji then saw the blood trickling down my leg and immediately called an ambulance. The ambulance arrived and I was rushed to the hospital.

I was on the first floor of the 3 storey hospital when I laid down in my hospital bed. I was asleep. I was then suddenly woken up by a loud thud. The thudding continued and when I looked out of the window I saw something chilling, something terrifying, something that made my heart skip a beat. It was the creepy man that I saw in the woods, but this time he was driving a car, pulling into the hospital car park. I noticed the passenger side door opening, and someone coming out, it was Fiji.

HTCS SPORT

We are excited to announce that all of our school's sports clubs are officially back up and running. From football and badminton to dance, there's something for everyone to enjoy and get involved in.

Check out the schedule down below.



	Lunch 1.30 - 2.00	After school 3.00 - 4.00
Monday	Girls Dance club with Mrs. John in the dance studio.	year 7-10 Girls Football club with Mrs. Khan on the Astro Year 8 Boys Football club with Mr. Hawkeswood on the Field.
Tuesday	Key stage 3 Boys Basketball club with Mr. Hawkeswood in the sports hall	Year 9 Boys Football club with Mr. Garrison on the Astro Year 10 Boys Football club with Mr. Hawkeswood on the Field.
Wednesday	Boys Badminton club with Mr. Garrison in the Sports hall	
Thursday	Girls Basketball club with Mrs. Khan in the Sports hall	year 7-10 Girls Netball club with Mrs. John in the Sports hall Year 7 Boys Football club with Mr. Garrison on the Astro
Friday	Year 11 Boys Basketball club with Mr. Hawkeswood in the Sports hall	

If you would like to take part in an after-school club. Please collect and return a consent form, which can be collected from the PE office during break or lunchtimes.