ACROSS

- 1 Work up, excite (7)
- **5** Air vent (4)
- 8 Exciting, intoxicating (5)
- 9 Almost mystic (7)
- **11** Seizes (4)
- 12 Inventing (8)
- 15 Courtesy title (5)
- 16 Uses an axe (5)
- **19** Sir Trevor ____, TV presenter (8)
- **21** The two (4)
- 23 Charged (an account) (7)
- **25** Common card game (5)
- 26 Stitched (4)
- 27 Wearing thin (7)

DOWN

- **2** Organisation responsible for setting academic tests (4,5)
- 3 Salad cream, familiarly (4)
- 4 Sickness (6)
- 5 Genetic code (inits) (3)
- 6 Cathedral cleric (5)
- 7 Complain, moan (5)
- 10 Hackneyed phrase (6)
- **13** Violent collapse (9)
- 14 Furniture timber (6)
- 17 Engineless plane (6)
- 18 Lightest of colours (5)
- 20 Largest Greek island (5)
- 22 Misaligned (4)
- 24 Electrically charged particle (3)

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