



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS NOVEMBER 2010

Trinity School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Darker evenings give more chance to look at the stars ...at least if it would stop raining. We are very conscious of the coming anniversary of the West Cumbria floods, and we are certainly grateful for extra protection that the new flood defences gave to the school last November.

We are also delighted, in spite of the rain, with the progress of Phase II of our building work. The steel framework is now much in place and the taking back of the old Creighton East corridor to its basic frame has also happened well. We start to see the new block taking shape, which will become our Art, Music, Learning Support, and Modern Languages areas at some point next year, as well as providing us with a new dining hall. We are grateful indeed that our project was able to begin and to get far enough along to be able to be completed before the spending cuts take effect.

As with all schools, however, we await the new Education Bill at the end of the month, and expect changes of great substance to the way that education is organised and funded, both locally and nationally.

Meanwhile Trinity goes on as busily as ever, as you will see from these pages, with many successes already this year, and much good heart. Thank you for your support and encouragement as always.

Alan Mottershead

Headteacher

RECENT EVENTS

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Trinity Theatre Company presented a half hour version of 'Othello' at the Queen's Hall Arts Centre in Hexham on Friday 15th October. The performances were exceptional and if you missed it the students will be putting on a repeat performance at Keswick on Monday 15th November at the Theatre by the Lake, where they will perform alongside other schools. Well done to the cast and crew, and to Ms Southwell.

Year 7 Cathedral Service – Tuesday 19th October, 2.45 pm

This was a lovely event as ever, with students receiving a New Testament from The Gideons, and we were grateful to Mr W Counce and his colleagues for being with us for the service of welcome and thanksgiving. Thanks also to the parents and carers who came along to be with us. The collection was taken for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, and we were glad that Canon Michael Manley could also join us for the service.

Remembrance

As we do each 11th November, a short ceremony was held in The Creighton entrance where the war memorial and book of remembrance are to the former students of The Creighton School who fell in the Second World War. Year 7 form representatives and the House Captains attended with the headteacher. A wreath was laid. The Sixth Form also held ceremonies at the two other war memorials to the former Grammar School students in the Devonshire Hall. The whole school kept the silence.

Through Asia House, the piper played the lament in school on Friday, and the Last Post was sounded. It was a moving and powerful event and thanks in particular for Mr Hall and Mrs Barwick for organizing it, and to all the students who represented the school so well, and understood the importance of the occasion.

Thanks also go to Mrs Hodgson, the Head of History, who spoke to each House about her research into the stories behind the names on the memorials. You can find some more details about this on the school's website. It is very moving, and brings the big events of twentieth century closer in reach of our students.

Remembrance Concert

We held our Autumn concert on Remembrance day this year and we gave it that theme. It included a wide variety of music from sources both old and new, incorporating music from film, dance and song. Some of the pieces were lively and celebratory; others gave chance for a more reflective mood. As the concert was held on Remembrance Day it ended with a selection of wartime songs that the audiences joined in with and the last post as an act of remembrance.

Parents' Evenings

Thanks to all who came and made the Year 7 form tutors evening and the Year 11 Parents' evening successful events, and for parents and carers of Year 11 negotiating the Sixth Form Centre for us.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Sixth Form students, Year 12 and 13 Physics ISA examinations will take place in w/c 6th December.

Year 10 pathway 3 - Science exams - January

The following classes will be sitting **GCSE exams** in January.

Sets 1 and 2 – Biology unit 1, Chemistry Unit 1 and Physics Unit 1

Sets 3 and 4 – Science Unit 1 and Science Unit 2.

Year 11 pathway 3 – Science exams – January

Sets 3 and 4 will be sitting Additional Science exams.

Year 11 pathways 1 + 2

Students will be sitting Science Unit 2 exams in January.

Revision guides are available priced £3.10 from the school shop.

Access Fund

The school has received a grant of over £20,000 to encourage students to participate in extra-curricular activities and clubs. This replaces Cumbria's Access Fund Scheme. This money is for students who receive Free School Meals and is for one year only. Examples include helping towards the costs of educational visits, music tuition, the costs of kit required to participate in a sport and subscriptions for a team. Please ask a House Tutor, Student Manager or Mr Lythgoe if you require further details. A more detailed letter and application form will be sent to all students we know to be eligible for free school meals.

Free School Meals

The main qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- The Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit

You may have heard of the Pupil Premium in the news. We think all schools will receive a block of money depending on how many students claim free school meals. It would really help the school's funding if you applied, even if you have no intention of eating the meals! However, they are of good quality and variety and increasingly competitively priced.

Darker evenings

We have been reminding students about safe and sensible behaviour in the coming weeks on their way home from school in particular. We have asked them to make sure that they let you know if they are doing an activity after school, and to make their way home in twos and threes and not on their own. Many students wear dark jackets and something which made them more visible would be very welcome. Lights on bikes, helmets and high-visibility arm bands etc are also being encouraged. A number of high-vis rucksacks have been given out to students, with thanks to Mrs Wylie.

At the start and the end of the school day

If you are dropping off or picking up students from the school, please avoid parking on the double yellow lines or the 'School keep clear' markings. The school is particularly busy at either end of the school day. We suggest that you arrange a point some distance from the school where it is safe and legal to stop. We are concerned about the safety of our students who are having to cross Strand Road, or the road by DFS by weaving through parked or even moving cars.

We have made an informal arrangement with DFS that cars may wait in their car park from 3.15 pm until 3.40 pm, to collect students, to avoid the difficulties at the bottom end of Zero Path. We hope that you will be able to pick your children up there.

If you or your child have a mobility issue, please contact us to make a particular arrangement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Hedge planting for beginners

Our first batch of free trees has arrived from the Woodland Trust, thanks to Sainsbury's sponsorship. We shall be planting them, weather permitting, on Monday 15th November during period 3, and thanks to the students who have volunteered to help with that. We are also in discussions with the Woodland Trust about completing our hedgerow in Spring next year.

Carol Service - Monday 13th December at 7.30 pm, Carlisle Cathedral

This Service is one of the highlights of the school year in which the school and parents/carers and the Cathedral come together to celebrate the festival of Christmas. We do hope you will be able to join us. Please note reply slips should be returned **by Monday 6th December** if you would like a ticket.

Planning ahead

USA Exchange Visit – February 2011

Stafford High School, Vermont and Berlin and Gorham High Schools in New Hampshire are visiting in February. We hope to hold a concert as well as other activities such as a tour the city, visit to Edinburgh etc.

They plan to arrive on the evening of Saturday 19th February, c. 7.00 pm and depart for their onward journey on Wednesday 22nd February.

Please could you let us know if you are able to offer accommodation to an American teenager for three days/four nights. Please e-mail JRB@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk or Telephone 01228 403551 if you are able to assist. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys football

The Year 8 football team have reached round 4 of the National Cup, scoring the winning goal in the last minute of extra time, beating Caldew 3-2. Kieran Fitton (8AWT) scored all 3 goals for Trinity.

Year 10 Football

Following on from their success in last years' National Cup, the boys are hoping for another good run. They take on St Benedicts next week in the second round. We look forward to more great performances from this team.

Girls Football

Under 13 team - Following a convincing win against Ullswater in the County Cup, the Under 13 team are now through to the quarter finals. An impressive team performance. Player of the game was Katherine Hutchinson (8AWG). In the National Cup, the Under 13 team were unlucky to be beaten by Nelson Thomlinson School.

Under 15 team - The first round of the County Cup saw Trinity awarded a bye to the second round where they faced Queen Katherine. A very strong team performance saw Trinity win the match by an outstanding 10-0 margin! Cora Riley scored a hat-trick. We are waiting to hear who they will play in the quarter final.

In the National Cup, the U15 team played excellent football beating Morton 6-0 in the first round. The team were drawn against Kenton School in Newcastle in the second round and were very unlucky to go out on penalties after extra time. The weather was awful and it was dark by the time the match was over. The girls should be very proud of their performance as it was a very close match and they gave it their best.

Under 16 team

In the County Cup, Trinity played Caldew in the first round and were deserving winners, Olivia Hodgson scored a hat-trick in the 6-0 win. The second round saw the team travel to play Morton where they again showed their class with a 4-1 win. The team have been drawn against rivals Stainburn in the third round. In the National Cup, Trinity were unlucky to draw Stainburn, a team that have 2 England players and have ended Trinity's cup hopes in the past. A very determined performance with some outstanding football ensured an entertaining match, which Trinity were unlucky to lose by 3 goals to 2.

Under 18 team

The Under 18 team are waiting to play Caldew in the County Cup. The first match was cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch.

Other matches / competitions coming up include the Carlisle United Under 13 6 a side tournament at the Sands Centre and the Year 7 5 a side tournament.

Netball

Following their success in the Carlisle Schools netball tournament, both the Under 14 and Under 16 team will now represent Carlisle Schools in the second round of the National Cup. The Under 14 team will play on the 10th November and the U16 team will play on the 24th November – both at Sedbergh School.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the County for Netball:

Under 16 - Jessica Adam, Sarah Coulter, Abigail Halford, Olivia Hodgson

Under 14 - Jenna Graham, Hannah Hayes, Anna Lightfoot, Libby Sander

Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 rugby team were unlucky to lose a very tightly contested game against Nelson Thomlinson in the National Cup – a couple of missed chances in the last few minutes of the game saw the final match end 19-17 in favour of Nelson Thomlinson.

Cumbria Schools' Trampoline 6th November 2010 results:

U13 Boys Beginner - 1st - Matthew McElhone

U15 Girls Beginner - 1st - Chloe Bell, 3rd - Philippa Harmison,

Team 1st - Chloe Bell, Philippa Harmison, Sophie Gardener

U19 Girls Beginner - 2nd - Lucy Ingledow

U13 Boys Novice - 2nd Charles Armstrong

U13 Girls Novice - 2nd - Megan Hodgson

Team 1st - Megan Hodgson, Emily Wrightson, Rebecca Haresign, Amber Patterson

U15 Girls Novice - 2nd - Jessie Andrews, 3rd - Libby Sander

Team 1st - Jessie Andrews, Libby Sander, Molly Davy, Libby Mills

U19 Girls Novice - 2nd - Emma Mitchell

U13 Girls Elite - 1st - Alex Jefferson, 3rd - Daisy Graham

U15 Girls Elite - 1st - Sadie Brunskill, 2nd - Cailin Scott

Team 1st - Sadie Brunskill, Cailin Scott, Hannah Hayes, Alex Pilmer

U19 Girls Elite - 1st - Natalie Farmer

Congratulations to all who competed.

DIARY DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM – AUTUMN 2010

W/c 15 th November	Global Entrepreneurship Week
Monday 15 th November	Year 11 GCSE Maths Modular Year 9 Enterprise Event
Tuesday 16 th November	Year 9 Enterprise Event Year 12 Interim 1 to Parents and Carers
Wednesday 17 th November	Year 8 Enterprise Event
Thursday 18 th November	Year 8 Enterprise Event
Friday 19 th November	Year 7 Enterprise Event Year 13 Reports to Parents and Carers
W/c 22 nd November	Year 10 English Controlled Assessments
w/c 29 th November	Year 12 Chemistry ISA
Wednesday 1 st December	Year 10 MO2 College Trip Year 12 Parents and Carers' Evening
Thursday 2 nd December	Year 10 Enterprise Event for Business Studies students Year 11 Mock Exams start
w/c 6 th December	AS and A2 Physics ISAs
Wednesday 8 th December	Full Governors' meeting, 7.00 pm
Monday 13 th December	Carol Service, 7.00 pm in the Cathedral
Friday 17 th December	End of Term

Some notes

As is our custom, the school will close for the Christmas break after afternoon registration at 12.30 pm on Friday 17th December.

After a long and demanding term, we hope that everyone has a very good holiday. In order to ensure that that happens for all staff as well, the school closes for the full fortnight of the Christmas and New Year break. So there will not be anyone to answer the phone until Wednesday 5th January.

Tuesday 4th January is one of our training days for staff.

DIARY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2011

w/c 3 rd January	Year 12 & Year 13 Exams
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET day – staff only
Wednesday 5 th January	First day of term for students
Friday 7 th January	Year 11 Mock Results, Period 5
w/c 10 th January	Year 12 & Year 13 Exams & GCSE Exams Year 11 Progression interviews
Monday 10 th January	Year 11 Ace Day - pm
Tuesday 11 th January	Year 11 Ace Day - pm
Wednesday 12 th January	Year 8 Parents and Carers' Evening
w/c 17 th January	Year 12 & Year 13 Exams & GCSE Exams Year 11 Progression interviews
Friday 21 st January	Year 11 Reports to Parents and Carers
w/c 24 th January	Year 12 & Year 13 Exams & GCSE Exams Year 11 Progression interviews
Tuesday 25 th January	Year 10 Interim 2 to Parents and Carers
Wednesday 26 th January	Year 10 Parents and Carers' Evening
Tuesday 1 st February	Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Thursday 3 rd February	Intermediate Maths Challenge
w/c 7 th February	Year 11 GCSE Language Speaking tests
Monday 7 th February	Year 10 Work Experience Assembly
Friday 11 th February	Year 13 Theatre Studies Practical
Thursday 17 th February	Year 12 Theatre Studies Practical
Friday 18 th February	Year 9 Reports to Parents and Carers School finishes for half term break
Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February – Half Term Holiday	
Saturday 19 th February USA Exchange Students arrive, c. 6.00 pm	
w/c 28 th February	Year 13 Chemistry ISA
Monday 28 th February	First day of term

TERM DATES for the 2010/2011 School Year

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Half Term
2010 Autumn Term		
Monday 6 th September (Inset Days 2 nd & 3 rd Sept.)	Friday 17 th December	Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October
2011 Spring Term		
Wednesday 5 th January (Inset Day 4 th Jan.)	Friday 8 th April	Monday 21 st February - Friday 25 th February
2011 Summer Term		
Wednesday 27 th April	Friday 22 nd July	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June

ADULT EDUCATION CARLISLE

Adult Education Carlisle will be offering new courses in January 2011. Details of the courses will be highlighted in our new brochure, which will be delivered to households in Carlisle, Brampton & Longtown in the New Year. For further information or to book a course, please contact the Centre on: 01228 403555 or visit the website, which will be updated in December. Kris Brenan, Centre Manager.

Trinity Leisure Centre

Teen Training Courses Available (13 – 15 year olds)

Upon completion you can use the gym from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm Monday – Friday and Saturday from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

General Gym Opening Times	
Monday – Thursday	4.30 – 9.30 pm
Friday	4.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday and Sunday	9.30 am – 4.30 pm

NEW: Gym and Swim Lifestyle Mini Membership £12 / month for 12 months

With this membership you can use the pools and gyms at Trinity, Morton, The Pools and you can also use the Sheepmount gym and athletics track during our opening times.

Pay as you go comparison: Its typically £4.10 to use the gym or £3.00 for the pool so if you do just one activity a week then you are better off taking out the membership



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