



## **NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS** **December 2017**

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2017! Thank you for your support and encouragement this term and for the work you do with us to ensure that our students do as well as they possibly can.

As we near the end of term school remains as busy as ever. Year 11 have just completed their first set of mock examinations with the second set to follow in late February. Students in this year group have impressed us with their approach and the Supporting Success scheme continues to offer much support to them. The aim of this initiative is to offer a wide-ranging number of interventions and support sessions to help our students make the most of this crucial examination year and achieve their full potential. These include intervention sessions from many different subject areas, masterclasses to focus on exam technique and preparation, targeted assemblies to focus on motivation, revision, progression and time management and organisation. We have also ensured that students' hard work is rewarded through an updated rewards system which will see the most successful form from a range of criteria awarded a top prize in the summer!

We have much to be proud of as a school; every day students from every year group impress us with their many and varied achievements. In this year's Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition, for example, Trinity Sixth Form entered four teams; we were delighted to be both winners and runners up of this event. Congratulations to all the students who took part and to Mrs Heslop who mentored all the teams this year. Well done also to Ruby Evans, one of our Year 12 students, who was awarded a prestigious Foyle Young Poet's Award in a glitzy ceremony on London's South Bank. This is particularly impressive as there were over 6000 entries from 85 countries.

Remembrance Week, just a few weeks ago, was again testament to the warmth and the supportive nature of Trinity's community, something that makes us very proud indeed. The poppy net in the Jubilee Hall provided a focus for students and staff in remembering not only those who lost their lives in times of conflict but also those in students' own lives they found comfort in remembering.

We are pleased to report that the new Sports Hall construction project is going very well. The steel frame is in place, as is the roof and we are at the stage of choosing colours for the wall panels and the shower doors! All being well the new Sports Hall should be completed and ready for use by our students in the summer term.

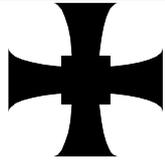
Before we reach the end of this term we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for our Carol Service on Monday, 11th December at 7pm in the cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. This is always a lovely event with wonderful music from our students in the most beautiful of settings. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Term ends on Friday, 15th December at 12.20pm. We will have normal lessons all morning followed by time with form tutors. We will welcome students back to school on Thursday, 4th January, following an INSET day for staff on the Wednesday.

Best wishes to all for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Johnston and Derek Kay  
Co-Headteachers



## CHAPLAINCY

As we charge towards the end of another busy term, some things stand out for me as highlights, or as things to be taken note of. One of these was our November Welcome Service at Carlisle Cathedral for Year 7 students. It was wonderful to see them all back in the atmosphere which had caught many imaginations in October. Students listened to music, looked again at the stars on the ceiling, read out prayers they had written themselves and listened to passages which helped them to look out into the world and towards a God who is present in all creation. They tasted sweets to help think of different parts of the world and to remember harvest and the gathering in of good things. Canon Michael Manley welcomed and then blessed them as they left, and candle lamps were taken back to school for use in form time.

Our themes this term have been: Remembering, Remembrance, Faith and Hope, and Light. Through the theme of 'Remembering' we learned about Alzheimer's and its losses as well as some of the things which seem to alleviate it, such as the impact of music and song. During Remembrance week we acknowledged the terrible effects of war and remembered those who fought to maintain freedoms in WW2 as well as the huge numbers of people caught up in and killed by WW1. Revd Keith Teasdale came in to school to lead assemblies in each of our Houses, and the traditional Nile House assembly with piper and procession of veterans was, as usual, very moving. Students showed great respect in the assembly hall and all wore poppies. Our cadets took part in a parade in the city centre the Friday before Remembrance Sunday. This was facilitated and organised by Mrs Parish who continues to encourage and support them. Cadets were also an important part of the Nile House assembly, with many coming to school in uniform, demonstrating pride in and commitment to, their different groups. Their demeanour and the sense of vocation held by some was another significant area of this half term for me, in tandem with the atmosphere in the Nile House assembly.

Our poppy net was well used, with students writing messages to soldiers and remembering people in their own families. Students in years 7 and 8 designed extra large poppies this year, (under the artistic hand of Mrs Reay), and wrote and drew on them. (These are now in the Chaplain's office if students would like to collect them.)

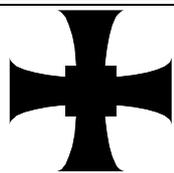
Through 'Hope and Faith' we looked at some of the wonders of the animal world, and the hidden gifts of dyslexia. As we approach the last week of term we are finishing the theme of 'Light' which incorporates the hope of Advent as well as reflection on the ways in which we can bring light to others. We have learned something about the work of Carlisle Key, a charity for homeless youngsters, and Houses are making parcels for Food Banks and raising money for their own charities.

In Jubilee Hall we have an Advent display featuring images and switch on candles. Students were invited to switch on a light for someone they felt needed light and hope this Advent. The first day the display was 'active' all the lights were used! The batteries have now run down, but students have shaped the candles into a large heart below our Christmas tree. The lights that were switched on so fast are now being used differently. The quickness to use the candles made me think of our students' need for fun and light, and of their creativity. This is another thing to take note of.

Next week our Carol Service takes place at the Cathedral. Students will sing and both staff and students will read. Many of us will be immersed in at least some awe and wonder as we listen to our choirs and sit in candlelight. This is another of the highlights of this term; a time when talent is wondered at and clearly seen, when light and beauty are experienced, and the hope of Christmas gathered and expressed. The struggles, losses and hurts of some of our community will be held in prayer, and the new life and peace of the Christ child invited.

Our Carol Service prayer will be for all of us, whatever stage we are in and whatever challenges or joys we are experiencing. Wishing you all the love, hope, rest and encouragement you need this Christmas.

**Caroline Kennedy, School Chaplain**



## **INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

### **Student Cards**

For a number of years our students have used cards to access doors, print documents and pay for food and drink in school. This has been successful in many ways, but an on-going issue is the number of students who lose, damage or forget their cards on a daily basis. This is inconvenient not only for the students themselves but also for staff in school who have to sort the issue out. As we move towards the summer term we hope to implement a biometric system to eliminate the need for cards. Many schools, including a number locally, use similar systems and report most positively on the benefits. The information held against the biometric file is minimal and is no different from that held on the existing card. We will contact you after the Christmas break with further information on the proposed system.

**Mr Kay, Co-Headteacher**

### **Instrumental Fees 2017/2018:**

A reminder to parents/carers who are not paying by monthly standing order payments: the first instalment is due to reach us by 31.12.17. If payments are not up to date unfortunately students may not be allowed to continue with lessons. Payment can be made by standing order, credit/debit card either with ParentPay or by phoning the Finance Office. Payments by cash and cheque are still acceptable, cheques should be made payable to "Trinity School".

Should a student wish to stop taking lessons we will require 4 weeks paid notice in writing.

Cumbria Music Service operates an Instrument lease scheme which is available to any young person in Cumbria. There is also an Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme run by Cumbria Music Service enabling students receiving tuition with Cumbria Music Service Teachers to purchase their own instrument without paying VAT. Please contact Mrs Richardson, Head of Music, for more information about this scheme.

### **Payment for School Meals:**

**Please ensure you give your children the correct change for topping up their school meal a/c's at the re-valuers as change is not given and may not be available in school.**

The new re-valuer machines unfortunately do not take Scottish notes so please make sure your child has acceptable money to use in them. Payment by cheque is acceptable but cheques must be made payable to 'Mellors Catering Services Ltd'. Parents/carers are reminded that topping up can also be done via ParentPay with a credit or debit card.

**Cheque Payments:** Just a reminder that if you are sending a cheque payment into school you should write clearly on the back the students name, form and reason for payment.

If you have a query or you require further information, please contact the Finance Office on 01228 516051 ext 215.

**Mrs A Larking, Finance Manager**

### **Exam Certificates**

Exam certificates for GCSE, AS and A2 level examinations taken in summer 2017 are now available for collection from the Sixth Form Office during school hours.

### **Attendance**

Did you know?

- That children who miss school fall behind.
- That there is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.
- Only 12% of students with below 80% school attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C including English and Maths.
- 68% of students with attendance greater than 95% achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C including English and Maths.
- On top of all that, good attendance at school shows potential employers that a young person is reliable.

That's why we celebrate good attendance and have target attendance of at least 95% for all our students. This term we have run weekly reward programmes for excellent attendance and every week we have announced lucky winners, with lots more to come at the end of term. Attenders win every day in every way!

### **Year 9 Parents' Evening**

A letter regarding the forthcoming Year 9 Parents' Evening will be sent home early next month giving details of the opening and closing times of the online booking system for making appointments.

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

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### **Year 11 Careers Guidance and Inspiration**

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all of our students have a sound appreciation of the possibilities open to them following Year 11 we are inviting every student to a Progression Event at the University of Cumbria, Fusehill Street, Carlisle. All students will be informed about the full range of post 16 learning opportunities; a series of workshops will include lectures and presentations given by a wide range of providers including Trinity Sixth Form, the University of Cumbria, information will also be provided on a range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and other vocational pathways.

The students will attend for half a day:

- Amazon and Nile morning session
- Everest and Kilimanjaro afternoon session

Further information and map will be emailed to you before the end of term.

The Year 11 Progression Event is part of a comprehensive programme of activities which were brought in to support our students into and beyond the GCSE exams. In the fortnight after the event each student will have a personal interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to identify their individual needs and aspirations, encouraging them to overcome barriers to success and to do what it takes to fulfil their own potential as well as likely progression route and anything we can do to support this.

For those students who are considering entering our Sixth Form we will shortly be inviting you to our Sixth Form Open Evening which takes place on **Thursday 25 January 2018**. Also as part of the National Apprenticeship Week 2018 you will be invited to an evening held by Inspira on **Monday 5th March 2018**.

Nearer to exam time we will be contacting you again regarding our revision programme before the final GCSE exams.

**Mrs Ewing, Information, Advice and Guidance Officer**

### **Year 11 Supporting Success**

As part of our Supporting Success programme, on Thursday 14th December we have a guest speaker in school to talk to Year 11 and Year 13 students. Will Hussey is from the 'Art of Brilliance' a superb team of speakers who specialise in training and development to make you a more positive, motivated and brilliant person. In short, they will remind you how to be your best self!

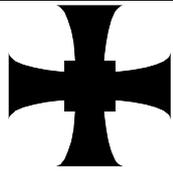
This was very well received last year and we look forward to hearing how to feed the principles of positivity, confidence, resilience, optimism, community spirit, kindness, aspiration and strength. We hope these sessions will help to inspire and invigorate our learners as they approach their final exams next year.

**Mrs Leech, Assistant Head**

### **Young Enterprise**

A small group of Year 12 entrepreneurs have been meeting every Wednesday afternoon since the start of term as part of the national *Young Enterprise* programme. They have set up a company called *Callara* and this Saturday (9th December) are trading their products at the Christmas Trade Fair inside Carlisle Market between 9.00am – 1.00pm.

If you are in town Christmas shopping this Saturday please (if you have time) pop along and show them your support, you may even find that little Christmas present gift idea you were looking for!



## RECENT EVENTS

### Year 7, 8 and 9 Tutor Evening

The above Tutor Evening took place on Thursday 30 November. Parents had the opportunity to speak to Form Tutors to get an overview of their child's progress and work in Form. Thank you to all the parents who attended.



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK  
YOUTH TRUST  
*Be the Change you want to see*

### Archbishop Youth Trust Young Leaders Award

As you are aware, Year 8 Students have been following the Archbishop Youth Trust Young Leaders Award this year in Religious Studies. The Archbishop of York Youth Trust exists to empower young people to **'be the change you want to see'** in their schools, communities and the world!

The Award is accessed through a combination of taught modules (Faith and Hope) and Community action. The Community activities involve **Personal** volunteering work, in **School** charity work and **Wider Community** service. Students have all been issued with their permission slips **which require parental/carer signatures** for the 3 personal challenges. Many have already completed one or more of these personal challenges already and we hope that you have benefitted from some of them at home! Thank you to parents/carers who have signed these activities off and to those who have got involved. **Please encourage your students to complete their personal challenges and sign the evidence sheet if you have not already done so. Students must return these before they begin their challenges to allow these activities to go ahead.**

Students will be commencing their school challenges next term (some have already been involved in school challenges with House Activities) and the final challenge is the Community challenge - all students will spend a morning working in the Community, during the summer term.

On the completion of all challenges, students will receive their Awards at a service in Carlisle Cathedral. **All parents/carers are invited to attend this service to celebrate their success; invitation letters to follow.** Thank you for your supporting your child in these valuable community action projects.

**Mrs Shore, Subject Leader for Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.**

### Silver Band Falconry visit to the Art Department

We were delighted to see KS4/5 students work so well with the birds on a stunning frosty morning. Students were able to work with photography as well as draw from first hand. Examples of the stunning work can be seen on the school website.

Lucy Atkinson was asked to comment on the day:

'I thoroughly enjoyed the experience- drawing living creatures is a challenge made easier by our art department and the falconry. It was interesting to learn about the birds from their owner while learning about them from studying them ourselves. The birds each had a personality that had to be incorporated into the drawings (the bigger owl was quite loud while the raven never stopped moving). I love animals, art and spending ages with both so this was the best part of my week and it reinvigorated my love of drawing.'

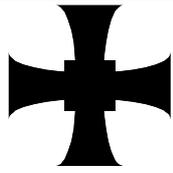
**Mrs Reay, Head of Art**

**9MRY** - Thought for the Day provoked us as a form to discuss how fortunate we were and consider those less fortunate. We decided to use our cake Friday money to buy gifts for a local charity after hearing that they were struggling to provide one Christmas gift for each child that came to them. We talked about how Christmas was far more than giving and receiving gifts but decided that the sense of hope and belonging that comes from a gift is important and none of us wanted to see any child go without. How would a parent explain that santa had not been able to drop off a present for a young child. We hope that we can bring a little joy into the lives of young children and show the local community that the youth of today do care.

**Mrs Reay**

**10CHM** are raising £60 for Shelter. This will help two families in vulnerable housing by giving them one to one counselling and support to help them. It can lead to permanent housing for vulnerable families and can ensure that homeless families have somewhere warm and safe over Christmas.

**Mrs Hamer**



## ***HOUSE NEWS***

### **Kilimanjaro House**

It has been an incredibly busy term for us in Kilimanjaro House and we are really proud of the many achievements of our students.

Our year 7's have been absolute stars. They have coped incredibly well with the transition to life at Trinity and have really impressed us with their hard work and dedication. Many have joined after school clubs and Miss Constant and Mrs Richardson have been delighted with many who have gone out of their way to be helpful and kind to others.

A huge well done to our year 11's who have just completed their mock examinations. They have earned a well-earned break as they coped superbly with the pressures of these exams and their behaviour was exemplary.

House assemblies have been held which explored the theme of advent and light in preparation for Christmas. These topics have also been a huge part of Thought for the Day discussions where students have demonstrated once again how truly generous and thoughtful they are. We have been looking at how important it is, especially at this time of year, to help those around us. We have been thinking about acts of kindness which bring about hope and comfort to others. Students have come up with some excellent ideas for showing compassion and generosity to others. Some acts seem small and insignificant, but it is a lovely thing to brighten up someone's day in this way.

Kilimanjaro students have been helping the Carlisle foodbank and looking out for others in our community who need a little extra help. They have been bringing in food and drinks throughout the term. In the run up to Christmas many forms produced a reverse advent calendar where gifts and food items were brought to house office and they were given to the foodbank. Miss Constant's form decided that they would like to do a secret santa but not spend quite as much money on a gift but instead keep a little back to buy something to donate to the foodbank. Well done to all forms who have done their bit in bringing a bit of festive joy and cheer to others.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and thank you to everyone in our House family for their efforts, hard work and kindness this term.

### **Nile House**

On Monday 13th November Nile House hosted our Remembrance assembly with three veterans from the Royal British Legion. Our two House Captains took a lead role: Lily Harper read a moving war poem beautifully and Will Clark read a piece about the Battle of Passchendaele in World War with great confidence. Former student Private David Murray, who was tragically killed in action in Afghanistan in 2008, was remembered and Major Jos Mark, a World War 2 veteran, led the Tribute and the Kohima. Mrs Richardson played the Last Post and Roland Lawson from the Royal British Legion played the bagpipes and, along with veteran John Saltern, escorted the veterans, House Captains and members of the Army Cadets and Air Training Corps into and out of Creighton Hall. The students were impeccably behaved and an absolute credit to the school.

Each form in Nile House has been making plans to raise funds to support our House charity - the Bethsaida Orphanage for Girls in Tanzania. Our target is to raise £1,000 which will fund the employment of a Science teacher for a full academic year. A wide variety of fund raising events have and will be taking place.

All forms in Nile House are encouraged to lead a form assembly and several have done so during the autumn term. A high standard has been set for the forms that follow in the spring and summer terms. A very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018 to all from Nile House.

### **Amazon House**

We are so proud of a number of our students this term, many with 100% attendance who have recently been in receipt of much prized “jump the queue” vouchers and gift vouchers for town – it is well worth being in school all the time in lots of different ways!

Leia Ransley and two Everest House students were involved with the launch of Breakfast Club at Norman Street Primary School earlier this term – regular readers of School News will have heard of Leia before and all the outstanding work she does in so many ways. As Canon Manley said in assembly this week, she is an outstanding example of ‘Glory’, she doesn’t do things because of the ‘glory’ or fame that might come from it, but because there is a need.

We have welcomed two new forms into Amazon House this term, 7CBO and 7SQU – they have settled in really well and are making the most of the wealth of opportunities offered to them at Trinity. They are accumulating lots of achievement points, including ten points for progress and along with the efforts of the rest of Amazon this is keeping us in the Number One position in school for positive conduct. Let’s hope it helps us keep the House Cup at the end of the year – keep up the good work, folks!

Mrs Walton is really looking forward to the Carol Service on Monday. Some of the House are performing in the choir and it is a good opportunity to start that really good Christmas spirit – the House Office is decorated, and we are looking forward to the holidays. The messages though for assembly are about kindness and giving to others and Mrs Walton shared the Dalai Lamas contribution to Advent calendars – something kind to do every day. Our very best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and 2018.

### **Everest House**

We started off the school year with a twinkle: Amelia Armstrong in 8ASH was awarded our star of the term for her kindness to others. During the summer term, Amelia had supported a number of other students and had done it all quietly and without telling anyone. However, as good deeds often are, this was noticed by a small number of staff who wanted to let us know just how much Amelia’s kindness had helped others and, so it was with great pleasure that we awarded the Everest Star to Amelia in our first assembly back.

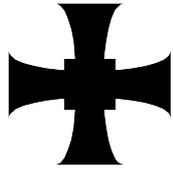
At times, this term can feel very long yet at the same time, it doesn’t seem two minutes since we welcomed our new Year 7 students in September. They have all settled in very well and it is lovely to see them moving around the school, full of confidence and smiles. We also welcomed two new Form teachers, Ms Pandrich and Miss Bates, and were delighted that Dr Barker chose to join us, also as a Year 7 Form Tutor, after spending many years at Sixth Form. We feel very lucky to have them in our Everest team.

As always at this time of year, our thoughts turn to Christmas and to our Christmas Charity: Barnardo’s Carlisle. For the past three years our students have raised funds and donated small stocking filler items to help share a little happiness with some very vulnerable children from our community. All of these items are placed into gift bags and given to young people who may have very little else to look forward to at this time of year and it is so important to us to send the message that we care. We are very proud of our association with Barnardo’s Carlisle and this year our fundraising efforts have taken a more adventurous route. Whilst we have still enjoyed a bake sale, 8SDT have raised over £50 through a sponsored silence and Mrs Dutton is extremely proud of the efforts her form have made with this. 8ASH had their own Great Everest Bake Off in which the students baked and brought in a range of cakes, buns and biscuits which were judged by Mrs Smith and a Year 11 student, Michael Williams. Both agreed the standard of entries was extremely high and they thoroughly enjoyed tasting all the cakes. After the judging was over, the students then sold their cakes and raised over £80 – another fantastic achievement. This money will all go to purchasing further items to donate to the young people who are supported by Barnardo’s Carlisle. Every single one of the eleven forms in Everest House have contributed in some way and this is simply wonderful.

It also fills me with pride that the generosity of Everest students is not only directed towards charitable events within our school. Earlier this term three of our Year 10 students, Jodie McConnell 10SMR, Jacob Harmison 10MCO, along with Leia Ransley from Amazon House, attended Norman Street School to help them launch the Greggs Foundation Early Bird Breakfast Club. Our students were a fantastic help, volunteering to work with the younger students. The club will help support families get their children to school and let them have a good breakfast before the start of the school day. In addition to this, Jacob Harmison must get an extra special mention here: Jacob worked tirelessly, contacting local firms and asking them to donate goods to sell and, with the support of some good friends, held a table top sale and raised a whopping £370 for Eden Valley Hospice. I am sure you will all agree that this is simply amazing.

Our Everest House leadership team: Chloe, Caitlin, Francesca, Seamus and Sam have been fantastic in organising our younger students and establishing a very pro-active team of Form Representatives. They have had a big part in our Christmas fund raising and we look forward to seeing what wonderful things they will want to support next term.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in back safely in January!



## **SIXTH FORM NEWS**

### **Assemblies**

This half term we welcomed back Alastair Herd who left Trinity Sixth Form in 2014 and who has pursued a career in photography. Having taken A Levels in Business, Photography and Media, he went on to study Photography at Staffordshire University. Alastair now runs his own aerial photography business and his talk was illustrated with many stunning images of locations around the region. Alastair encouraged our students to ask for help with their studies as soon as they need it, set themselves achievable goals and stay determined.

Judith Reay, Community Fundraiser for the Royal British Legion, talked about the fundraising work of the Legion earlier this term. Students heard about its history and how funds are used to support serving and retired veterans including the moving story of Anna who, with help from the RBL, was successful in her bid for a medal at the 2016 Invictus Games. Students were also advised how they could become involved in the work of the Legion as a volunteer.

This week Judith Smale from Cumbria CVS also promoted the benefits of volunteering to our students for their future university, apprenticeship or job applications. Judith's own experience of volunteering led to her current post, supporting third sector organisations in Cumbria. Students were encouraged to become involved in the wealth of opportunities which are available to them, many of which would utilise their existing skills eg. retail, fundraising, and social media and which would link to subjects such as history, IT and health & social care.

### **Dr Pippa Rice**

Former Trinity student Dr Pippa Rice has recently been working with our aspiring medics, conducting mock interviews with Year 13s in preparation for their own forthcoming interviews and advising Year 12s about the steps they can take over the next year to strengthen their application to medical school along with:

"I found the meeting with Dr Pippa to be extremely beneficial to my understanding of the reality of working in medicine and what it will take to get there. The most valuable insight that she shared was her suggestion that we keep up to date on ethical discussions and stories in the news that could come up in any interviews we have. She really encouraged us to read around the subject and her passion for it was inspiring which cemented my desire to follow the same career path. She spoke to each of us individually and asked us questions relating to us personally which made the experience very valuable." Jasmine Metherell (EJY)

Whilst Pippa was here, we also took the opportunity to ask her to deliver an assembly about the dangers of smoking, including vaping. Her assembly was certainly packed full of hard-hitting facts and images, keeping our students well-informed and giving them plenty to consider.

### **Lessons from Auschwitz**

Earlier this term Ben Cunnah (SBR) and Emily Tait (WPH) were fortunate to be accepted onto the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project. Here are Emily's thoughts on the experience:

"The Holocaust has always been a period of history which has fascinated me, and I was honoured to be able to participate in the Lessons from Auschwitz project. We first went to a seminar where we were able to meet a Holocaust survivor, Eva Clarke, whose mother had managed to hide her pregnancy whilst at Auschwitz and Eva was born at the Mauthausen concentration camp gates. It was a real privilege to be able to speak to her and it made the horrors of the Holocaust seem real.

The next part was the one day visit to Auschwitz which was harrowing because in Auschwitz we were able to visit a gas chamber. You could see the scratches on the walls because, depending on your proximity to where the gas was dropped in, it could take up to twenty minutes for people to die; in this room thousands of people would have been killed. We were also able to take part in a ceremony with a Rabbi at Auschwitz II Birkenau. This was very interesting, and we were told that if you had a minute's silence for every individual killed at Auschwitz, you would have to be silent for two years.

For the final part of the project we had to raise awareness of the Holocaust. Ben and I have held assemblies and hope to have a board put up in the the Lower School and Sixth Form libraries which will explain the importance of the Holocaust and tell six survivor stories. I feel honoured that I had the opportunity to visit the site and was able to share my experiences with my peers to try and pass on the importance of these sites. I hope that my display will be effective, especially after I have left school, and I am sure that I will never stop talking about my one-day visit to Auschwitz and the amazing experiences that I have gained from the Lessons from Auschwitz programme.” (Emily Tait WPH)

### **Children in Need fundraiser**

Well done to Year 12 Childcare students who raised a total of £165 For Children in Need by selling cakes, entries to a 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' competition and raffle tickets to win a hamper. Miss McLeod was the closest guess for the sweets in the jar and the lucky winner of the hamper was Lauren from SBR.

### **Dream Placement**

Ten students from Years 12 and 13 have been invited to a selection event for the Centre for Leadership Performance's 'Dream Placement' competition. Students will spend a day at Energus, Lillyhall, Workington taking part in confidence boosting activities and 'speed interviewing' with a variety of host Cumbrian companies. The aim of the event is to match the students' skills and aptitudes with the various employers and successful students will secure a week-long work placement with a company. We wish them all the very best for the day.



### **Sixth Form Library**

We've been trying to encourage some more of our Sixth Form students to engage in some reading for pleasure this term – there is a good deal of evidence to support the benefits including developing empathy, aiding relaxation and helping to give a broader outlook. Well done to those students who have taken part – we'll be rewarding the form with the most reviews at the end of term. Also there will be a Christmas drop-in in Carloli Library at lunchtime on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December for any interested students – drinks, a festive treat and Christmas quiz will be available!

### **Spellbinders Reading Group**

It has been brilliant to see more than 50 regular attendees at the sessions on a Wednesday lunchtime – we have students from Y7 to Y10 with varied reading interests. This term we've been 'Reading around the World' and students have chosen books set in different countries to look at life in different contexts and cultures. We are all really looking forward to finding out the 8 books in the Spellbinding Book Award 2018 shortlist which we will start to read next term.

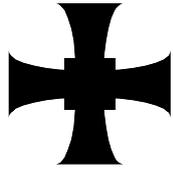
### **Accelerated Reading**

Just a reminder that all Y7 and 8 students take part in the Accelerated Reading scheme – we encourage students to read regularly at home so that they can improve their reading. After finishing a book, students take a quiz online to check their understanding – we reward students with points and little treats throughout the term. If you'd like to chat about this with your child, you will find his/her reading 'level' is recorded in their planner. The level helps students to find the right books to improve their reading – they can choose from our library books or read any book of their own (that is in the scheme). Please visit the library website <http://trinityschoollibrary.blogspot.co.uk/p/accelerated-reading.html> for further information.

## Student participation

We'd like to say a big welcome and thank you to all our new and returning Student Librarians. We have a group of 18 students who volunteer and join us at break and lunchtime throughout the week to help to issue books, games and keep the library shipshape.

Mrs Susan Barry, Senior Librarian



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Football

#### **U12 National Cup**

Trinity 2 5 Richard Coates

This was the first time the girls have played 9 a-side and they coped well with the transition to grass and a bigger pitch. They worked hard off the ball and played well against a side containing two Newcastle academy players. A special mention to Fern Varah who was outstanding in midfield and to goal keeper Lucy Nevison who made some fantastic saves.

#### **U13 EFL Cup Final V Nelson Thomlinson at Brunton Park**

Unfortunately, we lost in the final 5 - 0. The girls worked incredibly hard, most notably Norma-Jane Power, but we just couldn't get our shots away quickly enough. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and with some staying to watch the Carlisle United match. Special mention to Soph Mason for coaching the team.

#### **U18 National Cup V Balby Carr Sports Academy**

Unfortunately, Trinity lost. The girls played well against a physical and determined opposition. They never let their heads drop and were a credit to the school.

#### **U12 Girls - City 5 A-Side Competition**

Trinity 4 1 William Howard

Trinity entered two teams in this tournament and both teams played really well.

The B team had some encouraging performances and the A team were undefeated but finished runners-up to William Howard on goal difference. A fantastic effort from all the players, well done!

#### **U18 Girls National Cup V St John Fisher Catholic School, Harrogate (away)**

Trinity had a well-deserved win of 3-2 with goal scorers Alice Heaton (2) and Cara O'Roarty. All through the game they kept pressing and winning the ball with the help of a solid defence playing the midfielders through for brilliant opportunities on goal. As the team were winning, Ellie Garbutt decided to take the ball with her down the left wing, getting past all opponents that stood in her way and trying to cross the ball in for Alice to receive. Ellie got girl of the game for her continued resilience and risk taking. All players played outstandingly well working as a team, and another well done for the 6 Year 11s who helped the team achieve the win.

#### **Girls U18 County Cup Final**

Trinity 12 0 Furness College

This was a fantastic team performance, with every player performing at an exceptional level. The team dominated play from the first whistle to the last and played an outstanding passing game. It is the first time the team have played together but they gelled instantly. There were debuts for Emily Green and Antonia Cave. The 12 goals were shared out amongst 7 members of the team – which clearly shows the strength and depth of the squad.

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#### **Girls U16 National Cup**

Trinity 4 4 Cramlington Learning Village

The team were extremely unlucky to lose the match on penalties – which is a devastating way for such a fantastic team to go out of this competition. The girls were absolutely fantastic and played by far the better football with Abbie immense in the middle of the defence and Esther and Holly working tirelessly in midfield. Special mention to Ellie G for literally putting her face on the line to block a powerful shot just outside the box! A massive shout out as well, to the girls who were brave enough to step up to take a penalty in such a pressurised situation. Well done to you all, you can hold your heads high – we are extremely proud of every single one of you.

### **Girls U13 English Football League**

Trinity entered two teams in this competition; a Year 7 and a Year 8 team and all girls played really well. The Year 7 team were competitive in their play and worked hard to close down the opposition giving them limited time on the ball. The Year 8 team qualified to play against Nelson Thomlinson School in the Final at Brunton Park, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all!

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### **Girls U16 County Cup Final v Queen Katherine School**

Trinity 11 0 Queen Katherine, Kendal

This was a comprehensive display from an exceptionally talented team. Their passing and movement is a joy to watch and their determination and commitment is second to none. Special mention to the captain, Holly Ronson, for an awesome display.

### **Boys U15 County Cup**

The U15 team have continued their unbeaten season with a comprehensive 12-0 victory in the semi-final of the county cup. Special mention must go to Joe White, Ryan Swailes and Charlie Johnston who all scored hatricks. The progress to the final which will be late in the spring term.

### **Boys U18 County Cup**

The U18s are also having a successful season progressing to the Semi-Final stage of the county cup after beating William Howard 4-1 in the quarter final. They will play either Kirkbie Kendal or Furness academy with the tie being played on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Special mention must go to Scott Evans who is currently top scorer for the team with 5 goals in 4 appearances

## **Netball**

### **Year 7**

Our two Year 7 Netball teams had fixtures against William Howard and Caldew. Both teams showed how far they have come in only a few weeks since their last fixture against both schools.

The A team beat Caldew 3 - 0. The girls were organised on court and used the space well, with some quick passing and movement, to deliver the ball into the shooting circle. At the defensive end the girls worked together to prevent Caldew from having any opportunities to shoot.

They then went on to beat William Howard 6 - 1. Gracie White and Fern Varah converted all the chances they had when shooting and scored 3 goals in the space of less than 2 minutes. Isobel Beal supported them brilliantly as centre along with Kate Ritchie playing at wing attack. Nicole Latour, Anna McCue and Laura Sewell defended brilliantly again, letting just 1 goal go to William Howard.

Our B team played Caldew A first and matched them in ability and skills. We were the team with greater possession throughout the game, but we just didn't manage to score from our chances. Chloe Hunt and Alisha Huston both had shots that rolled around the ring but failed to fall through. Esther Townsley held the defence and attack together with some well-timed moves and strong passing into the attacking third.

In their second game up against William Howard A the girls really showed their competitiveness and will to win. Lizzy Bainbridge worked tirelessly at Centre in this game and enabled us to keep possession of the ball for long periods of time. The game finished with us winning 1 - 0!

### **Year 8**

Well done to our Year 8 A and B teams who travelled to William Howard recently. Both teams were undefeated in their games versus William Howard and Caldew. Our A team beat William Howard 7-3. There were some excellent turnovers in defence by Fran Telford, Anya Storey and Rebecca Blaylock. The attack made the most of the opportunities they had with Ella Gate and Norma Jane Power converted most of their shots into goals. Well done girls. Our B team beat William 4-0 and Caldew 2-0. Francesca Marconi captained the team and led the attack as top goal scorer. An excellent team performance.

## **Badminton**

### **Carlisle Schools Badminton Competition 2017-2018**

Congratulations to all our students who represented Trinity in the City Schools' Badminton competition. In the first round we played against Newman school, the Y7-9 girls were given a bye to the next round, the Y10 & 11 girls narrowly missed out in a place in the next round by 3 games to 2. Both the Trinity boys teams won their matches and went through to the next round.

In the second round the Y7-9 boys faced William Howard and the Y10-11 boys Caldew. Both sets of boys played some good competitive badminton but unfortunately missed out on a place in the next round. The Y7-9 girls were due to play against Caldew school who were not able to raise a team on the day. They will now go straight through to the County finals to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February at the Sands Centre.

Well done to all those who took part.

## **City Competition**

Congratulations to the 16 students that represented our school on Thursday 16 November at Harraby. Both our Key Stage 3 girls and boys teams and our Key Stage 4 boys team have qualified for the next round. Narrowly missing out to Newman (2 games to 3) were our Key Stage 4 girls. Well done to all our players, we had some very close games and played some great badminton.

## **Hockey**

### **North Cumbria U13 Hockey Tournament**

Congratulations to the U13 hockey team in reaching the semi-final of the North Cumbria U13 Hockey Tournament. Well done to all the girls on a very cold afternoon.

## **U16 North West Hockey Finals**

Trinity U16 girls represented Cumbria in the North-West Hockey Finals last week, playing against the best teams from Lancashire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester. The girls stepped up to the occasion producing some great individual performances and an overall superb team effort against some strong opposition. Trinity were 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 6 teams. Well done to Hannah Wharton, Abbie Eagling (voted man of match), Ellie Garbutt, Ellie Barbour, Erin Harkins, Nadia Barr, Jessica Wharton, Lucy Eagling, Poppy Wilson, Daisy Wilson, Jodie McConnell, Jessica Evans and Alice Heaton. Special thanks to Tom Leach, one of our governors, who travelled down to Manchester to coach and support the girls through the tournament.

## **Athletics**

### **Carlisle School Games Sports Hall Athletics Competition**

Well done to all 28 Year 9 Trinity students who officiated at this year's Primary School Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Over 30 local primary schools took part in this competition and the Y9 girls helped to organise the primary children and officiated at all the events throughout the day. The organiser commented that the girls were awesome and that they were a credit to both themselves and our school. Well done ladies!

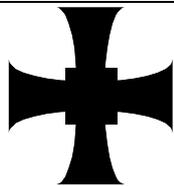
## **Rugby**

The U14 team are through to the Semi-final of the County Cup after an excellent performance against a strong QEGS team. After losing heavily to QEGS at the beginning of the season, the team was determined to put in a stronger performance against them in the quarter final of the County Cup. They achieved this goal impressively by closing down the space of their opponents and not giving them room to run. The first try came from this aggressive defence with Keaton Metcalfe scoring an interception try. Alfie Batty scored a memorable hat trick of tries, all of which were length of the field runs. The strong defence limited QEGS to just two tries whilst Trinity managed to score six for an impressive 36 – 12 win. They join the U15 team who have reached the quarter-final stage, beating Austin Friars 40-10 in the previous round. They will play a strong QEGS who they beat 24-22 earlier in the season.

## **Cross-Country**

Trinity have been hugely successful at recent city cross country events, winning the boys year 7, Junior and Inter competitions. The inter boys led by Joe White and Mitchell Liddle (who finished first and second) excelled in particular winning their section with a combined score of just 29. The below boys will represent Carlisle at the County cross country championships at Cartmel in January:

<i>U12 City Cross Country</i>	<i>Junior City Cross Country</i>	<i>Inter City Cross Country</i>
Trinity finished 1st overall with a combined points total of 49. The following runners will represent the district at Cartmel on the 17th Jan.	Trinity finished 1st overall with a combined points total of 52. The following runners will represent the district at Cartmel on the 17th Jan.	Trinity finished 1st overall with a combined points total of 29. The following runners will represent the district at Cartmel on the 17th Jan.
<i>Ewan Wright (3)</i>	<i>Kian Makar (3)</i>	<i>Joe White (1)</i>
<i>Leon Culley (6)</i>	<i>Daniel Kendall (5)</i>	<i>Mitchell Liddle (2)</i>
<i>Christie Moore (7)</i>	<i>Archie Morley (6)</i>	<i>Seamus Edwards (3)</i>
<i>Riley Matthews (8)</i>	<i>Will Elwood (8)</i>	<i>Oliver Burns (5)</i>
<i>Adam Bickerstath (12)</i>	<i>Kieran Glencross (14)</i>	<i>Micheal McKie (6)</i>
<i>Hayden Harper (13)</i>	<i>Caleb Crook (16)</i>	<i>Joel Sinclair (12)</i>

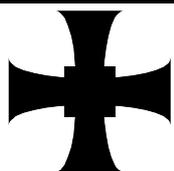


## **TERM DATES for 2017- 2018**

<b>First Day of Term</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
<b>Autumn term 2017</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Spring term 2018</b> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Summer term 2018</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Good Friday – 30 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Sunday – 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Monday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June  (Early May Bank Holiday – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May)

### **Attendance at school and holidays**

If you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term time, please complete a Leave of Absence request. The form is available from Reception or on our website.



## **CALENDAR DATES**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Carol Service in Carlisle Cathedral at 7.00pm ALL WELCOME
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Break up for Christmas
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Spring Term begins
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Year 11 Progression Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Year 13 A Level Drama and Theatre Studies Final Scripted performances Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Y13 BTEC Science Practical

W/c Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	A2 Mock Exams (for 2 weeks)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Year 11 Reports to parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Y13 BTEC Science exam
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	Y13 BTEC Unit 1 resit exam
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	Year 9 Reports to parents
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Year 9 Options Day Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Break up for Half Term

**Dates are subject to change.**