



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS December 2016

Dear parents and carers

Here is the final newsletter for 2016, an eventful year for the school. 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.

In reflecting on the term we are particularly proud of the positive comments about the school and its community in the SIAMs report (the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.) The observation that, 'Many students accept leadership responsibilities and speak of how much they like the realisation that they can 'make a difference' and 'help others' is particularly pleasing and reflects the increasing responsibility for others that we see on a daily basis. We have had so many requests from students to organise charity events that we have had to introduce a booking system to manage the volume! A perfect example of the care and compassion for others shown by students is the work of 8MRY who spent a Saturday morning last month on Warwick Road giving out cakes to victims of last year's floods.

As we near the end of term school remains as busy as ever. Year 11 have begun their mock exams and these continue until the end of term. Students in this year group are working very hard indeed, attending many after school sessions to boost their skills. Our regular senior team learning walks show purposeful lessons with high quality teaching and learning. We asked an Educational Adviser to visit the school and provide us with an external view. She reported that in the lessons she visited, 'engagement among students in their learning is exemplary.' She commented on the 'prevailing atmosphere of respect in the school, from teacher to student, from student to teacher and from student to student.' Although we are delighted at these comments we know that there is always more to do.

As you know our aim is to achieve high standards in everything we do at Trinity and we expect all adults in school to model for students the behaviour we expect, with a clear focus on good manners, positive communication and mutual respect. We were delighted that the External Adviser noticed the atmosphere of respect within the school. This is also important in working with the wider school community. We place great value on forging positive relationships with parents and carers as we believe that students benefit when school and home work in close partnership. The vast majority of parents and carers are keen to work with us and supportive of the school but unfortunately a small minority of parents in recent weeks have not worked with staff in a manner which is acceptable to us. We have had occasions where staff have been subject to highly unpleasant verbal abuse, using language which is particularly unacceptable in a school setting.

We trust that the majority of parents and carers will support us in stressing that we cannot accept this type of abuse of staff. Whilst we expect all members of staff to behave professionally, attempting to defuse the situation where possible, there may be occasions where the most appropriate course of action is to end a conversation.

On a more positive note, before we reach the end of term we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for our Carol Service on **Monday, 12th December** at 6.45pm 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.

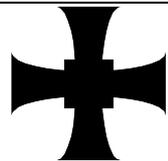
Term ends on **Friday, 16th December** at **12.20pm**. We will have normal lessons until break, followed by assemblies for the Houses and the Sixth Form and time with form tutors. We will welcome students back to school on **Thursday, 5th January**, following an INSET day for staff on the Wednesday.

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

Yours sincerely,



Sheila Johnston and Derek Kay
Co-Headteachers



CHAPLAINCY

Since I last wrote we have had a SIAMS inspection, and our Year 7 Welcome Service at the Cathedral. SIAMS was useful and encouraging, and we are at an exciting point in our development as a Church School. Part of the excitement is to do with the spirit of Advent: watching carefully to see where new life will spring up. The Welcome Service was done in a new way this year, and we watched to see the ways in which our students responded to music, prayer, readings and light in the Cathedral space.

Themes in form time this half term have been: People we Love, Appearance, Advent and Christmas. Through People we Love, we thought about grandparents and their importance in the lives of our students as well as twins and the powerful bond between them. Students in Year 11 and Year 7 were interviewed for Thought for the Day in connection with these family relationships. During the second week of the topic we focused on Remembrance, and thought about the toll of both world wars on our country and other countries involved. Revd Keith Teasdale came in to Nile House for a special assembly along with three ex- members of the forces. Lunch was held for these, and a group of students was able to hear stories from and chat to our visitors. Cadets from Trinity took part in the Remembrance Parade in the city centre on November 11th and had refreshments afterwards in the Tithe Barn.

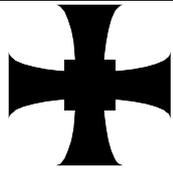
Through the theme of Appearance we considered bullying; its results and possible causes. Anti-bullying assemblies took place, and in Thought for the Day we focused on the idea that God sees our hearts rather than our looks. During the second week of this theme we looked at the case of Katie Piper whose life and appearance were changed by an acid attack, and thought about people who have managed to build inner strength, and are beautiful as a result.

We have been seeing Advent as a time of preparation, hope and waiting. Lots of preparations are ongoing in forms across our Houses, to raise money for charity and send hampers out to the needy. Sixth Formers have raised money for Shelter, and their Inclusion Group is preparing assemblies to tackle prejudice. One of our Sixth Formers is campaigning to raise money for a charity in the developing world which constructs toilet blocks for communities, and she was interviewed about this on Thought for the Day. We are hoping on behalf of those who have lost hope, and looking out into the world, wanting to show support and make connections with those who struggle. Messages of kindness and connection have gone out to the elderly in Christmas cards written by our students and included in hampers.

As Christmas approaches, we have put up decorated trees in a number of places in school. The one outside my office was done by students. It is covered in lights and I think of it as a symbol of hope; for those who wait to be heard, those who wait for their time to come, and those who feel unwanted. It is also just a sign of joy. As term comes to an end, we look forward to our Carol Service next week, to gathering as a community, glad of all the good things we have, and of our recovery after the floods.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Caroline Kennedy, School Chaplain



HOUSE NEWS

Amazon House

Well what a very busy term we have had, and excitement is now building towards the Christmas holidays. Our three form groups of Year 7 have settled in really well and at the recent parents' evening it was wonderful to hear that some of our Year 7s were thoroughly enjoying the adventure of secondary school and absolutely loving the whole experience. One of the Year 7 form tutors could not be at tutor evening for the most delightful of reasons – he became a father to baby Theo – hopefully we will see Mr Allgood before the end of term as there are several cards and presents to give him.

Mrs Walton had a lovely day out as well on this day – she was nominated as Cumbria Woman of the Year and attended a very nice lunch at The Laura Ashley Belsfield hotel overlooking Lake Windermere along with 30 other nominated women from all walks of life and all across Cumbria. It was a real privilege to be nominated and we are very proud of all the work done in the twenty-four years she has been here at Trinity and for the work she has done as County Commissioner for Girlguiding Cumbria North.

We also had cause to celebrate the achievements of one of our students earlier this term, when Leia Ransley was nominated as one of the BBC Teen Heroes. She attended a reception with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at their private accommodation in Kensington Palace which was a very inspiring and emotional occasion for Leia. She was nominated for all the support she always gives to everyone, but specifically for all the work she did with younger students from Norman Street School during the floods.

The new version of the House Cup has been launched this term and students from all Houses are competing in various competitions to win the House Cup. Points are given also for attendance, achievement points and the quality of House boards and with this included, Amazon are the current leaders! Well done to everyone in Amazon for all their efforts and good luck for the House Shout on Friday.

Our House Captains, Theo Tindall and Chloe Chambers have set up and are confidently running our House Council, amongst other things this term encouraging all forms to get involved in some fundraising activities. On Monday 12th December 10JWL are going to complete a Christmas walk around school in Christmas outfits – they are collecting sponsorship, so thank you if you have been asked to sponsor them. Any donations can be sent to school care of their form tutor – Miss Williams. As well as continuing to support the Jaguar in the Amazon Rainforest, we are also this year supporting the Cockermonth Mountain Rescue team.

Thank you for all your support over this first term, and may we wish you a peaceful Christmas and a very happy 2017.

Nile House

Nile House held their annual Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday 9th November. Special guests were John Saltern who carried the school standard that commemorates all the former students of the school that have fallen in various conflicts; Roland Lawson, a piper and retired Police Officer with Cumbria Constabulary led the guests, cadets and school party from the main reception and marched through school into the Margaret Sewell Hall where all 335 Nile House students listened to readings from House Captains Will Stuart and Caitlin Conway. The latter paid tribute to Private David Murray who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2008 aged just 19. David was a former Trinity School student who was in Asia House with Mr Hall. Major Jos Mark, aged 92 who fought in World War Two, led the tribute and the Kohima; Mrs Richardson played the last post on the bugle which was followed by an immaculately observed minutes silence and the reveille. Jos, John and Roland are regulars at the Nile House Remembrance Assembly. They are invited every year and their attendance helps make the assembly a very special and sombre occasion. Students are asked to wear their poppy with pride and to remember those involved in conflicts who have paid the supreme sacrifice. The respect shown towards John, Roland and Jos suggests that the students in Nile House really do understand the sacrifice that previous generations have made.

In 2015 Jos was awarded The Légion D'honneur which is a prestigious accolade, established by Napoleon in 1802 to recognise individual merit. Mr Mark stated "I'm accepting it on behalf of all the

comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice. They are the ones who really earned the medal," he said. "They gave their lives so the French could be liberated from their oppressors, and they were really oppressed by the SS and the Gestapo who were just brutal." The French medal is one of only two which can be worn alongside British medals – the other is the Malaysian medal, which Mr Mark has also been awarded. After the war, he went on to spend another 30 years in the army including three years serving alongside the Gurkha regiment and reached the rank of Major. Reverend Teasdale from St Cuthbert's led the prayers and Caroline Kennedy the school's Chaplain lit a candle in memory of those who have died serving their country.

Nile House students are heavily involved in fund raising for our House Charity. We are supporting the Bethsaida Orphanage for Girls in Tanzania. Every form has been challenged to raise funds to support the employment of a teacher for one year to teach Science to the orphans. To date there have been bake sales, treasure hunts, donations, penny pots, a weekly form bake and the House are well on their way to achieving the target of £1,000.

11NFO and 11MNT have both lead form assemblies in the last few weeks. Students in 11 NFO prepared and presented a PowerPoint on commitment and 11MNT's theme was Winter Safety. Each form will have the same opportunity to develop leadership and presenting skills in the New Year.

A Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017 from all in Nile House.

Kilimanjaro House

Students in Kilimanjaro House are looking forward to a well-earned Christmas break after the successes of this term. As well as the superb academic achievements of many students there is much to celebrate in terms of their kindness, compassion and generosity of spirit.

There have been individual personal achievements such as our very own Rosa North from 7MSW appearing in the West End Production of Annie as part of the Razmatazz team. We also celebrate the sporting success of our legendary equestrian team who came 4th out of 21 teams in the Cumbrian schools tournament. They include Callie Graham, Olivia Atkinson, Jessica Wildey and Kye Reeves Brown. 7MSW also has many fabulous footballers such as Charlie Thomson, Lewis Raines and Adam Woolway. Representing the girls team are Norma Jane Power, Abigail Malia and Libby Elliot who have won lots of recent games for the school. They also performed brilliantly in the recent Cross Country Championships. Quite an athletic form here, we will be counting on you at sports day!

Our Year 8 forms have also seized the opportunity to spread a bit of festive joy and cheer in a variety of ways. 8SMA have enjoyed putting together their reverse advent calendar. Students are bringing in a variety of food to go in the festive box for our local food banks. Mrs McArdle will help students to deliver these boxes at the end of term. Students have been taking a chocolate from the advent calendar and putting something back for a worthy cause. Innogen Kelly and Beth Tolley raised £21 for Children in Need by their, "Guess the number of sweets in the jar" initiative. Liam Graham has been busy gathering ideas for 8SMA's anti bullying campaign. There have been some superb sporting achievements with Ella Scott Lamont taking 3rd place in the Vaulting competition. Will Elwood, Connor Currie and Joe Earl have been magnificent in the school football team. SMA have enjoyed singing their hearts out at House Shout. It is rumoured that Lucy and Virginia are excellent singers in the making!

As you may have seen in the local press members of 8MRY took to the streets to spread some well-deserved happiness around Warwick Rd and Petteril Street. They raised £140 with their "cake Friday" scheme last year. Each Friday they brought in cakes and gave money to the charity tin. Having listened in assemblies and in Thought for the Day about caring for others they decided that they would put the money to good use. They gave up their Saturday morning with the help of Form Tutor Mrs Reay, Rev'd Kennedy and myself they put up a huge banner outside Carlisle United on Warwick Road with the words "Because we Care" They then spent their charity money on cakes from Claire's Bakery which was itself badly destroyed in the floods and went door to door giving cakes to the people who had been so badly affected last December. The residents were delighted and even posed for a picture or two with our kind students. Well done 8MRY and Mrs Reay, what a kind and considerate thing to do.

Some kind hearted students in 9JCA have been incredibly generous and have brought in gifts to put together for the shoebox appeal. 9AWG have been working hard with the help of Miss Wright to put together several hampers to give out to elderly people in Carlisle who receive meals on wheels. Lovely notes and cards of encouragement have been written by the form to say that they are thinking about them and wish them all a happy Christmas. 9AWG have enjoyed doing something valuable and meaningful for the many elderly citizens of Carlisle. Well done to them.

Some of 11ARI with the help of Mrs Richardson have got their fundraising underway for World Challenge. They organised a super successful variety show in the school theatre. Performances included the school choir, band, dancing and merriment. Well done to Rachael Crampsey and Jasmine Metherall for their terrific work behind the scenes.

We are delighted with the hard work of our House Captain Jazmine Hannah Jordan who is an ambassador for Carlisle Youth Zone. Jazmine worked closely with the Youth Zone during the Carlisle floods. As a result she was invited to attend the Guildhall in London where she gave a speech about the plight of the city this time last year. She did this in front of 400 people including the Mayor of London. You can read about Jazmine's experience on the school website. By giving this speech Jazmine helped to raise 30 million pounds with an organisation called Onside. This money will go towards building more youth zones across the country. We are proud of our girl.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a lovely relaxing break.

Everest House

Well, it has been a very busy Autumn term in Everest House. We welcomed our new Year 7 students in September and they have settled in very well indeed. We also welcomed a new Form teacher, Mrs Dutton, and are also pleased that Mrs Wilson and Ms Smith have returned to Everest House to look after 10RSW until Mrs Swain's return from maternity leave. We would also like to say a huge Everest welcome to Mr Cookson, who has a beautiful new baby daughter, and to Mrs Lynas, who has become a proud grandparent for the first time. We look forward to seeing all the photographs.

Francesca Bradley, 10LHO, has recently been taken on as a volunteer with the British Heart Foundation and we wish her every success in this wonderful new venture.

Everest House often has reason to celebrate sporting success and this year is no exception: Evie Atkinson and Thomas Hickey were both awarded the Gary Matthews award for outstanding sportsmanship. Gary Matthews was a student who displayed all-round sporting excellence but tragically died from Sudden Death Syndrome whilst he was a student at Trinity School. Gary's parents and Trinity School give this award each year to two students who display all round sporting excellence and attitude in memory of Gary. Both Evie and Thomas are wonderful ambassadors for Everest House and Trinity school and very proud to receive this award.

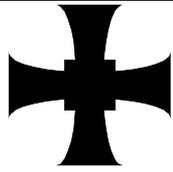
Earlier in the term, Everest House students rallied round and baked wonderful cakes to raise funds in order to help purchase medical equipment for a local family. This was wonderfully supported by staff and students and we raised over £140. Luke Vickers 10LHO was particularly proud that his caramel shortbread sold out straight away – then confessed it was actually his mum who had made it!

As the holidays approach our thoughts turn to the gift of giving at Christmas. This year, Everest students have decided to support local children through Barnardo's Carlisle again. We are aiming to donate 25 gift bags of stocking filler smellies, goodies and games to help share the joy of Christmas with others. As always, our students have risen to the challenge and donated many small gifts and raised funds through penny pots and a recent bake sale – the Everest House office is overflowing! Special mention must go to 11SMR, and in particular Ella Edmunds, Daisy Irwin, Beth Story and Jasmine Sellers who organised everything, with support from Mr Martin and Mrs Barwick. 8JLY have been exceptional in this drive with so many gifts donated: I still smile when I think of Romano Renucci struggling into school with the huge bag of lovely items donated by his family. Special mention to Jason Martindale and Kitty Armstrong also who donated complete bags. We have had so many wonderful donations from students and parents for this very worthwhile charity and we thank you all for every item and penny that has been donated.

The relaunch of the House cup has also filled us with competitive spirit. We have had great success in the Chess Tournament; both Urslaan Raza and Tobias Little from 7SDT won the Year 7 competition, coming first and second. Our Everest House leadership team: Nathan, Katie, Calum and Hannah have been fantastic in organising and rehearsing with our students for the House Choir competition – they make us feel very proud, meeting every week and organising things beautifully and we have high hopes for success in this event also.

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

Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Barwick



INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Rolling Tutor Period

As you may know, every fortnight we suspend normal lessons for an hour and have a Tutor Period where every year group explores an aspect of Personal Development. This is the second year we have been running this programme. Please find below some information on what our students in the 11-16 school have been doing and will be doing this year.

Year 7

Year 7 have been looking at what it takes to be a good member of the Trinity School community. They created some anti-bullying information during anti-bullying week and they are currently exploring what it means to be good citizens. Upcoming issues that they will be discussing over the course of the year are: On-line safety, British Values, Diversity and Global Citizenship

Year 8

Year 8 started off the year comparing political parties to chocolate bars as they developed their understanding of Democracy. They created their own political parties, produced their own manifestos on a range of issues, held hustings and had inter form elections. We have certainly seen some leaders of the future in our midst! At the current time Year 8 are engaging in lessons around the issue of Human Rights. Other topics over the year will be: The Law, Consequences, Finance and Careers.

Year 9

Year 9 are involved in a year long carousel of activities where external providers will be delivering sessions on a range of themes such as: Relationships, Mental Health, Diversity and Equality, Drugs and Alcohol awareness, The World around Us and Active Citizenship. After each session, the following Tutor Period will give students the opportunity for follow up discussion and questions with Form Tutors.

Year 10

Year 10 are involved in the ESH programme, which is a programme delivered by external providers focussing on the skills needed for the world of work. They have already had assemblies from the Army and Carlisle United on Career Pathways and online appearance. Upcoming assemblies will focus on CVs, Work Place Jargon and Preparing for Interviews.

Year 11

The Year 11 Programme is all about next steps. The students have had assemblies on Motivation, Revision, The Art of Brilliance and have also had a mock interview from a representative from local businesses. They will be thinking about Target Setting, Destinations Post-GCSE and further work on revision after Christmas.



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

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. Many of our students have already completed their personal challenges 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. Students will now be bringing home their evidence files to complete, showing the impact their challenge has had and what they have learnt from their volunteering opportunities.

Please encourage your students to complete their personal challenges and sign the evidence sheet if you have not already done so.

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 in the summer term. **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

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A letter regarding the forthcoming Year 10 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.

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.

Exam Certificates

GCSE, AS & A Level Certificates for examinations taken in summer 2016 are available for collection from the Sixth Form Centre during school hours.

Instrumental Fees 2015/16: Final Reminder

Any outstanding fees for lessons taken last year must be paid urgently – please contact the Finance Office if you have any concerns. Students will not be allowed to continue with lessons if these fees are not paid in full.

Instrumental Fees 2016/17:

A reminder to parents/carers who are not paying by monthly standing order payments: the first instalment is due to reach us by 31.12.16. 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 accounts at the re-valuers as change is not given and may not be available in school. 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.

New £5 Pound Notes:

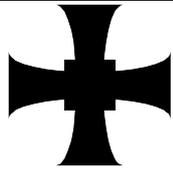
Please can parent/carers be aware that the re-valuers do not accept the new plastic notes.

Where possible could parent/carers avoid giving students the new notes to top-up their school meal accounts.

Cheque Payments: Just a reminder, that if you are sending a cheque payment into school you should write clearly on the back the student's 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



RECENT EVENTS

Happy Puzzle Day:

On Wednesday 23rd November Year 7 students took part in a 'Puzzle Challenge Day', hosted by 'The Happy Puzzle Company'.

The day consisted of the students trying a variety of challenges which required collaborative learning skills and careful strategic planning in order to find a solution. They learned lots from the day including how to persevere and be resilient to challenges, putting their own skills to better use as part of a team and overcoming difficulties by approaching problems from a different perspective, as well as having lots of fun!

Art of Brilliance:

On Friday 18th November Years 11-13 had a session with Will Hussey from the 'Art of Brilliance' focussing on growth mindset and not fearing failure.

The students heard some very powerful messages during the keynote address focussing on the core messages of happiness, flourishing, resilience and personal responsibility and looked at embedding positivity in the classroom.

Students engaged in some interactive activities and mindset problems, learning that the value of fostering positive intrinsic learning behaviours and growth mindsets is crucial to their success. An enjoyable and thought provoking session, enjoyed by all the students who participated.

Duke of Edinburgh:

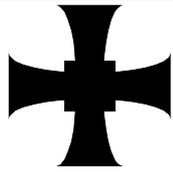
We had our DofE Bronze Award night, on Tuesday 22nd November. Twenty four students achieved their award, and a wonderful night was had by all. Guest speaker was Alan Hickee (the only Briton to have climbed the world's 14 highest mountains – all over 8000m) who provided an insight into his achievements, drawing parallels with what the award seeks to develop and nurture.

This year we have over 90 Year 10 students taking part in the Bronze Award – the highest intake in recent history. We wish them all the best as they start this journey of incredible personal development. After hearing of the devastation Storm Desmond had on our school, North Face has kindly donated 9 waterproof and 2 down jackets to be used by students taking part in the Award. The equipment will go a long way in helping Trinity school to continue our long and proud tradition with the DofE Award.

A Gold Medal for Eleanor!

On the 4th November 2016 Great Britain claimed gold in the women's team pursuit at the Track Cycling World Cup in Glasgow. One of our former students who left us just last summer was part of that winning team. Eleanor Dickinson, along with fellow team members Emily Kay, Manon Lloyd and Emily Nelson, claimed gold ahead of the Italian team, finishing 1.89 seconds quicker over the same distance.

After the event Eleanor told us, 'There are always things that knock you back. Some things take more out of you than others but if you put your head down, train to be the best, give all you can give, sacrifice everything you need to, when you cross the line and realise you've just won Gold at a World Cup there isn't a more rewarding feeling. Always dream big and my dream is in four years' time. This is the first step to get there.' We are very proud of Eleanor and wish her well for future events.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Lessons from Auschwitz

Two of our Sixth Form students, Esme Edwards and Henry Taylor, were involved in the Lessons from Auschwitz project this year and have written about their experiences and the work they are doing to follow up on this:

'Lessons from Auschwitz' (organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust) is a four part course which aims to re-humanise everyone involved in the Holocaust, from the victims to the perpetrators. Structured as a day trip to Auschwitz, with orientation and follow-up seminars, as well as a Next Steps project, it contextualises the entire Holocaust. The course focuses on educating students about the historical events leading up to the genocide, its effect on the life and culture of Jewish communities, and the consequences still present today.

The one day visit to Auschwitz had a large impact on us, as we could connect our historical understanding with the individuals' stories. During the visit we were able to comprehend the tragic and inhumane events on a personal level, as previously we had heard Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke share her testimony at the orientation seminar. On the day we also visited the nearby town of Oswiecim to see a Jewish cemetery. Before the Nazis invaded in 1939, the town had a thriving Jewish population, however, after liberation only a small number of the community had survived – the last Jewish survivor from the town died in 2000. This visit helped us to see the Jews as individual people, with entire life stories, rather than solely victims. It also gave us an appreciation of the scale of culture, heritage and sadly life that was erased by the Holocaust.

On completion of the course, each student becomes a Lessons from Auschwitz Ambassador who commits to challenge prejudice in today's society, and educate others of the lessons to be learnt from the Holocaust. Racism and xenophobia are still rife in society and, therefore, we have decided to organise a 'Pledge Against Prejudice' in Trinity School Sixth Form. Each student will participate in the project which will involve them pledging to reject prejudice and educate those around them on the dangers of discrimination. To physically mark our fellow students' pledge, we will create a mural from their handprints and signatures which will be on display in the Sixth Form building. This will feature a chain of flowers twined around barbed wire to represent how love, tolerance and inclusion can overcome prejudice.

The course has been a life changing experience, as it has caused us to be more aware of discrimination and given us a determination to defeat it. We hope to inspire those around us to do the same.'

Dream Placement

Earlier this term the Centre for Leadership Performance presented an exciting opportunity for Sixth Form students to win a 'Dream Placement' offered by a range of major local businesses. We are very pleased that all students who applied have been shortlisted for a selection event in December where they will spend a day in confidence boosting activities and 'speed interviewing' with host companies. We wish them all the very best of luck for this next stage.

Natalie Bennett visit

On Friday 4th November we were delighted to welcome Natalie Bennett to the Sixth Form Centre. Natalie was leader of the Green Party in England and Wales from September 2012 until September 2016 and she came to national prominence during the 2015 general election campaign when she appeared on the live televised debates with David Cameron and Ed Milliband. She spoke with Year 12 & 13 students about the Green Party, the environment, flooding and politics in general. She also answered a number of questions that students had on a variety of topics which included Brexit, democracy and grammar schools. In addition to Natalie, students also heard from members of Sustainable Carlisle who were able to provide information on local environmental issues and youth involvement in politics. We are delighted that these visiting guests were able to put a local, national and international perspective to students on a range of issues.

Fundraising

Our Sixth Form students have been busy this half term fundraising for a variety of causes.

Year 12 Childcare students held a Children in Need bake sale which raised £165 from sales of cakes and raffle tickets. The prizes were two hampers which the students had created themselves from items donated by staff.

The Sixth Form charity this year is Shelter who will receive a donation of £93 from our 'Wear Something Red' day on 1 December. In addition the charity will benefit from a further £200 which was raised at the Sixth Form Christmas Quiz which was held this week. Organised by Henry Taylor and Alex Campbell, the event had various rounds testing staff and students' knowledge of, amongst others, film, science and famous faces with prizes awarded to the three highest scoring teams.

Finally, Chloe Walters held a bake sale on 31st October in aid of Variety - the children's charity, raising £70 - an excellent individual effort.



Author Tom Palmer kicks off with football in the library!

The author Tom Palmer visited Trinity School's Chapman Library on Wednesday 9th November to work with groups of Y7 and 8 students. Students that attended included members of our lunchtime reading club 'Ambassadors' and Mrs Thomas' Yr7 English group. This is the first visit by Tom, who has very kindly offered to be our Patron of Reading for this year – he hopes to inspire our students to read more and reap the benefits of reading for pleasure.

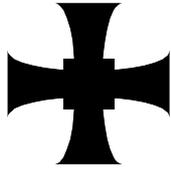
On this visit students learned all about Tom's journey to becoming a writer – it was interesting to discover that he had himself been a reluctant reader as a child but now does all he can to inspire young people to pick up books and read.

Tom also used his Football reading game to get students talking about reading – students answered questions about magazines, newspapers and books to win the chance to take part in a penalty shoot out!

You can see from the photos that we all enjoyed the sessions – thank you Tom!
Tom will be visiting us again in March next year.

Further information about Tom Palmer:

Tom has written over 30 books for young people – many are football or sports-themed but he has also written a ghost story and a book set in World War I. All of the books are available to borrow from the Chapman Library. You can find out all about Tom Palmer on his website: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/>



SPORTS ROUNDUP

In football the under 14 boys won their fourth round game in the National Cup by a stunning nine goals to one. In the fifth round against Carmel School in Darlington they won by four goals to one and are now through into the final thirty two teams in the country.

Our students achieved great success in the Carlisle Schools' Cross Country competition. The Year 7 boys were winners, as were the Year 8/9 junior boys and junior girls. The Year 10/11 intermediate boys were also winners.

In the Carlisle Schools' Year 7 five a side competition the Trinity girls were winners; in the boys' competition the Trinity B team were also winners, beating Trinity A team in the semi-final and Ullswater in the final.

In the County Cup Trinity's Under 13 football team beat St Benedict's 4 – 1 and the Under 18 team beat QEGS 1 – 0. In the National Cup the Under 14 team beat William Howard 8 -1. Congratulations to Matthew Foster, Lewis Mitchinson, Will Ellwood, Stanley McAlindon and Joe Earl who have been selected for the Carlisle Under 13 team.

Under 16 Girls National Cup 4th Round V Cramlington Learning Village (Away)

Trinity 6 2 Cramlington Learning Village Winners = Trinity

Another fantastic team performance, with everyone playing exceptionally well, although not quite as nail biting or intense as the previous round! The girls were 2-0 down in the first quarter of the encounter but once we settled and started playing our usual passing game it always looked like we would secure the victory. An excellent strike by Rachel Blaylock started the scoring for us and Holly Ronson converted a precise Rachel B corner to add our second. The score was 2-2 at half time. The girls came out in style after the break and good pressure from Holly R led to the defender putting the ball into the back of her own net. Holly then added two more excellent finishes and the final goal came from Casey Marsh who was superbly put through by Katie Sibley.

The team are now through to the 5th round which is great achievement – well done!

Girls Under 14 National Cup V Durham Johnston

Trinity 1 5 Durham Johnston

An injury ravaged team started the game well, with some good forward play but went in at half time 3-0 down. The girls didn't let their heads drop and continued to work hard. A well worked indirect free kick resulted in Jasmine Flannery scoring a consolation goal for Trinity.

The girls did well to reach the third round of the National Cup and it's been fantastic to see so many Year 9's at practice this year. Special thanks to Ellie Mitchell for refereeing this match.

Under 16 National Cup v John Spence

Full time:

Trinity 2 2 John Spence

After extra time:

Trinity 3 3 John Spence

Penalties:

Trinity 5 4 John Spence

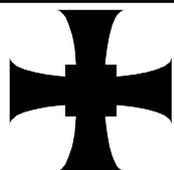
This was a fantastic team performance with every single player giving their all for the duration of what was a closely contested game. The girls should be extremely proud of not only how they played but also how they conducted themselves. Well done girls! Bring on the 4th Round!!!!

John Spence were 1-0 up at half time. We battled hard against a very physical side and equalised with an outstanding strike by Katie Sibley from outside the box. Holly Ronson then scored to put us into the lead. John Spence levelled the game at 2-2 with 5 minutes to go but to their credit the Trinity girls heads never dropped.

Extra time - 5 minutes each way. John Spence took the lead in the first half of extra time even though we were playing the better football. We left it late to equalise!! With 2 minutes to go Esther Atwood jinked her way into the box and with everyone on the sidelines screaming for her to shoot she duly dispatched the equaliser.

Penalties - the Year 11s stepped forward to volunteer to take the penalties, all of which were converted! We were first to take the penalties in the shootout.

1 - Evie Atkinson, 2 - Holly Falder, 3 - Jasmine Sellers, 4 - Sophie Mason - Ellie Mitchell then pulled off a magnificent save which meant it was all on our last penalty taker.....Katie Sibley. 5 - Katie Sibley - confidently smashed the ball home and the girls and supporters went absolutely crazy!



CALENDAR DATES

Friday 16 December 2016	Break up for the Christmas Holidays
Thursday 5 January 2017	First day of Spring term for students
Tuesday 10 January 2017	Year 11 Ace Day
Thursday 12 January 2017	Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 19 January 2017	Year 12 Interim 2 to Parents Year 11 Reports to Parents
Thursday 26 January 2017	Year 13 Interim 3 to Parents Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 2 February 2017	Year 9 Reports to Parents
Monday 6 February 2017	Year 12 Mock Exam Week (selected)
Wednesday 8 February 2017	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday 13 February 2017	Year 13 Mock Exam Week
Thursday 16 February 2017	Year 10 Interim 2 to Parents
Friday 17 February 2017	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 27 February 2017	Back to school, second half of Spring Term

TERM DATES for 2017

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Half Term Week
Spring term 2017 Thursday 5 th January	Friday 7 th April	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February
Summer term 2017 Monday 24 th April	Thursday 20 th July	Good Friday – 14 th April Easter Sunday 16 th April Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June (Early May Bank Holiday – Monday 1 st May)