



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS **March 2017**

Dear parents and carers

You may have read or heard much in the news recently, both nationally and locally, about issues concerning funding for schools. Since 2010/11 school funding has reduced in real terms by 14%, most of this due to a decline in funding for post 16 students. Whilst it is true that the Department for Education are spending more money on education than ever before, this is solely due to an increase in student numbers. Costs for schools have also risen significantly over a number of years, most of which are beyond the control of schools such as the increased pension and National Insurance contributions.

Along with the increased costs to date, our funding will be affected by the proposed new National Funding Formula. You may be aware that the Government made a commitment to address the inequality in funding between schools in different local authorities in their manifesto. We support the aim to introduce a fairer funding formula for distribution of funds between schools. As Cumbria has traditionally been one of the lower funded authorities we were dismayed to find that we are projected to lose in the region of £90,000 a year from our budget from 2018/19. Although Cumbria gains as a whole from the proposed new formula, 27 out of 37 secondary schools in Cumbria are projected to lose out. The consultation on this has just closed and we await the response.

We have always sought to manage our budget carefully, seeking to provide the best education possible for our students with the funding we receive. As funding has reduced in real terms and costs have increased we have streamlined our staffing and sought efficiencies in non-staff costs wherever possible.

The basic funding per pupil is frankly inadequate for us to operate in the way we would choose and difficult decisions will have to be made by all schools. This situation is now accepted by all except the Department for Education. Indeed, the National Audit Office published a report stating that schools will have to reduce spending by £3 billion pounds by 2020 to cope with this.

Together with our Chair of Governors we have met with and written to our MP, John Stevenson, to outline our concerns about the potential impact of this reduction in funding on our school and to ask for his support in lobbying for fair and sufficient funding for all schools. We want to reassure parents and carers that we are working hard to protect the high standard of education we aim to offer to our students, along with the wider opportunities that we seek to provide. We have a terrific staff who work with flexibility and commitment and with their support, and yours, we will do our best to mitigate the effects of the significant real terms reduction in our funding.

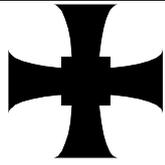
As we approach the Easter break school remains a busy and productive place. Students in the examination year groups are working well to prepare for the assessments ahead; GCSE Art and Photography examinations have begun already. Revision sessions and masterclasses are in full flow and very well attended at the end of the school day. Last week we enjoyed a superb Spring Concert with students performing the pieces which achieved such stunning successes in the previous week's Music Festival. Henry Taylor directed his first production, Sense, in the Margaret Sewell Performance Hall for two nights, with an impressive cast drawn from Y11 and Sixth Form. Many students are making a difference through their wider work for the community as part of the Archbishop of York Award, Pixl Edge, World Challenge and the duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

At the beginning of May we will be conducting our biannual survey of all members of the school community to help us reflect on and improve what we do. Surveys will be sent home for parents to complete during the first week of May. There will be further details nearer the time but we would encourage as many of you as possible to respond to give us the clearest possible picture of your views.

Finally, we hope that you have an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Johnston and Derek Kay
Co-Headteachers



CHAPLAINCY

This half term we have been doing assemblies and form time to the background of Lent and its themes of self-discipline and developing inner strength. Against this, we've covered three topics: Self-Motivation, Staying Strong and Making the Difference. Some forms have got involved with the Forty Acts idea, introduced by churches, which put an emphasis on turning faith into action, and students in these forms have been doing and recording acts of kindness during each day of Lent. I've hardly ever had to carry books to lessons recently; someone has always appeared and asked if they could help!

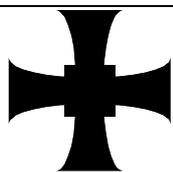
In Thought for the Day we've looked at the idea of weathering storms together, and how to stay strong in community, as well as the ways we and others can make a difference. We considered the life of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, who was assassinated in 1980 for speaking the truth about the plight of the poor, and for refusing to take the easy path of staying quiet and allowing his government to abuse power. The week after the Westminster attack we thought about the life of PC Keith Palmer, and what draws people to work for the protection of others. We also reflected on the work of the army in helping Cumbrian communities after the floods.

Assemblies on the themes of staying strong and making a difference have been inventive. Ms Hawkin mentioned things which help mental wellbeing and inner strength, like staying interested in learning and having others to share feelings and experiences with. Canon Michael from the Cathedral used a song by Labi Siffre, a black singer, to help students reflect on what helps them personally to stay strong, and to connect them with the struggles others have gone through. Henry Taylor, in Year 13, talked about his trip to Auschwitz, and the ways in which we can all make a difference by rejecting prejudice and working to unite rather than divide people. Mr Kay and Mrs Johnston backed this up with reference to our Archbishop of York Awards, and the work to raise money for charities that many of our students are involved in.

The day after the Westminster attack two short periods of silence were held outside my office at lunchtime, and a prayer said for all those affected. A student lit a candle and some of us gathered to be visibly connected with the life of the nation, and to show that we stopped to remember those whose lives were stopped and changed on March 22nd. During the last week of this term a more clearly defined Prayer Space will be open to students and staff in the Curve Room within the library. A range of prayer activities will allow students to express some of the things they feel about themselves and their lives, as well as send hope to others across the world. As Lent comes to an end, we remember Johnny, the Syrian refugee who visited us and brought to life the war in Syria, and the journeys of those who flee.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Caroline Kennedy, School Chaplain



HOUSE NEWS

Amazon House

We have had a busy term with lots of events and activities. Congratulations to all those in Amazon House, both current and previous students, who were part of the amazing success at the Carlisle and District Music festival. The standard across all classes was superb and the opportunity to hear all of our students at the Spring Concert was one not to be missed.

Following the excellent fundraising activity of 10 JWL before Christmas – they raised over £200 for Mountain rescue with a sponsored walk in Christmas jumpers – we presented a cheque to two members of Cockermonth Mountain Rescue team. They came into assembly to talk about the work they do, all voluntarily, and we were all very impressed with their commitment to allowing the general public to enjoy our great outdoors. We will continue to support their work, but also make sure that when any of us go out and about we will be properly equipped and take with us those things that would help, a first aid kit, waterproofs, spare clothes and food, and above all a torch! Having a torch

app on a mobile phone is also really helpful, as a mobile phone can also track and pinpoint your precise location – very handy.

We have also spent some time this term taking part in the reading challenge for Team Evie and have raised in excess of £300. This money will go towards book trolleys in children's wards in hospitals in memory of Evie Johnston of Great Broughton, near Cockermouth who died at just 6 months. Her parents have set up this charity as reading to a poorly child has been proven to aid recovery, strengthen bonds, encourage family members to be involved and provide some normality in stressful lives. You can find out more at www.teamevie.org

Thank you to everyone who supported us in this charity work, and to all our students and families for a successful term. Have a lovely Easter holiday – if the weather stays like it is we may all come back with suntans!

Mrs Walton, Head of Amazon House

Everest House

It has been all go in Everest House! Following our return from the Christmas break (which seems such a dim and distant memory now) we have hit the ground running and never stopped.

11MHA and 11SMR are in the midst of preparation and revision for the upcoming exams and are conducting themselves with great responsibility. Many students are staying back for extra revision sessions and making the most of every opportunity available to them to ensure they achieve success this summer. In having an extended Spring term, we have a shortened start to the Summer term and within three weeks of returning after the Easter break we will be right into the exams - no time at all! However, the hard work will all be worth it when they open those envelopes in August.

Year 8 and Year 10 have been working hard on their Archbishop of York awards and have been raising funds for a variety of different causes. We have had students taking part in sponsored silences, washing cars, creating quizzes and donating Easter eggs, with a wonderful poster created by our very own Jay Nicholson in 10RSW. In 8JLY, Eloise, Eve, Julia and Emma have raised over £160 between them for their various charities with a combination of silence and car-washing – an outstanding effort indeed. This award is highly regarded and allows our students to not only be responsible in coming up with their own ideas and following these through, but also to show compassion and care for others, two of the qualities in which we take great pride here at Trinity.

Year 7 have also shown great compassion and care for others by creating cards to be given to students who find they need a little extra emotional support. 7ASH were inspired to create these cards during their Thought for the Day reflection about how we can all put on a brave face but we don't always know what is going on underneath it. Year 7 were discussing how sometimes people find things difficult and often feel alone, especially if they don't want to share what is upsetting them. They came up with the idea of sending a little message to say that there will always be someone who is thinking of them and be willing to help. The cards are donated anonymously and that is a huge part of their charm as the students wanted them to be for anyone and everyone who needed to know that there are people who care and are distributed through BOB, our online help service for students.

We also have lots of sporting success here in Everest House. In 7ASH, Ella Van Lierop has earned her gymnastics badge and Sophie Stubbs took part in a football tournament with her team, Northbank. Elle Fearnley and Ellie Box won in their recent Netball match. Bethany Iveson in 8JLY took part in a recent Triathlon at Lancaster and found it fun but hard to do. She has recovered well now and is looking forward to the next event. In 9MDA, Lucy Cook has got to the County Cup semi-final with her team, Carlisle City. Daniel Milner is preparing for an upcoming Karate competition, Georgia O'Neil is training hard for her Cheerleading competition with Velocity, Charlotte Baty and her dance team from Carlisle Dance Academy are taking part in a competition in Newcastle and Anna Townsley is taking part in a trampolining competition on Sunday – we wish them all great success in their sporting endeavours. Along with Anna, Emelia Stewart in 9MDA also helps to coach some young people with autism and cerebral palsy at the Sands Centre trampolining club on a Saturday.

It is not just in sports that Everest students are also working hard: Elizabeth Robinson in 8JLY enjoys singing and Nola Kirkman in 7ASH is about to take her Grade 3 Piano Exam. Again, we wish them every success.

After a long term we look forward to the rest and relaxation that the Easter break offers and hope to see everyone back feeling refreshed and recharged and ready for the challenges ahead.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Barwick, Everest House

Nile House

Several Nile House students took part in the Carlisle and District Music and Drama Festival. As well as members being in the choir and instrumental groups which both won several classes respectively, Will Stuart won two individual classes in the week. Will Stuart of 11NFO also took part in CFM's The Big Audition in which he came runner up and won a music production package in a recording studio. As part of the competition he had to raise money for Cash for Kids and raised £706.33 in nine days! During that time he sold quizzes, did a bake sale and a sponsored run.

The House Charity is supporting the Bethsaida Girls Orphanage in Tanzania and we are well on the way towards our £1000 target. Most forms have completed their individual fund raising events - it's great to see our students being so keen to support other youngsters who are so less fortunate than themselves - a huge well done to one and all. Many of our students are also raising funds for a wide variety of charities as part of the Archbishop of York Award Scheme.

As we approach the Easter break I would like to thank the Nile House Student Leadership team for all their efforts over the last three terms. They have represented the House at a wide range of events and meetings. All of them have spoken in assembly and read out the details of the weekly Student Bulletin. They have been a great support to me and Nile House and for that I thank them. I'm sure that they have inspired other students to follow in their distinguished footsteps!

Mr Hall, Nile House

Kilimanjaro House

It has been an incredibly busy term for students in Kilimanjaro house and we are all looking forward to a good relaxing break.

The form groups have been working hard on a number of themes in both assembly and tutor time. We have been thinking about what gives us inner strength when times are tough. We have discussed what strategies we use for self-discipline and motivation.

During Lent there have been some fantastic examples of kindness and compassion shown across all forms. Students were extremely moved by the plight of Johnny, a refugee from Syria. Johnny came to speak to students in assembly about his journey to safety and shelter in the UK. They were clearly moved by his account of his life and of the suffering he and his family endured. This has led to many thought provoking discussions in form about showing empathy and about the importance of being open minded and having an open heart. It has made some of our students feel incredibly lucky for the great things in their lives. 8MRY have been having producing some amazing work about their feelings towards those less fortunate than themselves and are working on ways of encouraging others to feel compassion and understanding.

We are proud of the many acts of kindness that Kilimanjaro students have performed over past couple of months. Our student leadership team raised sixty pounds through selling Valentine's day roses. The students bought and delivered the roses to the lucky recipients and donated the money to our House Charity "Cash for kids".

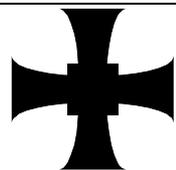
For Lent some members of 8SMA have been doing good deeds and spreading a little cheer to those around them. These deeds included random acts of kindness such as buying a bar of chocolate for a homeless person in town, preparing dinner for their family for two weeks or helping a friend with homework. Many students have tried to make their own small sacrifice by giving up something that they enjoy. This has been challenging but it is has been a great way to demonstrate inner strength and determination. Many students are also supporting the Archbishop's award by donating Easter eggs that will go to a local food bank.

Miss Wright's form have also been reflecting on staying strong in tough times. They have been talking about the lives of certain well known figures who have chosen to stand and be strong and resilient in the face of suffering. They have looked at how they didn't opt for the easy way out and instead how they have turned out to be a blessing to the people around them. They spoke of Nic Vujicic who was born with no arms or legs but is now a motivational speaker. He leads a happy and fulfilled life and is a total inspiration to many around the world. They also discussed being grateful for all that they have. We were extremely proud of our musicians who performed so beautifully in the recent Carlisle Music Festival. It was delightful to see many of our students taking part and winning in their age categories. A special mention must go to Amy Robertshaw who won the 11-12 category for her piano solo and the open duet. Rachael Crampsey was part of the senior choir, the string quartet and the chamber choir. Rachael also won the Choirist's solo. Holly North performed in the string quartet as did Anna Bainbridge. Virginia Walker Clark also sang in the choir along with Erin Leith, Bethany Graham and Charlotte Sloane. Well done to all of them for a terrific effort. Rachael Crampsey and Elise Walkingshaw were involved in a trip to the Sage in Gateshead for Music for Youth.

There have been lots of sporting successes this term including our very own Sophie Mason who recently began training with Carlisle United Ladies development team. Joseph Broadley has had a busy term with three major squash tournaments. He competed in the Scottish Junior Open and was placed 6th in Europe (under 15s) and went to the British Junior Open in Sheffield where he was placed 39th in the world at under 15 squash. This is no mean feat as Joseph has very recently returned from injury. Well done Joseph and all the best to him for the next championships.

We wish all of our Year 11 students well as they begin their GCSE examinations. Students have been allowing them peace and quiet in the LRA for revision. We know that Year 11 will have a very busy holiday but hopefully there will be plenty of time to relax and recharge their batteries ready to come back strong ready for the challenges ahead. Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Mrs Moody, Kilimanjaro House



INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Social Media

The internet provides a range of social media tools that allow users to interact with one another; from rediscovering friends on social networking sites such as *Facebook* to keeping up with other people's lives on *Twitter* and maintaining pages on internet encyclopaedias such as *Wikipedia*.

While recognising the benefits of this medium for new opportunities of communication it is also important to recognise that it can be open to abuse. Please be aware of the e-safety section of our School website (<http://trinity.cumbria.sch.uk/e-safety-support/>) which is frequently updated to support an awareness of this ever changing landscape. Content aims to explore the risks that are linked to the growth of social networking websites and increasing technological sophistication amongst children.

Sometimes new opportunities/abilities are used inappropriately by students themselves. For example there are growing concerns nationally, linked to students invading the privacy of staff through social media. This may be accidental, or in some cases backed by mischief and/or malicious intent. Please be reassured that staff at Trinity School adhere to strict guidance regarding their own use of social media and will never actively participate in social media exchange with students.

If this is seen at home, please regard this as a serious issue and contact Mr Charnock at your earliest convenience, in order that we can take the necessary steps to investigate fully.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Mr Malcolm Burnes has been appointed to the role of Parent Governor with effect from 1st March 2017. His term of office will be for 4 years. Mr Burnes has a child in Year 7.

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 25 April 2017

A letter regarding the forthcoming Year 7 Parents' Evening has been sent home this week giving details of the opening and closing times of the online booking system for making appointments.

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.

Uniform

The uniformed presentation of students in our 11-16 school continues to be excellent for the vast majority of students. As is often the case, however, students occasionally deviate from the standards we expect. Furthermore it isn't uncommon for parents/carers to be told, 'It's ok, everyone's wearing them'. This of course isn't true and staff throughout the school remain committed to maintaining our high standards.

A particular concern, presently, revolves around the choice of lycra 'mini' skirts and skinny trousers worn by a growing number of girls. Please be aware of the guidance in this regard which states: Trousers should be black in a traditional, tailored style, not jeans, or similar material, not leggings or track-suit bottoms – something smart please. Skirts should be a traditional black knee length style. Current 'stretchy' lycra fabric should be avoided.

As a school we have always enjoyed the full support of parents/carers in all that we do and we would like to extend our thanks for this and of course any action you may need to take, to help us to resolve this matter.

Instrumental Fees 2016/17:

An urgent reminder to parents/carers who are not paying by monthly standing order payments: the second instalment is due to reach us by 31.03.17. 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 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 and £1 coin

Update: the re-valuers do now accept both the new plastic notes and the new £1 coin.

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

School Notifications Home

As you will be aware, Trinity school uses Schoolcomms to send notifications home either by text message or email. From 27 February we changed the way we do this. In the first instance, all DetX, Homework, Quiet Room, Form Tutor and Senior Leader report alerts will be sent by email rather than text message. If no email address is available, we will continue to send a text message. If however, no email address or mobile number is available a paper copy of the communication will be posted home to ensure you are kept informed.

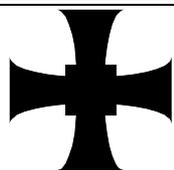
School Gateway App

To help us improve the text messaging system and to help the school save money it would be helpful if you would download the schoolgateway app to your phone.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes.

- Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
- Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
- When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
 - The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.



RECENT EVENTS

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics - Manchester Conference.

The Y12 Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Students attended an A Level Conference on 7th February in Manchester. Candle Conferences are have been running for many years and are led by Dr Peter Vardy (formerly vice principal at Heythrop College, London) with Guest Speaker Dr. David Webster (acting Head of Humanities at Gloucestershire University). The students heard lectures on a range of Philosophical and Ethical topics, as well as having to opportunity to engage in ethical debate on the issue of Euthanasia.

The Trinity students enjoyed the experience which clearly helped them to develop their subject knowledge. Being able to hear experienced lecturers from Higher Education provided an ideal opportunity, according to Lucy Mellor, to 'build further understanding of what I already know' (speaking in response to the Philosophy session on Good and Evil). Matthew McClure enjoyed Vardy's critical analysis of the traditional Philosophical arguments, although would have commented that he would have been interested to hear his views on the contribution made by modern Philosophers. The session on Natural Law provided the students with additional material, not explicit covered in the new A 'Level specification, which enabled them to see the theory in a more progressive light.

For most students the ethical debates on topical issues are the highlight of the day and this conference was no exception. Jana Browa was fascinated by the debate which allowed students from all over the North of England to engage in live debate on the topic of Euthanasia. Using the Ethical Theories they had learned in class, students were then encouraged to formulate and put forward the case both for and against the proposition 'This house sees the legalising of Euthanasia as the most loving response to suffering'. One of the most interesting points to come out of the day was the number of students who supported the proposition (around 80%) in comparison to students in other parts of the country who also supported this change in legislation but by somewhere between 60-70% (and the Medical Profession itself at just over 50%). Much discussion was had on the way home as to the possible reasons for this!

Overall an excellent day and a real opportunity to see how Philosophy, Religion and Ethics allows us to make more informed decision about a whole range of issues, not only in the field of Medicine but also Business, Relationships, the Environment to name just a few. As Lucy Millar said 'I would advise other students to attend this conference as it helped me' and according to Lucy Mellor 'A fulfilling opportunity I am glad I was able to have'.

Mrs Shore, Head of Religious Studies

Molecular Gastronomy

Year 10 GCSE Food students finished an excellent course in Molecular Gastronomy by opening their own restaurant for family, friends and staff. This modern cuisine combines science and cooking in contemporary recipes.

A dozen GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students attended an after school course in which they tried out sous vide, foams, emulsions, aeration and gels along with the use of dry ice to dramatically create instant ice cream. Each dish is stylishly presented using current plating techniques.

The menu was Scallops Ceviche with raw tomato coulis and avocado wedges deep fried in a beer batter, followed by the fish course of Salmon sous vide with Hollandaise Mousse and olive oil sand, then Chicken Ballentine on a parmesan crumb with Pineapple Chutney, Pomegranate foam and honey caviar and finally Crème Brulee with chocolate soil, meringue wafer, dry ice cream, spun sugar and boozy strawberries. The evening was very much enjoyed by all and Mr Birch commented that the students had "blown his socks off."

The new GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition course requires a high level of practical expertise and this course aims to equip students with the necessary skills to excel as well as giving them a passion for food.

We would like to extend thanks to all students who took part in the course, Mrs Perry, Mrs Edgar and Mr Birch for helping out on the night. See you again next year?

Mrs Stobart and Mrs Walton

Kate McWilliams assembly

We were very fortunate that ex-student Kate McWilliams found time in her busy flying schedule to visit the Sixth Form recently. Kate is the world's youngest ever commercial airline captain at just 26 years old and she was invited to speak to Year 13 students about her time since leaving Trinity. Following a gap year spent travelling, Kate was accepted for flight training in New Zealand and became an EasyJet Co-Pilot in 2011. In April 2016 she took up the rank of captain after passing the airline's command course. Kate conveyed her sense of passion in what she does and illustrated her inspirational talk with many slides of her adventures (including one or two famous passengers!) She encouraged students to study hard, prepare well for interview and reminded them that, "The options are endless – and so are yours!" Kate made time at the end of the presentation for questions and spoke with students on an individual basis.

Lessons from Auschwitz

Esme Edwards and Henry Taylor recently became Lessons from Auschwitz Ambassadors following their visit to Poland last year. Ambassadors commit to challenge prejudice in today's society and to educate others of the lessons to be learnt from the Holocaust. As part of the 'Next Steps' element of the project, Henry and Esme have delivered assemblies to both Year 12 and Y13 in which they talked about their "life changing" visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. The visit helped them to put the Holocaust into context and the many photos which illustrated their talk showed the true scale of events. At the end of the visit they attended a ceremony at which they lay candles on the train tracks as a mark of remembrance. To continue 'Next Steps' even further, Esme and Henry have involved all Sixth Form students in making a pledge against prejudice. A collage of every student's handprint has been created to illustrate how tolerance, acceptance and inclusion can overcome prejudice and we look forward to seeing it displayed in the Sixth Form.

Official re-opening of the Dark Room

Mr. B. S. Hornsby was head of the embryonic Art Department at, what was then, Carlisle Boys Grammar School between 1963 and 1967. When he left he was thanked for his dedication and it was said that he had transformed the department, ensuring Art was considered as a strong subject within the school. All the boys that showed an interest in Art were given unstinted help, advice and encouragement. He left Carlisle Grammar school to teach at Warwick School but never forgot his time here.

His family knew it was his best and most satisfying teaching post and hence contacted us after he passed away in 2015. He was keen to ensure that students continue to be encouraged and supported to express themselves visually and we have been delighted that he has funded the refurbishment of the Dark Room. Mr Hornsby's family have been supportive and look forward to seeing our current and future students enjoy the new facilities. They were delighted to hear that Art and Photography is still seen as an important department at Trinity.

We thank Mr Hornsby and family for their dedication and kindness. I would also like to thank my department, the IT team and site staff for their dedication and patience working on this project. The Hornsby Darkroom officially opened this week and has already been used by our GCSE and A Level Photography students. We look forward to showcasing their photography work soon.

Mrs Reay, Head of Art

Hope Theatre Visit

On the 23rd and 24th March we were visited by the Hope Theatre Company as part of their national tour. They work with school on the themes of bullying with a dramatic performance and then a follow up workshop. They entertained both Year 7 and Year 8, (I'm sure Joe's dance will be an image that remains with students for quite some time) but also really got them thinking about exploring the often complex issue of bullying. The performances were top notch with a mixture of humour and some hard hitting messages. Feedback from both staff and students was excellent and we look forward to working with them again in the future.

Mr McArdle

Year 7 Pitch to Progress

Five boys from Year 7 who were recently involved in a six week personal development programme visited Brunton Park with Mr Taylor as part of a reward trip arranged by ex-Carlisle United professional Jonny Blake. They met Olga the Fox and had their photograph taken on the pitch and received complimentary seats on the half-way line in the Pioneer Stand to watch the midweek match between Carlisle United and Luton Town. It was a great experience and despite the cold and 0-0 score line fun was had by all.

Mr Taylor

Music Festival 2017

This is always a busy half term in the Music department with a lot of Spring musical events. On Saturday March 11th 50 students from the School Choir, Senior Chamber Choir and Orchestra travelled to the Sage to perform at the regional Music for Youth Festival. It was a great experience to perform on the stage in the large Hall One auditorium and the audience really appreciated the music we played to them. We got very good feedback from the two Music Mentors and we are now waiting to hear if any of the ensembles will be invited to perform at the National Festival at the Festival Hall in Birmingham in July.

79 students from Trinity School were involved in the Carlisle and District Music festival which took place in St Cuthbert's church. This involved them performing in school ensembles, as soloists, in duets/trios and with ensembles based outside of school such as the Carlisle Cantata, Carlisle Youth Concert Band and The Border Concert Band. The school enjoyed much success and it was a positive and encouraging experience for all. We were also delighted that the Senior Chamber Choir were invited to perform in the Gala Concert on the Saturday night.

Results

Solos and Duets

Cello Solo 15-18 Years
1st Izzy Roberts

Woodwind Solo 15-18 Years
2nd Oliver Gibbon

Piano Solo 11-12 Years
2nd Amy Robertshaw

Piano Duet Open
1st Amy Robertshaw

Composition 19 Years and under
1st Calum Taylor

Piano Recital Open
2nd William Cheung

Choristers' Solo
1st Rachael Crampsey

Junior Vocal Solo 14-18 years
2nd Henry Taylor

Songs from the Shows 13 years and under
Special mention to Sophie Richardson

Songs from the Show 14-18 years
2nd Henry Taylor

Vocal Ensembles
2nd Trio – Nell Attwood, Hannah Button, Rachael Crampsey

Boys Vocal Solo 12 and Over
1st Will Stuart

School Ensembles

Senior Choirs – Secondary Schools
1st Trinity School Choir (with an outstanding mark of 90)

Choirs Open
1st Senior Chamber Choir (with an outstanding mark of 90)

Choirs Open sacred song
1st Senior Chamber Choir (with an outstanding mark of 90)

String Quartet
2nd String Quartet

String Ensemble Open
2nd String Group

Instrumental Ensemble – Senior Schools
1st Chamber Group

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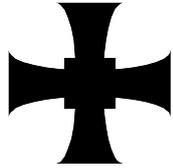
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Special Trophies

The JW Bowman Memorial Scholarship for the most promising young singer (16 years and over)
Henry Taylor
Sam Bellingham Memorial Trophy (Junior Winners Competition)
Will Stuart

As well as Music for Youth and the Carlisle Music festival we have also had our Spring concert which gave friends and family the opportunity to hear the performances from the festival in school. The concert was well attended with lots of lovely feedback from the audience.

The majority of weekly ensemble rehearsals have finished now for the summer as we start to concentrate on West Side Story and students in the cast should be attending the following rehearsals: Monday – 3.15 – 5.00pm in Mu1 and Thursday 3.15 – 4.30pm in Dr1.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Dream Placement

Seven of our students had recent success in gaining a Dream Placement with local employers through the Centre for Leadership Performance. Here, Robbie and Holly reflect on their half-term placements:

"I applied for the Dream Placement in order to gain an insight into what local businesses have to offer in terms of job prospects and further education opportunities while remaining in Cumbria, with a focus on how the companies are run and the qualities that the leaders of the organisations possess. My placement was at Direct Rail Services and involved visiting the different departments that make up the larger company, with time spent in IT and engineering and also getting the opportunity to sit in on a functional head meeting to see how individuals come together to meet the huge demands of a company of this scale. Throughout the placement I was shocked to find out just how much goes on behind the scenes and the possible career paths that some people may not even consider. It also helped me to gain experience within a 'real world ' setting to see what skills I already possess and need to develop in order to be successful in my own personal future aspirations". **Robbie Bell WPH**

"I applied for Dream Placement because I want be a physiotherapist in the future. That field of work is very competitive and I know that any extra addition to my CV would possibly give me a greater likelihood of achieving that goal. Cumbria Partnership Trust HQ was where I was situated for the majority of my placement. I got to take part in many activities, speak to lots of well-informed people within the Trust and even observe an actual physiotherapist in their place of work. It was eye opening and I got lots of advice about going into the NHS and the path to getting there. My favourite part of my experience would have to be the morning I spent in Penrith Hospital observing a physiotherapist because it made me want to become one even more. The Dream Placement scheme is perfect to give interview practice in the selection process and people skills when speaking to employers and, if you are lucky enough to get one like myself, give you an idea for what you want to do in the future".

Holly Currie (BPA)

Student Leadership Elections

Our Student Leadership Team election process is well under way. Students who have applied for a leadership position have been shortlisted and those who have applied for Head Boy or Head Girl have been giving their presentations at House assemblies and Sixth Form Assemblies this week. Applicants for other positions will be interviewed before the end of term and online voting will also take place before the Easter holidays. We wish all our students the very best of luck with their applications.



Reading Patron Visit

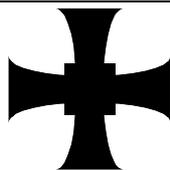
On Wednesday 22nd March we welcomed our Reading Patron, the author Tom Palmer, back for his second visit. Tom has been promoting reading for pleasure with groups of Year 7 and Year 8 students since September. Students got an insight into the world of writing as Tom gave some interesting and amusing talks about his writing inspiration, where he has travelled to for research and the process of producing children's books. The Ambassadors reading group got the opportunity to talk about the book 'Black Op' which they've been reading this term. Each session ended with a reading quiz and Tom's fabulous Library Football Game!

Tom also gave out awards to Maria Mendonca and Ashton Tyers (who won our Tom Palmer competition). Abi Price designed the winning Reading promotion poster, with Shantelle Owen and Joel Burnes as runners up. The posters are on display in the library.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day this year with a Book Swap in the library – students brought in some of the books they no longer needed and swapped with other students. We had some great books and everyone went away with some excellent new reads. As well as this we have a supply of the World Book Day books to give out to students – the most popular being 'Blob' by David Walliams. Lots of staff also wore badges with their favourite book on for the day – generating lots of book talk!

Mrs Barry, Senior School Librarian



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Under 18 Girls Football – County Cup Final against Furness College

Trinity won 6-0 and are County Champions! It was a commanding performance from a very accomplished Trinity team. The girls all played exceptionally well and the passing was of a really high standard. Trinity dominated the game and were worthy winners.

NESGA School Team Floor and Vault Competition at Hartlepool Gymnastics Center – 22 March 2017

Squad: Katie Taylor, Ella Scott-Lamont, Emily Fitton, Chloe Jessamine, Anya Neile

The team competed on the vault first – achieving some really great scores with their powerful long box vaulting. The girls all performed their floor routines well and should be really proud of their performances. We missed out on qualifying for the nationals in Stoke by .1 of a mark which was clearly disappointing for all concerned but a remarkable achievement nevertheless. The girls all represented the school with pride and were a pleasure to watch.

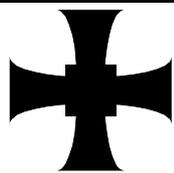
Milano Team Gymnastics National Final

Congratulations to our girls' Trio team who represented the North Region in the National Finals at Fenton Manor, Stoke on Friday 10th March. The girls performed an individual routine, a vault and a group routine. The girls did really well to qualify for this competition and were up against some really tough opposition. On the day the girls performed extremely well and finished 17th overall which was fantastic given the circumstances. Well done to all three girls what a great achievement!

Under 18 Boys Football Cumbria Schools Final Trinity 3 Nelson Thomlinson 1

English Schools Year 7 Championship

Kian Makar was placed 21st, an excellent achievement. Cumbria boys won their event.



CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday 5 th April 2017	Year 12 Futures Ready Day Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation
Thursday 6 th April and Friday 7 th April 2017	GCSE Art and Photography exams
Friday 7 th April 2017	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 24 th April 2017	Summer Term Starts
Monday 24 th April to Friday 5 th May 2017	Year 9 Exam Week
Tuesday 25 th April 2017	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 26 th April 2017	Theatre Trip - Newcastle
Friday 28 th April 2017	A Level Drama Practical
Monday 1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 3 rd May – Friday 5 th May 2017	A Level Art exams
Monday 8 th May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 8 th May to Wednesday 10 th May 2017	A Level Photography exams
Monday 15 May 2017	GCSE and A Level exams start
Friday 19 th and Sunday 21 st May 2017	Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Expedition – Practice A
Sunday 21 st May 2017 and Monday 22 nd May 2017	Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Expedition – Practice B
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half Term
Monday 5 th June 2017	Year 7 Exam Week Year 12 Mock Exams A2 Exams
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	Theatre Trip - Newcastle
Friday 17 th and 18 th June 2017	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - Qualifying Expedition A
Monday 19 th June – Friday 30 th June 2017	Year 10 Exam weeks
Saturday 24 th and Sunday 25 th June 2017	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - Qualifying Expedition B
Monday 26 th June – Friday 30 th June 2017	Year 8 Archbishop of York community action week
Monday 26 th June 2017	GCSE exams end
Tuesday 27 th June 2017	Year 11 Leavers' Day
Thursday 29 th June 2017	A Level exams end

Friday 30 th June 2017	Year 11 Prom Year 13 Leavers' Day
Monday 3 rd July 2017	New Intake Day – Year 6 students New Intake Parents' Evening
Monday 3 rd July to Friday 7 th July 2017	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Thursday 6 th July and Friday 7 th July 2017	Sixth Form Induction
Friday 7 th July 2017	Year 13 Leavers' Ball
Monday 17 th July to Thursday 20 th 2017	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Break up for Summer Holidays

Dates are subject to change.

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)

TERM DATES for 2017- 2018

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