

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year!

Another action packed term draws to a close and once again Trinity has had another very exciting and successful academic year.

Our most important event as a school community has to be our Ofsted inspection in May. I am delighted that Ofsted have recognised the improvements that have been made and verified that we are on the correct path to continue to get even better in the future.

Improvements have been particularly marked in Mathematics, Science, Attendance, Governance and in improving the Quality of Teaching. It is extremely pleasing to see that Ofsted recognised how our students are eager to learn and conduct themselves well at all times.

We are proud of all our students, our staff and our parents for the way they have worked together to support the school.

Once again, the sheer amount of activity included in this report is testament to the absolute hard work and commitment shown by staff and pupils.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. Enjoy your break!!

Peter Coady - Head Teacher

Key stage 3 Celebration night

A wonderful night of celebration was held on Wed 25th June.

The Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening was packed with over 200 pupils and nearly 350 parents in the hall to recognise the enormous effort, dedication and achievement of our pupils.



Awards were presented by Neil Maddison, ex Middlesbrough player and now BBC Tees match summariser and Ben Askins, an ex-Trinity student who has just signed his first pro contract at Doncaster Rovers. As well as students receiving commendations in each of the subject areas, there were special awards at the end of the evening to some Y9 pupils.

Ben Kendal won the Ethos Award, Progress Award to Daniel Rachfal, Sporting superstars to Ali Ngunga and Alicia Thompson, with the Trinity Key Stage 3 award going to Joseph Oliver. Music and singing was provided, with special mention to Paige Blenkinsop who overcame early nerves to bring the evening to a close with a standing ovation.

Year 11 2014 Leavers

Our 2014 Year 11 leavers will be celebrating the end of their time with us at their prom at Gisborough Hall on Friday 11th July.



They have worked extremely hard this year, especially over the past few months as their exams approached. Many of them attended three days of extra revision sessions during the Easter Holidays, not to mention several 'practice exams'.

They sincerely enjoyed their 'Celebration Day' on Wednesday 4th June which included a Year 11 Photograph, Mass and a day filled with the traditional autographing of each other's shirts! Mrs Powner and Mrs Robinson showed them a lovely photo presentation of their time together.

Mrs Powner was sad to see them leave "We send all our Year 11 leavers our very best wishes for the future in whatever they have chosen to do and look forward to the celebration at the prom."

Business Lunch



Mrs Newham took over 30 Y10 Business Students to visit Whinstone View Bistro (near Great Ayton) on Monday 23 June, accompanied by Miss Harrington & Mr Cauldwell.

They had a 3 course lunch from a set menu which included:

- To start: Garlic Bread / Tomato Garlic Bread
- For mains: a choice of sandwiches / small meals
- For dessert: a choice of ice cream

Mrs Newham was delighted with the visit saying "The visit enabled students to experience lunch in a countryside 'bistro' setting which many had never visited before whilst completing some research on marketing & customer service as part of their GCSE Business course."

Annie The Musical



Rehearsals have been on-going for this year's school production, with shows being held on Wed 9th and Thursday 10th July. Hannah Ward is playing lead role of Annie with a large supporting cast from students from Y7 to Y13. More details in our September issue.

Year 10 Textiles Trips to CCAD Hartlepool and Green Lane

Year 10 pupils went to CCAD Hartlepool and Green Lane to see the exciting work produced by the students.

This allowed our pupils to gain a wider understanding of Further and Higher education available in Art and Textiles as well as seeing the quality and range of work produced by students in the next step of their education.

Lourdes

During May half term, a sturdy band of brothers and sisters spent their week helping others and battling the elements.

To say it rained whilst we were in Lourdes is the understatement of the year. It poured. Almost every single day. Add to that a 28 hour bus ride to get there and setting off late due to exam commitments; you paint a rather dull picture.

But as I'm sure all 44 pilgrims would agree the week was a great success. Tiredness and dampness were forgotten as the pupils did what they'd come to do; look after our sick pilgrims. All staff and pupils were a credit to the school.

Despite the tough conditions most are looking forward to a return in the future. Well done to all!!



UK Junior Maths Challenge

On 1st May, 20 students from Year 7 took part in the National UK Maths Challenge.

Over 240,000 pupils from across the UK take part in the challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate.

The challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and is aimed at pupils in Years 7 and 8. Trinity pupils did very well with several obtaining silver and bronze awards. Harris Emeldayusleny scored an excellent mark of 86 which was high enough to be awarded a Gold award.

The school also received a certificate for participating in the event. A very well done to all the Year 7 pupils who took part.

Induction Days 1st and 2nd July



The recent Induction days were a great opportunity for our new students to get a real insight into what to expect when they arrive in September and hopefully help in calming those 'first day nerves'.

The two days the Y6 pupils spent with us allowed them to experience lessons in Maths, English and Science as well as a House sports tournament. The induction ended with a lovely mass, led by Rev Bunce and students who had prepared special readings.

The Form Tutors were also given time to meet their new starters and this process was further cemented when the Parents' Induction evening took place. Parents were introduced to our Year 7 Pastoral Team and other staff members.

Mr Allen addressed the pupils and parents and said he is very much looking forward to being their Pastoral Team leader in September along with Mrs Robinson: "I have really enjoyed meeting the pupils and I trust that the pupils left the Induction days excited and enthused to be joining Trinity" said Mr Allen.

French Exchange Visit Part 2- The Middlesbrough leg!

In late June, students studying A-Level French at Trinity Catholic College welcomed their exchange partners from Mauriac in the Auvergne region of France.

This is the return visit from the visit organised last February as part of an official partnership created between Trinity and Mauriac and funded through a grant awarded to each school in the partnership.

22 students from the Lycée Polyvalent in Mauriac came to Middlesbrough with their three teachers, Marie-Odile, Florence and Jean-Marie. Some of the French students were accommodated with our students and their families, whilst the others stayed at the Tees Valley Apartments on Linthorpe Road, an excellent location for exploring the town and a great venue for the students to socialise in the evenings.

Our students even came together and cooked for each other and played computer games, all of which helped to improve their comprehension skills in each other's languages.

The students followed a jam-packed programme of activities starting with experiencing lessons at 6th Form with their host and followed by a whole range of activities- hiking along the Cleveland Way, a train ride to Whitby, a tour of York and the National Railway Museum and ended with Lightwater Valley and a curry at Akhbars- a first for our French visitors.

We were also hosted by Bob Kerr at Middlesbrough Town Hall in the council chamber as part of a celebration of the

official partnership between the two colleges. Bob gave us a fascinating tour of the Town Hall and talked about local history in English and French. The students were then all presented with goodie bags from Middlesbrough council which they were delighted with.

The World Cup was also a great opportunity for the students to share a common language- that of football! On Wednesday night Mr Coady invited us to watch the France v Ecuador match on the big screen in the school hall where the students enjoyed vast quantities of take-away pizza and pop- a big hit!

The boys in the group even managed to organise a France v England match on the 6th Form field.

Mrs Edwards, who led the exchange, said "The feedback from last week has been amazing and it makes all of the hard work behind such a visit worthwhile. My students are already asking when we are going back to Mauriac and the French students were extremely sad to leave Middlesbrough. It will be an experience that they will never forget and I won't either."



English (MAT)

Mrs Haigh is currently working with a small group of our most able Year 7 (English) pupils during form time on the novel 'The Book Thief'.

Pupils are enjoying reading the book at home in their own time and working in developing their reading and writing skills through activities based on the novel.

Pupils have really impressed, many of them have already completed the novel and are now reading other books by the same author or other books about WW2.

Shakespeare in Billingham

On Thursday 12th June a group of Year 9 and Year 8 pupils along with Mr Oliver-Williams and Mrs Storey went to see an Oddsocks production of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Billingham Forum.

During the interval three of the actors serenaded Mrs Storey, Natasha Lidster tried on the actors' cone and Naomi Hastings was interviewed by a member of the Oddsocks production team.

During the final song, the pupils (led by Naomi) joined in with a rendition of 'Shine' which continued on the bus journey home.

Joe Finn - Youtube political sensation!

As preparation for his Year 13 German Speaking Exam Joe had to prepare and take and defend a standpoint of his choice.

He chose to do his presentation (in German) on 'Why Britain should stay in the EU'. He sent a 'selfie' questionnaire video clip to Deutsche Welle a national German news broadcaster who then uploaded it to their website: www.dw.de/themen/europawahl-2014/s-100984

Because they liked the clip and because it was viewed many times they invited Joe to do a live broadcast on YouTube on European Election Day, Thursday 22nd June (in English): www.youtube.com/watch?v=5en3J1zaReA

He represented Britain and the school magnificently. Bravo Joe!



THE CATHOLIC CUP

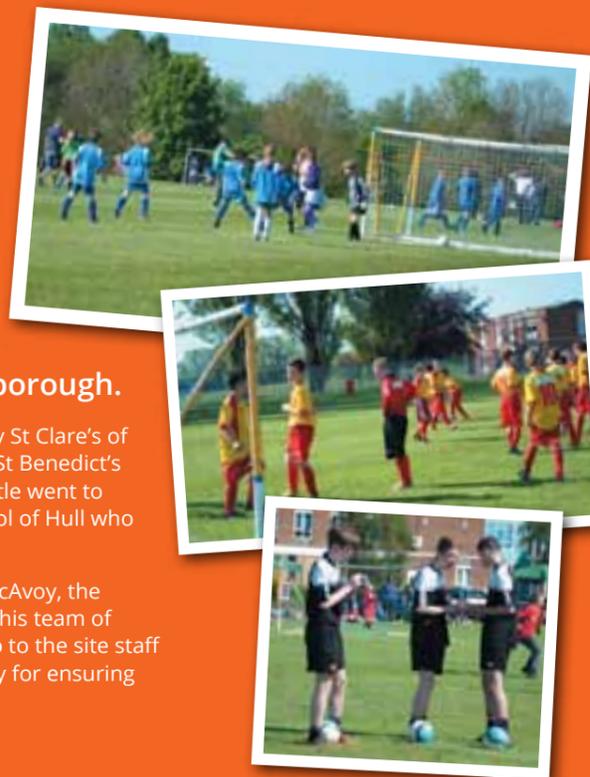
Trinity hosted the Catholic Cup on a beautiful spring day in May with 600 young players from over 35 schools as far afield as York, Hull and Scarborough.

This was the first time the competition had been held at Trinity. Mr Carey was delighted to help organise saying "the facilities and high quality pitches at Trinity make this an excellent venue- we welcome all our visitors and players and look forward to having the tournament here again in the future".

500 parents and family spectators witnessed an outstanding tournament played in great weather with fantastic spirit and sportsmanship combining to make an unforgettable day.

The Girls' Final was won by St Clare's of Middlesbrough who beat St Benedict's of Redcar, and the Boys' title went to Endsleigh Holy Child School of Hull who beat St Clare's in the final.

A big thank you to Tony McAvoy, the Tournament Director and his team of willing volunteers and also to the site staff and catering staff at Trinity for ensuring the day ran so smoothly.



Mark Dearlove Memorial Match

The annual Staff v Pupils ended in an entertaining 2-2 draw.



With goals from pupils Harry Williams and a brilliant effort from the "Durkinator" Kieran Durkin and staff Mr Connolly and Mr Dixon.

The charity this year was Eston Handicapped Fellowship with 'man of the match' being awarded to Mr Mitchinson.

Football Finals

Two of our teams reached the League Cup finals held at Middlesbrough's training ground Rockliffe Park.

Unfortunately Year 9 lost 5-1 to an excellent Outwood Academy team but performed really well. Dean Warren scored with a cracking free kick. Mr Carey was delighted by their effort and energy. The lads also finished runners up in the league to Outwood.

Year 11 lost out in a pulsating match 3-2 to Kings Academy. After the game the team presented Mr Allen with a trophy to say thank you for coaching them for the past 5 years.

He thanked the lads "It's been a privilege and an honour to coach these lads, they have always been a credit to the school and their parents!"



Middlesbrough District Athletics

A number of Trinity students were selected to represent Middlesbrough Schools at the County Athletics meeting at Clairville Stadium on Saturday 21st June.

Stand out performances on the track came from Abi Leach (200m) and Stephanie Cliff (100m). Dominic Cuff was outstanding in the hurdles and triple jump winning both events.

Tennis Success

Trinity entered into the Cleveland Schools Tennis Leagues for the first time this season and have had success with the boys U13 team.

The squad of Jacob Miller, Dominic Cuff, Joe Jordan and Capt Ethan Lamb have beaten Conyers, Egglescliffe, and Yarm.

Congratulations to the U15 team of Jack Johnson, Jordan Frost, Joe Tiernan and Capt Kristian Lamb who have played some excellent tennis in the A league.

Ski Trip

In the early hours of 12 April, a band of 22 intrepid explorers consisting of four members of staff and 18 students embarked on a ski adventure to the glorious resort of Tignes in the French Alps.

A beautiful sunny week's skiing was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire group who also took part in bum-boarding, games night, movies and a pizza evening at an Italian restaurant.

An Awards evening was held on the last evening of the trip with students receiving some special rewards. Mr Guy, who was one of the members of staff, enthused about the trip: "A fantastic group of students showed great attitude and progress all week. We were delighted with them and they were a real credit to the school".

Most Progress in Beginners' Group - Shannon Donaghue

Best Beginner - Shola Scott

Most Progress in Advanced Group - Niamh O'Brien

Best Advanced Skier - Ashley McLoughlin

The 2015 trip is to Alpe D'Huez and is open to current Y6-Y9 students. There are still a limited number of places available.

Email Mr Carey carey.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk if interested.



Y11 Bridging Week

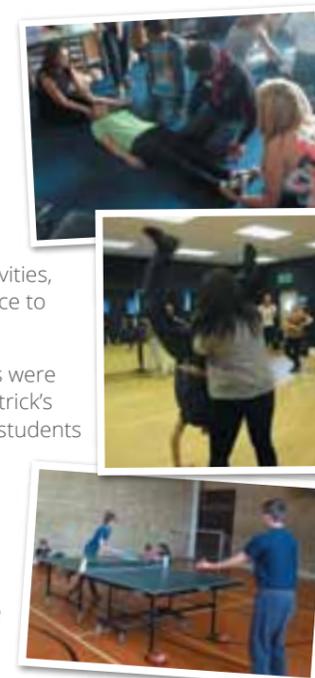
On Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd July 2014 the Sixth Form hosted a 'bridging week' for our prospective new students.

The event enabled students to discover what Year 12 and 13 studies hold in store! Nic Smith, Head of Sixth Form said "I was delighted with the turn out with over 90 students participating.

They had a really good experience of Sixth Form life with taster sessions in all subject areas as well as enrichment activities, visiting subject market stalls and a chance to meet the staff."

Similarly, a week earlier, Y10 Taster days were held for Trinity students as well as St Patrick's and St Peter's. The taster days gave the students an insight into life at a Sixth Form and what the subjects are really about.

The various student schemes available at Trinity were presented, which include the Mobile Device Scheme, Free Transport for all pupils, Student Welfare and Support, Tutorial Programmes, Enrichment Programme activities and Team Building Programmes.



Trinity Cloud Launch

After 18 months of research and development 'Trinity Cloud' has been launched with staff and will be live with students and parents from September.

Trinity Cloud is the first major step in moving beyond the BSF managed service, using cutting edge technology to significantly enhance teaching and learning, parental engagement, communication, collaboration and administrative tasks.

It is a combination of the best Internet-based services that will reflect closely the direction that ICT is heading in industry into cloud-based content creation.

Trinity Cloud is centred on the school website being a single entry point into Google Apps for Education and a range of other services.

Tour De France Event

On the 26th of June, Trinity Bike Club held an event to celebrate the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire.

There was a host of stands displaying a range of cycling memorabilia. Pupils were given the opportunity to come and discover what Trinity Bike Club has to offer.

Along with the stands were cakes and goodies for pupils to enjoy.



Technology House Competition Winners

First house competition held in D&T which was a fantastic success, making it very hard for the judges (D&T Staff) to pick the winners.

The Year 7 winner was Joseph Jordan in 7R representing Bede. In Year 8 it was an extremely close call between Kebe Sakouvogui 8T and Clitherow and Jennifer Bennett also Clitherow. After much deliberation it was won by Kebe.

Both winners received a brand new iPod shuffle and all 54 runners up received a Cinema voucher. Mr Spence added "Well done to all that entered. It was an extremely high standard of entry."



Geography London trips

Year 9 Geographers set off for a day out to study various urban Geography themes in London. Mr Cosgrave led the visit accompanied by Mrs Granycome, Mrs Graham and Mrs Jones.

Highlights of the day for the students included walking across the verdant Green Park, views of Buckingham Palace, the beauty of St James Park and the atmosphere of Trafalgar Square. For many the highlight of the day was the stunning view from the London Eye, whilst for others it was the Thames boat cruise which showed the interested students so many of the sights of this ever changing city, whilst for others it was the meal in Azzuro Waterloo.

This was a day of compliments for Trinity staff about the students, which began with a chance meeting with Andy McDonald MP on Eaglescliffe train platform and continued with comments from other train users, passengers on the London Underground and the staff of Azzurro restaurant

Mr Cosgrave added "Our students were simply excellent, listening intently, so much so that one member of the public asked Mrs Granycome if we were from a



private boarding school.

The lady commented that you simply don't see such well-behaved students in London anymore, and seeing the Trinity name on the children's uniform, was able to find Mr Coady's e-mail and contact him to complement him about our students."

Year 12 Geography Visit to London

A beautiful sunny morning on Sunday June 7, saw the AS Geography class commence their A2 course by heading south by train to visit London as part of their "World cities" unit.

The afternoon saw us visit many of the sights of Central London, as we passed through Whitehall, it corresponded with the arrival of a 'Help for Heroes' cycle ride to the Cenotaph. We then travelled by boat from Westminster to St Katherine's Dock passing the Shard, St Pauls and The Tower.

We stayed in Putney and as part of our studies explored Putney and its surrounding area as a study of a suburb of London. Other highlights included a Sunday evening visit to the London Eye, we were extremely lucky to have clear skies and a beautiful evening; this was one aspect of the visit which emphasised the size of London. We then walked along the South Bank before returning to our hotel in Putney by train.

The students enjoyed a hearty breakfast before requesting a short morning outing to the nearby Fulham and Chelsea Football stadiums; we then headed to Canary Wharf and the Museum of the Docklands as part of a study of urban renewal before travelling by DLR and Rail to gentrified Shoreditch. Shoreditch did not impress the students and it would seem unlikely that any will be making a down payment on a £750,000 two bedroom apartment in the area.

Mr Cosgrave commented that the students were an absolute pleasure to be with, in what was the first Sixth Form geography residential visit.

The students gained an excellent insight into various issues in London, in



particular its transport systems which is a key topic in A2.

Our penultimate journey was rather demanding in quite extreme heat on a packed tube. A very well spoken Londoner in a straw hat thanked us profusely (despite us explaining that we from Middlesbrough) for travelling to the UK as this would help the UK economy; he seemed convinced we were Scandinavian!

History Review

Miss Shaw's History classes were recently set a homework task to design and build a castle.

They had to independently research and build a Motte and Baily, Stone Keep, Concentric or a Fairy Tale Castle. Any materials could be used and with a matchstick Motte and Baily, a polystyrene Concentric Castle and even a cake Fairy Tale Castle, students resourcefulness was at its best.

They also wrote an assessed speech to compliment the type of castle they had made. Miss Murray (Head of History) said

she couldn't have been more proud of the energy and enthusiasm that had gone into this homework.

Thirty Students took part in the local archaeological dig in May at Fairy Dell, Middlesbrough. The Friends at Fairy Dell were excavating a 'medieval sunken path' and had invited children from local schools to get some hands-on experience. Students were happy to get their hands (and clothes) dirty and to



experience what it must be like to be an archaeologist.

No hoards of gold were found but many pieces of pottery, slate and coal were. One group found some pottery from the 16th century which was the find of the trip!