

**ESOL**

On Friday 12th June, Trinity 6th Form ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) students embarked on a cultural visit to London.

The students really enjoyed the day, visiting and learning more about important places in UK history. During May the 0-19 Careers Advisors worked with our ESOL students, informing them of different career paths and choices to follow after their Sixth Form Studies. Sessions included advice on Apprenticeships and Traineeships, Career exploration based on student likes/dislikes and strengths/skills, using and creating accounts on Career and Job websites, creating CVs, experiencing mock interviews and receiving feedback from them. Michelle Harding added about both events "Days like these are truly fun and interactive which greatly benefit the students to understand the many opportunities available to them and to improve their language skills".



**Sixth Form Bridging Week**

Y11 students from Trinity and other schools across Teesside have recently completed a three day programme of transition into Trinity Sixth Form.

The bridging week provided students with a valuable opportunity to work within subject choice areas, meet all the staff and create new friendships with other students starting Y12 in September. Students took part in a range of activities and workshops that will prepare them for life as a Sixth Form student. The final day saw a moving liturgy delivered by Andrew Bunce followed by a BBQ. Nic Smith, Head of Sixth Form, was delighted: "The students have totally engaged in all the activities and I can't wait for September to start working with them on a regular basis."

**Nepal Earthquake Appeal**

Pupils recently raised over £50 in aid of the Nepal earthquake appeal. It was a great opportunity for pupils to develop their culinary skills whilst raising money for an important cause. All the children involved worked as a team to bake a gorgeous range of cupcakes and fresh cream-cakes, whilst working with Mrs Jones in the food technology department.



**Pastoral**

Mrs Clark and Miss Zuk from the Y8 pastoral team have introduced a new initiative. Year 8 Pupils are currently taking part in a series of Pastoral Personal Development workshops during their Form Time which aim to cover issues in a number of areas that may impact on our pupils' well-being. The workshops are held weekly, continuing until the end of the summer term and pupils are encouraged to give their feedback on how they feel about the issues. Some of the areas discussed during the sessions cover emotional health, physical wellbeing and developing relationships. Mrs Clark said "So far the workshops have been a great success and we have definitely seen some improvements in our year group"



**World Book Day**

On 5th March both pupils and staff were given the opportunity to read for pleasure in an extended form time. Year 8 pupils were invited to a presentation made by the local author and animator Neil Bushnell. This was followed by interactive workshops that allowed pupils to engage in the story writing process.

During lunch time, Neil signed some of his award winning novels in the Learning Resource Centre.

**FOREIGN VISITS**

**New York, New York**

During the February half term break, a group of Sixth Form students, together with Miss Myers, Mrs Donnelly, Mr Walton and Ms Mitchell set out on an amazing 5-Day Educational Enrichment Visit to New York City.

In a hectic whirlwind of a schedule the group managed to cram in visits to Top of the Rock, Central Park, Museum of Natural History, Broadway, Ground Zero, Staten Island and the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, 5th Avenue and Times Square! Kath Donnelly was delighted with the trip and is already planning the next one for Feb 2016!



**French Exchange trip**

The Y12 and Y13 French exchange visit went ahead for the second year running thanks to a grant of £5000 from the British Council. It is very rare for schools to secure this funding for two years running so we were all delighted to find out we had been successful.

Trinity students spent a week in our partner college in Mauriac and stayed with local families. They experienced different lessons and were asked to take part in a group task with their French partners and feedback to the class in French which was daunting but character building for them! Free time activities included snow walking using 'raquettes', a shopping trip to the regional capital, Aurillac and a meal in a local restaurant with all of the host students and their parents. The French parents commented on how well our students conducted themselves and also what an improvement they could see in the Y13 students who had been last year in terms of their confidence and speaking skills.

Our students were officially recognised by the Mayor of Mauriac at the council chambers and again with a drinks reception with the principal of the French college. They were awarded signed copies of a book by a local historian and gift bags were presented with local memorabilia which was a lovely touch. They enjoyed eating the 'Galette des Rois' which is a cake eaten during January to celebrate the epiphany and there are special charms hidden in the cake. They were also made to feel like celebrities as they were interviewed and appeared in the local newspaper and on the local radio station's website.

Plans are already in place to widen the exchange to Y10 pupils as well as 6th Form next year.

**Maths Trip to Euro Disney**

In February, Miss McCarthy led 37 Year 9 pupils on a trip to Euro Disney with a Mathematics theme. On the first day of their visit students attended a maths seminar in how maths is used when designing and building roller coasters. This was followed by a day where students had the chance to go to both the Disney and Hollywood Studio Parks, rounding off with dinner at Planet Hollywood and shopping time. Miss McCarthy enthused "The students were extremely well behaved and had a fantastic time!"



**SPORTS SHORTS**

**Penalty of dreams**

Once again our college students worked exceptionally hard in planning, organising and running the Penalty of Dreams competition held at the Riverside Stadium.

Due to this the students won the pitch hire for the evening with the help and support of the feeder primary schools. The evening was a great success with some of the younger years in school benefiting from playing on the pitch and also a Year 11 v Year 10 boys and a girls match before the big kick off. Staff v Btec Sport students was a very competitive match with a good standard of football played throughout. For the first time in 4 years the staff won the match 3-1 with goals from Matty Connolly (2) and Nick Mitchinson. The student goal was scored by Jack Oliver.



**Footgolf**

Footgolf is played on a golf course using a size 5 football. The object of the game is to get the ball into the hole using only your feet in the fewest number of shots possible.

Footgolf is a very 'addictive' sport - it combines the best of football and golf, two of the most popular sports in the world. The beauty of the game lies in your being able to strategically combine power and precision every time you play footgolf and of course, it is open to everyone. This was one of the last activities completed by the Year 13 Sport class before leaving for pastures new. It was a great experience and a lot of fun. It was a lovely sunny day which helped with one pupil even getting a hole in one!



**Duke of Edinburgh**

Year 12 and 13 pupils are heading out on their expeditions to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have 9 pupils completing the Bronze and for the first time at Trinity 3 pupils completing their Silver Award. Students are completing an overnight stay (2 for silver) and walking between 20-35 miles depending on the award. "This is an amazing opportunity" said Year 13 student Mir Higgins "I can't wait for the expedition, although it was hard work completing the expedition last year for my bronze award it allows me to develop and enhance skills. I am off to Leeds Beckwith in September and part of my course is working with Outdoor Education so this will be great for me."

The PE Department have had an incredibly busy 2015 so far with some highlights including:

- Year 10 and Year 11 Football Teams recently won their respective Middlesbrough Schools' Cup Finals 2015! Y10 Trinity 5 - 1 Macmillan Y11 Trinity v Acklam Grange (Trinity won on penalties)
- 12 students representing Middlesbrough District at the County Championships with particular mention to Dom Cuff who won the 100m hurdles and represented Cleveland at the North East Championships
- In Rounders we won the Y7/8 tournament and were joint winners at U15 level.
- Y10 volleyball team were runners up in the Middlesbrough Schools tournament
- Y9/10 cricket team thrashing Macmillan!
- Key Stage 3 Sporting Superstars Emma Bradley and Callum Banki

We also welcomed a new member of PE Staff at Easter, in Mrs Morrow who replaced Mrs Jenkinson

**Pupils Return in September....**  
Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd are Staff PD Days.

Thursday 3rd September Years 7 & 10 pupils return.

Friday 4th September Years 8, 9 & 11 return.

**Welcome to another full issue of Trinity Times; our last publication of this academic year.**

Although we all look forward the summer and the long break ahead, it is often filled with mixed emotions as we say many goodbyes and farewells to our Y11 and Y13 students, as well as to a number of staff who are moving on to new ventures.

Good luck to all of you in the future and thank you for your valued contribution during your time at Trinity. We have just celebrated two brilliant transition days with the Y6 students who are joining us in September; we welcome them into Year 7 and look forward to working with them in the new term. Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and safe summer break; enjoy your holiday!

- Peter Coady, Headteacher



**LOURDES**

The annual Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage took place during spring half term and once again pupils from Trinity volunteered their time to help the VIPs during the week.

All staff and pupils were a credit to the school and most are looking forward to a return in the future. The students took part in all the processions, masses and celebrations with great respect. The students thoroughly enjoyed helping in the hospital and received wonderful compliments from the sick of the diocese. Well done to all!



**TRINITY'S LOURDES FUNDRAISING & CELEBRATION EVENING**

On Wednesday 29th April Student Council of Trinity Catholic College hosted an evening of entertainment in support of this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Joe Luke, President of the Student Council said "It was an amazing night of entertainment showcasing both the performing arts and music departments at Trinity. Students put on a fantastic display of their talents and skills and the good news was we raised over £600 from the night of singing and dancing!" Thanks to all those who helped on the evening, especially Mrs Stonehouse who donated an array of scrumptious treats for the cake sale!

On Thursday 18 June, we held a Lourdes Celebration Evening following our Year 10 Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Draine and the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

The evening was aimed at the families of student-pilgrims, governors, staff and also those our student-pilgrims met from the Diocesan family on the recent pilgrimage - some of the supported pilgrims with the company of Keith Tillotson (Executive Director of the Pilgrimage), Chris Tillotson (Head Handmaid) alongside some of our Clergy, including Canon Turnham EV (Director of the Pilgrimage) and Fr Benfield (this year's Associate Pilgrimage Chaplain for the College's Pilgrimage Party). The evening was organised by Rev. Bunce (College Chaplain) along with Mr Steve McNicholas, Miss Emily McHugh and Mrs Margaret Stephenson (who was a wonder in the kitchen). Thanks go to Miss Michelle Hawes for all of her help on the evening. The Celebration Evening consisted of a simple 3-course French supper prepared by the student-pilgrims, along with the sharing of photographs and personal reflections of their time on Pilgrimage. It was a wonderful evening and a great time was shared by all.

## KEY STAGE 3 CELEBRATION EVENING

On Wednesday, 24th June the Trinity Key Stage 3 Celebration Evening was held in the main hall and pupils were recognised for all their hard work throughout the last academic year.

Guest speakers for the evening were two of our local Team GB athletes who have represented their country at countless major championships all over the world; Chris Tomlinson, Team GB Long jumper and Matty Hynes, Team GB Marathon Runner. They spoke passionately about their careers in sport and were a great inspiration to the 500 plus audience. Mr Carey, who organised the event, said "It was a fantastic evening with 200 of our students being rewarded for their tremendous endeavour and effort. Having Chris and Matty to present the awards made it an even more prestigious celebration for all involved"



### Significant award winners:

**ETHOS AWARD:** CARELLE YOUMBI;  
**PROGRESS AWARD:** BRETT TURNER;  
**SPORTING SUPERSTARS:** CALLUM BANKI AND EMMA BRADLEY;  
**TRINITY AWARD:** FRANCESCA DI CICCIO

## YEAR 11 CELEBRATION EVENTS

An amazing £6000 was raised by the staff, students and community of Trinity this year for The Anthony Nolan Trust.

Since January 2015 Year 11 pupils have been raising money as this particular cause is very close to our hearts as one of our pupils is currently suffering with Aplastic Anaemia. The annual Staff v Year 11 Football Match in March was the main focus of the fundraising. The staff were victorious for the first time ever with a 2-1 victory. The Y11 staff and students presented a cheque to a representative from The Anthony Nolan Trust on our

Year 11 Celebration Day held on June 11th. Ms Mitchell and Mrs Irwin led on this day of celebration. Ms Mitchell added, "They enjoyed the day immensely; we celebrated mass together, had special assemblies and reflected on our time spent together. They were a credit to themselves and our school and are now looking forward to their Prom and Results Day on August 20th".



## GEOGRAPHY NEWS

**Year 8 pupils have been studying the work of rivers on the landscape.**

In order to get a better understanding of the processes involved, Year 8 pupils visited Upper Teesdale and High Force waterfall. All pupils agreed that High Force was an impressive sight in full flow. Mr Cosgrave was delighted with their effort on the day especially as the weather was typically unpredictable.



6th Form Geography students carried out fieldwork in the Danby area of the North Yorkshire Moors for their skills examination paper. The studies on these trips truly make Geography a dynamic subject for the students.

**In early February, a party of Year 8 students visited Newcastle upon Tyne to develop their understanding of some urban Geography themes.**

The students were selected because they have shown a gift in Geography and they also work extremely hard in lessons and with homework tasks. Pupils studied sustainable transport (using the Metro), provision of pleasant environments in an urban area, comparison of architectural styles, regeneration of the Quayside, settlement change and the redevelopment of a settlement. Pupils enjoyed the views of the city from the Castle Keep and whilst examining the regeneration process of the Quayside, a visit was made to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art on the Gateshead side of the river.

## Cross Curricular Homework

**Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils all completed a cross-curricular homework assignment based on the UK General Election.**

The assignment included a variety of tasks for pupils to complete in which they used their literacy, numeracy and mapping skills. The homework was a substantial document which allowed pupils a greater understanding of the General Election and to develop their cross-curricular skills. Prizes and Certificates were presented by Mr Cosgrave for the best work! He added "Some of the work handed in was simply brilliant. The students all engaged in the project and it was deemed to be a popular method of learning."

## Business Lunch

Some Y10 Business pupils recently visited Whinstone View Bistro near Great Ayton to carry out research on Marketing and Customer Service as part of their GCSE Business course. Pupils were able to enjoy their lunch in a countryside 'bistro' setting whilst providing them with a great insight into how one of our local successful businesses operates.

## SCIENCE NEWS

**On Thursday 11th June 25 Year 6 children and 34 Year 5 children from St Clare's visited our science department to complete a heart dissection.**

The cardiovascular system is now on the new KS2 curriculum and the children had been learning about the structure and function of the heart. The children had previously watched a video which showed Mrs Dixon carrying out a heart dissection and so they came with the knowledge of what to expect. Both the staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the session.



**AS Chemistry students visited SSI at Redcar to find out about how iron ore is produced in the blast furnace and then turned into steel slabs.**

Students took part in a presentation from a Chemical Engineer explaining how the chemical process of Reduction happens before touring the Control Room and Blast Furnace Area. Students saw the molten iron being tapped off and how it is transported to the steelworks where it is turned into steel slabs. The students all had to wear protective clothing and really enjoyed learning about how steelworks have been such an important industry in Redcar.

**On Wednesday 28th January a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils visited Stockton Sixth Form College to attend The Teesside Medical Challenge Day.**

The event, which was led by fourth year medical students from universities around the country, was extremely engaging and insightful with them providing careers advice and guidance relating to the medical profession. Our students responded really well to this and gained a good overview about applying to medical school. The event was organised by MSC Projects. Mrs Dixon from the Trinity Science Department said "It was one of the best educational visits I have ever been on with students."

This is Year 11 pupil, Niloufar Kaiden's review of the visit:

"The trip to Stockton College on January 28th was, in my opinion, an amazing opportunity for students to try a taster of what could be ahead of them should they choose medicine as their field of study. The fact that we got such a wide variety of topics such as cardio, ethics and anatomy, as well as an overall rundown of the course, was a great chance for us to form our own opinions about the subject. The medical students currently studying at university gave us a personal opinion of what studying medicine is really like. The idea that there was a completely honest environment made students feel comforted. Especially the fact that no one denied the workload or the amount of sacrifices you had to make when not only doing medicine, but by even deciding to study further at university. The taster day was not only helpful for those with their minds set on studying medicine but a wonderful opportunity for those even considering going onto study at university."



## TECH NEWS

**Y12 Engineering Students**

Mr. Talbott took Y10, Y12 and Y13 students to Caterpillar in Peterlee to gain first-hand experience of Engineering/Manufacturing processes in the real world.

These have been fantastic opportunities to relate classroom theory to understanding and reinforcing how technology such as CAD/CAM/CNC machinery, robotics and assembly techniques are used to create products.

**First Class Results!**

Mrs Jones recently organised a Year 7 Technology challenge.

Pupils completed a Food Literacy and Numeracy Homework Assignment entitled 'The Victoria Sponge Challenge'. Mrs Jones said "They performed exceedingly well producing not only very impressive cakes but also giving some fantastic literary descriptions and performing various numeracy challenges based on their work. Well done to all those involved"



## STEM Visit

**On 16th June twelve of our Year 8 G&T pupils plus teacher Miss S Jones attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day at Teesside University.**

Pupils worked in groups of four taking part in different workshops such as robot programming, building bridges, E\_FIT software and mini vehicles. Pupils worked extremely well in collaboration with their peers from other schools and thoroughly enjoyed the day at the University.

And more STEM news...Back in March 40 Year 8 and Year 9 students attended the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham as part of a STEM rewards trip in Science. This is the Nation's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths with students taking part in various hands on workshops, activities, theatre shows and an opportunity to meet some of the UK's largest companies including Rolls Royce, BAE systems and Formula 1.

Students said they "really enjoyed walking around the show floor and taking part in lots of different activities ranging from learning about how to build robotics and wind turbines to understanding how to make fizzy drinks with the perfect amount of fizz! We even saw Prime Minister David Cameron who was supporting the event, unfortunately we didn't get any selfies with him!".

## Women in Engineering

Mr Talbott took a group of Year 9 girls to a "Women in Engineering" event held at Middlesbrough College.

The event focused on dispelling myths about careers in engineering and provided students with the opportunity to take part in sample engineering and science activities. Students were also able to meet women at different stages of their careers in different disciplines of engineering and STEM subjects.

Mr Talbott added "It was a superb day and the girls were a credit to the school, even winning the team events against other schools! Most are looking forward to a return in the future. Well done to all"



## RE Visits

Year 7 pupils recently visited St Thomas More Church in Beechwood to study the work of a parish church and the work of a priest as part of their RE Curriculum work. The visits helped the pupils to see how the Catholic faith works in the community and also develop their understanding of Mass in School. Pupils met Father Leonard and took part in various activities related to topics such as the Stations of the Cross and the role of volunteers within the Church.