

# GOODBYE 2020 HELLO 2021!



## WELCOME BACK MRS SMITH!

Hi, I'm Mrs Smith and I am a senior personal progress tutor here at TSFA and also teach Psychology. I completed my teacher training here in Calderdale and joined Trinity Academy Halifax in 2012. Before this I gained my Degree in Psychology at Huddersfield University and then went on to complete my Masters in Investigative Psychology. Following this, I had a few different jobs including working for West Yorkshire Police and within the Prison Service before deciding my passion was teaching and I have never looked back. I have recently returned from maternity leave after having my second child, Ted, on New Year's Day this year! I look forward to getting to know you all!



## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

I am very pleased to bring you the second instalment of our TSFA Newsletter, something which reaffirms to me how quickly this year is progressing. It's hard to know where to begin when summarising 2020. What I do know is that, no matter how turbulent current times are, staff and students continue to show remarkable levels of resilience. I am excited to welcome the new year in January.



I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few observations on the national picture. Exams are set to take place this year with a number of 'exceptional measures' in place from the Government. We await to hear further details and specifics of what this means in practice, but essentially, it is business as usual for staff and students at TSFA, which means approaching the exam season in the same proactive and assertive manner as in normal years.

I am excited to see the start of 'Graduation' for Year 12 students and I have also been exceptionally proud of the way in which our Pupil Leadership Group (PLG) have conducted themselves this term; leading more initiatives than I can list within my word count and adding considerable value to our culture at TSFA.

Once again, I will finish with a quote which I think encapsulates this term:

*"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it."* H.E. Luccock



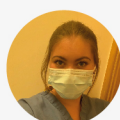


## PUPIL LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Pupil Leadership Group have been extremely busy this term making an exceptional start to their duties.

This term we have been lucky enough to support some great charities including Children in Need, The Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal, Halifax BID's Gifting Tree, the CTC Gathering Place and Halifax - Ugly Christmas Jumper Day.

If you are a local charity or community organisation and would like to find out more about working with the 6th Form please contact: [rpeel@sixth.trinitymat.org](mailto:rpeel@sixth.trinitymat.org)



## ALUMNI FOCUS

*Joely Knight - Graduated 2017*

I attended Trinity Sixth Form Academy from 2015-2017. I studied Art, Photography and Health and Social Care. Health and Social Care created the foundations for my career. I am employed at a local hospital Trust as a Trainee Nursing Associate, and funded to study the foundation degree at University. I hope many others can be inspired to work in the healthcare sector, as it is the most rewarding job ever!

## KEY DATES:

Year 13 Parents Evening:  
Thursday 21 January 2021

BTEC Exams Year 12 & 13:  
6 – 18 January 2021

## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

### AECOM

Next term we are delighted to be welcoming AECOM to 6th Form to meet with our students and to learn more about the apprenticeships they have on offer. AECOM work in infrastructure, providing innovative solutions to the challenges presented by both the public and private sector. They support planning in transportation, buildings, water supply, energy and the environment, just to name a few!

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## JUDO TRIUMPH!

Congratulations to one of our Year 12 students, Rebecca Young who graded for 2nd Dan in Bushido Ryu Karate at King's Karate Club and passed with a Distinction! One of only 16 people who have made it into the 2nd Dan since the style was established in Halifax in 1982! What an accolade! We like to celebrate student achievement both in and out of the academy.

If you would like to share any achievements/success stories, please email:

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We'd love to hear from you!



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