

# NEW YEAR NEW OPPORTUNITIES



## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Today (Friday 5 Feb) is the final day of our 5 steps to wellbeing social media campaign. Today's entry suggests that we should 'pay attention to the present moment.' This one stood out to me in particular as it supported many of the conversations staff have been having with our students lately, taking things one step at a time, focusing on what we can control (and not what we cannot) and enjoying the simple things wherever possible. But, I know my teachers and students have found this term particularly challenging. Despite this, there is a lot to celebrate...



- A record breaking attendance and engagement to remote lesson rate amongst students.
- Over 90 brand new laptops delivered to students for work completion.
- Students' successful completion of the TSFA enrichment challenges.
- Staff and students becoming experts in remote learning – measurable through the fact that TSFA has the highest engagement rate in the MAT.
- Students have still managed to sit PCs, chat with their teachers and PPTs, and access support when they were struggling.

All in all, it has been a huge success. But, we do miss our students. Despite the successes mentioned above, there is no true replacement for face-to-face provision. We are social beings and so much is lost through electronic communication. But, as Captain Tom would say, 'tomorrow is a good day' and we must expect that things will start to return to normal soon. Until then, thank you for your ongoing support and have a restful half term.

*Enjoy our newsletter and take care.*

## MEET NATALIE DYSON!

Hi, my name is Natalie Dyson. I am a student counsellor working with Trinity Sixth Form Academy, and I am currently in my final year of training in Counselling and Psychotherapy at Leeds Beckett University.



Alongside this, I have over 12 years' experience working with young people across a range of roles, this including both pastoral care and wellbeing support within Trinity MAT.

Evidence and experience has shown that wellbeing support within schools can lead to significant progression in positive mental health, social and emotional skills, and aid academic triumph. This is why I am extremely passionate about empowering young people to successfully overcome difficulties and achieve their lifelong goals. Furthermore, I feel that Trinity Sixth Form Academy's ethos and passion for each and every student's wellbeing and educational success is what brings this all together.



## PUPIL LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Pupil Leadership Group have been helping our prospective students this term by hosting a Live Q & A session, speaking about what it's like to study at our 6th Form – so who better to ask! It was a great success with over 230 applicants in attendance and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, saying how good it was to be able to find out more about us ahead of September.

[Click here to watch the Q&A!](#)



## ALUMNI FOCUS

*Charlotte Faulkner*

After gaining her A levels in History, French and English Literature at 6th Form, Charlotte went to study Law at St John's College, University of Cambridge. Having joined in 2019, she is just completing her second year and is really enjoying it.

We were also lucky enough this term to catch up with Charlotte who 'popped in' virtually to have a chat with some of our French students to discuss A-levels, University life and careers in French.

## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

### HALIFAX BID

We are proud that we have been able to collaborate with Halifax Bid on their most recent initiative, by hosting a Gifting Tree providing Christmas gifts to be distributed within our local community.

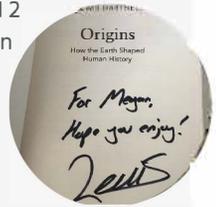
This has helped further strengthen our relationship with them and now provides us with the opportunity to forge stronger links with town centre businesses from all sectors and work on future projects involving our students.

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)



## COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Congratulations to one of our Year 12 students, Megan Bakes, who has won a competition by Routes Journal and has now received a copy of the book *Origins: How the Earth Shaped Human History* by Lewis Dartnell, personally signed by the author.



Megan will be reviewing the book for Routes and has said so far she has, "found it especially interesting how much the fragile relationship between the geography of the Great African Rift Valley and the orbital Milankovitch cycles contributed to our initial evolution, and how it resulted in the development of our intelligence which ultimately allowed us to grow into what we are today."

We are delighted for Megan and her continued independent exploration of Geography.

If you would like to share any achievements/success stories, please email: [contactus@sixth.trinitymat.org](mailto:contactus@sixth.trinitymat.org)

**We'd love to hear from you!**

## KEY DATES:

National Careers Week:  
1- 6 March 2021

Year 12 PC2:  
15 March 2021

Year 13 PC4:  
22 March 2021

