

WELCOME BACK!



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

It has been another tremendously busy term at TSFA but easily one of the best as we saw the return of our students to the building to resume face-to-face delivery. It was a joyous moment for staff, as they were able to peel themselves away from their computer consoles and see their classes together for the first time in 9 weeks. Some other highlights of this term have included the 'choose to challenge' campaign, the BTEC Sport interviews and the completion of the guidance meeting section of enrolment for 2021-22; where staff managed to interview over 800 prospective applicants.



The two biggest developments that are currently taking place are to do with assessment (Year 13) and graduation (Year 12). The 2021 assessment process is in full swing and detailed guidance was sent out on 25 March, please [visit the website](#) if you need to review our communication. In typical Trinity fashion, we have put in place robust and rigorous plans that will enable staff to make informed and accurate decisions about grading. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding in dealing with this process. Graduation is also in full swing and we are planning for a time when we will be able to deliver our wider curriculum to Year 12 here in the building (from Spring Bank). Despite the challenges, students are successfully logging their participation in our virtual enrichment and 'life ready' challenges that are posted on our social media platforms, [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#). Both sites can be accessed through our website and are worth a visit... Dr Hussain's brownies have become a particular favourite!

As always, I'll finish with a favourite quote and this one comes courtesy of Abraham Lincoln: *"Whatever you are, be a good one."*

MEET ANDREW TAGG



Hi, my name is Andrew Tagg and I am proud to say that I am Halifax born and bred.

Previously a local councillor for four years, I have also been a governor at Trinity MAT for 11 years now and enjoy being involved at Trinity Sixth Form Academy and Trinity Academy Halifax. I am passionate about education and how it can empower our young people to aim high and make their aspirations become a reality.

A Metallurgist by trade, I have been very fortunate to have travelled the world with work and this has helped me gain a broad outlook of other countries and how by embracing education can break the cycle of deprivation and create better outcomes for the future.



KEY DATES:

Year 12 PCE – 22 April 2021

C&K Apprenticeship Event (in A/C) – 27 April 2021

PUPIL LEADERSHIP GROUP

Comic Relief

Trinity Sixth Form Academy raised a massive **£243.95** for Comic Relief!

The Pupil Leadership Group organised a variety of activities such as student's worst joke, teacher's worst joke, the superlatives challenge, beat Ben's toilet roll kick up challenge and beat Mr Baxter challenge.

Results of the challenges were:

The worst student joke was - "One boy notices a man dressed in white sat on a bench and says, "Why do you look so sad?" The man replied, "Sit down with me and I will tell you." As the boy sat down, the man turned to him and said, "This bench is freshly painted."

The superlatives challenge winners were - Sophia Woodhead for the students, and Miss Surtees for the staff.

The worst teacher joke was Mr Bailey's joke - "I used to work for an orange juice factory, but I lost my job unfortunately, it's not a joke, it's actually really sad, I couldn't concentrate!"

Ben is still the unbeaten toilet roll kick up champion with 30!

The beat Mr Baxter challenge has had outstanding results - A mixture of 17 staff and students have covered a phenomenal distance of 1018.09km in a two week period. To put it into context, this distance would get us from Halifax to Luxemburg. An unbelievable amount!

Well done to everyone involved!

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



INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



ENGIE

Students completed some virtual work experience during National Careers Week provided by the company Engie. These students are now having feedback from employees at Engie, which is fantastic! Their mission is to make more energy efficient products and promote a greener world.

As a 6th Form, it is important to us that we show our students the wealth of opportunities that are available to them and as a part of next term, we are delighted to announce we will be welcoming the Sky cycling team to deliver one of our 'Trinity Talks'.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS



Three of our students (despite all the odds over the past year), have managed to push through and achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Certificates!

Henna Govan - Gold Certificate

Henna has spent 12 months supporting a vulnerable lady she knows throughout the pandemic, such as making meals, wellbeing calls, shopping and internet support. Henna has also taken part in a 6 month activity programme and had spent 12 months developing her cooking skills.



Sam Naylor - Silver Certificate

Sam has spent 12 months tutoring his younger brother in mathematics. He has completed a 12 months physical programme including some great runs on Strava. Sam has also spent 3 months developing his cooking skills.



Eva Knott - Silver Certificate

Eva has spent 6 months volunteering at Overgate Hospice shop before and after lockdowns. She has completed a 3 month home work out programme including yoga and has developed her driving skills over the past 6 months.



A great achievement from all three students. Well done, Henna, Sam and Eva. Let's hope the Year 12 DofE students follow in your footsteps and are as proactive and dedicated as you have been.

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

contactus@sixth.trinitymat.org

We'd love to hear from you!

ALUMNI FOCUS

Caitlin McMahon

After closing the chapter in my life at Trinity Sixth Form Academy, my next adventure started in Newcastle, where I am currently studying English Literature at Newcastle University. My time at university so far has been amazing and I've already made the best memories there. I've loved developing my social circle as well as exploring the new academic challenge of balancing modules that requires even more independent learning than 6th Form! As a result of the pandemic, my first year at university had to unfortunately be cut short and I had to quickly pack up my life in Newcastle and come back home. Although it has been difficult at times in this lockdown, every day I wake up and carry out the goals I had set out for the day, whether that be to reach a certain page in my current book or go for a walk or do some painting. I genuinely believe the quote "Keep calm and carry on" speaks volumes and I am now looking forward to getting back to university life.

