

FAREWELL YEAR 13 & GOOD LUCK!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MICHAEL FITZSIMONS

It is with genuine sadness that we say goodbye to Year 13 this week. We have been through a very challenging two years together, which feels like it has been cut short in some ways, because of the time we have spent apart through various lockdowns. However, challenge breeds excellence and as we issue our Professional Standards and subject awards, I am reminded of what an exceptional group of young people they are. Best of luck Year 13, remember your virtues and keep in touch!



I am also very excited to announce that term 6 will bring with it the re-launch of Trinity+ for Year 12. Trinity+ forms a considerable part of a student's wider curriculum, and will include:

- A Personal Development lesson led by the Personal Progress Tutor Team.
- Time for mentoring meetings between students and PPTs, careers advisors, and the well wellbeing team.
- Engagement with our 'Life Ready Lesson' programme which focusses on building key skills such as reading, public speaking and critical thinking.
- Engagement with 'Self-Appraisal' where students self-assess their progress, health and development against our graduation criteria.
- Time for students to meet with class teachers and tutors, with a focus on intervention.

It is a very welcome development and something which will have a significant impact towards our mission to develop life ready learners.

I have chosen a quote by CS Lewis this term in recognition of the journey that our students are now embarking on at this pivotal moment:

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

MEET RACHAEL HENRY

Hi, I'm Rachael Henry and I'm the Safeguarding & Medical Welfare Manager here at Trinity Sixth Form Academy. The transition from GCSE to A Level is considerable and one which requires support. For us it is important that we provide wellbeing and educational support to our students to ensure that we are boosting their spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development. We do this by appointing each student with a PPT. The tutors and the Sixth Form Leadership Team meet weekly to share pastoral information and ensure all staff are kept up to date with any safeguarding concerns.



Previously, I worked with individuals and communities to help people feel less lonely and isolated by linking people together and helping them live happier and healthier lives for longer. I am now able to build on these community links to help meet the students and their family's needs.

KEY DATES:

Launch of Trinity + - W/c 7 June

We are Calderdale Event – 17 June 2021

Year 12 Trial Exams – W/c 21 June

HALIFAX SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Publishing Success

TSFA are developing a strong partnership with Halifax Scientific Society to support science education and 'citizen science' across our community. As part of this partnership, we submitted three articles for the latest issue of the Halifax Scientific Society newsletter. Dr Whittall and Dr Anning both wrote articles, but the real highlight is Year 12 student; Taylor Campbell's fascinating article entitled Soil degradation: *Could regenerative agriculture be the solution we need?* Taylor's piece is the result of a tremendous amount of independent research and reading and is a shining example of the value of independent critical thought and of going beyond the set curriculum. Everybody is encouraged to read Taylor's article, to sign up for membership of the Halifax Scientific Society and to contact Dr Whittall if you have an idea for an article you might like to write.



If you would like to share any achievements/success stories, please email: contactus@sixth.trinitymat.org
We'd love to hear from you!

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

Inspiring Journeys

This week, students have had the opportunity to meet with employers and higher education providers to learn about opportunities available to them. This event shared the stories of different professionals and their journeys to success. As well as watching recorded sessions from a range of providers, students were able to engage in live Q&A sessions with the providers to get a real feel for what it would be like to work with these people. A great, interactive way for students to start considering their next steps!



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Trinity Sixth Form Academy students have teamed up with Healthy Minds Calderdale and Woolshops Shopping Centre to mark Mental Health Awareness Week with a very different artwork installation in Halifax town centre, themed around nature and the environment.

Students at Trinity Sixth Form Academy created the components of the artwork by writing messages about their favourite place in nature, and how it makes them feel on fabric strips. Each student contribution was then attached to the branches of trees in the Woolshops Shopping Centre to create an attractive and thought-provoking display for visitors to reflect upon.

Pictured: TSFA students, Andi Williams and Tamzin Greenwood



ALUMNI FOCUS

Jorja Brook - Graduated 2018

Hi, I'm Jorja. I studied Psychology A-level at TSFA in 2016 and came out with a B in 2018. After finishing my A-levels, I was undecided on what to do next and therefore took a gap year before deciding on whether to go to university (and what to study). After travelling and gaining work experience in my gap year, I chose to study BSc Wildlife Conservation at Nottingham Trent University. I plan on doing a 6-month placement in Thailand later this year to work with a Marine Coastal Organisation and during lockdown, I've been preparing and fundraising for this as well as revising for the online exams. I've found that keeping a routine is helping me manage my time, balancing between revision and time for myself to exercise.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP GROUP - *Thank you and announcement of New PLG*

Here is what our amazing Pupil Leadership Group have achieved in 7 months:

- A live remembrance day service out in the community
- £157 raised for Children in Need
- Mental Health Trinity Talks to all academy students
- End of half-term quizzes
- Supporting Halifax Minster with creating a Safe Space
- 93 Christmas shoes boxes filled for the Rotary Club
- £243.95 raised for Comic Relief
- All tags off the Just Giving Christmas tree accounted for
- The Achievement Centre decorated for all students at Christmas
- A live Q and A session for potential students to 230 live viewers

Our Pupil Leadership have been an absolute credit not only to our academy but also themselves. They have managed to do all of the above, despite a second lockdown during their time in position, which is a fantastic achievement, I hope every one of you is proud of your accomplishments as part of the PLG. We wish you all the best in your future journey and thank you for commitment to this role and the academy. Good luck for the future!

As we now elect our new PLG we are excited to see how they will make their mark over the coming year and carry on this legacy.



MEET OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL!



HEAD GIRL
Gulay Maharamzade



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL
Sundas Ali



HEAD BOY
Connor Mackrill



DEPUTY HEAD BOY
Toby Knowles