

# End of Term Update



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MICHAEL FITZSIMONS



There have been many highlights of term 3. Our football and netball teams have performed valiantly, despite injury, illness and poor weather! Students have collaborated brilliantly with local employers like Dom Furby from Smartmove, and we have seen a significant surge in work experience placements as students ready themselves for their Graduation interim reviews, which will take place early in Term 4. Year 12 Students graduate with honours at varying levels dependent on their conduct, attendance, enrichment, and work experience participation. It is a fantastic way of rewarding students for their achievement's outside of the classroom.

Keep an eye out for our careers bulletin which is distributed every week. It provides lots of opportunities for work experience, apprenticeships, and employment for our students.

We had a wonderful Trinity Talks by Sarah Case, Principal at Trinity Academy Halifax, entitled "Dr Pepper: What is the worst that can happen?" and I hope Year 13 parents found the parental consultation evening useful this week. Staff thoroughly enjoyed talking to you all.

A big development this term has been the release of the advanced information from exam boards. Our approach to assessment and curriculum planning is being tweaked as we work to ensure that students remaining curriculum time is as specific and purposeful as possible in preparing them for these exams; the first that the majority will have sat for six years.

**With that in mind, I wanted to leave you with another favourite quote: "There is only one way to eat an elephant: a bite at a time."**

**Desmond Tutu**

Enjoy your half term break.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



## TRINITY ENRICH

In preparation for the next term, Year 12 students have been choosing their options for the next wave of Enrichment. We have all-new exciting opportunities for students to embrace in the next term in order to learn new skills, enjoy hidden talents and work their way towards passing Graduation!

## ASPIRATIONS

### Trinity Scholars

This term has seen our Year 12 Scholars dive into a range of activities. Many of them have signed up for the University of Cambridge's HE+ programme, and they have all attended sessions in college on a range of topics, including critical reading and thinking skills. Many are also participating in widening participation courses with the University of Leeds, our History and Politics Scholars have begun planning a local history research project, and one Scholar has drafted an essay that will soon be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal for students. The aspiring Medics have been getting busy dissecting hearts and testing how stretchy the aorta is!

We couldn't release this terms newsletter without congratulating the Year 13 Scholars who have secured places at the two of the most prestigious universities in the world. George Rook and Rebekah Garrish have been offered places at Cambridge with Kate Owen getting an interview. Taylor Campbell has secured her place as our first ever Oxford student going on to study Geography. A huge well done to these students. The process is gruelling, and all four students have demonstrated resilience and work ethic throughout the application.

As part of building the Scholars programme here at TSFA, we are offering new courses for September. New courses include Classics, Geology and Law. Follow us on our social media pages for more information on the staff delivering these courses and what they involve!



### SUMMER 2022 EXAMS - ADVANCED INFORMATION

The Government has announced that the summer exams for AS and A levels will be taking place in 2022 for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Ofqual and the Department for Education recognise the difficulties students may have faced during the pandemic, and advanced information has been provided for each subject to help students focus their revision. Subject teachers have been going through the advanced information and will plan remaining time effectively to focus both lesson time and revision on this content. Details of the advanced information can be found on exam board websites.



### WORLD BOOK DAY!

Here at TSFA, we have exciting plans in the works to celebrate World Book Day including a 'Drop Everything and Read' session, staff recommendations on social media and throughout the sixth form, book donations and we invite our students to come in fancy dress as their favourite book character!

### CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Two of our year 13 students have taken up a new sport and found a love of running. Bailey Hodgson and Corben Regan started attending our running club in October. Both boys competed in the Calderdale Cross Country Competition in December and qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals. Bailey and Corben trained hard for these finals and were up against some outstanding competitive club runners. Bailey and Corben raced hard and raced well in the finals. From zero running to qualifying and competing in the West Yorkshire Cross Country finals is a massive achievement. Well done boys.



### ASH GREEN FUNDRAISER

The terrible fire at Ash Green primary school affected our whole community. Many of our students live in the area around the school, and lots of them talk extremely fondly of their time as students there. In the wake of the awful events, our Pupil leadership Group organised a fundraising campaign and raised over £170 in just 24 hours.

### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

We are excited to announce that we were successful in a recent application to have our own Mental Health Support Team (MHST) working within TSFA. This will run alongside the already extensive provision offered to our students at TSFA. The MHST will provide evidence based mental health support for our students whilst also working with us to enhance our whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.