

End of Term Update

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MICHAEL FITZSIMONS



One of the standout moments of term 4 was welcoming Rugby League legend Kevin Sinfield into our building on 17 March. Kevin gave a fantastic speech and spent time visiting different areas of the academy and speaking to students and teachers. Finally, he officially opened TSFA by unveiling a commemorative plaque in the Achievement Centre. It was a fantastic day. Another wonderful event was culture week, and in particular, The Big Culture Day that followed. It was a brilliant way to celebrate culture and draw attention to the diversity within the 6th Form. You can see some images from the day on our Instagram account [#trinitysixthformacademy](#).

Year 12 have made some excellent progress towards graduation this term with nearly all securing additional enrichment and work experience targets or striving to improve attendance rates to bring them back above the 90% cut off point.

With only 4 teaching weeks remaining until examinations start in mid-May, Year 13 are now in their final preparations for their exams. I have presented an assembly to all Year 13 students where I outline my top 10 tips for this next step and for adulthood in general. They include things like staying tough, enjoying the simple things in life, researching vocabulary, and controlling one's response to both triumph and disaster, attitude if you will. One of the most crucial 'tips' is the advice to substitute motivation for commitment at certain times in one's life, particularly when the path is untrodden or rough. A-Level study is notoriously hard, and to say that one is always 'motivated' to work hard can be a falsehood. When the going gets tough and things seem at their worst, is when commitment comes into play. We keep going, because we said we would, because we committed; we know when all is said and done, we did our best. I will leave you with Kevin Sinfield's favourite quote, which links nicely to the need for our students to be getting on with their study time at home, as well as at college: "To become a champion, you have to be a champion at home first."

KEVIN SINFIELD VISIT

We had the privilege of welcoming Kevin Sinfield OBE into our academy this term. After a tour of our state of the art facilities, Kevin delivered a Trinity Talks to all students. He detailed his successes and how he has shown mental toughness in the face of adversity to develop his character into who he is today. Here at TSFA, we imbue our Professional Standards with mental toughness and work ethic being at the heart of all we do.

Throughout his career, Kevin has achieved many accolades including an MBE, OBE and Second in the BBC Sportsman of the Year. In addition to these, Kevin has devoted himself to charity work supporting the Motor Neurone Disease Association in honour of his friend, Rob Burrows.



CULTURE WEEK

This term, we celebrated our annual 'Culture Week' where our staff and students enjoyed a series of events to observe ideas around culture, identity and diversity! Organised by our Pupil Leadership Group, there were an abundance of events taking place for students to participate in such as:

- Pre-Ramadan Workshops every lunchtime with Miss Hussain.
- 'Multiculturalism: Policy and Lived Experience' lecture and workshop with Dr Shamim Miah.
- Assembly delivered by Dr Whittall and the Pupil Leadership Group on Culture and Diversity.
- Workshops on Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Calderdale with Amber Ray from St. Augustines.
- 'The Big Culture Day!' where staff and students had the most fantastic time celebrating our diversity within sixth form through food, clothing, music and dancing!



STUDENT WELLBEING

We are delighted to announce that the week commencing 25th April will be 'TSFA Student Wellbeing Week'. There will be lots on offer for students throughout the week. This will include seminars on 'The science of sleep', 'Yoga', 'Mindfulness' to name just a few. There will also be sessions run for students and parents from Kooth – a national counselling service. Information to be shared shortly on times and dates and as always keep an eye on our social media!

ASPIRATIONS

World of Work

This term, our Aspirations focus has been on the World of Work cohort. Each week these students have been meeting with our careers adviser and a member of the SLG to apply for apprenticeships or vacancies in the local area. Alongside this, they have had workshops on the national minimum wage, communication etiquette in the world of work and interview techniques. All of this helps to prepare these students to be life-ready learners.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS

Aurelia Stitch and Rebecca Young have successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. They are the first two students to fully complete their award at Trinity Sixth Form Academy. Both students will now be invited to an external Gold Award Presentation event to receive their certificate in the presence of HRH The Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward) at a Royal palace.

The following students have now fully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and are ready to start their gold pathway Alishah Ali, Ruhaan Butt, Alissa Kershaw, Luke Rudge, Megan Bakes and Matilda Copley.

All of these students have been working towards these awards for over a year, showing dedication and commitment. They have all also successfully completed their expeditions to receive the award. Well done to all involved.



Royal Society Partnership Grant

Our Geography and Science departments have been awarded nearly £3000 by the prestigious Royal Society as part of a project to develop climate change awareness and understanding. Funded by the Royal Society's Partnership Grants scheme, students and staff will be partnering with academics from the University of Leeds to use satellite data as a way to monitor changes to the Greenland ice sheet. This is a great opportunity for our students to get involved in cutting edge scientific research that has real global significance, and we can't wait to get started on the project!

