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Welcome

Principal's Message:

As we welcomed the new year at the start of this term many of us will have set ourselves a New Years resolution. I wonder whether now, six weeks later, we have stuck to our commitments. Most of us might not have, but there will be a select group that have, and I wonder what impact this will be having on their levels of self-belief and self-efficacy.

Self-efficacy is a concept we introduced this term in our Year 13 'Having the NAch' assembly programme. 'NAch' relates to the McClelland's (1961) Need to Achieve theory which opposes Fear of Failure theory. We talk to the students about intensity, of setting ambitious targets for themselves and of having the courage to say yes to opportunities as they arrive. The more astute students will have realised that whoever the presenter and to some extent, whatever the topic, the same messages around professional standards and virtues tend to be repeated.

By way of reminder, our college mission is to develop truly life ready young people, and we believe that this entails three main things:

1. A sense of self – we deliver this through our college professional standards of mental toughness, attention to detail, work ethic and integrity, but the key question that a life ready student can answer is 'who am I and what do I stand for.
2. An appreciation for knowledge and learning – we call this powerful knowledge and ask students to seek knowledge wherever possible
3. Socialisation – we want students to know and value their place in society and we teach this through our civic virtues, which are courage, compassion, wisdom and temperance.

The research, and our personal experience, tell us that if a student can secure and build upon these three things, then there is no ceiling on what sort of a life they will lead. Please enjoy the rest of our newsletter and I will leave you with some words from psychologist Carl Jung:

"The world will ask you who you are, and if you don't know, the world will tell you."





Trinity Enrich & Aspirations

Aspirations & House Leaderboard

Well, done and congratulations to all our year 13 students who have submitted a UCAS application this term. This is the culmination of hours of research into course choices and meticulous drafting and redrafting of personal statements to make the strongest possible application. Over 300 of our students made a university application this cycle – the highest number we’ve ever had at TSFA! As you and your son/daughter eagerly await news from their university choices, we encourage you to read the “UCAS: Next Steps” booklet which was sent home this term. This outlines what to expect now applications have been submitted and offers advice and guidance as to what to do once all decisions have been received as well as useful information on student finance. We wish all our students the best of luck with their applications and are immensely proud of your achievements thus far.

Meanwhile, this week is National Apprenticeship Week! We have visitors from the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme (ASK), as well as local businesses such as Covea and Costain, attending College to talk to our students about different apprenticeship routes as well as potential opportunities within their organisations. Our weekly aspirations bulletin is a great source of information on all things careers related – we hope you enjoy our National Apprenticeship Week Special Edition!



Position	Points	House
1 st	28	Dean Clough
2 nd	25	Wainhouse Tower
3 rd	21	Shibden Hall
4 th	17	Piece Hall
5 th	15	Halifax Minster

TSFA Trips & Celebration

We will like to also say a massive congratulations to Yr13’s Millie Smithurst who is achieving great things in the world of Figure Skating. Millie has shown a strong mental toughness & work ethic which has been demonstrated through:

- **Competed at and set a new national record at the British Championships.**
- **Appeared on the BBC for the teams achievements.**
- **Qualified for the Junior World Championships in Gothenburg.**

House football competition:

This term our Yr12 and Yr 13 students have gone going head-to-head in the house football competition to try and win points for their houses.

Everyone had a fantastic day and fought really hard for their house. Well done to Dean Clough who walked away victorious.



Trinity Scholars

We’ve begun 2025 with some excellent news for our year 13 Scholars cohort, as three of our students have received offers to study at Oxbridge. Congratulations to them on this superb achievement! Meanwhile, our year 13 applicants for Medicine and Dentistry have been attending interviews, and we are hopeful for more good news amongst this group. Irrespective of whether the students receive an offer for the specific university or course in these cases, they’ve all received excellent offers to study elsewhere. Whatever offers they receive we know they couldn’t have tried harder, and we’re extremely proud of them for their efforts.

Meanwhile, our year 12 Scholars cohort continue to attend weekly sessions. We’re looking forward to a planned visit to Worcester College, Oxford in March, and several of the Medicine and Dentistry applicants will be undertaking further work experience in the coming weeks. We’ve had visits from former students now studying medicine this term, as well as a talk from the University of Newcastle and the University of Cambridge. Once again, it’s great to see our year 12 Scholars engaging positively with the programme and developing both themselves and the quality of the experiences that they will be able to include on their UCAS applications.

Debate Club & Bar Mock

Oxford Schools Competition 2025

The debate team went to Sheffield on 13th Feb 2025 to compete in Round 1 of Oxford Schools. There were 20 schools competing and only 5 went through to the next round. The competition comprises public and private schools from across the country.

Two teams:
Shamas Rafique and Subhan Hussain

Joel Hadari and Mohammed Ahmed

Unfortunately neither of our teams made it through this time but we are hopeful for next year.

This was Joel’s last debate as he retires to focus on his A-Level exams - thank you for your commitment to the club!

Bar Mock Trial 2025

The Bar Mock Trial is a national inter-schools competition for aspiring lawyers. This year, the TSFA team participated in two virtual court hearings, prosecuting and defending cases involving assault occasioning ABH and drugs offences. As part of this, students took on the roles of barristers, witnesses, jurors and others. Our team of 17 students put in a strong performance, giving them an invaluable insight into the legal system and a great opportunity to explore legal careers.

Trinity Enrich

Term 3 saw another packed schedule of enrichment across the week. Well done to all students, attendance to enrichment has been excellent. See below the range of Trinity Enrich sessions that have been on offer this term.

In addition, TSFA Men’s football team continued their winning streak in Term 3 with a resounding 10-0 victory over Consortium Sixth Form from Hull. The game had many outstanding performances; however, the man of the match accolade went to Suleiman for his 4 goals and 1 assist. An excellent performance all round! Next term see’s the team travel to Elliott Hudson in Leeds, followed by games against Crossley Heath and St Mary’s Sixth Form.



PLG Events

Our New PLG 2025 has been selected. Our student have been through a rigorous recruitment process to be selected as the new PLG cohort.

Our new representatives are as follows:

Mental Health -

- Eli Metcalfe
- Seth Graham
- Izzy Keating
- Daisy Marshall
- Ella Warden
- Luca Padgett
- Issy Maunde
- Gloria Icy
- Sophie Kendrick

Charity -

- Saad Rehman
- Irena Bogdanowicz
- Livvi Simms
- Amaya Arshad
- Sana Imran
- Esme Bottomley
- Imani Sobri
- Sophie Legge

This half term they have been bonding as a team and planning the year ahead.

Physical Health -

- Evie Coatsworth
- Millie Naka
- Olivia Tinkler
- Keira Smith
- Ben Couchman
- Suleiman Alyazid
- Abigail Liu
- Natalia Ntabola

The PLG cohort will still be led by our Head and Deputy Head students -Mahan, Austin, Alyaa and Ewan until the end of the May half term when we find out who are new head students will be.

We wish the new PLG all the best of luck with their events during the next 12 months.

Diversity -

- Benedict Handley
- Eve Ward
- Jayni Mistry
- Evie Henderson
- Bethel Mushaka
- Charlotte Docherty
- Evie O’Kane
- Paige Kerr

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who have already signed off their Duke Of Edinburgh Award:

- **Silver** – Joe Edward Sykes and Charlotte Varga
- **Gold**– Wiktorja Aszyk, Simran Kaur, Jess Palethorpe, Lucyna Urbanowicz

Ambassadors

Thank you to our ambassadors this half term who have helped out at the Year 13 Parents Evening. The event was a great success, and we could not have done it without your support.

Student Wellbeing

This term we hosted our first student well being fair. The Wellbeing Fair at Trinity Sixth Form was aimed at promoting mental and physical health among students. Its aim was to provide a platform for raising awareness about the various support services available, helping students to access resources for managing stress, anxiety, and other challenges they may face. By encouraging open conversations and offering guidance we hope the fair will play a vital role in breaking down stigma, fostering a culture of care, and ensuring students feel supported in their journey towards overall well-being. Raising awareness of these services is crucial for creating a healthier, more resilient community.

Special Educational Needs

Hi, I am Miss King and I have been appointed as the new SENDCo at Trinity Sixth Form. I have had the pleasure of working with you all since starting my role here as a PPT in 2022, so I hope I am a familiar and welcoming face. Before starting my journey within Trinity MAT, I worked as both a Primary teacher and as SEND support. I worked with several schools across Calderdale and Kirklees and in various different year groups, ranging from EYFS up to Y6. My most enjoyable roles have been those involving the close working and supporting of students with additional needs – providing interventions and modifications to learning to ensure success. I am passionate about supporting all students, whether it be pastorally or academically and I strive to provide excellent leadership and ensure the ongoing success of our SEND department.

Exams/Assessment

This term has seen a plethora of assessment taking place in the building. BTEC students have sat their external exams, the results for these will take place on 20th March 2025. Year 13 have sat their 3rd Progress Check, the results for these will be announced on Friday 7th March 2025, as we host a 'Trial Results Day' (more details will be sent out via email. Again, preparation and conduct throughout all exams have been exemplary.

Upcoming assessments:

- **Year 12: PC2 10th – 14th March 2025**
- **Year 13: PC4 4th – 10th April 2025**



Dates for the Diary.

- Ski Trip to Andorra - **Sunday 23 - Friday 28 February**
- Spanish Trip to Malaga - **Sunday 2 - Thursday 6 March**
- World Book Day - **Thursday 6 March**
- Yr13 Mock Results Day at TSFA - **Friday 7 March**
- Yr12 PC2 Week - **Monday 10 - Friday 14 March**
- Geology Trip to Blencathra - **Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 March**
- **Red Nose Day - Friday 14 March**
- Yr13 SEND Coffee Afternoon - **Monday 17 March**
- BTEC Exam Results - **Thursday 20 March**
- End of Term - **Friday 11 April**

Have a relaxing break and we will see you again on Monday 24 February !