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Summer Newsletter 2025





Welcome

Principal's Message:

As the summer sun continues to make its steady appearance, we bring you the final edition of our newsletter for the academic year.

We were delighted to announce our newly nominated **Head Students: Luca, Imani, Suleiman, and Izzy last term**. Their leadership, commitment, and collaborative spirit have already added considerable value to our college, and we look forward to what lies ahead under their guidance.

Thanks to the Turing Scheme, students had the incredible opportunity to travel to Italy. The experience was enriching both culturally and educationally and our sincerest thanks go to the staff who made this adventure possible. That is the second of two international trips that have taken place under the Turing Scheme this year and I am pleased to be able to let parents know that Katy Ryan (SLG), has been successful again in securing funding for next year for a further two trips!

This term saw a flurry of fantastic events:

- Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
- Year 12 Blackpool Pleasure Beach Trip
- Year 13 Leavers Event & Prom
- Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions
- Year 12 Trial Exams
- Pride Week
- Culture Week
- Year 11 Taster Day
- Internal trips to Morocco and New York

We are also proud to spotlight the exceptional achievements of two students outside college:

- **Jacob Golding Smith:** Represented Yorkshire schools in a cricket of the South of England.
- **Kian Ballester:** Awarded double gold in a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competition.

Please continue to inform us of any student successes—these stories of excellence help raise the bar of our collective professional standards and inspire others in our community.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your contributions to our skills audit. Your invaluable feedback plays a key role in shaping the future of our curriculum. As we wrap up this term—and the college year—I wanted to leave you with a simple quote from actor Rob Lowe about seizing opportunities.

‘Any time an opportunity scares you that much, you should seriously consider saying yes’.

Have a great summer !



Aspirations

This term has been packed with exciting opportunities for students exploring their futures beyond TSFA.

Those interested in higher education enjoyed visits to the University of Leeds, Huddersfield University, Leeds Beckett University and Manchester School of Art, gaining valuable insight into university life and courses. Weekly work experience opportunities were shared through the Aspirations Bulletin, including virtual placements via Unifrog with leading organisations such as EDF Energy and the NHS.

A standout experience this term was a three-day in-person court placement for students considering a career in law. As we head into the summer break, we encourage all students to continue exploring their post-18 options—whether that’s visiting potential university cities, volunteering, or gaining work experience to strengthen future applications. Make the most of the summer to shape your next steps!

Examination

Y13 please join us on Thursday 14 August to celebrate A-Level Results day.

Students are invited into the college from 8.00am to collect their results in person. There will be staff on hand to support and celebrate with you.

Our careers adviser will be on site (along with a representative from Huddersfield University) to support any students who may wish to make changes to their choices or need help applying to courses available through Clearing.

We will have a photographer on site to capture the celebrations.

If a student cannot come into the college on this day to collect their results, they can nominate someone to collect their results on their behalf. The nominated person would need written and signed consent and would need to bring a valid form of photo ID in order to collect.

Student Wellbeing

This term TSFA celebrated ‘Pride’ with a burst of colour and positivity, bringing together students and staff for a joyful show of unity.

A rainbow-themed face painting station turned faces into vibrant tributes to self-expression, while a lively photo booth captured the spirit of the day in smiles and snapshots.

The Brunswick Centre played a central role with their welcoming stand, offering resources and support for LGBTQ+ students, and they also delivered an empowering talk on the range of services they provide.

Yet again, another great example of TSFA students and their commitment to inclusivity and celebration of identity.

SEN

This term, the SEND team warmly welcomed our new students due to enrol in August and began introducing them to the dedicated teams and support systems designed to help them thrive once they begin studying here at TSFA.

We look forward to meeting more new faces after the summer holidays —keep an eye out for upcoming sessions aimed at building confidence and connection from day one some special designed for our SEND students.



End of Year Shoutouts !

Shibden Hall:
Rosie Smith and Charlie McDonagh

Rosie Smith - Rosie constantly strives to do her best in whatever she puts her mind to. She is polite and always has a smile on her face. Rosie is one of the most hardworking students I have ever come across!

Charlie McDonagh - Charlie is an amazingly hard-working student who always wants to do her best. Despite facing her own challenges, Charlie never lets anything get in her way of doing well. She is polite and is a pleasure to have in Shibden Hall.

Wainhouse Tower:
Seth Graham and Gloria Icy

Seth Graham - excellent first year, gets involved with so much and always has a positive attitude.

Gloria Icy - a very good start to her time here, she gets involved with a range of activities and is always trying her absolute best.

Dean Clough:
Benedict Handley and Evie Coatesworth

Evie Coatesworth - Fully involved in the extracurricular life at Trinity. Fantastic attitude to learning, fully engaged with the Trinity ethos and is a Life Ready Learner.

Benedict Handley - Fully involved with the Diversity PLG, stand out student in subject of Sociology. Fantastic attendance at 100%, showcasing a life ready learner.

Halifax Minster:
Chloe Malone and Deen Nisbet

Chloe Malone - Exceptional and hardworking students who also try’s her best in all areas. Goes above and beyond very time demonstrating the core values of the sixth form.

Deen Nisbet - Polite and hardworking student who is developing into a well-rounded life ready learner. He has the ability to balance his working life with college life which shows resilience and mental toughness

Piece Hall:
Sam White and Lucy McDonnell

Sam White – Sam has achieved over 400 points and 100% attendance throughout Year 12 and has an excellent commitment to extra curriculum activities.

Lucy McDonnell - Lucy has an exemplary work ethic. Her efforts across her subjects, particularly in Economics are reflected within her assessment grades, and the growing number of achievement points she's accrued throughout the year. She consistently goes above and beyond in the classroom demonstrating her eagerness to develop her knowledge, and exemplifies our professional standards and civic virtues through her involvement with the PLG and commitment to her extra-curricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh. She balances these experiences alongside her studies, maintaining high grades, while developing herself as a 'Life Ready' learner.

Trinity Enrich

It has been a record year in terms of Trinity Enrich attendance and engagement! Trinity Enrich for Term 6 saw the focus shift to super curricular.

The rationale for the super curricular focus is to provide students with the opportunity to develop a range of skills whilst also immersing themselves in academic societies that will enhance their personal statements.

Alongside the super curricular societies, DoFE, PLG and some sports teams continued to run. Well done to all students that have committed to these year long enrichment programmes, your work ethic is admirable.

See below the wide range of super curricular activities on offer across the term.

<div>  <div> ENRICHMENT <div> TERM 6 – SUPER CURRICULAR <div>WEDNESDAYS @ 2.25PM</div> </div> </div> </div>		
Open Learn History		2F11
Duolingo Society		GF27
Psychology Research Project		1F07
Maths Society		GF19
Classics and Philosophy Open Courses		GF28
Creative Writing Society		2F09
Introduction to Cybersecurity		1F03
Geological and Geographical Society		2F07
Docuseries and Debate Society		2F10
Website Development		2F03
Criminology Society		2F04
Contemporary Issues in Sociology		1F11
Psychology Journal Society		1F09
Chess Society		1F10
Gallery Gang		Art Barn
Debate Society (for current members)		2F09
TSFA Football		Fixtures
TSFA Duke of Edinburgh		Various



Trinity Trips & More



TSFA Trips:

New York:

Our students are enjoying the first ever TSFA residential trip to New York, where they have climbed the Empire State and the Rockefeller tower, toured the Statue of Liberty and Central Park, paid their respects at Ground Zero and cheered on an American baseball team all whilst devouring the culinary delights of the city! The views and reviews have been amazing, and it is with great sadness that we prepare ourselves to say goodbye to the Big Apple and begin the long journey home.

Year 12 Celebrate the End of an Era at Blackpool Pleasure Beach

To mark the end of an unforgettable academic journey, Year 12 students headed to Blackpool Pleasure Beach for a day of thrills, laughter, and lasting memories. From the moment the coaches rolled into the iconic seaside resort, excitement was in the air.

Students wasted no time diving into the action, with adrenaline-pumping rides like The Big One, ICON, and Valhalla proving to be firm favourites. For those seeking a more relaxed pace, the beachside atmosphere, classic arcade games, and sweet treats offered the perfect escape.

Staff praised the students for their enthusiasm and camaraderie throughout the day, noting how the trip reflected the strong bonds formed over the past year. Blackpool Pleasure Beach proved to be the perfect backdrop for closing this chapter on year 12.

Italy Sports Work Experience

This summer, a group of enthusiastic students from our college embarked on an unforgettable two-week international work experience to the picturesque town of Borgo Valsugana, nestled in the heart of northern Italy. The trip was more than just a change of scenery—it was a transformative journey that combined sports education, language learning, and cultural exploration.

As part of the program, students took on the exciting challenge of teaching sports lessons to both local school children and visiting college groups. From netball drills to team-volleyball, they applied their knowledge in real-world settings, developing not only their coaching techniques but also their communication skills and teamwork. Working with diverse age groups and language barriers pushed them to adapt and grow, building their confidence with every session.

In addition to their teaching responsibilities, students attended Italian language lessons, immersing themselves in the local culture and enhancing their ability to connect with the community. These lessons proved invaluable, helping them navigate daily life and deepen their appreciation for Italian traditions.

The experience wasn't all work—students also had the chance to explore some of Italy's most iconic destinations. From the romantic canals of Venice, to the historic charm of Verona, and the breathtaking beauty of Lake Garda, each excursion offered a new perspective and a deeper connection to the country they were temporarily calling home.

This international sports work experience in Borgo Valsugana has proven to be more than just a placement—it's been a launchpad for growth, learning, and lifelong memories.

Ambassadors:

At TSFA, we are incredibly proud of our dedicated team of Student Ambassadors who consistently go above and beyond to support college life. Whether it's welcoming families during Parents' Evenings or guiding prospective students through Taster Days, their enthusiasm and commitment shine through.

These students generously give up their time to represent the college with professionalism, warmth, and pride. Their efforts help create a welcoming and informative environment for visitors, and their firsthand insights offer a genuine glimpse into life at our college.

Their contribution is invaluable—not only do they help events run smoothly, but they also play a key role in shaping the positive first impressions that visitors take away. To all our Student Ambassadors: thank you for being such outstanding representatives of our college community. We are truly proud of you.





Trinity Trips 2



TSFA Trips

UCAS Discovery Event:

On Thursday 19 June our Year 12 cohort visited Leeds Beckett University to attend the annual UCAS Discovery Event! It was an exciting day with a buzz amongst students exploring an incredible number of options for post-18 studies, apprenticeship opportunities and next steps in future careers. The weather came through to add to the excellent day as they received advice and guidance on their aspirations. They all made time for an ice cream too! We hope the students had an incredible time and found the day informative to support their decisions.



Art & Design - Y12 Student Exhibition, Halifax Library, 9 July 2025:

The exhibition showcases the work created by our talented Year 12 students. The displayed pieces include artwork from all our A Level art and design disciplines, Art Design and Craft, 3D Design, and Photography. The exhibition's opening is on Wednesday 9 July 2025. The event promises to be a celebration of creativity, the showcased works will remain on display for viewing until Friday, 22 August 2025.



The Art & Design team also recently took a group of students to visit the undergraduate degree shows at Leeds Arts University and Manchester School of Art. The exhibitions showcased an impressive range of creative work, offering students a unique opportunity to experience the vibrant and diverse outcomes of undergraduate study in the arts.

This inspiring trip aimed to raise aspirations and encourage progression within the creative arts sector. By engaging directly with the work of university students, our learners gained valuable insights into the possibilities that lie ahead in their own artistic journeys.

TSFA Year 13 Pop-Up Exhibition Celebrates Creative Talent, Everybody Arts, Thursday 3rd July 2025:

On Thursday 3 July, Trinity Sixth Form Academy, in collaboration with Trinity Academy Halifax, proudly hosted a Pop-Up Graduate Exhibition showcasing the outstanding work of Year 13 students in Art, 3D Design, and Photography. The event highlighted the creativity, skill, and dedication of students through a diverse range of final projects. Families, staff, and the wider community were invited to celebrate the achievements of this talented cohort as they prepare for their next steps in the creative world.



Morocco World Challenge 2025:

This term TSFA undertook it's first ever World Challenge trip to Morocco. Five Yr 13 students flew out to Morocco on the 2nd July for an extraordinary life changing experience and are in the middle of their incredible 13 night experience.

Morocco offers a transformative blend of cultural immersion, physical challenge, and community engagement. The journey began in Marrakech, where participants acclimatised, assigned team roles, and explored the vibrant markets while adjusting to local customs and currency.

From there, the team travelled to a remote oasis town nestled between the High Atlas and Anti-Atlas mountains for a four-day community initiative. Living alongside a farming community, participants contributed to local infrastructure projects, such horticulture, plastering, and mural painting while engaging with nomadic families and learning about water preservation in this arid region.

Next, the adventure that awaits our students is a four-day trek in the High Atlas Mountains, including summiting Oukaïmeden Peak (3,262m), crossing the Tizi N'ou Addi pass (2,960m), and camping under the stars in the Imenane Valley. The trek will conclude in the village of Imi Ourhla, offering a moment of reflection and celebration.

The expedition then shifts to the coastal town of Essaouira, known for its windswept beaches, historic medina, and artisan markets. Students will explore local crafts, visit argan oil cooperatives, and may join art or music workshops, supporting women-led enterprises.



Returning to Marrakech, the final days are spent exploring the city's rich heritage, including Djemaa El Fna Square, bustling souks, and iconic landmarks like the Bahia Palace and Majorelle Gardens. Optional activities include off-road biking through palm groves.

Throughout the journey, students are encouraged to embrace discomfort, develop leadership, and reflect on their global citizenship. The experience fosters resilience, cultural understanding, and a commitment to sustainability—leaving participants forever changed and inspired. What a fabulous way to finish their journey here at TSFA. A well-deserved trip after their A Levels.

Graduation:

June 11 saw our annual Y12 TSFA Graduation Ceremony take place.

This was a record-breaking event with the highest number of students and parents/guardians in attendance ever recorded. Halifax Minster was full to capacity for the event. I would like to congratulate all students that passed TSFA Graduation, your work ethic and commitment to demonstrating the standards, values and behaviours reflected in our TSFA Creed has been a pleasure to see throughout this academic year.

Our **Trinity Talks** programme finished on a high note. Also at our annual Y12 Graduation Ceremony, Kate Dearden MP for Halifax presented an excellent Trinity Talks. The focus of the talk was centered around her own journey and how her own values that reflect closely with our mission and TSFA Creed. Thanks to Kate for attending and putting on an excellent presentation for all present.

Please enjoy the pictures below which allow us to reflect on such a special occasion.



College Celebrates Y13 Students' Remarkable Duke of Edinburgh Achievements

We are bursting with pride as we celebrate our incredible Year 13 students who have successfully completed their Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards—a testament to their resilience, leadership, and commitment to personal growth.

Our Gold students were crowned with a truly unforgettable experience: attending the Gold Award Ceremony at Buckingham Palace, where they were honoured in the presence of royalty and fellow achievers from across the country. The ceremony marked the culmination of months—often years—of dedication to volunteering, physical challenges, skills development, and adventurous expeditions. Our students have not only demonstrated outstanding perseverance and teamwork, but they have also embodied the civic virtues and professional standards we hold dear at the college: courage, mental toughness, work ethic, and compassion. Their achievements inspire the entire college community and set a shining example for younger students.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of our Silver and Gold Award recipients. You've made us incredibly proud, and we can't wait to see where your next adventures take you!





Trinity Events 2

Duke of Edinburgh

Students Conquer Silver and Gold DofE Expeditions

This summer, a group of determined students from our college demonstrated extraordinary resilience, mental and physical toughness, and a true spirit of adventure as they completed their Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Their journey began with a practice expedition in the picturesque Worth Valley, where they honed their navigation, teamwork, and survival skills. But it was in the rugged terrain of the Calder Valley that their true test awaited. Over several intense days, the students undertook their assessed expedition, trekking through some of Yorkshire’s most iconic landscapes—including the towering monument of Stoodley Pike, the enchanting woodlands of Hardcastle Crag, and the sweeping views from Crow Hill.

Each day, they covered approximately 35,000 steps, totaling around 70 kilometers over the course of the expedition. And they did it all under the relentless summer sun, carrying heavy backpacks filled with tents, sleeping bags, clothes, food, and all the essentials needed to be completely self-sufficient.

The expedition was not just a physical challenge, but a mental one too. Long days, steep climbs, and the weight of their gear tested their endurance and willpower. Yet, through blisters, heat, and fatigue, every student pushed forward—supporting one another, solving problems on the go, and proving that they could overcome whatever the trail threw at them.

Their achievement is more than just a tick on a checklist—it’s a testament to their character. Completing a DofE expedition at this level is no small feat. It requires planning, perseverance, and a deep well of inner strength. These students have shown they have what it takes to face challenges head-on and come out stronger on the other side.

We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing their presentations on Friday 29 August.

PLG Events:

🌟 A Year of Impact: Celebrating the Pupil Leadership Group’s Fabulous Events! 🌟

This year, our incredible Pupil Leadership Group (PLG) has gone above and beyond to create meaningful, fun, and inspiring experiences for their peers. Here's a look back at the amazing initiatives they've led:

❤️ Charity PLG

During British Red Cross Awareness Day, our charity raised awareness of the British Red Cross and educated students about humanitarian efforts. They also raised awareness of local volunteering opportunities that our students can get involved in over the summer to make a real difference in the community.

🌍 Diversity PLG

Culture Week was a vibrant celebration of global traditions, featuring delicious food, dazzling dance performances, and joyful cultural showcases. The Diversity PLG also hosted Pride Celebrations filled with music, face glitter, and inclusive fun, promoting love and acceptance for all.

🏃 Physical Health PLG

Our Physical Health PLG organised a thrilling Summer Rounders Competition as well as encouraged staff and students to get involved in Halifax Parkrun Takeover at Shroggs Park, this team got everyone moving and smiling in the sunshine!

🧠 Mental Health PLG

During Mental Health Awareness Week, students explored the NHS’s 5 Steps to Wellbeing through engaging activities and were treated to a special visit from Dexter the Support Dog, bringing comfort and joy to all.

🌱 Earthshot PLG

On Overshoot Day, students got hands-on with sustainability—crafting flowerpots and upcycling clothes to raise awareness about our planet’s limits and how we can protect it.

👑 House Captains

To wrap up the year on a high note, the House Captains led ‘Thank a Staff Member Day’, hosting a heartfelt assembly and encouraging students to write end-of-year thank-you cards to their teachers.

🌟 A huge thank you to all the PLG members for their creativity, leadership, and dedication. You’ve made this year unforgettable



Dates for the Diary.

- **Thursday 21 August** - Y11 Enrolment Day (New Y12)
- **Monday 1 September** - Welcome back Y13 & Group Assembly
- **Wednesday 3 September** - Y13 House Competition & Sports Day
- **Thursday 4 September** - Lessons Start as Normal

Have a relaxing break and we will see you again soon for a new term !