

TRINITY

SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

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Welcome

Principal's Message:

As Term 1 draws to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every young person, parent, and carer who has helped make this start to the academic year so exceptional. Your energy, support, and commitment have helped to cement the inclusive culture and atmosphere across the college.

We began the year celebrating an extraordinary set of summer results, which included:

- 99% pass rate at A-Level
- 100% pass rate for Applied General qualifications
- 75% of subjects outperformed the national average
- 36% of subjects ranked in the top 20% of sixth form colleges nationally
- Trinity Scholar students securing places on their chosen courses at Oxbridge or for medical school, veterinary science or dentistry
- 78% of students progressing to university
- 16% of students progressing into apprenticeships and employment

These outcomes reflect the hard work of our students and staff, and the unwavering support from families. We couldn't be prouder.

Our new Year 12 cohort has transitioned into college life with enthusiasm and maturity. From navigating new subjects to forming new friendships, they've embraced every challenge with positivity. A special highlight was the powerful and moving speech from Luke Ambler, founder of Andy's Man Club, who spoke about mental health, resilience, and the importance of community. His message resonated deeply and set the tone for a year of growth and reflection.

Our Year 13 students have returned with focus and determination, making the transition into their final year well. Their engagement in our bi-weekly SLTea feedback meetings has been outstanding, offering thoughtful insights that help shape our college experience. Our men's football team and women's rugby league team have shown grit and teamwork in matches, representing the college with pride. Meanwhile, our house competitions and sports day kicked off the year with energy and camaraderie, bringing students together in friendly rivalry and celebration. One of our own was selected for the England Community Lions U21 team – a phenomenal achievement!

When I'm asked what the secret to success at sixth form is from a student's perspective, I always think back to our college opening in 2021 and the words of Kevin Sinfield. He told our students, "To be a champion, you have to be a champion at home first." That message has stayed with me ever since. It echoes the spirit of our college motto, a quote from Henry J. Heinz: "To do the common thing uncommonly well."

There is no hidden formula for success at sixth form. It's about mastering the basics—attending every day, being on time, staying focused, completing independent study each week, revising regularly, sleeping well, staying hydrated—the list goes on. But the real key is consistency: doing these things day in, day out, long after most others have stopped. Greatness isn't a prerequisite. The student who works hard, reflects honestly, and holds themselves to high standards will always prevail.

Thank you once again for being part of this journey. Here's to continued success, growth, and joy in the months ahead.





Trinity Roundup

Aspirations

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year in relation to careers and aspirations! All Year 12 students have now been introduced to the Aspirations Programme and the key staff who will be supporting them throughout their journey. Every student has been given access to Unifrog, a universal destinations platform, which they will use over the next two years to explore university courses, career pathways and subject profiles, as well as to log enrichment activities, work experience and skill development.

Meanwhile, our Year 13 students have been working hard on their next steps. Those applying to university have been drafting and refining their personal statements, while others have begun our World of Work programme, which supports students aiming for apprenticeships or employment. This has included a session on degree apprenticeships delivered by the University of Huddersfield. We've also welcomed BBC North to work with our media students and hosted a Geology webinar from the University of Leeds. Looking ahead, we're excited about our annual TSFA Aspirations Conference next half term, where Year 12 students will explore a vibrant careers marketplace and attend seminars tailored to their interests.

A big thank you to the parents who have already offered their support for this event—it's greatly appreciated.



Examination

This term has seen our Year 13's sit their first Progress Check of the year, students' behaviour and conduct during these assessments were exemplary.

This was the first of 4 assessments for Year 13, the aim of the assessment is to provide students with a clear understanding of their current performance and provide both staff and students with data that they can use to support further progress.

Assessment for Year 12 has been lower key, as the emphasis has been on the transition into college life. Staff have used a variety of classroom techniques to check for understanding and HIIP (High Intensity Individual Practice) introduced to start developing exam technique.

Upcoming assessment dates:

- **24 – 28 Nov Year 12 PC1**
- **4 – 5 Dec Year 13 Criminology Controlled Assessment**
- **8 – 9 Dec Year 12 Criminology Controlled Assessment**
- **15 – 19 Dec Year 13 PC2 (Formal Trial Exams, students will only be required to attend their exam sessions during this week)**

End of Term 1 House Leaderboard

The Final Leaderboard:

1 – Dean Clough and Piece Hall

2 – Halifax Minster

3 – Wainhouse Tower

4 – Shibden Hall

Trinity Enrich:

Our Term 1 Trinity Enrich programme has been a great success, offering students a wide range of exciting opportunities to explore new interests and develop skills beyond the classroom.

The extracurricular offers span across 25 different areas ensuring all students can access an enrichment that works for them. From academic clubs like Bar Mock Society and Criminology Society, to creative outlets such as Radio Club, Clay Club, and our first ever TSFA Choir, there's been something for everyone. Sport has also thrived, with strong performances from our Football and Netball teams, and the launch of our first ever TSFA Girls Rugby League Club.

Looking ahead to Term 2, the programme continues to grow with the exciting addition of Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh and a brand-new Miniature Model Making Club. We're proud of the attendance, enthusiasm and engagement shown by our students and look forward to another term of enrichment, creativity, and collaboration

Induction Week at College:

A Powerful Start for Years 12 and 13

This year's Induction Week began with inspiring assemblies for both Year 12 and Year 13 at Halifax Minster, featuring a powerful talk from Luke Ambler of Andy's Man Club. His message about mental health and resilience set a thoughtful tone for the year ahead.

For Year 12 students, the key message was clear: "Say yes and make the most of every opportunity." This spirit of positivity and engagement was reflected in their team-building sessions, designed to help students connect with one another and build strong foundations for collaboration and friendship. The Enrichment Fair was another standout moment, showcasing the wide range of clubs, societies, and trips available—from sports and creative arts to volunteering and international travel.

Meanwhile, Year 13 students were encouraged to "Start strong." With university applications, apprenticeships, and future plans on the horizon, the assembly focused on setting ambitious goals and maintaining momentum from day one.

Induction Week was more than just a welcome—it was a meaningful beginning that set the tone for the year ahead. The messages shared at Halifax Minster encouraged students to embrace challenges, support one another, and take full advantage of the opportunities ahead. We look forward to the year ahead.

Trinity Enrich 2

Football:

Our AOC (Association of Colleges) college league fixtures are now underway, after losing out in a close game against New College Bradford 4-3, the team bounced back with a convincing 5-0 victory away in Pontefract at Ackworth School and Sixth Form.

Next up is a fixture vs Elliot Hudson Sixth Form, Leeds.



Rugby:

On Wednesday 1 October, the Trinity Sixth Form Academy's newly formed female rugby league team made history by stepping onto the pitch for their first-ever college fixture. The team travelled to Castleford Panthers RLFC, where they were treated to an inspiring training session led by members of the England Women's Rugby League squad, including the national head coach, Stuart Barrow.

Following the high-energy session, the girls faced their first competitive challenges. Their opening match against New College Pontefract was a fierce contest, ending in a hard-fought 8-8 draw. Undeterred, TSFA regrouped and took on the formidable Leigh Leopards in their second game, delivering a commanding performance to secure a 12-4 victory.

With one win and one draw under their belts, the TSFA girls remain undefeated as they look ahead to their next tournament at Leigh Sports Village. The future is bright for this trailblazing team!



Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Sign-Up Closing Soon

We're excited to announce that sign-ups for this year's Duke of Edinburgh Award are live on ParentPay for all Year 12 students. Sign up closes on Monday 3 November and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The programme offers students a fantastic opportunity to develop resilience, teamwork, and leadership through outdoor challenges and volunteering. Once signed up, students could select the Silver or Gold pathway. Prior experience of the Duke of Edinburgh programme is not essential. We look forward to seeing who has signed up and look forward to an inspiring and adventurous year ahead.

Year 13 DofE Students Nearing Completion

Our Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh students are now approaching the final stages of their award journey. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and progress throughout the programme. For those completing their Gold Award, we're especially excited as they await their official invitation to Buckingham Palace for the prestigious Gold Celebration event — a truly memorable recognition of their achievement.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support of this enriching programme. We look forward to another successful year of adventure, growth, and achievement.

PLG Events:

Pupil Leadership Group (PLG): Celebrating Community, Culture, and Compassion

Physical Health PLG: Sports Day Sparks House Spirit

This term began with a burst of energy, with the Physical Health PLG responsible for Sports Day, which launched the college's House Competitions. Held at SpringHall athletics track, the event saw students enthusiastically take part in a range of athletic challenges, building camaraderie and pride across all houses. It set the tone for a season of teamwork, friendly rivalry, and school spirit.

Charity PLG: Baking for a Cause

The Charity PLG continued to make a meaningful impact by leading a bake sale in memory of a former student, raising funds for *Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)*. The event was a touching tribute, with students and staff coming together to support a vital cause and honour a cherished member of the college community.

Diversity PLG: Celebrating Languages and Heritage

In celebration of European Day of Languages, the Diversity PLG hosted a vibrant showcase of linguistic and cultural diversity. Through interactive activities and engaging displays, students explored the richness of global communication and the importance of embracing different cultures.

Earthshot PLG: Green Consumer Day Awareness

The Earthshot PLG took the lead in raising awareness for Green Consumer Day, encouraging students to think critically about sustainable choices and the impact of consumer habits on the environment. Their campaign promoted eco-friendly practices and sparked important conversations about responsible living.

Mental Health PLG: Messages of Kindness and Support

To mark World Mental Health Day, the Mental Health PLG reminded students of the importance of mental wellbeing. Students were invited to write positive messages, which were then displayed on the doors in Trinity Eats, creating a wall of encouragement and kindness. In addition, students were asked to wear a green bow on their lanyards to show solidarity and support for mental health awareness across the college.

Diversity PLG: Honouring Black History Month

In honour of Black History Month, the Diversity PLG took over the college's Trinity Plus programme, curating a series of sessions that celebrated Black culture, history, and achievement. From thought-provoking discussions to creative showcases, the programme empowered students to learn, reflect, and celebrate diversity. These events highlight the passion, leadership, and dedication of the Pupil Leadership Group, whose work continues to enrich college life and inspire positive change.





Trinity Current Events & Wellbeing

Current PLG Events:

Current PLG events are:

Earthshot Recycled Clothes Collection – Let’s Make a Difference!

Do you have clothes you no longer wear? Give them a second life and help us protect the planet! As part of our Earthshot initiative, we’re collecting recycled clothes to promote sustainability and reduce waste.

 Drop-off location: Stall outside the AC

 Final collection date: Tuesday 4 November

The clothes donated will then be used in Fashion Show ran by our Earthshot PLG on Friday 7th November. This will follow with a Thrift shop for students and staff on 26 and 27 November and any remaining items will be donated to charity. Every item donated helps us move one step closer to a greener future. Let’s work together to make fashion more sustainable.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal – Spread Joy This Season

TSFA is proud to support the Rotary Shoebox Appeal, bringing comfort and happiness to children and families in need. We’re collecting:

-  Toiletries
-  Children’s clothing
-  Hats and gloves
-  Stationery
-  Books
-  Toys

Your donations will be packed into shoeboxes and delivered to those who need them most to ensure those in need experience joy during the festive season. Every item counts, and every act of kindness makes a difference.

 Donations can be dropped off in reception or in the House boxes outside of the AC. Let’s come together to support our community and the planet. Thank you for your generosity!



Student Wellbeing:

At Trinity Sixth Form Academy, we are committed to supporting the well-being of all our students. We offer a range of services and resources designed to promote mental health, emotional resilience, and personal development. If your child needs support, please don’t hesitate to reach out—our team is here to help every step of the way. Please get in touch with your child's Personal Progress Tutor to explore support.

Special Educational Needs:

We warmly invite all parents and carers of students with SEND to join us for a friendly coffee morning on **Thursday 7 November** at **Trinity Sixth Form Academy**. This is a great opportunity to meet our SEND team, learn more about the support systems we use, and connect with other families. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing how we work together to support every student’s success. A Microsoft forms will be sent out shortly for parents and carers to sign up.



TSFA Trips:

Art, 3D & Photography – London Residential Trip - 6–7 October 2025

Last week, our Art, 3D and Photography students embarked on an exciting two day residential trip to London. We explored world-class institutions including the Tate Modern, Design Museum, V&A, and the Natural History Museum, and even enjoyed a stunning flight on the London Eye. Students gained valuable insight and research for their Personal Investigation projects, sketching and photographing artefacts, installations, and architecture. The experience not only enriched their portfolios but also deepened their understanding of how art interacts with space, history, and society.

Beyond the galleries and museums, students had the chance to experience London life, gaining a real sense of the culture in one of the world’s most creative cities.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect our learning with real-world experiences, and we’re incredibly proud of how engaged, curious and respectful our students were throughout

Social Sciences University Trip - Wednesday 17 September

Year 13 Criminology students went to Leeds Trinity University; there they were able to apply their learning to real life situations such as police booking stations and court rooms. Students also got to experience University life through engaging lectures on both Criminology and Policing.

Biology Field Trip - Thursday 18 September

Students carried out kick sampling to investigate the diversity of invertebrates in the river. In addition to invertebrates students also found crayfish and small freshwater bull head fish. This was part of their A level Biology course. They also sampled nitrate and phosphate levels as part of a national river study called BioBlitz.

Ambassadors:

This term has been an incredibly busy and rewarding one for our dedicated student ambassadors. From Results Day and Enrolment Day to Induction Week, the Year 12 Parent Information Evening, and our recent Open Evening, their commitment has been nothing short of outstanding.

Open Evening alone saw an incredible 174 students generously give up their time to support the event — a true testament to their dedication and school spirit. At every occasion, our ambassadors represented TSFA with the utmost professionalism, consistently greeting guests with warmth and enthusiasm. Their willingness to go above and beyond ensured that each event was a resounding success.

We are immensely proud and grateful to have such exceptional students who embody the values of TSFA and serve as inspiring role models for their peers.

[A heartfelt thank you to all our ambassadors for your hard work and unwavering commitment this term. You truly make a difference.](#)



Trinity + & Trinity Talks

Trinity + Next Term:

In the lead up to the Christmas break our students in Trinity+ will cover the following topics:

Year 12 – Prevent, Protected Characteristics, Bullying, Healthy relationships, , Democracy and PLG launch, Study skills launch, Online safety, CV writing, Positive habits, Drugs and alcohol awareness, Unifrog, Trinity Challenge and Minimising stress and anxiety to support students first progress check.

Year 13 – Prevent, Online Presence and Safety, Personal Health, Lifeadmin, Unifrog, Finance and banking, Food on a budget and Exam anxiety and preparation in the lead up to first set of trial exams.



Trinity Talks:

Trinity Talks: Alison Lowe OBE (Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime – West Yorkshire)

Inspires Students to Seize Every Opportunity

In a powerful and uplifting edition of *Trinity Talks*, students were treated to an inspirational session led by Alison Lowe, whose message of resilience and determination resonated deeply across the college community. Alison shared her personal journey, highlighting the challenges she faced and the unwavering belief that helped her overcome them. Her central message was clear: *never give up and make the most of every opportunity*. She encouraged students to embrace setbacks as stepping stones and to remain open to possibilities, even when the path ahead seems uncertain.

Trinity Talks continues to be a platform for voices that inspire, and Alison Lowe’s visit was a shining example of the power of storytelling to ignite ambition and hope.



Success Stories:

Well done to **Paigan** for being selected for the U21 England Community Lions team - capping off an already brilliant rugby season with Bradford Bulls Women.

Paigan then collected 2 end of season awards for Bradford Bulls Women, these were:

- **Try of the Season**
- **Players Player of the season**

On Friday 10 October Paigan also made her England u21s Debut against an Australian touring side. Paigan contributed to an England u21s 22-18 win!

Dates for the Diary.

- **Tuesday 28 October** - Morocco Sign Up Deadline
- **Monday 3 November** - DofE Sign Up Deadline
- **Monday 10 November - Friday 14 November** - Barcelona Trip
- **Thursday 6 November** - Second Open Evening
- **Tuesday 11 November** - TSFA Remembrance Service at Halifax Minster
- **Wednesday 12 November** - Y12 Aspirations Conference
- **Friday 28 November** - INSET Day
- **Thursday 11 December** - Christmas Jumper Day

Have a relaxing break and we will see you all again on Monday 3 November