



# Holy Trinity School Newsletter



July 2017

## Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and partnership in the work of the school, to ensure your children can make the best progress possible.

As always, the end of the academic year is a time of change and on Thursday we had the last gathering of Y11 for their Prom, before they come to pick up their results on 24<sup>th</sup> August. They arrived in their limousines and fancy cars and all looked amazing in their ball gowns and suits. They had a wonderful time. We wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to hearing how they are doing as they begin the next phase of their lives.

Y6 celebrated their time in the primary phase with the Y5 and Y6 show, the Y6 disco and the Y6 graduation. We are enjoying having them in the secondary phase for their transition and look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Y10 pupils returned from their pilgrimage in Lourdes on 6<sup>th</sup> July. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and made a huge contribution to the experience for the sick and disabled people of our diocese. Well done, Y10.

We also held interviews for the head boy and head girl. The students were very impressive and made Mr Smith and myself very proud – they will make a strong student leadership team. The Head Boy and Head Girl next year will be Jack Aston and Olivia Landon. Congratulations to them both.

A number of staff are leaving us and I would like to thank them for their hard work and contribution to Holy Trinity. We wish them all the very best in the future.

Teaching staff leaving us are Mr Brackley, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Hampshire, Mrs Hubbard, Mr Jones, Miss McAleer, Mr Mullen, Mrs Stainforth, Mr Stainrod, Miss Whitworth and Mrs Wilson. Three support staff are retiring; Mrs Farnsworth (Student Support Officer), Mr Newby (Student Support Officer) and Ms Richards (Lay Chaplaincy Coordinator).

Joining us in September will be secondary teachers Mrs Howlett (maths), Mr Mann (geography), Mrs Riseborough (Head of technology and the arts), Mr Morton, (Science), Mr Ward (Computing), Mrs Waterfall (French). Mrs Morrison (Head of RE) will be returning from maternity leave. Primary teachers joining us are Mrs Nash (Foundation stage), Mrs Walton (Y1), Mrs Woodcock (Y3) and Mrs Kitchen (Y4)

We look forward to working with our new appointees in September.

Finally, we wish our pupils a happy and restful summer and we look forward to seeing them all in September. The autumn term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards and God bless,

*Anna Dickson*

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## Ofsted Update

We have provisional results for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and are pleased to say that outcomes for our pupils have improved this year. We continue to work hard so that further improvements can be made over the coming year.

We would like to thank the schools that have worked alongside our primary phase to support this improvement; also, to thank Mrs Bullars and Mrs Scott who have worked alongside the Senior Leadership team to help us to address the issues

raised in the Ofsted report. Mrs Scott will be with us again for 2 days a week in September. We will also continue to work with colleagues in the local authority.

One of the issues that was raised in the Ofsted report was the level of attendance of some of our pupils. The average attendance was below national. We would also like to thank parents for working with us to improve attendance this year, which is currently almost in line with National 2016 in both the

primary and secondary phases. Regarding Conversion to Academy status. The Dioceses and the Local Authority have continued to work towards this. It is anticipated that we will become an academy in the autumn term. We will become part of the Hallam Schools' Partnership Academy Trust. When we become part of the Trust we will continue to be called Holy Trinity. In response to enquiries from parents, I can confirm that there will be no changes to the school uniform.

## News and Events

### Fundraising for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation



Lee Brown, (left) from Y10 organised a 'Guess the Name of the Bear' competition to raise funds for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation at school. It was won by Adam Stott of Y8, who is pictured with the bear. Lee managed to raise a fantastic £156.33 with this competition!

### Vehicles

As you know, there is limited access to the school site for cars. This can create problems when pupils are being dropped off or picked up. Where possible, it would be very helpful if parents and carers could park away from school and walk a short distance. Barnsley Bowl allows us to use their car park for this purpose.

When driving onto school premises, please drive with care at all times. Under no circumstances should any vehicle be parked in the disabled parking bays, unless a valid blue badge is held. Thank you for your co-operation.

### School Dinners

Please note that for all pupils and students who have a school dinner, the prices from September, will be as follows:

Primary Phase: £2.00

Secondary Phase: £2.10.



# Could you coach a young person?

The Raising Aspirations project is recruiting volunteer coaches to support young people across Barnsley. The aim of the project is to improve young people's self-belief and raise their aspirational life goals so they can fulfil their potential. It achieves this by matching coaches with young people from local secondary schools.

The coach will meet with their student on a one-to-one basis once or twice every half term for no more than one hour. Meetings are conducted on school premises, during school hours and regular support and training is provided to all coaches.

If you are interested in becoming a Raising Aspirations coach or would like to find out more about the project please ring 01226 216480 or email [raisingaspirations@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:raisingaspirations@barnsley.ac.uk).





## When the School Council Met the Mayor

Members of the Holy Trinity Student Council were recently given the opportunity to visit Barnsley Town Hall and meet the Mayor, Cllr Jeff Ennis. They were also allowed into the Council Chamber where they quizzed the Mayor on his role and the structure of Barnsley Council.

Whilst there, they signed a book of condolence for the victims of the Manchester terror attack. The students were accompanied by Miss Hunt and Mr Gray who were very proud of their engagement and exemplary

behaviour. The trip was designed to inform the students of how our School Council would be structured and led to a greater understanding of the importance of their role. Francesca Jones, a member of our School Council said, "I really enjoyed the visit. We were allowed into the Mayor's parlour and learned about the special artefacts and where they originated from. It was fascinating as some were very old. My favourite item was the Mayor's robes that he wears for special occasions. When we

were in the Council Chamber, where debates take place to discuss crucial issues, we were able to use the microphones that councillors use. I asked how he became Mayor and he told us about how he was a teacher first, then became a councillor, then he was nominated to be a MP representing Barnsley East. Twenty years later he became Mayor of Barnsley. From the trip, I learnt about how debates take place and how the Council is arranged. My favourite part of the trip was looking at the royal mace which is carried to every meeting and shown when royalty visit."




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### Careers Advice & Guidance

Assist

Help

Support

Guide

At Holy Trinity we provide free one-to-one career guidance to our students. We believe that Careers Advice & Guidance is key to raising aspirations in young people.

By showing them the opportunities that are available, we hope to inspire and encourage our students to make good career and educational choices; helping them to achieve their full potential.

**Every individual deserves a chance**

Miss Hardcastle

### Holy Trinity Nursery

As you may know, we have a very successful nursery here at Holy Trinity.

We currently have places available for children to start in September 2017, for both morning and afternoon sessions.

For further details, please see the school website:

[www.holytrinitybarnsley.org](http://www.holytrinitybarnsley.org)

You can find all of the information and application forms for applying to the Nursery on the 'About Us' page.

## Y8 and Y10 Drama



*As part of AC day our Y8 students took part in a workshop on stage combat. They had a brilliant time learning how to fake slap, drop kick and hair pull for the stage. The whole day was a lot of fun and the students did brilliantly.*



*The Y10 Drama group went on a wonderful trip to New College Pontefract to see Footloose the musical. They did the school proud and we even spotted ex-student Daniel Storrie in the production.*



## Out and About on AC Day

### Year 10 Geography

A group of our Y10 Geography students visited Scarborough accompanied by Mr Brackley, Mr Fox and Miss Wiles.

The visit was to support students' studies for the AQA GCSE Geography course. Students started off on the tranquil North Bay looking at human and physical features of the coastline which included headlands and bays and even a coastal stump!

Students took part in map work and questioned locals and tourists, to obtain their views on the future of the resort. Students then walked the coastal road to the South Bay where they had a look at Scarborough's extensive sea defences. There was even time for a bit of rock pooling and paddling in the North Sea! They were also lucky enough to have some free time to enjoy the sunshine. Owen Rushforth did a bit of celeb-spotting and managed to get a photograph with Robson Green who was being followed around by a film crew! A fun day was had by all.



### Year 8 get Spooked!

Miss Newton, Miss Walker, Mr Thomlinson, Mr Henderson and forty-four of our Y8 students enjoyed a sunny day in Whitby, as part of our most recent AC Day activities.

Students found out about the ghostly history of Whitby, by going on a Ghost Walk around the town, led by 'The Man in Black'. If that wasn't enough,



they were then left petrified by 'The Dracula Experience'.

After tackling the 199 steps up to Whitby Abbey, they took the opportunity to have a rest, take in the sights and to enjoy a well-earned ice-cream!

Everyone had a brilliant day and really enjoyed themselves.

When students return to school in September and begin their Y9 studies, they will be studying the Gothic Horror genre.



## Art and Anatomy

You may have seen the recent report in the Barnsley Chronicle about Holy Trinity's Y10 art students, who have been learning how art is used to teach anatomy in hospitals.

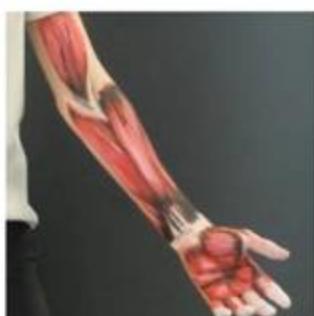
Dr Meg Anderson, who currently works with trainee doctors and is training to become a surgeon herself, visited school to demonstrate the techniques to our students.

She spoke with them about her job and the training required for a career in medicine. With the help of a model, she also showed them how the artistic techniques work, before allowing them the opportunity to practise by themselves. After first creating drawings on paper, they then developed their skills by using face paints to draw anatomy on their skin.

Ms Wilson, our Head of Technology and the Arts was very pleased with the results, she said, "This was an amazing and rare experience for our students and the results were fabulous!" Whilst in school, Dr Anderson, who is originally from Wakefield and now works in Edinburgh, also met with students who are considering a career in medicine.



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## Goodbye Y11!

This term we also said goodbye to our brilliant Y11 students! We are very pleased to have been able to share these important years with them and are very proud of everything they have achieved whilst being at Holy Trinity. We look forward to hearing how they all get on in the next stage of their education and careers.



## Lourdes Pilgrimage

Every year a group of our Y10 students go to Lourdes on pilgrimage to help the sick and disabled who have travelled from the Hallam Diocese.

This year our students were accompanied by Miss Meehan.



the most of this opportunity.





## Reception Trip to Scarborough

Our Reception Class had a brilliant day on their trip to Scarborough. They played on the beach and had lots of fun being pirates at the Sea Life Centre!



## Y3/Y4 Athletics

Mr Mullen took a group of Y3 and Y4 pupils to Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre to take part in the annual athletics competition. They took part in numerous track and field events including long jump, discus and races for both relay and sprinting. Boys and girls performed amazingly well and represented the school brilliantly. They even managed to finish in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall. This was a fantastic achievement as they'd had little time to practise, but thanks to lots of effort from the children and a bit of good coaching from Mr Mullen, they ended up on top!





## Raising Aspirations Celebration Event

Mr Fox and Mrs Hardcastle were very proud to accompany a group of students to a celebration event for the Raising Aspirations project, which was held at The Cube, Barnsley College.

The guest speaker was Barnsley FC Manager and Head Coach, Paul Heckingbottom, who also handed out the certificates. It was a fantastic evening, with all students also getting goody bags.

The Holy Trinity group was made up of Ronni Slenters, Savannah Taylor, Adam Stott and Connor Binns, (pictured). As well as enjoying the celebration, our students were very happy to also win the prize of a £10 gift voucher for coming first in a quiz competition, which was all about Barnsley. The money will be spent on sweets for the students.

The Raising Aspirations programme is part of Holy Trinity's continued commitment to the enrichment of students' academic lives.

The programme of work incorporates guest speakers, career fairs and social enterprise activities.

The programme inspires targeted students to improve their academic and career goals.





## Science

A lot of work is being done in the science department to engage and inspire our students. Science covers so many topic areas and disciplines, there's always something that will capture your interest...



### Science Club

This term, our science club members have been working hard at the gardens, growing vegetables. This will contribute towards them achieving their Bronze Crest Awards.

### Zoo Lab

For AC Day, the Science Department organised for Zoo Lab to come in and introduce our Y7 students to their animals.

We ran a session on taxonomic classification and the students had great fun interacting with the animals!



## Y6 Residential to Kingswood

After everyone has worked so hard and done their SATS, it's good to get out and have some fun – and that is exactly what our Y6 pupils did on their recent trip to Kingswood!

They had an action-packed few days, with archery, canoeing and the scary-looking 'leap of faith'. It's fair to say that they had a brilliant time and made the most of every minute.



## Key Stage 3 Reading Challenge

All of our Key Stage 3 students have continued their reading journey. Between them they have read a massive 51,077,508 words since September! Well done to all students!

The table shows the students who came top in each class for the number of words read.

A special mention – and a big round of applause – for the three students who have now joined the Millionaires Club having each read more than a million words this year!

They are,  
 Marcie Heckingbottom: 1,322,274  
 Logan Phelan: 1, 295, 324  
 Spencer Harrod: 1,072,428  
 This is an amazing achievement and something to be very proud of – well done!

Teaching Group	Name	Word Count
7A1	Marcie Heckingbottom	1,322,274
7A2	Lauren Conway	151,452
7A3	Jed Wagstaff	126,428
7B1	Annaleise Wainwright	584,670
7B2	Casey Morgan	366,291
8A1	Francesca Jones	480,339
8A2	Logan Phelan	1,295,324
8A3	Daniel Bankes	203,419
8B1	Nia Parry	229,854
8B2	Abigail Berry	833,577
9A1	Thomas Smetana	495,344
9A2	Rosie Wood	337,008
9A3	Josh Steer	507,102
9B1	Bradley Harris	386,685
9B2	Daniel Lawton	84,460