



Holy Trinity School Newsletter



Spring 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are already half way through the academic year!

We have had a number of visits during the half term, some of which you will find out more about in this newsletter. We were very proud of our primary choir who did so well in the Young Voices event in Sheffield's FlyDSA Arena. Year 2 had a great day at the Yorkshire Museum, Year 3 visited Cresswell Craggs and Year 6 visited the Hepworth Gallery. Key Stage 4 students had a trip to the theatre to see 'An Inspector Calls' and, during the Alternative Curriculum Day visited a Science Live event. Thank you to the staff for organising and running these events, for the volunteer parents who have supported them and to all our pupils who are always a credit to the school on visits.

Our Year 11 students are counting down to their GCSE exams now with 9 school weeks to go before the written exams begin. They have received their mock exam results, their GCSE entries information and their GCSE exam timetables. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Y11 parents' evening. It was great to see so many of you in school.

Our Year 10 students are also preparing for their futures. They have had support to write CVs and took part in mock interviews before Christmas with local employers and staff from further education. This week they are completing their work experience.

Our Year 9 have also begun to think about their futures as they have started to think about the options they will take in Key Stage 4 during a session on our Alternative Curriculum Day.

Year 6 are getting ready for their SATs and have completed Mock SATs this half term. They too have 9 school weeks before their SATs begin.

And finally, congratulations to Mrs Oldcorn who gave birth to a bouncing 8lb 1oz baby boy!

Thank you again for your support and God bless,

Anna Dickson

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NEWS ROUND UP

Catenian Public Speaking Competition

The annual Catenian Public Speaking Competition takes place on Sunday March 8th. Some of our Y11 students are putting their best foot forward! The competition begins at 2pm at St Thomas a Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield.

Christian Unity Week

During form periods our staff and students observed an octave of prayer for Christian unity. A service was also held in the Chapel to pray for Christian Unity during that week.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Worship -Mr. Fox, Mrs. Brookes and our Y11 students delivered worship throughout the week beginning 27th January to mark Holocaust Memorial day. Mrs. Brooke shared her experience of visiting Auschwitz with our students. The worship provided opportunities for our students to develop their knowledge and understanding of what happened to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution.

The Green Man

Year 8 art pupils were set a challenge recently; to create their own interpretation of 'The Green Man'. The students that took part in the challenge had to create their interpretations using only materials they would normally find in their own homes.

Charlie Denton, from class B8, baked and decorated this amazing cake, and was voted as first prize winner by his classmates. Well done Charlie!



An Inspector Calls



The students in Y10 and Y11 were offered the chance to see the brilliant staged version of JB Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'.

45 students accompanied the English Team on the trip to The Alhambra Theatre Bradford. The trip was not only a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience an amazing bit of theatre, it was also a great supplement to their study of the GCSE Literature course.

As always, the performance did not disappoint! If anyone would like to take their child to see this production, it is also being shown at The Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield later this year.



Books, Books, Books

Every Day is World Book Day at Holy Trinity

Here at Holy Trinity, we think reading is super important. Our students are constantly encouraged to explore the world of literature and we take great pride in helping them to do so. Our English classes even have a league table!

These league tables help the students measure how many books they've read and even gives them a total word count since the start of the school year.

Student	Number of books read since September 2019
Ashleigh Mason	25
Alisha Battle	23
Freya Parkin	19
Lucy Brammah	17
Ryan Wood	17
Jack Spittle	17
Matty Harrod	16
Alex Sands	13
Eliot Howlett	12

Because of our love for literature, we can't wait to celebrate World Book Day, on Thursday the 5th of March.

The whole school will be celebrating our love of reading and the students will receive a £1 book token. We can't wait!

English Class	Student	Number of words read since September 2019
7X1	Gracie Hawcock	245,733
7X2	Abbie Proud	251,829
7X3	Kai Himsworth	56,866
7Y1	Scarlett Jessey	174,511
7Y2	Chloe Townend	223,424
8A1	Alisha French	323,684
8A2	Tia Pritchard	234,312
8A3	Maya Taylor	187,163
8B1	Thomas Turner	38,464
8B2	George Wainwright	60,078
9A1	Ellie Stephenson	328,844
9A2	Sophie Gill	142,590
9A3	Abigail Binns-Riley	223,737
9B1	Diesel Cook	477,966
9B2	Jake Sidlow	115,684

Dance Star

Thallia Pittam, from year 8, recently took the IDTA Classical Award Ballet exam and gained a distinction.

She currently attends Jill Brooke's School Of Dance. She started dancing there in 2016 having taken primary ballet with another dance school. In the 3 years she has been attending classes at Jill Brooke's, she has taken all grades up to grade 5 and the recent Classical Award.

She has also recently started pointe work in preparation for the Intermediate Ballet exam. In addition to ballet, Thallia also takes classes in modern, tap and contemporary dance. She has taken numerous exams in modern and tap and is due to take grade 5 modern and grade 4 tap at the end of March.

Thallia will be performing with her dance school at the Take 2 Theatre on the 7th June.



‘The God who Speaks – The Year of the Word’

on return to school in January, Mrs. McKinney reminded our students about the ‘Year of the Word’ initiative.

In partnership with the Bible Society, this initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God’s word throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales from 30th September until the end of December 2020. The year 2020 sees the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on The Word of the Lord. The year 2020 is also the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome’s death. These are strong reasons for us to embark at this time on a creative and deeper engagement with the Holy Scriptures across the life of each diocese. It began in 30th September 2019 which was the Feast of St Jerome and it was he who said to us: ‘Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.’ Jerome’s Commentary on Isaiah [Nn.1.2: CCL 73, 1-3]).

Scripture is foundational to the life of the Church and so we want to celebrate, share and live out our faith through deeper Scriptural engagement. We are supporting the church’s mission, as we want to create new and renewed encounters with Christ through the Scriptures.

The three themes for this year are to:

1. Celebrate God’s Word by enriching our worshipping and spiritual community.
2. Living God’s word through our social action and outreach.
3. Sharing God’s word through our formation, proclamation and ‘evangelisation’.

Forthcoming Dates

Spring Term 2020

Friday 14th February	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 24th February	School re-opens
Tuesday 25th February	Y11 Mock English Literature Exam
Thursday 27th February	Y11 Mock Maths Exam
Friday 28th February	Primary Reports to parents
Tuesday 3rd March	Y11 Mock Maths Exam
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5th March	Primary Parents’ evening
Friday 6th March	Y11 Mock Maths exam
Friday 13th March	AC Day
Thursday 19th March	Mothers’ Day Liturgies
Friday 20th March	INSET Day
Wednesday 25th March	Y11 Mock English Language exam
Friday 27th March	Y11 Mock English Language exam
Wednesday 1st April	Y3/4 Easter concert
Thursday 2nd April	Y9 parents’ evening
Friday 3rd April	Holy Week Liturgies
Friday 3rd April	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 20th April	School re-opens