



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS June 2009

Trinity School

Dear Parents and Carers

The penultimate Newsletter of the school year, and what a year it has been! The two following items cover the main events, but we are always shocked, at the end of each week almost, at how much we squeeze into the life of the school. It is very good to see so much taking place across the school. Of course, this is dominated now by exams for years 10, 11, 12 and 13, but there are many many good lessons happening in Years 7,8 and 9 as well, and so much else besides, which I hope this newsletter gives a flavour of.

Two things I would highlight, which are rightly emphasized in the Ofsted report: what the school achieves comes from a team effort, with all staff involved in supporting each other and in moving the school forward. That team effort also extends more widely to governors and the Local Authority who have encouraged the school much this year. It also includes parents and carers, and our thanks to all of you for that.

And secondly and most importantly, it centres on the students. The Ofsted team members were so impressed with all the young people they met, who represented and *presented* the school so well, speaking openly to them and explaining what the school means to them. Many thanks indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Mottoshead

Headteacher

Ofsted

The article in the News and Star only made it on to page 15, but it was very heartening to see the work of the school celebrated, and many people have said kind and supporting things since the publication of the report. So I am writing to say thank you to you all for your part in what has been and is being achieved in the school. Your support and encouragement are always appreciated, from coming to Parents' Evenings, through your willingness to send your children round the county the country and the world with us, to making sure that we keep getting things right by being straight with us when we do not.

We have gone through much together in Carlisle in past years. The efforts that were made in 2005 to repair and then rejuvenate the city after the Floods have been huge, and the £20 million investment in our school is a part of that. Let us hope that the whole picture, for every school and for many other parts of our communities become increasingly positive, happy and successful in the coming years. We shall carry on doing our bit.

Rebuild

Friday 22nd May was our official 'cutting of the first turf' and I hope that you saw the lovely coverage of that in the paper. We re-enacted the ceremony from 1938, where a young school-boy (whose name we have been told is George Stephenson) dug the soil for the beginning of the building of The Creighton and Margaret Sewell schools. We asked the youngest students in the school, born towards the end of August and in Year 7 now, to start the process. We also involved Brian Armstrong, the Chair of Governors and representatives of Border Construction. The current House Captains, and the Head Boy (Tom Short) and the Head Girl (Laura Johnston) from last year who have been so involved in the project with the school's staff, also took part.

So it has all begun, and with much pace. The good weather has really helped and the Border Construction team has been superb with us so far, given that this is such a complicated operation. We are expecting that the new block for Science, ICT and Design and Technology will be ready to take over in summer next year, being added to the timetable from September 2010.

We will place regular updates on the school's website – www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk

RECENT EVENTS

Year 11 Leaving Day

We said our farewells to our Year 11 students on Friday 22nd May with a very moving leaver's assembly in the Margaret Sewell Hall. Best wishes to all students for their GCSE exam results and chosen career path. We look forward to welcoming back those who have decided to return to sixth form next term.

Cathedral House Services

It is always a pleasure to celebrate the end of the school year at the Cathedral House services. It is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Trinity students and to thank God for another successful year. It is amazing to hear the broad range of activities our students are involved with and encouraging to see the different ways in which they care for each other. Pacific joined us last Monday 8th June. It is America's turn on the 15th June, Europe on the 29th June, and Africa on the 6th July. Due to Year 10 Work Experience Asia House Service will now be held on 13th July.

Year 7 Readathon

This is a charity which raises money for CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation and both of these charities help children who are very ill with cancer, leukaemia and other blood disorders, epilepsy or acquired brain injury. Readathon money not only helps children and teenagers through this long process, but also the mums and dads with transport and visits to hospital, household costs, wheelchairs, special holidays and anything else that will help to get a very ill child back on its feet again. **Our dedicated Year 7 have raised nearly five hundred pounds through sponsored reading.** This is an amazing amount of money - well done!

Visit of an Olympic gold medalist

As this is being written and printed, the double Olympic gold medalist, Sarah Ayton, who has won sailing golds in both Athens and Beijing, is in school on Friday 12th June. She is completing a big cycling marathon to raise money for heart charities and to start to raise people's awareness of the 2012 London Olympics. She has been speaking to a Year 8 assembly. We chose Year 8 as they have had a particularly strong year in many sporting events, and they will be the class of 2012, whose summer exams will precede the Games. Thanks to Mr Foster for organizing this event.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Year 13 Leavers' Ball – Friday 19th June

Now this year is going to be a poignant one for me personally because the outgoing Year 13 students were the ones who joined the school with me in September 2002. As I said to them at the Leavers' Service in the cathedral in mid May, it is going to be mighty strange in September being in school without them! The Leavers' Ball should be a wonderful event with which to bring things to a close and to a celebration.

USA Exchange – Celebration evening

We very much hope all students who attended the USA Exchange trip in April and their parents/carers will be able to attend an informal get together on **Tuesday 23rd June at 7.00 pm in the Creighton Hall.**

Year 5 Open Evening – Wednesday 24th June, Margaret Sewell Building

Presentations will be made by senior staff at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm around which there will be guided tours and free time for parents/carers and students to meander through departments of particular interest.

Cultural Bazaar – Sunday 28th June 2009, 11.00 am – 6.00 pm

Following the success of this splendid occasion last year, this year promises to be an even bigger and more impressive event of cultures from around the world. Everyone is welcome to come along and it is free! Different cultures are celebrated through music, dance, clothing, art and food. For further information please contact info@multicumbria.org

Junior Prize Giving – Monday 13th July, 7.00 pm, St. Cuthberts Church

Presentations are made to Year 7 and 8 students for their achievements over the last year. It is always a really happy occasion with a very good atmosphere and is, in many cases, the first introduction of new parents to a Trinity ceremony. It is therefore a very important event.

Work Experience

This year we are breaking with tradition and we have moved our Work Experience week from the regular week just before October half term in Year 11 to the last week of June for Year 10. We have done this so that Autumn Term in year 11 can focus more straightforwardly on GCSEs and other courses, and on the coursework completion needed for those. Students have just received the details about their placement. We are sure that they will represent the school well and we hope that the week is very informative for them as they start to plan not only for Year 11 but for what happens after that.

'Under Milk Wood'

Because of the pressure of the Year 12 AS exams co-inciding with the rehearsals for 'Under Milk Wood' we have decided to postpone the production to November. Trinity Theatre Company Sixth Form play is now likely to happen in that slot each year. Therefore the Trinity Staff Players' offering will take place in late June/early July each year from now on. (It is such a sensible move it has come as a shock to us that we had not thought of it before ...sorry!)

Drama

Year 10 Drama GCSE students are currently working on Devised children's Plays, which are going to be performed at Houghton School on 9th July.

Rehearsals are underway for our contribution to the Shakespeare Schools, a national initiative involving 10,000 students. We are going to present a half hour version of 'Henry V', and the cast of 27 talented and enthusiastic students, aged from 11-15, are getting to grips with Shakespeare's language in what promises to be a very exciting production.

Two other plays, written and directed by Trinity School students in Year 10 and Year 12, are also currently being cast. Further details to follow.

Trinity Band Trip to New Hampshire, USA

We are delighted to have been invited to take the Trinity Band on an exchange visit to Dover High School, New Hampshire in October 2009. More than that, we are going in partnership with the Annan Pipes and Drums band. We will play concerts in the school and in the town, including playing at half time in the American Football game! We will visit Boston and play outside Quincy Market and also do some workshops with the Boston Arts Academy.

Please contact Mrs Richardson, Head of Music if you would like further details.

Dover High School band will then make the return trip to us in April next year, following their very successful first visit in April 2007.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Results days this summer:

AS/A2 Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2009

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 27th August 2009

Year 7 Trip to Holland

A meeting for parents/carers of students going on the Year 7 trip to Holland will be held on 17th June at 7.00 pm in the Carloli Refectory.

REQUEST REMINDER

The school Library is collecting 'BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS' tokens which are being printed daily in The Times and Sunday Times. We would be very grateful if parents and carers would collect these for the school. Students can either hand in the tokens or place them in the collection boxes at both the Chapman and Carloli Libraries. Thank you.

We are also collecting the Tesco vouchers for schools and clubs and these can be handed to Form Tutors or Central Office

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Congratulations to the Girls Under 18 and Under 16 Football teams on becoming County Champions. The Under 18 Team played Kirby Kendal School and won 5 – 1 and Under 16 team played Cartmel School and won 5 – 2. Also the Girls Under 13 seven-a-side team for becoming County Champions too after playing six games in the final and winning them all! Well done to all who took part.

Congratulations to the Boys Under 14 and Under 13 teams in their success in the Carlisle City Finals. Unfortunately the Under 16 team and Under 15 team both lost by one goal. Final scores: Under 16 - Trinity 0 RRCA 1, Under 15 – Trinity 3 RRCA 4, Under 14 – Trinity 1 RRCA 0, Under 13 – Trinity 2 Caldew 0.

Athletics

Well done to all teams who took part in the Carlisle Schools Athletics Competition. Final results as follows: Junior Girls – 1st Place, Junior Boys – 2nd Place, Intermediate Girls – 2nd Place, Intermediate Boys – 1st Place.

Orienteering

We are delighted that Trinity School gained 1st place in the BorderLiners' Carlisle and North Cumbria Schools Orienteering League 2009. Secondary Boys Individual Top Scores: 1st Camas Millar (Year 7), 3rd Gavin Cawper (Year 8) and 4th Stephen Byers (Year 7).

Water Polo

Congratulations to the Trinity team who were placed 3rd overall in the Under 16 National Water Polo final. The Trinity team was Dylan Smith, Matthew Grieve and Jake Harrison (Year 11), Alex Rose, Jason Bell and Sam Barker (Year 10), Tom Grieve, Kieran Harrison and Andrew Robinson Year 8) and Amy Barker (Year 7).

TERM DIARY – for SUMMER TERM 2009

Monday 15 th June	America House Service, 11.15 am at the Cathedral
Tuesday 16 th June	Work Ready Day for Year 10
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 7 Trip to Holland Mtg for Parents/Carers 7.00pm Carliol Refectory
Friday 19 th June	Year 13 Leavers Ball
w/c 22 nd June	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 22 nd June	Sixth Form Enrolment (External Students)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sixth Form Enrolment (External Students) April 2009 USA Exchange Evening, 7.00 pm in the Creighton Hall
Wednesday 24 th June	Sixth Form Enrolment (External Students), Year 5 Open Evening, 6.30 pm
Friday 26 th June	Year 8 Reports to Parents/Carers, Year 10 Interim 2 to Parents/Carers
Sunday 28 th June	Cultural Bazaar, Trinity School, 11.00 am – 6.00 pm
Monday 29 th June	Europe House Service, 11.15 am at the Cathedral
Tuesday 30 th June	Futures Ready/UCAS Info Evening for Parents/Carers Year 12
Wednesday 1 st July	Sixth Form Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Higher Education Conference at the Sands Centre, Rock Night, 7.00 pm, Creighton Hall
3 rd – 7 th July	Duke of Edinburgh expedition
w/c 6 th July	Year 7 trip to Netherlands
Monday 6 th July	Africa House Service, 11.15 am, at the Cathedral
7 th – 11 th July	Duke of Edinburgh expedition
Wednesday 8 th July	Intake Evening – Parents/Carers 1
Thursday 9 th July	Intake Evening – Parents/Carers 2
Friday 10 th July	Year 7 Reports to Parents/Carers
11 th – 15 th July	Duke of Edinburgh expedition
Monday 13 th July	Asia House Service, 11.15 am, venue to be confirmed Junior Prize Giving, 7.00 pm in St. Cuthberts Church
Tuesday 14 th July	Sports Day at the Sheepmount
15 th – 20 th July	Duke of Edinburgh expedition
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 9 Reports to Parents/Carers
Thursday 16 th July	End of Term
19 th – 23 rd July	Duke of Edinburgh expedition

2009 SUMMER TERM		
First Day of Term Monday 20 th April	Last Day of Term Thursday 16 th July	Half Term Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May

TERM DATES 2009/2010

AUTUMN TERM 2009		
STARTS Wednesday 2 nd September (1 st September – INSET day) Number of school days in term – 73	ENDS Friday 18 th December	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Monday 26 th October Friday 30 th October
SPRING TERM 2010		
STARTS Tuesday 5 th January (4 th January – INSET day) Number of school days in term – 63	ENDS Friday 26 th March	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
SUMMER TERM 2010		
STARTS Monday 12 th April Number of school days in term – 63	ENDS Thursday 15 th July	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4 th May HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June