



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS APRIL 2012

Trinity School

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back from what I hope was a very happy Easter and a good holiday from school for students ... and for families too!

This newsletter appears on the third Friday of this month, as the usual second Friday was part of the holiday – hope that this does not disturb your routines too much.

The main purpose for writing to you all this month concerns the completing of Phase III of our rebuild, into which we have been moving over the holiday and which has opened for students and for staff on Monday this week. Thanks go again to Border Construction for getting us ready on time and in good fettle. Thanks also to Jane MacDonald for organising so much of the move, and to Stan Bailey and the site team and their helpers for making the move actually happen. The ICT team also gave much time to ensure that the network stretched effectively into Phase III and that everything worked too. Thanks also to our cleaners who have worked well indeed to make us ready to open – and we have. A fine team effort – thanks to all.

What we have done then is to refurbish the Margaret Sewell building, providing new facilities for the Maths Department and the new Pastoral Centre for the 11-16 school. The school's Central Office has moved and the Finance Office is about to do so as well, and both of these are now in a main admin suite, just next to the Chapman Library. The most eye-catching parts of Phase III are the stunning new entrance hall, linking through into Phase II, and the landscaping of the Margaret Sewell courtyard. What was the Eden Dining Hall has been turned back into what it used to be – a gym, with its proper sprung floor. The Chapman Library has also stopped being a detached property and is now linked to the main building. You will also have noticed the remodeling of the front of the school on Strand Road.

There are therefore some important changes concerning where you will find people and where students need to go if they need anything!

Basically, the starting point is now the **main School Reception** which is located **at the new entrance onto Strand Road**. Anyone visiting the school is asked to come there first of all. It also acts as our centre for services for students, and they have found its open access – not to mention its size! – easy to find and to work with. If you have things to drop off for your children, who may have forgotten something for school, or if you are collecting someone from school, then this is the place to come to. There is a small amount of visitor car parking here too.

Located just round the corner from the new Reception area is my office, along with Mrs Clarke, my PA. Mr Kay, Deputy Headteacher, is just across the way, and Mrs Johnston, Deputy Headteacher, is just upstairs – so this is where to come if you have meetings with any one of us.

Indeed, Central Office is now here as well and, in a couple of weeks' time, the Finance Office will move down here from the Carloliol Building. The idea is to make things simpler and communication easier by bringing the running of the school into one area. We hope that that is how you find it in due course!

We now have two ways in to the 11-16 school: the Zero Path entrance and the new main entrance on Strand Road. The **doors open for students at 8.00am**, so can we ask that they do not arrive much before then (which is the same as we ask already). Thank you.

We hope that Parents Evenings or Adult Education classes or other visits give you the opportunity to come and look over Phase III – it looks superb! We will organise a chance to you to visit later this half term too.

Meanwhile, Phase IV has started in earnest, and some demolition at the front of the Creighton Building has started this week, as the project moves into its last section.

So, a busy half term ahead as we move towards the exam season and indeed the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We hope that the weeks ahead go well for all students, particularly those completing exam courses in the older years of the school.

I look forward to welcoming you to the 'new' school in the coming weeks.

Alan Mottershead

Headteacher

Chaplaincy

April is the season when we start to see God's creation bloom with trees and flowers beginning to open. The Romans called this month Aprilis, the name coming from the verb aperire (to open). April is renowned for its changeable, showery weather, but these April showers are important for the growing crops, as the old saying reminds us:

March winds and April showers
Bring forth May flowers.

This reminds us that often something unpleasant must be born in order for something good to be brought forth. Many students will be experiencing this at the moment as they revise hard in the hope of good results. April may have its many moods but it is the month when so much of nature is beginning to emerge after winter. Robert Browning (1812-1889) begins his *Home Thoughts from Abroad* by reflecting on April in his homeland.

Oh, to be in England now that April's there
And whoever wakes in England sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England—now!

Mrs Milligan, Chaplain

RECENT EVENTS

Uganda

Fundraising for the Uganda Project has continued with a Quiz Night and an Auction of Promises at the end of March in Scotby Village Hall. It was attended by over 80 people who answered questions on topics such as television and films, famous people, phobias, sport and music and was won by Judith Clarke's team. The Auction of Promises proved very successful with bids for a wide variety of promises including a flat in Spain, caving, research into family history, baby sitting and even a dissection by a member of staff in the Science Department. Food was provided and there was also a raffle. A total of £1000 was raised by the event. This was then followed by another cake sale before the Easter holidays at which about £100 was raised. More events will follow this term starting with a raffle and a sponsored event at the beginning of May. **Mrs Jary**

Ski trip to Prato Nevosa

The bi-annual ski trip set off to the Italian mountains of Prato Nevoso during the first week of the Easter half term, taking 49 students and 6 staff. Three resorts and one hotel change later, we managed to seek out some snow, taking on the role of hurricane storm chasers on a quest for white covered mountains. Rayburn Tours provided the trip with professionalism and patience enabling the journey to run smoothly to the three resorts of Prato Nevoso, Sestriere and, finally, Sauze d'Oulx. Three crutches and 55 people arrived back safely with Stacey's Coach Company who provided a first class luxury coach with first class drivers.

Fruit-full School Orchards

We were able to take apple, pear and plum trees, blackcurrant and gooseberry bushes and raspberry canes out to seven local primary schools last half term, with thanks to Mrs Wylie for organising and transporting, and to the former pupils of the schools for going back to visit armed with plants!

Carlisle and District Music and Drama Festival

This year's Carlisle and District Music and Drama festival saw the best ever results for the school. Students were entered through the school and by instrumental teachers both inside and outside of school. Over the course of the week over 100 hundred students took part in a variety of classes with many getting certificates for their performances. The Drama classes took place at the start of the week with success for students in the Duologue and short dramatic scenes classes. Instrumental solo classes took place throughout the week and students gained certificates in Piano, Composition, Brass, Violin, Guitar and woodwind classes. This year the school entered a number of its ensembles including the Senior Choir, Junior Orchestra, Concert Band, String Group, Brass Group and Woodwind Group. This was the first time the strings and brass have entered and we are very pleased that both these ensembles were placed 2nd in their classes. One of the highlights of the week though must be the Concert Band winning the Orchestra class for the second year in a row. It is fantastic that we have so many of our instrumentalists involved in this festival and special thanks must go to the Mr Johnstone and Mr Vernon in the Music Department and to all our students' Instrumental Teachers both inside and outside school.

Music results

Class 36 Piano solo 11 and 12 yrs:	1 st – Owen McCorry, 2 nd – William Cheung
Class 36a Piano solo 12yrs and under:	2 nd – William Cheung
Class 41 Piano duet 13yrs and under:	1 st – Sophie and William Cheung, 2 nd – Niall and Kieran Burnie
Class 42 Piano trios 16yrs and under:	2 nd – Sophie Cheung, William Cheung and Owen McCorry 3 rd – Kieran Burnie, Niall Burnie and Nicholas Coyles
Class 37 Piano solo 13 and 14yr:	1 st – Catherine Im Thurn
Class 40a Piano Jazz Solo:	1 st – Paulina Klamut, 2 nd – Owen McCorry, 3 rd – Niall Burnie
Class 42 Piano duet 14 – 17 yrs:	2 nd - Emma Walker and Catherine Im Thurn
Class 43 Sonata Class – Open:	1 st – Paulina Klamut
Class 33 Composition 18yrs and under:	2 nd Kimberley Birrell, 3 rd Gareth Phillips
Class 72 Guitar Solo – Advanced – Open	2 nd Gareth Phillips
Class 49a Brass Solo – 11 and 12yrs:	1 st Nicky Yelder
Class 74 Violin Solo 11 and 12yrs:	1 st Joe Lush
Class 47 Woodwind Solo – Open:	2 nd - Alison McCorry
Class 91 Instrumental ensemble (secondary schools):	2 nd Woodwind Group
Class 92 String ensemble – Open:	2 nd String Group
Class 94a Orchestra (secondary schools):	1 st Concert Band
Class 53 Brass ensemble – Open:	2 nd Brass Quartet

Drama Results

Class 117 Duologue:	1 st Ross Foster and Simon Boothroyd, 2 nd Joe Ward and Joe Philipson 3 rd Alex Potts and Gareth Lancaster
Class 124 Short Dramatic scene – Open:	1 st Brynie Boyle
Class 123 Short Dramatic scene 14yrs and under:	2 nd Niall Sanderson

Mrs Richardson

Russian Visitors

12 Russian students and 2 teachers visited us on Thursday of the last week of term. They were doing an exchange with Caldew but wanted to see a different school while they were in Carlisle. Whilst they were with us they had discussions with the Sixth Form, a tour of the new build, which blew them away, and they had a programme of lesson visits. They were extremely impressed with all our facilities and our students enjoyed the opportunity to discuss cultural differences with our new Russian friends. Having said that it was a bit disconcerting that the majority of the conversations seemed to revolve around 'One Direction'. Who'd have thought it?

Year 7 Residential Visit to Kepplewray

Year 7 students enjoyed a two day outdoor pursuits visit to Kepplewray in South Lakeland on 15th -16th March. This was the last of four residentials offered to Year 7 students at St John's in the Vale and Kepplewray. Students were given the opportunity to participate in various activities such as: climbing, abseiling, raft building, high ropes course, night walking, treasure hunt, team building games and, for some, a visit to Keswick Spa. There has been much positive feedback from students and staff involved in these visits.

Jungle Book – 20th, 21st and 22nd March

Trinity School pulled off another excellent performance! The Jungle Book, as directed by Jessie Southwell (Head of Drama) and Alison Richardson (Head of Music), told the classic story with a slight modern twist. It had an amazing standard of acting from a large cast of students from Years 7 to 11. The principal actors gave incredible performances that belied their ages and were backed by a superb chorus. The cast and crew's energy and enthusiasm shone through to make it a captivating performance that truly left you wanting more!

Spring Concert – 28th March

Once again we were treated to magical evening of music with something for everyone. Well done to all who took part.

Matthew Parris

The BBC broadcaster and Times Journalist was with us in school on Thursday 19th April, talking with the Sixth Form about careers in the media also about the significant issues facing the Press and television now and in the future. We are grateful to John Stevenson, MP for Carlisle, for organising this event with us and for us.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 Celebration Day

There is a helpful gap in the GCSE exam timetable on Friday 25th May, which will enable us to hold the Year 11 Celebrations on that day. Students will be able to attend school in their smart clothes for the formal photographs of their Form and the Whole Year. There will be the final assembly, when many stories of their time in school will be told, and we may remind them of how they looked when they joined the school in Year 7 ...

The Year 11 timetable will end on that day, but there will be revision sessions planned in from the Monday following to allow students to prepare as well as they can for the GCSEs which come after that date.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

The Year 13 Leavers' Ball will be held on Thursday 28th June at The Greenhill Hotel, Wigton.

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom will take place at The Crown and Mitre Hotel on Friday 29th June, after the final GCSE exams, as, we hope, a fine celebration of a very good year done well by students. Arrangements are being made in the next few weeks.

Work Experience 2nd – 6th July

All Year 10 students have been given details of the forthcoming work experience week in July.

TRINITY SCHOOL ARTS

'Time and the Conways'

Our next Drama production will take place on 9th and 10th May and will be J B Priestley's 'Time and the Conways'. Tickets will be available nearer the time. **Ms Southwell**

DIARY DATES FOR 2012

Tuesday 24 th April	A2 Photography and A2 Art exams
Thursday 26 th April	Year 8 Junior Maths Challenge
Thursday 3 rd May	Northern Stage 'Close the Coalhouse door'
Friday 4 th May	Year 10 Reports to Parents
Monday 7 th May	May Day Holiday
Wednesday 9 th May	Year 13 Leavers' Service in the Cathedral 2.00pm
Monday 14 th May	A Level and GCSE exams begin
Friday 25 th May	Year 11 Celebrations Day
Friday 1 st June	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 th June – Friday 8 th June	HALF TERM
Monday 11 th June	First day of new Half Term
Monday 25 th June and Tuesday 26 th June	Year 9 Geography trip to Edinburgh
Wednesday 27 th June	End of A Level and GCSE exams
Thursday 28 th June	Year 10 Work Ready Day Year 13 Leavers' Ball
Friday 29 th June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 2 nd July	Year 12 Futures Ready Day Year 10 Work experience week
Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 12 Geography Trip – Glasgow Sixth Form Induction (pm)
Wednesday 4 th July	Sixth Form Induction
Thursday 5 th July	Sixth Form Induction Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 16 th July and Wednesday 18 th July	House Services
Monday 16 th July	Junior Prize Giving, St Cuthbert's Church
Tuesday 17 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 12 Geography Farm Visit
Thursday 19 th July	End of Term

Please note that the half term holiday is a week later than usual this half term because of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th and 5th June.

TERM DATES for the 2012/2013 School Year

– As circulated by Children's Services

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Half Term
2012 Autumn Term		
Wednesday 5 th September (Inset Days - Monday 3 rd September and Tuesday 4 th September)	Thursday 20 th December 2012	Monday 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November
2013 Spring Term		
Monday 7 th January	Thursday 28 th March 2013	Monday 11 th February – Friday 15 th February Good Friday – 29 th March Easter Sunday – 31 st March
2013 Summer Term		
Monday 15 th April	Friday 19 th July 2013	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 6 th May

SPORTS NEWS ROUNDUP

National Schools' Trampoline Competition - Sunday 11th March - Bristol

Congratulations to the Under 13 Elite Trinity girls team (Lucy Jefferson, Daisy Graham, Imogen Clark and Laura Robinson) who came 4th and Robert McSkeane who came 2nd as an individual in the under 13 Novice boys event in the National Schools' Competition. A really fantastic achievement.

Under 15 Hockey

The Under 15 Hockey Team beat William Howard and Austin Friars in the Carlisle round of the County Cup. Their win saw them qualify for the County final held in Penrith. The first match against Keswick was a close affair which could have gone either way, Keswick were lucky to win 1-0 with a penalty corner strike. The second game against QEGS (Penrith) saw the Trinity girls get into their stride and they had possession for most of the match which they won 1-0. The final match against last year's National Champions QES (Kirkby Stephen) was a real challenge but the girls played well and held the eventual winners for most of the first half. The 3-0 score line in QES favour was a fair result and saw QES as the County Champions with Trinity in third place.

Gymnastics

Well done to the Gym Team who competed in the National Finals in Stoke. The girls performed very well with neat floor routines and powerful vaults. They finished the day with their group routine which was timed exceptionally well. Rebecca Dean got the highest score for Trinity with 7.8 on floor and an impressive 8.8 on the vault.

Team – Rebecca Dean, Katie McGarr, Sarah Irving, Lucy Jefferson and Imogen Clark.

Football Under 16

The David Murray and Nathan Cuthbertson Memorial Match played at Sheepmount on Wednesday, 28th March

Trinity 4 St Aidan's Sunderland 2

Thank you to Mr Foster and the PE department for organising this important annual event again for the schools.

Cycling

Congratulations to Ellie Dickinson (9LHP) who has been selected to compete at the Sainsbury's 2012 School Games in London in early May. Events will take place in the Olympic Park, so Ellie has the exciting prospect of competing in the new Velodrome. We wish her well. Ellie recently took part in the Youth Tour of Scotland as part of the North West Region Girls' Team, coming first in the Young Rider classification and fifth in the overall Final Classification. Well done, Ellie!

Football

Under 12 City Cup	Trinity 8 Caldew 3
Under 12 City Cup Semi-Final	Ullswater 0 Trinity 3
Under 14 League	Trinity 2 Caldew 1
Under 13 County Cup Semi-Final	Trinity 4 St Benedict's 2
Under 13 Boys County Cup Final	Trinity 3 Nelson Thomlinson 1
Under 15 Girls County Cup Final	Nelson Thomlinson 5 Trinity 0
Under 16 County Cup Semi-Final	Trinity 1 St Benedict's 1
After extra time	Trinity 1 St Benedict's 1
	St Benedict's won 4-3 on penalties

Rugby

Under 12	Trinity 51 RRCA 0
Under 13	Trinity 59 Caldew 7
Under 14	Trinity 59 Caldew 5
Under 15	Trinity 34 Caldew 8
Cumbria Schools' Under 13 Tens Competition	
	Trinity 41 Kirkbie Kendal 0
	Trinity 10 St Benedict's 19
	Trinity 19 Penrith QEGS 24
	Trinity 34 St Bee's 0

St. Benedict's went on to win the competition.

Under 14 County Rugby Tens Tournament Final	Trinity 48 Stainburn 0
Under 14 County Cup Semi-Final	Trinity 21 Stainburn 5

Year 7 City Netball Tournament - Winners: Trinity 'A' Team

Squad: Grace Tyson, Grace Singleton, Jodie Leeson, Sara Gibson, Ellie Morton, Lucy Morton, Jessica Elliot, Meg Burns, Ella Morley.

Inter Form Competitions

Year 7 - 2 competitions: 1st JHA and 1st MSW

Year 8 - 2 competitions: 1st EJO and JST (joint) and 1st PWB

INFORMATION for Parents and Carers

Reception Opening Hours

The Main Reception and switchboard will be open from 8.00am right through to 5.00pm.

On Fridays, both close for the weekend at 4.30pm.

Adult Education Reception is open from 5.30pm – 8.30pm (Monday – Thursday)

Instrumental/Singing Tuition Fees 2011/12

Please note that payment for Music Tuition should be paid in full by 29th June 2012.

Can Students in Years 11 and 13 please inform their Peripatetic Teacher or Finance Office of their intention to continue lessons during the Summer Term.

Thank you. **Finance Team**

School uniform

We are having a tidy up and a smartening up of the school uniform in the first few weeks of this term, and we are looking at a few straightforward matters: students should be wearing shoes and not trainers; boys should be wearing their ties properly; everyone should be wearing their school jumper round the school (but if the weather becomes warmer then they will be allowed to remove them); excessive make-up is being discouraged and we are asking for it to be removed. Thank you for your support.

Phase IV

As the work begins on Phase IV, the Creighton Building, its Car Park and its driveway are not in use by the school. There is no way into the school that way and there is no way through to or from Zero Path. This has been explained to students in assemblies by Mr Kay and Mrs Johnston, and we have new fire exits and routes for many rooms in the school.

Equality

The Equality Act of 2010 is an important piece of legislation and it has implications for all schools and public bodies. We have an Equality Policy in school, and we have objectives for the next four terms as we seek to work through how we meet our obligations to promote equality and to combat discrimination. These are available on the school website www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk

ERIC

Everyone Reading in Class – we are about to hold our third such week in school but before we do we have a couple of requests: if students have borrowed books from the ERIC boxes please could they bring them back asap. This is a book amnesty! Secondly, if families have books they would be willing to give to the school to widen the range of materials we have available, then we would be glad to receive them. Thanks on both counts.

Adult Education Carlisle

Community and Continuing Education Programme

We have moved!

The Adult Education Office will move to 2 new sites, one for daytime (Chapman Library 9.00am - 4.00pm) and one for evening (Strand Road Reception 5.30pm - 8.30pm).

When attending your evening course please make your way to the new entrance at Strand Road. Staff will be on hand to show you the way!

The Creighton Building and Car Park are now out of bounds and indeed inaccessible. Parking is available on Strand Road, the Leisure Centre and limited parking and disabled parking, outside the new Reception area in front of the Margaret Sewell building.

Further information on parking can be found on our website: www.aecarlise.com

If you have any concerns with accessing your course please contact the Centre Manager on: 01228 403555 or kbr@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk

THANK YOU for your patience and co-operation.