



## NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS JANUARY 2012

Trinity School

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term. Who knows how 2012 will turn out, but there is a feeling of much importance about what lies ahead, for the country as for the school.

I hope that the Christmas and New Year holidays were excellent for all, times of celebration and of relaxation – I hope that was possible! – and of good times with families and with friends. Apologies for not being able to attend the school's Carol Service – the first one I have ever missed and my first ever 'sick note' in more than 30 years! I am fully recovered and thank you for your many good wishes.

Spring Term throws us back into the middle of things right from day one – GCSE as well as A level exams have started straightaway, and results from November's sittings are just coming in to school as well. The university application deadline is this very weekend for Year 13 and that has generated much good work in choosing courses, writing personal statements, references, open day's interviews and offers. Year 13 students should also be beginning their applications for Student Finance around now.

There is also much under way already and the following pages will give you some more detail of activities which are planned, as well as the updated calendar for the year ahead.

I am pleased to be able to welcome new staff to the school: first, Mrs Milligan joins us as our Chaplain, the second in the school's history, and she has written an introduction to herself and her role in school as part of this letter.

Welcome also to Mr McLean who joins the ICT Services Department, and to Ms Hawkin who returns as Assistant Head. Ms Newstead joins our English Department on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, when she will be covering a Maternity Leave. We hope that all will be happy and successful in school with us.

I am sad to report to parents and carers the deaths of two people who have had long associations with the school: Bill Marshall was our CDT technician for many years before his retirement. Sadly he passed away suddenly over the holidays. Sheila Hind, who worked as one of the team of cleaning staff here for several years before taking over the providing of refreshments for Adult Education each evening, also died unexpectedly just into the new year, and is greatly missed. Our condolences to both families.

There is much of interest about the school community in these pages, as well as from Adult Education and from Trinity Leisure Centre, which I commend to you as part of any changes you were considering for the New Year...

...for which very good wishes indeed from the staff and governors of the school.

*Alan Mottershead*

Headteacher

### REBUILD UPDATE

A wet but mild winter has allowed the work on Phase III to progress nicely and on schedule. The new Strand Road entrance starts to take shape, as do the raised flower beds leading towards it. The glass wall facing what will become the Margaret Sewell Courtyard is in place and the work goes on apace inside, creating the new Admin and Finance block, Maths department, renewed hall, pastoral hub ...

... and this is the one with the really tight deadline: we have to move into Phase III (the redeveloped Margaret Sewell Building) just before Easter and out of the Creighton Building so that Border Construction can move into it for Phase IV ...

Greetings from the School Chaplain

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chaplain at Trinity. My role within the school is going to be across three main areas within the school life: developing collective worship in the school, fostering further links with the Cathedral and the local churches, and making a contribution to the pastoral care of students and of staff.

In developing the collective worship within the school I will be leading assemblies and taking the lead in producing 'thoughts for the day'. Collective worship provides the opportunity for schools to celebrate shared values, to acknowledge achievement, to value cultural diversity, to develop empathy and to reflect on national or local events. As such, I believe that school worship can be a significant and powerful ingredient in enabling pupils to develop a thoughtful and reflective understanding of both themselves and the world around them. A key aspect of my role in developing the collective worship within Trinity therefore will be maintaining the school ethos in which there is a genuine valuing and celebration of the person, based on respect for the unique, divine creation which each person is.

I hope to be a good ambassador for faith. I want people to feel comfortable with the concept of faith and spirituality, to feel supported in their journey of faith and to be able to ask questions in a supportive and caring environment. I hope to expand upon existing relationships with local parish vicars as well as building new relationships with churches, youth workers and wider community groups.

One of the most important parts of my role is pastoral. Trinity already has a very strong pastoral system and I will be working alongside this team to ensure all the pastoral needs of young people are met. It is vital to devote time to listening to children who need someone to talk to. I spend every Wednesday lunchtime in the library, so young people can find me if they want to talk.

I have come to Carlisle with my husband who took a job in the area. I am originally from Dunchurch in Warwickshire and my background is in Church and local authority youth work. My time at Trinity has so far been fantastic, both the staff and the pupils have been very friendly and welcoming. I am also going to be doing some work as a Learning Support Assistant and as classroom cover. I look forward to getting to know both staff and pupils better and developing the Chaplaincy work at Trinity. If you have any questions please feel free to get in contact at [jml@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jml@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk) or on 01228 516051 ext. 319.

**Jen Milligan**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **Houses**

As you will know the re-build and downsizing of the school means that we are moving from 5 Houses to 4. We thought it fairer to re-mix the forms rather than close one House and merge it into the others.

All students will stay with their current Form Tutor and most students are staying with one of the House staff (Head of House or House Tutor).

We talked about the new names for the Houses and many options were put forward. We wanted to keep an international flavour to the House names, enable us to keep charitable links and to have iconic names. As such, the new names for the 4 Houses are Nile, Kilimanjaro, Amazon and Everest. There is a lot of work to be done to establish the Houses and you will hear more as we move to September. We have had assemblies with all students since our return from the Christmas holiday and they seem keen to be involved and are excited by the changes. On a practical note the school will buy new house flashes for all of our current students. **Mr Lythgoe**

#### **School shop**

Following our recent conversion to Academy status we are now VAT registered and are now subject to a new set of regulations surrounding the provision of goods and services to students and others. This has prompted a review of the shop activities and a decision to close the shop has been reached. A revised procedure for the purchase of revision guides through school has also been developed and Departments will advise parent/carers and students at the appropriate time in the students revision schedule when they are required. Other shop items are available from the high street and on the internet. A small supply of pens and pencils will still be available from student reception.

Many items in the school shop have been reduced by 20% which includes all the revision guides and calculators – whilst stocks last! **Mrs K Rosary – Business Manager**

## Exams

Our January exams have already commenced and run until 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 are involved, taking GCSE and AS/A2 module exams in the school halls and other venues.

**Mrs K Czarnota – Exams Officer**

## Coats

Please ensure that students wear their coats when travelling to and from school during the cold winter months. It can be very unpleasant for students wearing wet clothes during the day if they are caught in a rain shower on the way into school. **Mrs S Pritchard**

## Admissions

January and February are the months when schools consult in our communities about the school's Admissions Policy, and we are doing that now as well. This concerns Admissions to the school, chiefly our Year 7, for September 2013. Details are available on our website and from the school. The consultation runs until late February and any comments/questions can be directed to the Admissions Officer at the school, and will be discussed with the Governors who are our Admission Authority. **Mr Mottershead**

## Parent Carer Fund

Those of you who have been involved with the school for longer will know that we launched a fund to enable parents and carers to make a donation to the school and, if they wished, specify the purpose. We have used this money to fund all sorts of equipment for extra-curricular activities. Most recently, we have bought some compasses for the Duke of Edinburgh programme, display boards for Young Enterprise team and vests for our Athletics team.

We expect to re-launch this Fund around Easter time this year. Thanks again to those who contributed in the past. **Mr Lythgoe**

## El Shaddai Charitable Trust

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes last year for the children visiting Stepping Stones night shelter in Southern Goa, they were really thrilled, especially for the Carlisle United strip! This year we are visiting the North of the state and will be visiting the children's homes, shelters and the children's hospice that was opened 2 years ago, we will also travel south for a couple of days to visit Stepping Stones. I am in the process of trying to get excess baggage allowance and finding out what is needed in each location. In the meantime, if you are planning any fundraising or would like to donate any money to this worthy cause it would be really appreciated. Visit the website for more details [www.childrescue.net](http://www.childrescue.net). Once again thank you for your support. **Mrs S Pritchard – School Nurse**

## RECENT EVENTS

### Trinity Carol Service

This year's Carol Service took place in the Cathedral on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and delighted the congregation of parents, students, staff and governors. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Brian Armstrong, kindly gave the closing address as well as a reading from St. John's Gospel in Mr Mottershead's absence. This year's music included a medley of carols by the String Group, part of Bach's Christmas Oratorio by the Orchestra and they also provided the closing medley of "It's the most wonderful time" and "Sleigh Ride". The "Virgin Most Pure" and "Sans Day Carol" were played by the Brass Group. The choirs were present and in fine voice, beginning with the processional "O come O come Emmanuel, then followed the Junior Choir singing "Angels Carol" by John Rutter, and the Senior Choir performed "And the Glory of the Lord" by Handel. Year 7 students Kieran Burnie and Ella Crook sang the opening verse of "Once in Royal David's City" beautifully, and Yasemin Zaremba and Jonathan Hill performed "The little road to Bethlehem" by Michael Head – again with great skill and feeling. Readings were by Niall Burnie Year 7, Jacqui Wickens and Ashley Wilson, Year 11 Europe House Captains, Kathryn Pearce Year 13, and Mrs Mark and Mrs Walton, Pacific House Tutor and Head of House respectively.

With the closing Blessing by the Very Reverend Mark Boyling, Dean of the Cathedral, the service ended. Our thanks go to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral for their hospitality, to Mr Taylor and Yasemin Zaremba for playing the organ so beautifully, and to Mrs Richardson and the staff of the Music Department for co-ordinating the music. Special thanks also go to all the students and staff who have practised hard and contributed so much to the Carol Service.

This year's retiring collection was in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.

### Charity Event

12 MRY were delighted with the successful bake sale and art workshops held just before Christmas and raised £148 for their form Charity - Rays of Sunshine. Thanks to the kind donations from local businesses students were able to decorate Christmas baubles, mugs or t-shirts in the art workshops. The day was a huge success and we hope to help those less fortunate than ourselves receive a wish in the New Year!

### Uganda

Uganda Day was a very successful event where cakes were sold and a raffle held. About £250 was raised to go towards decorating and equipping a library in our partner school in Uganda. At the same time a calendar for 2012 was produced to celebrate the link between Trinity and the Ugandan Schools and has been sold for £4.50. This has proved very popular and a few copies remain for anyone who is interested in buying one. Just before Christmas members of the Uganda team took part in a bag pack at Morrisons and raised a further £740. Thanks to the father of one of the students involved in the project it was possible to promote the project on Radio Cumbria at the end of last year and we hope to involve the community of Carlisle in the work we are doing in Africa. Flights and accommodation for our visit to Uganda in the summer have now been booked and more fundraising events are planned, including a ceilidh, a quiz night, an auction of promises and a sponsored event. More details can be found on the school website. **Mrs Jary**

### Ace Day

To ensure all of our students have a sound appreciation of the possibilities open to them following Year 11 they were invited to an Ace Day at the University of Cumbria Learning Gateway on Fusehill Street, Carlisle. At this half day event presentations were given by a wide range of providers including Trinity Sixth Form, University of Cumbria and a large group of local training providers. The students took part in a series of workshops and lectures which provided information on a broad range of post 16 options. Students then spent time with their Form Tutor carrying out a progress review. Following on from the event the University of Cumbria offered tours of their campus and many of our students took the opportunity to have a look around the facilities and to speak to the student ambassadors.

**Mrs A Rothern**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Pacific House

We are currently having a Caption competition for our orangutan, our House mascot and his friends. At the entrance to the Armstrong Building there are 12 pictures for students to suggest captions for each one, for 20p a go, all donations to the Orangutan Foundation. There are prizes to be won for each caption. All entries to Pacific House Office by 27<sup>th</sup> January.

This week we also had a House Council meeting, to which a previous student, James Quigley, came along. We are going to be supporting him with his trip to work in hospitals in deprived areas of the Philippines. **Mrs Walton**

### ERIC Week Monday 16th – Friday 20th January for Year 7.

As many of you know, ERIC sessions have been taking place for Year 7 during form time in the library each day. ERIC stands for Everyone Reading In Class. As part of a wider drive to encourage pleasure in reading, we are planning to extend ERIC across the whole school through regular ERIC Weeks.

The first ERIC week will take place week commencing 16th January period 3. It will involve just Year 7s for now but other year groups will get involved throughout the year so that eventually the whole school will be reading for pleasure at the same time each day for a week.

All Year 7s and their subject teachers will spend 30 minutes reading for pleasure for the first half of period 3, each day, all week.

Pupils will be encouraged to bring a book; newspapers and magazines are also fine – the emphasis is on reading for pleasure! **Mrs L Hopkins**

### Stars in Their Eyes – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Come and watch the stars of Trinity shine! – tickets for sale soon.

### Year 11 Apprenticeship Evening – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.20pm – 4.30pm

Trinity School will be holding an event on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to be held in the Chapman Library for Year 11 students. This event will promote employment and training opportunities open to our Year 11 students. Parents and Carers are invited to come along to the session where you will have the opportunity to talk to local providers about apprenticeship options open to them, be able to ask questions and complete application forms and to find out what to do next. If anyone would like further information about this event and the providers on hand, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rothern. **Mrs Rothern**

### 'The Final Act' – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Our Year 11 students will be doing a performance of their final GCSE Drama Practicals – 'The Final Act' – which will take place at the West Walls Theatre at 7pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Again, tickets will be available nearer the time – price £2/£1.

### **Future Chef Competition**

Good luck to Jade Stephenson in 10JWL who was the winner of the Trinity School heat and will be going on to represent Cumbria at the Regional Final in Manchester on 29<sup>th</sup> February. Jade has been having coaching from Gordon Crawshaw from Creative Management over the past couple of months and as part of her training Jade produced her dish on a large scale for staff and students in the canteen on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January for lunch time. The feedback was fantastic! **Mrs T Douglas**

### **TRINITY SCHOOL ARTS**

#### **Jungle Book – 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

This is a whole school musical production of Rudyard Kipling's classic tale, made famous by Disney, and we are giving it a whole new twist! Creighton Hall at 7pm.

Tickets will be £4 and £2, and will be available nearer the time. **Ms Southwell**

#### **Spring Concert – 28<sup>th</sup> March**

An opportunity to hear the school's musicians in this lovely Spring concert! Tickets available nearer the time. **Mrs Richardson**

#### **Time and the Conways**

Students should have auditioned by now for our production of the J B Priestley play to be presented in May this year. If not, see Ms Southwell as soon as possible.

### **TRINITY LANDSCAPE**

Thirteen of the 25 apple trees grafted by the students have taken well and another half dozen older specimens have arrived as well (apple trees not students). Several primary schools have put in their order for fruit trees and bushes and we hope to deliver them later this half term. We also hope to take our own first apple trees out of their pots and into the ground. The Wildlife Garden will be a focus for work in March too as we finalise the paths round it. We will sort out the herb garden before then, removing the Lemon Balm and developing more Thyme and Parsley. Thanks to those students who have volunteered to help – soon be time to start working.

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Under 14 National Cup Football**

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Trinity are now into the last 16 in the competition, which is superb – congratulations to the team and to the squad and their coach.

#### **Pippa Harmison**

Pippa has been selected to train with the England Hockey squad for her age group, becoming the first member of Carlisle women's hockey team to win an international call-up for the England Under-15 squad. Congratulations to her.

#### **Eleanor Dickinson**

Well done to Ellie as her success on the cycle track continues; she has taken part in the last 3 Revolution TV series after being placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the National Track Championships. Max Gear, the team she is riding with, are now in the lead with the final taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> January. She has had the opportunity to race in the company of Mark Cavendish, Ed Clancy, Russell Downing, Craig Mclean, Geraint Thomas and Magnus Backstedt - not to mention the international riders - so it has been an amazing experience for her and raised her aspirations for the race season ahead.

#### **Sports in the city**

During the coming weeks we will be advertising to students the many opportunities that there are in Carlisle for them to be involved in sports, not only in school but also more widely. Many we know already play football in local leagues, golf on local courses, go horse-riding etc.

There is information on the PE board outside Room 81, giving details of opportunities in Hockey, Basketball, Cricket ...and more to follow. Please also see page 8 re Trinity Leisure Centre.

#### **Garry Matthews Memorial Award**

Congratulations to Chelsea Norris and Thomas Grieve (Year 11) who received the above awards during assembly on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. The awards recognise the commitment and involvement shown in sport during Years 7-10.

Our thanks to Mr Kenny Matthews who came into assembly to present the awards.

## TERM DATES for the 2011 - 2012 School Year

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Half Term
<b>2012 Spring Term</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January (Inset Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.)	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>2012 Summer Term</b>		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June

## DIARY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2012

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	A level and GCSE Exams
w/c Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Progression Interviews (for 2 weeks)
w/c Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Yr 7 Watchtree Visits (period 5. Daily)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 reports to Parents
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 10 Interim 2 to Parents
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 Work Experience Assembly (Period 3)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Stars in Their Eyes
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Apprenticeship Evening
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 13 Reports to Parents
	Break up for Half Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Sixth Form Head Boy/Girl application deadline First Day of Term
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Students – The Final Act Year 7 Interim 1 to Parents
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Deadline for applications to Sixth Form
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP 1 immunisation). (Consent forms will be distributed before half term.)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9 Interim 2 to Parents
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Options Assembly (Period 3)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 ACE Day – ‘Options’
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	GCSE and A Level results Year 8 Interim 2 to Parents
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School ballot for Head Boy/Girl
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Whole School Drama Production - Jungle Book
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 12 Reports to Parents
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Sixth Form ballot for Student Council
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Learning Day (am) Spring Concert (evening) Year 8: Girls 3 <sup>rd</sup> HPV immunisation.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Learning Day (am)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Ski trip to Prato Nevoso Break up for Easter Holidays

**TERM DATES for the 2012/2013 School Year – as circulated by Children’s Services**

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

These dates have been adopted by the Governors as our Term Dates for 2012-2013. Please note the unusual timing of the end of the Spring Term: the Easter weekend is the first weekend of the holiday and not the middle one.

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# ADULT EDUCATION CARLISLE



Community and Continuing Education Programmes

Adult Education Carlisle has updated its current programme to include courses starting in the New Year. A new brochure will be distributed the week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> of January to over 30,000 households in Carlisle, Brampton and Longtown and the website is updated. For further information please check our website where you can download course information [www.aecarlisle.com](http://www.aecarlisle.com) or contact the Centre on: 01228 403555

We are open Monday – Friday 9.00am-4.00pm and again from 5.30pm-8.30pm, Monday to Thursday, when courses are operating.  
An answer phone is in operation outside of office hours.

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# TRINITY LEISURE CENTRE

## Suberb LifeStyle Membership Offers

**Commit to your health and fitness this year with the only membership you will ever need!**

**Join before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and choose one of the amazing offers that suits you best.**

- Get 15 Months for the price of 12 on the LifeStyle premier package which includes the Sands Centre when you pay in full
- Get 7 Months for the Price of 6 and use Trinity Leisure Centre, The Pools, Sheepmount, Morton and Caldew facilities - **An amazing cost of £96 for the full 7 months.**
- Families - £49 per month for all Carlisle Leisure facilities – this usually costs £67 per month so is also an excellent deal aimed at getting more families more active, more often.
- Don't forget if you are 13 – 15 years of age pop to Trinity Leisure Centre reception and we will get you set up with a Teen Training gym induction, a 50% card, a gym access card and, if you prefer, a membership for just £9.95 per month for students, **yes £9.95 for students!**  
It's more of a laugh when you bring a friend too.
- We are now offering Personal Coaching which is a relatively cost effective way to fast track your way to your health and fitness goals. Watch this space, check out [www.carlisleleisure.com](http://www.carlisleleisure.com) , look out for the advertising literature and enquire at the Trinity Leisure Centre reception.
- Carlisle Leisure also have a Nutritional Therapist who can help you with your diet, nutrition and lifestyle goals which is ideal for those with health conditions who want to explore the role of nutrition in relation to that health condition. You may of course just require a little help with sorting your diet out. Visit [www.cumbria-nutrition.co.uk](http://www.cumbria-nutrition.co.uk) for details.