



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS JANUARY 2013

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to Spring Term. I hope that the Christmas and New Year holidays were very good all round. That extra day at the start made them feel nice and long, and I hope that all had a good break.

After the marathon that was the Autumn Term, we come back to the sprint which will be this term, with such an early Easter this year. We have just four weeks now until half-term – please note that this is earlier than many other parts of the country. I am told that less expensive holidays may be had in that week! Similarly, please note the unusual set up for the Easter fortnight this year – Cumbria does not break up for Easter until Thursday 28th March, with Good Friday the day after. This means that the Easter weekend is the first and not the middle weekend of the holiday.

We said farewell to several members of staff before the Christmas holiday, and it is good to welcome new colleagues to the school. Welcome to Ms Riddell who joins the History Department and to Mrs Parker, who joins as Second in English. Mr Kelly arrives to teach Science, Mrs Mottershead to teach Music and Miss May to teach Psychology.

Miss Allen joins the staff in the school's libraries, and Ms Sunman and Mrs Gait who join us as Learning Mentors. These are new roles to the school and we are asking them to support our work with students in their GCSE years and in the Sixth Form, to help the students to achieve their best grades so that they can progress on to their next steps confidently.

Mrs Little joins the Sixth Form Office team, and we also welcome Mrs Whitfield as our new Clerk to the Governors. Mr Mike Carigiet becomes a Governor of the school from this January.

We also welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Lund, Pastoral Tutor, and Ms Mullen in the English department.

New to the school or returning to us, we hope that their time here is happy and successful.

We have much to look forward to in the coming term. Not least of these will be the visit of the Archbishop of York to the school on Thursday 24th January. He will be with us for just over an hour and we hope that many staff and students will be able to meet him, and hear what he has to say to us about his role, about the Church of England and its future development, and on other issues facing the Church. We are delighted that he has asked to include a visit to the school as part of his time in Carlisle and Cumbria.

We will also welcome, in February, staff and students from schools in Vermont USA. We are seeking homestays for students from Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th. Thanks to those who have volunteered so far and please let us know if this is something that you would like to be involved with.

I think that the pace of this term is likely to be just as fast as ever, but there are many opportunities outlined in the items which follow, and I hope that many of you will be able to be involved in these. I look forward to welcoming you at Parents' Evenings, and at the Sixth Form Open Evening, and to other events ahead of us. Thank you for your support and best wishes to us all for the term ahead.

Yours sincerely

Alan Mottershead

Headteacher



Chaplaincy

Epiphany

I recently saw this quotation, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown).

I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives. The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years. The start of a New Year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to exercise more and eat healthier, spend more time with family; or to be more organised.

On January 6th 2013 the Church celebrated the Festival of Epiphany. The secular definition of epiphany is: "a sudden realisation about the nature or meaning of something." It brings all sorts of images to mind: a light bulb suddenly turning on, shedding brilliant illumination; a revelation that brings a gasp.

The Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the baby Jesus. Epiphany concludes the 12 days of Christmas, but it is not an end but a new beginning. This feast reminds us that the New Year beckons us to re-evaluate our life under the knowledge brought to us at Christmas; that Christ came to all people, throughout history, to renew lives and bring hope.

Mrs Jen Milligan

Information for Parents and Carers

Exams

January module exams for Years 12, 13 and some Year 11 begin on Wednesday 9th January and last until Tuesday 29th January. The Year 11 Mock exam results will be available to students in January during lesson time.

Year 9 Revision Session

As you already know from our last newsletter, Year 9 will have a week of exams in all their subjects during the week beginning 28th January. Students will be taken off timetable for one lesson at the start of next week to spend an hour thinking about revision skills. They will have the opportunity to think about their learning style and to apply what they have learned, creating revision resources.

Learning Theme and Year 7 Freeze

The learning theme for next half term is all about Peer and Self Assessment. There will be a greater emphasis on students taking responsibility for learning by being involved in assessing their own work and that of their peers. The benefits of this are for students to have a greater understanding of what a good piece of work looks like and how to use this to improve their next piece of work. We feel that students will be more independent by being more involved in the process of assessment. So that Year 7 have a greater understanding of this, the focus of the next freeze afternoon for Year 7 will be based around Peer and Self Assessment. This takes place on the same afternoon as the Year 7 Parent's Evening – 30th January 2013.

Coming to school and going home safely

The days will start to provide us with more hours of daylight but, until half term, many students will be coming to school and going home in the dark. We continue to emphasise with them the need for extra care, particularly in crossing roads, on the way to and from school. Wearing a coat/jacket of light colour is usually a good idea.

Electronic Communication

If you would like to view the newsletter electronically on our website instead of receiving a paper copy, can you please inform Mrs Jackie Hunton in Central Office on Tel No. 516051 Ext. 264 or by e-mail jhn@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk.

Contacting school

More and more parents are finding it useful to use e-mail to contact staff at the school. Our central address is info@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk. This is checked and forwarded to relevant staff twice a day during term time.

Request for Holidays during Term Time

We do understand that taking a family holiday in term time can reduce the costs considerably; we also appreciate that families may not always have a choice about when they can take their annual leave because of the arrangements in their place of employment. However, it is not good for students to be away from school for an absence which could be avoided.

The Cumbria County Council website has some guidance about what kind of absences could be authorised by a school, and it is not many. The Department for Education also makes it clear that it rightly expects students to be in school every day.

If there are circumstances which make it vital or unavoidable for a student to be away from school, for a holiday or family event, then it is very important that we have a request well in advance and that any such absence does not cover exam periods, or preparation for them.

10 days missed from school takes over 5% out of the whole year's attendance, and we are expecting all students to be in school for over 95% of each school year. Thank you for your support.

Box Tops For Books - The library are collecting *Box Tops For Books* tokens from cereal packs – collection boxes at Main Reception and in Chapman Library.

Collection of Certificates

A/AS/GCSE certificates from **summer 2011** are available to collect from the Sixth Form Office during school hours. A/AS/GCSE certificates from **summer 2012** will be available to collect in the New Year.

Instrumental/Singing Tuition Fees 2012/13

Invoices have now been sent to Parents/Carers for Music Fees for this academic year. A reminder that the first instalment was due by 20th December 2012. Please note that if payments are not up to date unfortunately students will not be allowed to continue with lessons and this may result in them being turned away. Payments can be made by standing order, credit /debit card either with ParentPay or by phoning the Finance Office. Payments by cash and cheque are still acceptable, cheques should be made payable to "Trinity School".

If you have a query or you require further information please contact the Finance Office on 01228 516051 ext 215.

Alison Larking, Finance Manager.

Year 13 University Application Deadline (UCAS)

All Year 13 students should have now completed their UCAS application if they are thinking of applying to university starting in 2013. The internal deadline has now passed but the official deadline is the 15th January. Students can still apply to UCAS after this date but they are less likely to receive offers for all of their choices. Any student wishing to apply this year should see their Student Manager as soon as possible. **Andrew Runciman, Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form)**

Kirkland Rowell Surveys

The parents/carers, staff and student surveys are due back in school as we go to press for this newsletter, so we will send out a summary of the findings with the next Newsletter on 8th February. Meanwhile, a big thank you to all families, carers, parents and students, for taking the trouble to fill them in and send them back, and for the extra comments that were made. They will give us much to reflect on and will help us to change the school for the better in the coming months.

Recent Events

Children in Need

Through the sale of wristbands and Pudsey key rings, we raised £186.74 for Children in Need. If you are interested to see how the money is going to be used, you can check out bbc.co.uk/pudsey. Thank you for your support.

The Uganda Project

First of all we should like to thank everyone who bought either a 2013 calendar or a mug before Christmas in aid of the Project. They have both proved very popular. We still have some calendars left at £4.50 and the mugs with pictures of African animals on them are available to order at £5 at any time.

Our Christmas raffle was also a big success and through it we raised over £100. The fundraising will continue this term to enable us to support Ugandan students who are hoping to visit the school in July. The main event will be a Fashion Show on Friday 1st March and further details will be available in due course.

Mrs Jary

Carol Service - Monday 17th December at 7.00pm, Carlisle Cathedral

A cold evening we had of it, as expected in the Cathedral – but it was a fine service, with some superb music. Thank you to all of you who came to share that with us and to all of the students and staff who took part. Thanks to Mrs Milligan, our Chaplain, for whom it was her first such service at the end of her first year with us. Thanks also to Mrs Richardson and Mr Vernon for the music, and to Mrs Clarke, my PA, for organising everything.

Year 11 Ace Day and Progression Interviews

On Tuesday 8th January our Year 11 students attended an Ace Day at the University of Cumbria, Learning Gateway on Fusehill Street, Carlisle. During the half day event presentations they were able to look at a wide range of providers including Trinity Sixth Form, University of Cumbria, National Apprenticeships and a large group of local training providers and employers. The students took part in a series of workshops and lectures which will provide information on a broad range of post 16 options. The students spent time with their Form Tutor carrying out a progress review and over the coming few weeks, all Year 11 students will have an individual Progression Interview with a senior member of staff to follow up the students' ideas about what happens after Year 11.

Thanks go to Year 11 whose approach made it the best such day we have organised so far. They were excellent – very purposeful in their work with us and positive throughout.

County Football Association Representative Team

Congratulations to Jason McMullen, Ben Greig, Michael Reid, Kal Rowlands and Damon Thirlwall who have been selected to represent Cumbria versus North Riding F.A.

Forthcoming events

USA Exchange Visit February 2013

Thank you to those who have already volunteered but if you haven't already done so, please could you let us know if you are able to offer accommodation to an American teenager in February. We have 15 students and 15 staff arriving at 7.00pm on **Sunday 24th February**, staying for **three** nights. We have a trip to **Edinburgh planned for Monday 25th**, a morning in school on **Tuesday 26th** and activities in Carlisle on the afternoon. This is an exciting opportunity for students to be part of. Please e-mail jcl@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk or Telephone 01228 403551 if you would like further information, or are able to assist.

USA Trip April 2013

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone our planned visit to the USA for a year until April 2014. The reasons for this are the rising costs and that we do not quite have enough students to make the trip viable on numbers. Apologies for this – but we should now have time to do some fundraising and to form a larger group to make next year's visit feasible.

Who do YOU think you are?

Who do YOU think you are? The popularity of some of the celebrities such as Chris Moyles featured on the WDYTYA programme has helped to make family history or genealogy really appealing for young people and so Trinity School is launching a new after-school club which will enable students to either research their own family history or that of old scholars of the school. The club will take place on a Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in IT4 and has just begun in January. The project work that the students will undertake will also encourage the development of a wide range of skills including numeracy, research and applying logic to a situation which is meaningful to students.

If students wish to research their own family tree then they will need to obtain a permission form from either Mrs Webb or Mrs Dinning for their parents to complete. The school has already researched a number of old scholars and we would like to encourage pupils to join in with this project too. The History department runs a World War I Battle Field Trip and this club may be of particular interest to those who wish to take part in this.

Future Chef Competition

Imogen Dodd 8BIR who was our school heat winner is competing in the Local Final (against other Cumbrian Schools) on Friday 11th January. We are going down to the West Lakes College in Workington for this round where she will have to produce a main course and dessert for two within 90mins of cooking time and to a budget of £7.00. She has been receiving coaching from Chris Austin from David's Restaurant and seems quietly confident so we are keeping our fingers crossed that she will stand a good chance. If she wins this round she will be through to the North West Regional Final to be held in Manchester next month. We will let you know how she gets on next month!

Peter Vardy Conference

Following on from a very successful conference last year, we shall again be hosting a conference for a selection of students, which will take place in school on Friday 1st February.

Trinity Arts and Trinity Theatre Company

Live the Dream!

Les Miserables rehearsals have begun:

Monday 3.20pm – 5.00pm Margaret Sewell Hall

Tuesday 3.20pm – 5.00pm MU1

Lunchtimes to be arranged. New Cast members welcome.

For more information please contact Ms Southwell or Mrs Richardson

The Vibe has started again

Tuesday 3.20pm – 5.00pm MU1

Lots of exciting projects underway including

Music Festival, Les Miserables, Trinity unplugged

New members welcome. For more information please see Mrs Richardson

Coming up we have the next Acoustic evening on Wednesday 6th February at 7.00pm in school. The evening consists of live music from a variety of different performers, including guitarist, pianists, saxophonists and singers. Tickets will be sold at the Main Reception.

The Annual Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday 27th March in the schools' new theatre. It will feature ensembles and soloists fresh from performances in the Carlisle and District Music Festival and a preview of some of the songs from Les Miserables.

TRINITY SKI TRIP 2014

Passo Tonale, Italy
11 - 19 April Easter Holidays

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From beginners to advanced skiers/snowboarders
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DATES for the 2012/2013 School Year

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Half Term Week
2013 Spring Term Monday 7 th January	Thursday 28 th March 2013	Monday 11 th – 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 – Friday 31 st May Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 6 th May

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2013 Autumn Term Thursday 5 th September	Wednesday 18 th December 2013	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
2014 Spring Term Monday 6 th January	Wednesday 9 th April 2014	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February Good Friday – 18 th April Easter Monday 21 st April
2014 Summer Term Wednesday 23 rd April	Friday 18 th July 2014	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 5 th May

DIARY DATES for the term ahead

Tuesday 15 th January	Year 9 Revision Freeze Day – lessons 1 & 2
Wednesday 16 th January	Year 9 Revision Freeze Day – lessons 2 & 3
Monday 28 th January	Year 10 Work Experience Assembly – lesson 3
Tuesday 29 th January	Sixth Form exams end
Wednesday 30 th January	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 31 st January	Year 11 Reports to parents
Friday 1 st February	Peter Vardy Conference
Tuesday 5 th February	Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 6 th February	Year 10 Interim 2 to Parents Trinity Unplugged
Thursday 7 th February	Year 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Friday 8 th February	Break up for Half Term
	HALF TERM
Thursday 21 st February	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 22 nd February	Deadline for applications for Head Boy/Head Girl
Monday 25 th February	Year 9 Options Assembly – lesson 3
Wednesday 27 th February	Year 8 L2L Freeze Day (am)
Thursday 28 th February	Year 8 L2L Freeze Day (am) Year 9 Interim 2 to Parents
Friday 1 st March	Deadline for applications to Sixth Form Evening - Uganda Fundraising event
Monday 4 th March	Interviews for Head Boy/Girl
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 9 Freeze Day Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7 th March	Year 7 Interim 2 to Parents January Exam results
Friday 8 th March - Sunday 10 th March	Year 8 Outdoor Activities Residential
Thursday 14 th March	Apprenticeship Evening
Friday 15 th March	Year 10 Freeze Day – Revision
Friday 15 th March – Sunday 17 th March	Year 8 Outdoor Activities Residential
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 8, PE Inter Form Competitions – lessons 4 & 5
Thursday 21 st March	Year 8 Reports to Parents
Friday 22 nd March	Year 7, PE Inter Form Competitions – lessons 1 & 3
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 12 Reports to parents
Wednesday 27 th March	7.00pm - Spring Concert, Margaret Sewell Hall
Thursday 28 th March	Year 7 Learning Freeze Day Break up for Easter
	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 15 th April	First day of Summer term

Some dates may be subject to change.

ADULT EDUCATION CARLISLE

Community and Continuing Education Programmes

The Chapman Library, Trinity School, Strand Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1JB
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For further information and to book, please contact the Centre on 01228 403555 (*answer machine is in operation when office is closed and during busy periods*), or visit our website: www.aecarlisle.com, where course information sheets can be downloaded.

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